

CHRIST MASS

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

At Midnight

FIRST CLASS

25 DECEMBER

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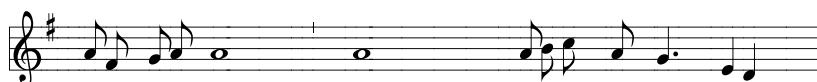
INTROIT + PSALM 2.7, 1

TONE VII

ANTIPHON



The Lord has said un-to Me:



You are My Son, today I have be - got-ten You.

PSALM

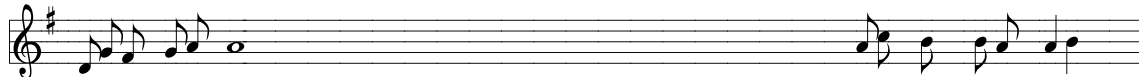


Why do the na-tions rage,



And the people plot a vain thing?

GLORIA PATRI:



Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now; and will be for - ev - er. A - men

ANTIPHON



The Lord has ... *(to the end of the Antiphon)*

*The Gloria in Excelsis is sung.
The church bells may be rung throughout.*

COLLECT

O God, who has made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: grant, we beseech You; that we, who have known on earth the mysteries of His Light on earth, may also attain the fulness of His joys in heaven, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT + ISAIAH 9.2-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In those days, the prophet Isaiah spoke saying:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

You, O Lord, have multiplied the nation and increased its joy; they rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, and garments rolled in blood, will be used for burning and fuel of fire.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever.

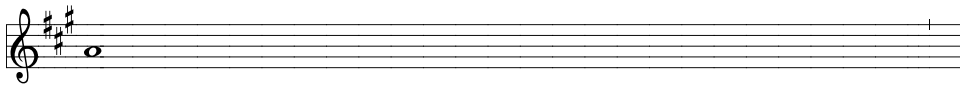
The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 110.3, 1

TO NE V



Your people shall be willing in the day of Your power:



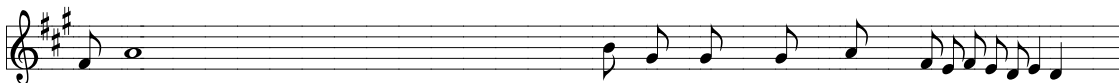
In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning,



You have the dew of Your birth.



The Lord said to my Lord:



Sit at My right hand till I make Your enemies Your foot-stool.

EPISTLE + TITUS 2.11-15

A reading from the epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to Titus.

Beloved: The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. Speak these things [and] exhort [in Christ Jesus Our Lord].

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA + PSALM 2.7

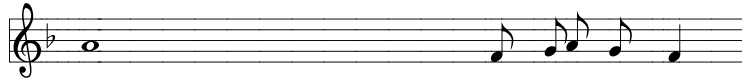
TONE VI



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



The Lord has said un- to Me:



You are My Son, today I have be-got- ten You.



Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL + ST. LUKE 2.1-14*New King James Version***The Lord be with you.****The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.**

✠ At that time, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL + ST. LUKE 2.1-14*King James Version***The Lord be with you.****The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.**

✠ At that time, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

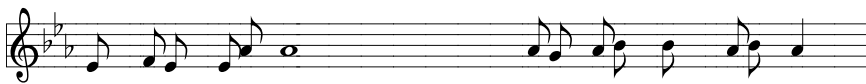
And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, good will toward men.”

The Gospel of the Lord.*The Nicene Creed is said.***CHIEF HYMN****“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”** (*Von Himmel hoch*)**OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 96.11,12,13**

TONE II



Let the heav- ens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:



Be- fore the Lord, for He is com- ing.

SECRETA

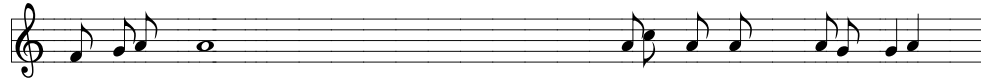
Grant, O Lord, we beseech You: that the offerings which we present at this feast may be acceptable in Your sight; that by Your bountiful grace given in this Holy Communion, we may be found in the likeness of Our Lord Jesus in whom our substance is united to You, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Christmass

COMMUNIO + PSALM 110.3

TONE I



In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morn - ing:



You have the dew of Your youth.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Grant, we beseech You, O Lord our God:

that we who in this Sacrament have drawn near with gladness to the Birth of Jesus Christ Our Lord;

may so walk in godliness of life, that we may be found worthy to attain unto His fellowship in heaven,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**At Dawn**

FIRST CLASS

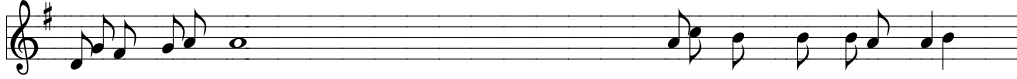
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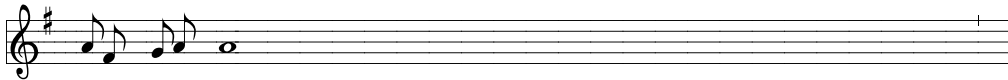
INTROIT + ISAIAH 9.2,6; PSALM

TONE VII

ANTIPHON



Up - on us a light has shined; for unto us the Lord is born:

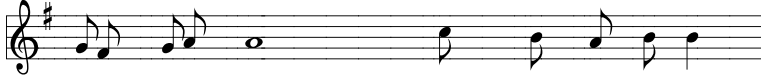


And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,



Everlasting Fa-ther, Prince of Peace.

PSALM



The Lord reigns, He is clothed with ma-jes-ty:



The Lord is clothed, He has gird-ed Him-self with strength.

GLORIA PATRI:



Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now; and will be for - ev-er. A-men

ANTIPHON

Up - on us ... *(to the end of the Antiphon)**The Gloria in Excelsis is sung.***COLLECT**

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God:

that as You have poured forth upon us the new light of Your Incarnate Word;
 so may He, who illumines our hearts by faith, show forth His brightness in all our works,
 through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
 one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT + ISAIAH 61.1-3, 62.11-12

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord God:

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,
Because the Lord has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

Indeed the Lord has proclaimed

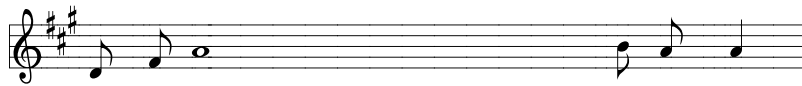
To the end of the world:

“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Surely your salvation is coming;
Behold, His reward is with Him,
And His work before Him.’ ”
And they shall call them The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord.

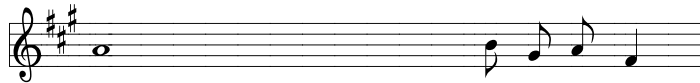
The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 118.26, 27, 23

TONE V



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:



God is the Lord, and He has giv-en us light.



This was the Lord's do-ing:



It is mar-velous in our eyes.

EPISTLE + TITUS 3.4-7

A reading from the epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to Titus.

Beloved: When the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life [in Christ Jesus Our Lord].

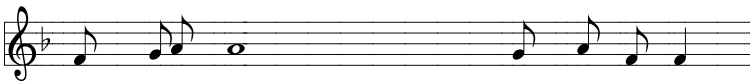
The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA + PSALM 93.1

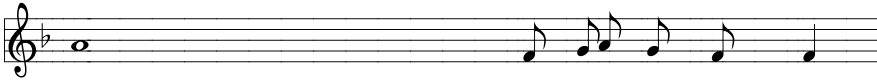
-tone VI



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



The Lord reigns, He is clothed with ma-jes- ty:



The Lord is clothed, He has gird-ed Him-self with strength.



Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL + ST. LUKE 2.15-20

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

✠ At that time the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

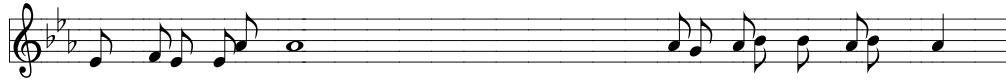
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CHIEF HYMN

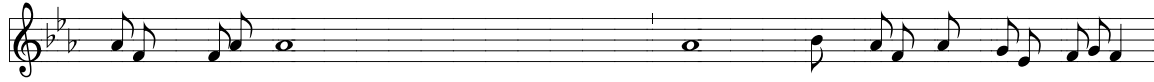
“Let All Together Praise Our God” (*Lobt Gott, ihr Christen alle gleich*)

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 93.1-2

TONE II



Sure-ly the world is established, so that it can- not be moved:



Your throne is established from of old; You are from ev - er - last - ing.

SECRETA

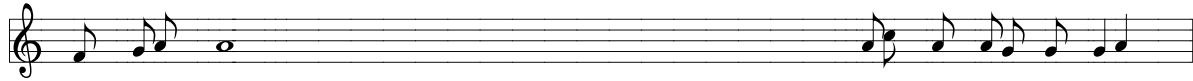
We beseech You, O Lord, that our oblations may be worthy of the mysteries of Your Son's nativity, and may always shed forth Your peace within our hearts: that even as He, who was born in the substance of our manhood, manifested the glory of the Godhead; so we, in this food from the earth, may be made partakers of Your heavenly gifts, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

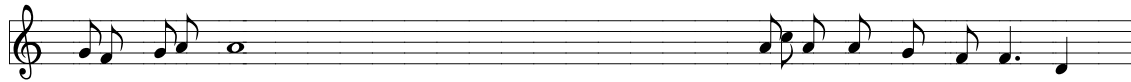
Christmass

COMMUNIO + ZECHARIAH 9.9

TONE I



Re-joice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jer- u - sa-lem:



Be - hold, your King is coming to you; He is just and hav-ing sal-va- tion,

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

O Lord, who by the wondrous nativity of Your Son has taken off us the old nature of our manhood:

grant, we beseech You;

that by this Sacrament of His new birth, we may ever be inwardly renewed in our souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

During the Day

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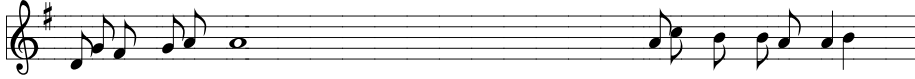
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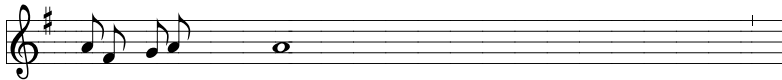
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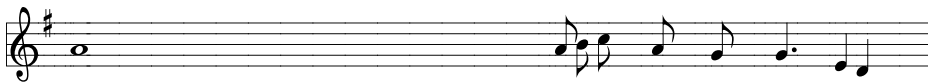
ANTIPHON



Un - to us a Child is born, unto us a Son is giv - en:

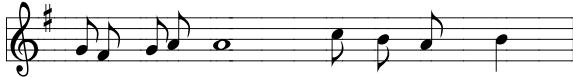


And the government will be upon His shoulder;



and His name will be called Angel of might-y Coun-sel.

PSALM

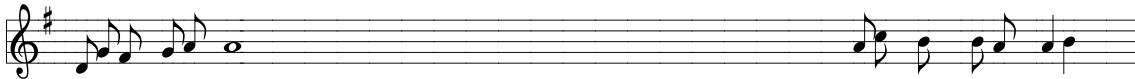


Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!



For He has done mar-velous things.

GLORIA PATRI:



Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now; and will be for - ev- er. A- men

ANTIPHON



Un - to us a Child ... *(to the end of the Antiphon)*

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung.

COLLECT

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God:
 that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh;
 may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin,
 through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
 one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT + ISAIAH 52.6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord God:

My people shall know My name;
Therefore they shall know in that day
That I am He who speaks:
'Behold, it is I.' "

How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good news,
Who proclaims peace,
Who brings glad tidings of good things,
Who proclaims salvation,
Who says to Zion,
"Your God reigns!"

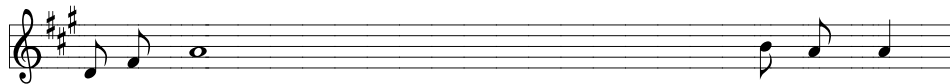
Your watchmen shall lift up their voices,
With their voices they shall sing together;
For they shall see eye to eye
When the Lord brings back Zion.

Break forth into joy, sing together,
You waste places of Jerusalem!
For the Lord has comforted His people,
He has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has made bare His holy arm
In the eyes of all the nations;
And all the ends of the earth shall see
The salvation of our God.

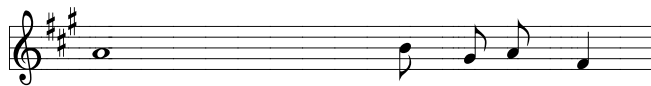
The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 98.3, 4, 2

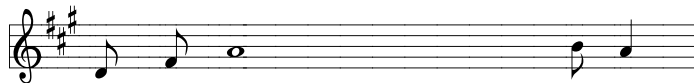
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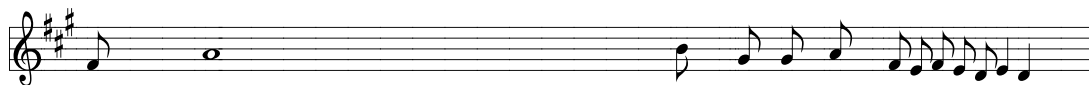
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God:



Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.



The Lord has made known His sal-va-tion:



His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the na-tions.

EPISTLE + HEBREWS 1.1-12

A reading from the epistle to the Hebrews.

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the

express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

For to which of the angels did He ever say: “You are My Son, today I have begotten You”?

And again: “I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son”?

But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: “Let all the angels of God worship Him.”

And of the angels He says: “Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire.”

But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”

And:

“You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.”

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA + LITURGICAL VERSE

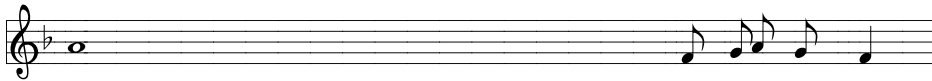
TONE VI



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



A ho - ly day has dawned on the earth; come, all nations, and wor-ship the Lord:



For on this day a great light has descended up-on the earth.



Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL + ST. JOHN 1.1-14

The Lord be with you.

The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

✠ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received

Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

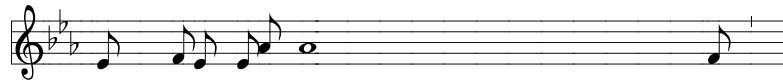
The Nicene Creed is said.

CHIEF HYMN

“We Praise, O Christ, Your Holy Name” (*Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ*)

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 89.11,14

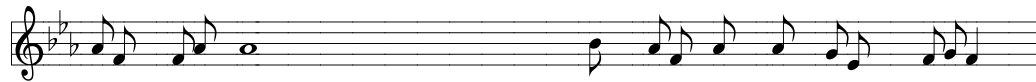
TONE II



The heav- ens are Yours, the earth also is Yours;



the world and all its full-ness, You have found- ed them:



Right-eous-ness and justice are the foun-da- tion of Your throne.

SECRETA

We beseech You, O Lord: that by the new Birth of Your only-begotten Son; You would be pleased to sanctify these oblations, and cleanse us from the defilement of all our iniquities, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Christmass

COMMUNIO + PSALM 98.3

TONE I



All the ends of the earth:



Have seen the sal - va-tion of our God.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God:

that as Your Son, born this day the Savior of the world, has been made the author of our heavenly birth;

so He may bestow on us the gift of everlasting life,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

ST. STEPHEN

Protomartyr

SECOND CLASS

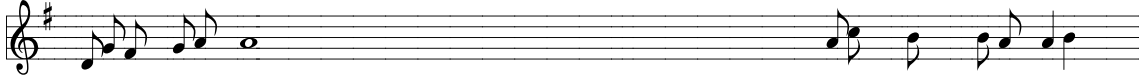
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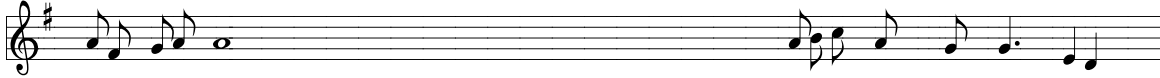
INTROIT + PSALM 119.23, 86, 1

TONE VII

ANTIPHON

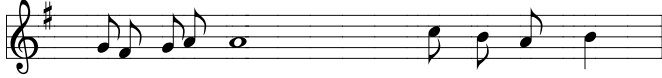


Prin - ces sit and speak against me, they persecute me wrong-ful - ly:



Help me, O Lord my God, for Your servant medi-tates on Your sta-tutes.

PSALM

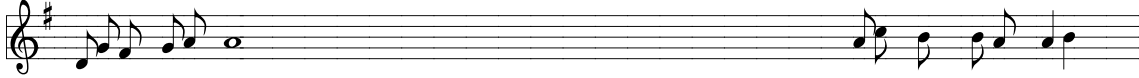


Bless- ed are the unde-filed in the way:



Who walk in the law of the Lord.

GLORIA PATRI:



Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now; and will be for - ev- er. A- men

ANTIPHON



Prin - ces sit ... *(to the end of the Antiphon)*

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung.

COLLECT

Grant us, we beseech You, O Lord:
that imitating the example of Saint Stephen whose heavenly birthday we celebrate today;
we may have grace to love our enemies and pray to Your Son for our persecutors,
through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

COLLECT COMMEMORATING THE NATIVITY

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God:
that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh;
may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin,
through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT + 2 CHRONICLES 24.17-22

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

In those days, after the death of Jehoiada, the leaders of Judah came and bowed down to the king. And the king listened to them. Therefore they left the house of the Lord God of their fathers, and served wooden images and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of their trespass. Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring them back to the Lord; and they testified against them, but they would not listen.

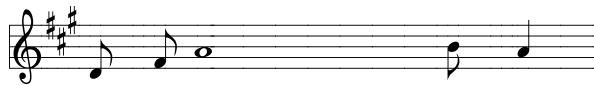
Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God: 'Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the Lord, He also has forsaken you.'" So they conspired against him, and at the command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the Lord.

Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son; and as he died, he said, "The Lord look on it, and repay!"

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 119.23, 86; 6.4

TONE V



Prin-ces sit and speak a-gainst me:



They per-se-cute me wrong-ful-ly.



Help me, O Lord my God:



Save me for Your mer-cies' sake.

EPISTLE + ACTS 6.8-10; 7.54-59

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

When they heard his words they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. But Stephen, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep [in the Lord].

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA + ACTS 7.56

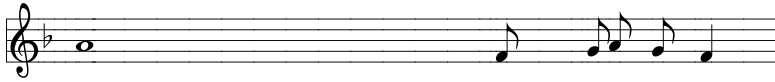
TONE VI



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



I see the hea-vens o-pened:



And the Jesus standing at the right hand of God.



Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL + ST. MATTHEW 23.34-39

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

✠ At that time Jesus said to the scribes and Pharisees: “Behold, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ”

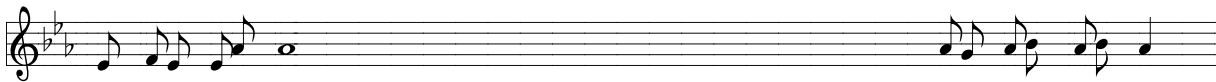
The Gospel of the Lord.

*The Nicene Creed is said.***CHIEF HYMN**

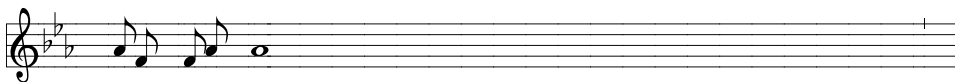
“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”

OFFERTORIUM + ACTS 6.5; 7.59

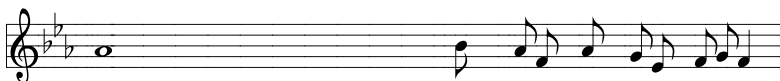
TONE II



The A - pos - tles chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Ho - ly Spir - it:



Whom the Jews stoned as he was calling on God and saying,



“Lord Jesus, receive my spir-it.” Al - le - lu - ia.

SECRETA

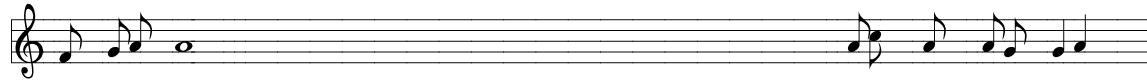
Accept, O Lord, we pray: the gifts which we offer to You in commemoration of Your saints; that as they received Your crown of glory by suffering, we may attain to innocence of life by godly conversion, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

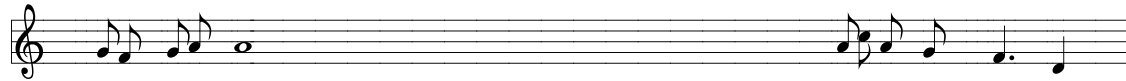
Christmass

COMMUNIO + ACTS 7.56, 59, 60

-tone 1



I see the heavens opened and Jesus standing at the right hand of God:



Lord Je - sus, receive my spirit, and do not charge them with this sin.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Assist us mercifully, O Lord:

that we, who have received these holy mysteries;

may, through the intercession of Your blessed martyr Stephen, be defended by Your everlasting protection,

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

ST. JOHN Apostle & Evangelist

SECOND CLASS

27 DECEMBER

WHITE

INTROIT + ECCLESIASTICUS 15.5, [39.6], 45.7; PSALM 92.1

In the midst of the congregation he opened his mouth.

And the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding; He clothed him with a robe of glory.

Ps. It is good to give thanks to the Lord:

And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

In the midst of the congregation he opened his mouth.

And the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding; He clothed him with a robe of glory.

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung.

COLLECT

Merciful Lord, cast Your bright beams of light upon Your Church:

that being illumined by the doctrine of Your blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John; she may attain to the light of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

Merciful Lord, we beseech You to cast Your bright beams of light upon Your Church: that being illumined by the doctrine

of Your blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John; she may so walk in the light of Your truth, that she may at length attain to the light of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

COLLECT COMMEMORATING THE NATIVITY

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God:

that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh; may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT + SIRACH 15.1-6

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Whoever fears the Lord will do good, and he who has the knowledge of the law shall obtain wisdom. And as a mother shall she meet him, and receive him as a wife married of a virgin. With the bread of understanding shall she feed him, and give him the water of wisdom to drink. He shall lean upon her, and shall not fall; and shall rely upon her, and shall not be ashamed. She shall exalt him above his neighbours, and in the midst of the congregation shall she open his mouth. He shall find joy and a crown of gladness, and she shall cause him to inherit an everlasting name.

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + ST. JOHN 21.23,22

Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die:

Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die.

But if I will that he remain till I come:

You follow Me.

EPISTLE + 1 JOHN 1.1-10

A reading from the first epistle of blessed John the Apostle.

Beloved: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA + ST. JOHN 21.24

Alleluia. Alleluia. This is the disciple who testifies of these things:
And we know that his testimony is true. Alleluia.

GOSPEL + ST. JOHN 21.19-24

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

✠ At that time Jesus said to Peter: “Follow Me.”

Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?”

Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.”

Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?” This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Nicene Creed is said.

CHIEF HYMN

“Word Supreme, Before Creation”

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 92.12

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree:
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

SECRETA

O Lord, who sees that, for our deliverance, we are confident in the advocacy of Your blessed Apostle Saint John; grant, we beseech You; that the gifts we present to You on his festival may be well-pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE**Christmass****COMMUNIO + ST. JOHN 21.23****Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die:****Yet Jesus did not say that he would not die, but that I will that he remain till I come.****POST-COMMUNION COLLECT****O God, who has refreshed us with heavenly food and drink:****mercifully grant;****that as we have received this Blessed Sacrament in commemoration of Your blessed Apostle, so****we may be evermore defended by his prayers,****through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;****who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:****one God, now and forever.**

THE HOLY INNOCENT MARTYRS

SECOND CLASS

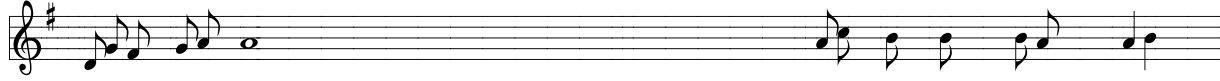
28 DECEMBER

PURPLE/RED

*When this Feast is celebrated on a Sunday, the color is Red.***INTROIT + PSALM 8.2, 1**

TONE VII

ANTIPHON



Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have or-dained strength:



Be-cause of Your en- e-mies.

PSALM

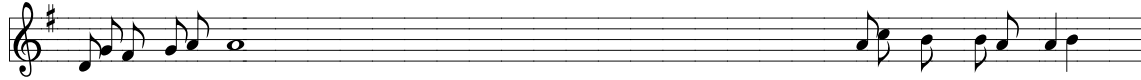


O Lord, our Lord:



How excellent is Your name in all the earth.

GLORIA PATRI:



Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now; and will be for - ev- er. A- men

ANTIPHON

Out of the mouth ... *(to the end of the Antiphon)**The Gloria in Excelsis is sung only when this feast falls on a Sunday.***COLLECT**

O God, whose martyred innocents proclaimed Your praise not by speaking but in dying:
 mortify and kill all vices within us;
 that our lives may confess in deed Your faith which our tongues profess,
 through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord;
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
 one God, now and forever.

COLLECT COMMEMORATING THE NATIVITY

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God:
 that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh;
 may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin,
 through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
 one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT + JEREMIAH 31.15-17

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

“A voice was heard in Ramah,
Lamentation and bitter weeping,
Rachel weeping for her children,
Refusing to be comforted for her children,
Because they are no more.”

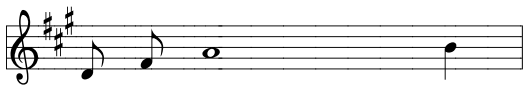
Thus says the Lord:

“Refrain your voice from weeping,
And your eyes from tears;
For your work shall be rewarded, says the Lord,
And they shall come back from the land of the enemy.
There is hope in your future, says the Lord,
That your children shall come back to their own border.”

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 124.7-8

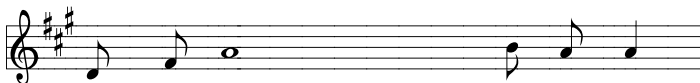
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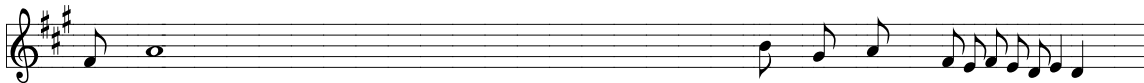
Our soul has escaped as a bird:



From the snare of the fowl-ers.



The snare is broken, and we have es-caped:



Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heav-en and earth.

EPISTLE + REVELATION 14.1-5

A reading from the book of the Revelation of blessed John the Apostle.

In those days I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

The Alleluia is sung only when this feast falls on a Sunday. Otherwise, the Tract is said.

ALLELUIA + PSALM 113.1

TONE VI



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Praise the Lord,, you child-ren:



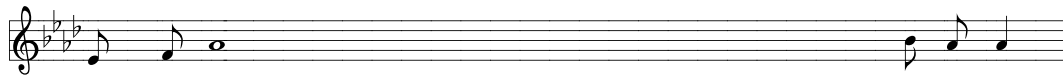
Praise the name of the Lord!



Al - le - lu - ia.

TRACT + PSALM 79.3,10

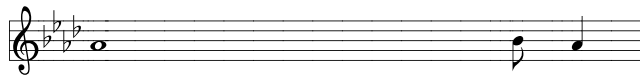
TONE II



The blood of Your saints they have shed like water all around Jer-u- sa- lem:



And there was no one to bu-ry them.



Avenge, O Lord, the blood of Your ser-vants:



Which has been shed on the earth.

GOSPEL + ST. MATTHEW 2.13-18

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

✠ At that time, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.” When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.”

Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

“A voice was heard in Ramah,
Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children,
Refusing to be comforted,
Because they are no more.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

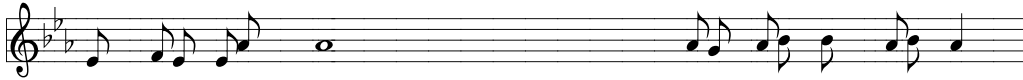
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CHIEF HYMN

“Sweet Flowerets of the Martyr Band” (*Salvete, flores martyrum*)

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 124.7

-tone II



Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowl-ers;



The snare is broken, and we have es-cap - ed.

SECRETA

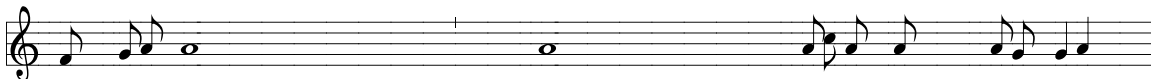
Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the devout prayers of Your saints may never fail to comfort and defend us: and that our oblations may be well-pleasing in Your sight; so that we may obtain for our sins the pardon of Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

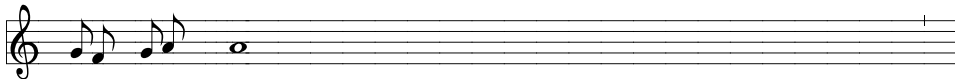
Christmass

COMMUNIO + ST. MATTHEW 3.18

-tone I



A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourn-ing:



Ra- chel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted,



because they are no more.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

We beseech You, O Lord:
that the gifts which we have received in these holy mysteries;
may, through the intercession of Your saints, effectually avail for our comfort both in this life
and in the life to come,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

THE SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

SECOND CLASS

SILVER

INTROIT + WISDOM 18.14-15; PSALM 93.1

When all the world was in quiet silence, and night was in the midst of her swift course,
Your Almighty word leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne.

Ps. The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty;

The Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

When all the world was in quiet silence, and night was in the midst of her swift course,
Your Almighty word leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne.

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God:

direct our actions according to Your good pleasure;

that in the Name of Your beloved Son, we may worthily abound in good works,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT + ISAIAH 63.7-16

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord
And the praises of the Lord,
According to all that the Lord has bestowed on us,
And the great goodness toward the house of Israel,
Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies,
According to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.
For He said, "Surely they are My people,
Children who will not lie."
So He became their Savior.

In all their affliction He was afflicted,
And the Angel of His Presence saved them;
In His love and in His pity He redeemed them;
And He bore them and carried them
All the days of old.
But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit;
So He turned Himself against them as an enemy,
And He fought against them.

Then he remembered the days of old,
Moses and his people, saying:
"Where is He who brought them up out of the sea
With the shepherd of His flock?
Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them,
Who led them by the right hand of Moses,
With His glorious arm,
Dividing the water before them
To make for Himself an everlasting name,
Who led them through the deep,
As a horse in the wilderness,
That they might not stumble?"
As a beast goes down into the valley,
And the Spirit of the Lord causes him to rest,
So You lead Your people,

To make Yourself a glorious name.

Look down from heaven,
And see from Your habitation, holy and glorious.
Where are Your zeal and Your strength,
The yearning of Your heart and Your mercies toward me?
Are they restrained?

Doubtless You are our Father,
Though Abraham was ignorant of us,
And Israel does not acknowledge us.
You, O Lord, are our Father;
Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name.

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 45.2, 1

You are fairer than the sons of men:
Grace is poured upon Your lips.
My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King:
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

EPISTLE + GALATIANS 4.1-7

A reading from the epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Galatians.

Brethren: As long as he is a child, the heir does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA + PSALM 93.1

Alleluia. Alleluia. The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty:
The Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Alleluia.

GOSPEL + ST. LUKE 2.33-40

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

+ At that time Joseph and the mother of Jesus marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Nicene Creed is said.

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 93.1-2

Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.

Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

SECRETA

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God: that these gifts which we offer in the sight of Your divine majesty; may obtain for us grace to serve You in this life with all godliness, and bring us in the end to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Christmass

COMMUNIO + ST. MATTHEW 2.20

Take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel:

For those who sought the young Child's life are dead.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Grant, O Lord, that by the working of these Your mysteries:
we may be cleansed from all our sins;
and obtain that which we have asked according to Your will,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Within the Octave

FIRST CLASS

SILVER

This Mass is said during any of the first eight days of Christ Mass for which a particular Mass is not appointed.

INTROIT + ISAIAH 9.6; PSALM 98.1

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given:

And the government will be upon His shoulder; and His name will be called Angel of mighty Counsel.

Ps. Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!

For He has done marvelous things.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given:

And the government will be upon His shoulder; and His name will be called Angel of mighty Counsel.

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung.

COLLECT COMMEMORATING THE NATIVITY

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God:

that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh;
may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin,
through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

EPISTLE + TITUS 3.4-7

A reading from the epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to Titus.

Beloved: When the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life [in Christ Jesus Our Lord].

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 98.3, 4, 2

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God:

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

The Lord has made known His salvation:

His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

ALLELUIA + LITURGICAL VERSE

Alleluia. Alleluia. A holy day has dawned on the earth; come, all nations, and worship the Lord:

For on this day a great light has descended upon the earth. Alleluia.

GOSPEL + ST. LUKE 2.15-20

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

✠ At that time the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Nicene Creed is said.

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 89.11,14

The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; the world and all its fullness, You have founded them:
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne.

SECRETA

We beseech You, O Lord: that by the new Birth of Your only-begotten Son; You would be pleased to sanctify these oblations, and cleanse us from the defilement of all our iniquities, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Christmass

COMMUNIO + PSALM 98.3

All the ends of the earth:
Have seen the salvation of our God.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God:
that as Your Son, born this day the Savior of the world, has been made the author of our heavenly birth;
so He may bestow on us the gift of everlasting life,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

ST. THOMAS BECKET Bishop & Martyr

THIRD CLASS

29 DECEMBER

RED

INTROIT + LITURGICAL VERSE; PSALM 33.1

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, keeping this feast in honor of blessed Thomas the Martyr:

In whose passion the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

Ps. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous:

For praise from the upright is beautiful.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, keeping this feast in honor of blessed Thomas the Martyr:

In whose passion the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

COLLECT

O God, who for Your Church's sake permitted Your Bishop Thomas gloriously to be slain by the swords of wicked men:

grant, we beseech You;

that all who call upon him for comfort may rejoice in the fulfillment of their petitions,

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

O God, who for Your Church's sake permitted Your Bishop Thomas gloriously to be slain by the swords of wicked men: grant that all who call upon You; may be helped by Your gracious mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

COLLECT COMMEMORATING THE NATIVITY

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God:

that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh;

may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin,

through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

EPISTLE + HEBREWS 5.1-6

A reading from the epistle to the Hebrews.

Brethren: Every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him:

“You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.”

As He also says in another place:

“You are a priest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek.”

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + LITURGICAL VERSE; SIRACH 44.19-20

Behold, a great high priest:

Who, in his days, pleased God.

There was none like him:

To keep the law of the most High.

ALLELUIA + ST. JOHN 10.14

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the Good Shepherd:

And I know My sheep, and am known by My own. Alleluia.

GOSPEL + ST. JOHN 10.11-16

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

✠ At that time Jesus said to the Pharisees: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

“But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 21.3-4

You set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

He asked life from You, and You gave it to him, alleluia.

SECRETA

Sanctify, O Lord, we beseech You, these our oblations: that through the intercession of blessed Thomas Your martyr and bishop; You may mercifully look upon us, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

All Saints

COMMUNIO + ST. JOHN 10.14

I am the good shepherd:

And I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Grant, O Lord, that this holy Communion may cleanse us from every guilty stain: and at the intercession of blessed Thomas, Your martyr and bishop; we may be healed unto life eternal, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

ST. SYLVESTER
Bishop & Confessor
 31 DECEMBER

THIRD CLASS

WHITE

INTROIT + PSALM 132.9-10, 1

If you love Me, Simon Peter:

Feed My lambs; feed My sheep.

Ps. I will extol You, O Lord, for You have lifted me up:

And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

If you love Me, Simon Peter:

Feed My lambs; feed My sheep.

COLLECT

Grant, we beseech You almighty God:
 that we who remember with joy Your holy confessor Saint
 Sylvester;
 may increase in godliness to the attainment of everlasting life,
 through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
 one God, now and forever.

O everlasting Shepherd, mercifully
 consider Your flock; and since You chose
 blessed Sylvester to be a pastor and ruler
 in Your Church; at his intercession
 defend her with Your continual
 protection, through Jesus Christ, Your
 Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with
 You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now
 and forever.

COLLECT COMMEMORATING THE NATIVITY

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God:
 that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh;
 may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin,
 through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
 one God, now and forever.

READING + 1 PETER 5.1-4, 10-11

A reading from the epistle of blessed Peter the Apostle.

Beloved: The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 107.32, 31

Let them exalt Him in the assembly of the people:

And praise Him in the company of the elders.

Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness:

And for His wonderful works to the children of men.

ALLELUIA + ST. MATTHEW 16.18

Alleluia. Alleluia. You are Peter:

And on this rock I will build My church. Alleluia

GOSPEL + ST. MATTHEW 16.13-19

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

✠ At that time, when Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

OFFERTORIUM + JEREMIAH 1.9-10

Behold, I have put My words in your mouth:

See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pull down and to destroy, to build and to plant.

SECRETA

We beseech You, O Lord: graciously enlighten Your Church by the gifts which we offer; that in every place Your flock may increase and prosper, and the shepherds of Your governance may be well-pleasing to Your name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

All Saints

COMMUNIO + ST. MATTHEW 16.18

You are Peter:

And on this rock I will build My church.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Merciful Lord:

we beseech You to govern and preserve Your church which You have refreshed with this heavenly food; that by the guiding of Your mighty power, she may serve You in abundant freedom, and ever keep Your true religion whole and undefiled,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

FIRST CLASS

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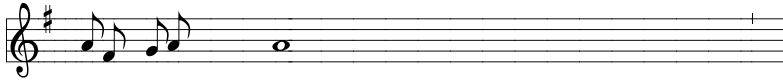
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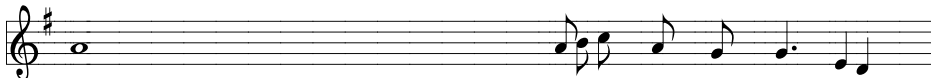
ANTIPHON



Un - to us a Child is born, unto us a Son is giv - en:

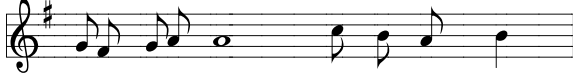


And the government will be upon His shoulder;



and His name will be called Angel of might-y Coun-sel.

PSALM

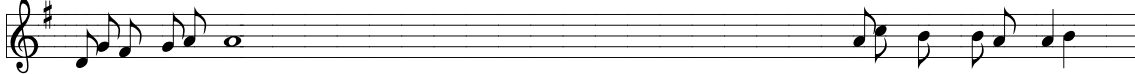


Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!



For He has done mar-velous things.

GLORIA PATRI:



Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now; and will be for - ev-er. A-men

ANTIPHON



Un - to us a Child ... *(to the end of the Antiphon)*

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung.

COLLECT

O Lord God, who for our sakes made Your blessed Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to endure the circumcision of the flesh: grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that our hearts may be pure from all sinful desires and lust, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

O God, who by the child-bearing of the blessed Virgin Mary has bestowed on mankind the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech You; that we may know the comfort of her intercession for us, through whom we have been found worthy to receive the author of life, even Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT + GENESIS 17.1-14

A reading from the first book of Moses, commonly called Genesis.

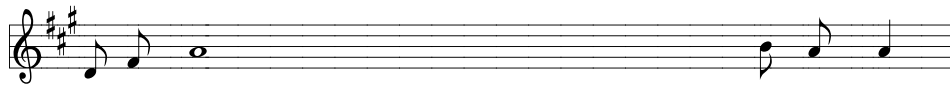
In those days, when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.” Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

And God said to Abraham: “As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant. He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.”

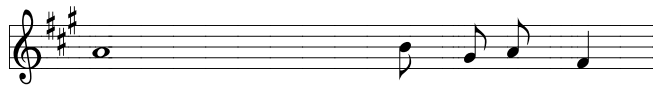
The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 98.3, 4, 2

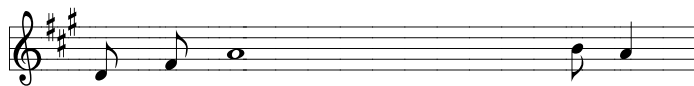
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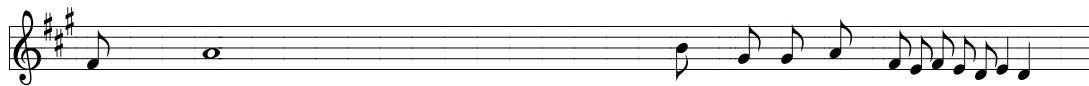
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God:



Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.



The Lord has made known His sal-va-tion:



His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the na-tions.

EPISTLE + TITUS 2.11-15

A reaing from the epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to Titus.

Beloved: The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. Speak these things [and] exhort [in Christ Jesus Our Lord].

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA + HEBREWS 1.1-2

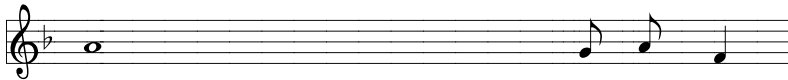
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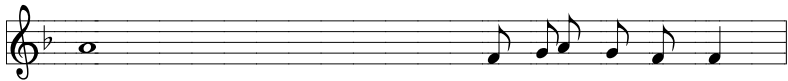
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



God, who at various times and in various ways



spoke in time past to the fathers by the pro-phets:



Has in these last days spoken to us by His Son.



Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL + ST. LUKE 2.21

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

✠ At that time, when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

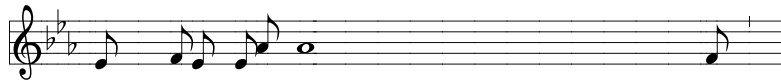
The Nicene Creed is said.

CHIEF HYMN

“O Blessed Day When First was Poured” (*Felix dies, quam proprio*)

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 89.11,14

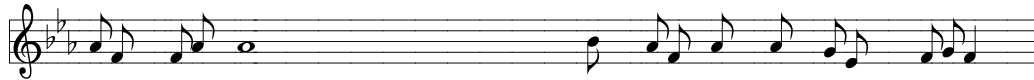
TONE II



The heav- ens are Yours, the earth also is Yours;



the world and all its full-ness, You have found- ed them:



Right-eous-ness and justice are the foun-da- tion of Your throne.

SECRETA

We beseech You, O Lord, graciously to accept our prayers and oblations: that being cleansed by Your heavenly mysteries; we may obtain by Your great mercy the fulfillment of all our desires, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Christmass

COMMUNIO + PSALM 98.3

TONE I



All the ends of the earth:



Have seen the sal - va-tion of our God.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Grant, O Lord:
that this Holy Communion may cleanse us from every
guilty stain;
and may heal us unto life eternal,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

Grant, O Lord: that this Holy
Communion may cleanse us from
every guilty stain; and at the
intercession of the blessed Virgin
Mary, Mother of God, may heal us
unto life eternal, through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit: one God, now and forever.

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

SECOND CLASS

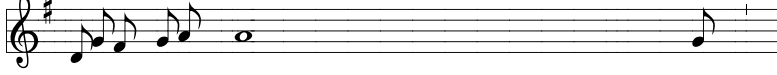
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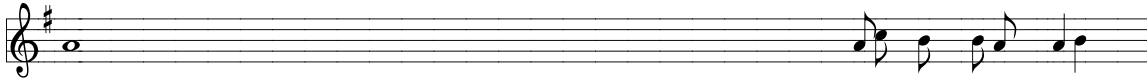
INTROIT + PHILIPPIANS 2.10-11; PSALM 8.1

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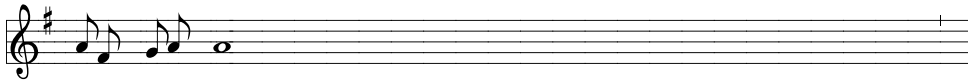
ANTIPHON



At the name of Jesus every knee should bow,



of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those un - der the earth:



And ev - ery tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,



to the glory of God the Fa-ther.



O Lord, our Lord:



How excellent is Your name in all the earth.

GLORIA PATRI:



Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now; and will be for - ev- er. A- men

ANTIPHON



At the name of Jesus ... *(to the end of the Antiphon)*

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung.

COLLECT

O God, who appointed Your only-begotten Son the Savior of mankind, and gave Him the Name of Jesus:

mercifully grant that we who worship His name on earth;
may joyfully behold Him forever in heaven,
through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT + EXODUS 3.1-15

A reading from the second book of Moses, commonly called Exodus.

In those days Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

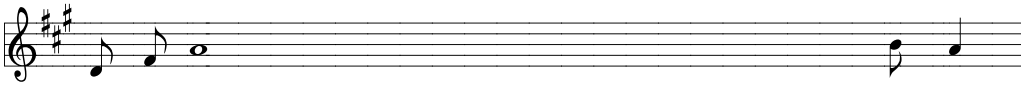
And the Lord said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'

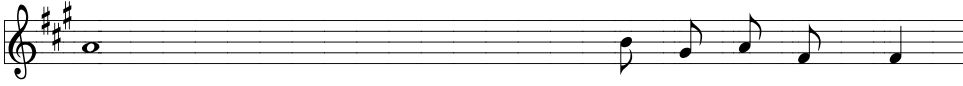
The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 106.47; ISAIAH 63.16

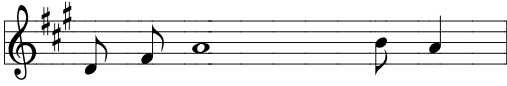
TONE V



Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the Gen-tiles:



To give thanks to Your holy name, to triumph in Your praise.



You, O Lord, are our Fa-ther:



Our Redeemer from ever-last-ing is Your name.

EPISTLE + ACTS 4.8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and said to the Sanhedrin: “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

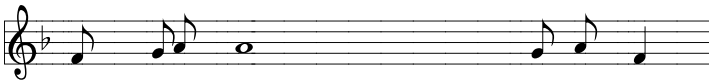
The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA + PSALM 145.21

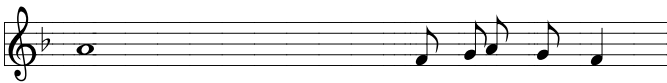
TONE VI



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:



And all flesh shall bless His ho - ly name.



Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL + ST. LUKE 2.21

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

✠ At that time, when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

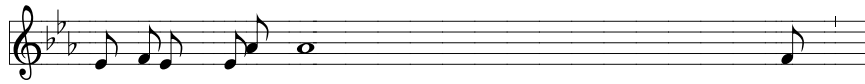
The Nicene Creed is said.

CHIEF HYMN

“To the Name of Our Salvation” (*Gloriosi Salvatoris*)

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 86.12,5

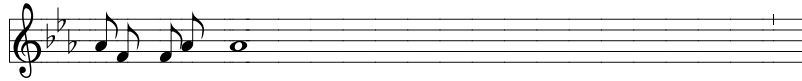
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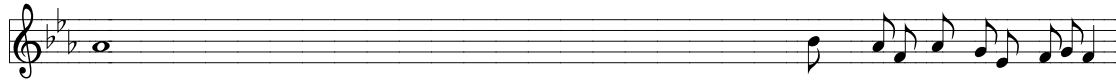
I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,



And I will glorify Your name for - ev - er - more:



For You, O Lord, are good, and ready to forgive,



and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. Al - le - lu - ia.

SECRET

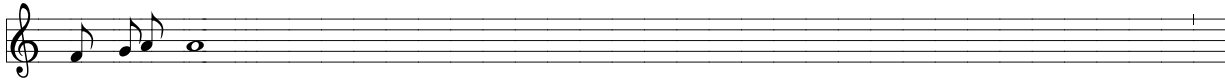
Most merciful God, who preserves everything You have created: by the same heavenly benediction, we beseech You to sanctify this oblation which we offer to the glory of the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord; that it may be acceptable for the praise of Your majesty, and profitable for our salvation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Christmass

COMMUNIO + PSALM 86.9-10

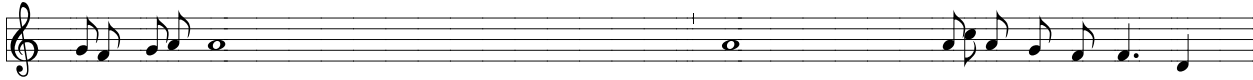
TONE I



All na - tions whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord,



and shall glo - ri - fy Your name:



For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God. Al- le- lu- ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, our Creator and Redeemer, mercifully respect our prayers: and behold with the favor of Your countenance the sacrifice of our salvation which we have offered to Your majesty to the honor of the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord; that, by the merits of His glorious Name of Jesus, Your grace may be poured out upon us that, being predestined to eternal life, we may evermore rejoice that our names are written in heaven, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

THE NINTH THROUGH TWELFTH DAYS OF CHRIST MASS

FIRST CLASS

WHITE

INTROIT + ISAIAH 9.6; PSALM 98.1

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given:

And the government will be upon His shoulder; and His name will be called Angel of mighty Counsel.

Ps. Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!

For He has done marvelous things.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given:

And the government will be upon His shoulder; and His name will be called Angel of mighty Counsel.

The Gloria in Excelsis is said.

COLLECT

O Lord God, who for our sakes made Your blessed Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to endure the circumcision of the flesh:

grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit;
that our hearts may be pure from all sinful desires and lust,
through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

O God, who by the child-bearing of the blessed Virgin Mary has bestowed on mankind the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech You; that we may know the comfort of her intercession for us, through whom we have been found worthy to receive the author of life, even Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

EPISTLE + TITUS 2.11-15

A reading from the epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to Titus.

Beloved: The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. Speak these things [and] exhort [in Christ Jesus Our Lord].

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 98.3, 4, 2

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God:

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

The Lord has made known His salvation:

His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

ALLELUIA + HEBREWS 1.1-2

Alleluia. Alleluia. God, who at various time and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets:

Has, in these last days, spoken to us by His Son. Alleluia.

GOSPEL + ST. LUKE 2.21

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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The Gospel of the Lord.

The Nicene Creed is said.

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 89.11,14

The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; the world and all its fullness, You have founded them:
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne.

SECRETA

We beseech You, O Lord, graciously to accept our prayers and oblations: that being cleansed by Your heavenly mysteries; we may obtain by Your great mercy the fulfillment of all our desires, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Christmass

COMMUNIO + PSALM 98.3

All the ends of the earth:
Have seen the salvation of our God.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Grant, O Lord:
that this Holy Communion may cleanse us from every guilty stain;
and may heal us unto life eternal,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

Grant, O Lord: that this Holy Communion may cleanse us from every guilty stain; and at the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, may heal us unto life eternal, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

THE VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY

FIRST CLASS

WHITE

INTROIT + WISDOM 18.14-15; PSALM 93.1

When all the world was in quiet silence, and night was in the midst of her swift course,
Your Almighty word leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne.

Ps. The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty;

The Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

When all the world was in quiet silence, and night was in the midst of her swift course,
Your Almighty word leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne.

The Gloria in Excelsis is said.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who has poured upon us the new light of Your incarnate Word:
grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts;
may shine forth in our lives,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

READING + ISAIAH 61.1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In those days the prophet Isaiah spoke, saying:

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,
Because the Lord has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 45.2, 1

You are fairer than the sons of men:

Grace is poured upon Your lips.

My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King:

My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

ALLELUIA + PSALM 93.1

Alleluia. Alleluia. The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty:

The Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Alleluia.

GOSPEL + ST. MATTHEW 2.19-23

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

✠ At that time, when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who

sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Nicene Creed is said.

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 93.1-2

Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.

Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

SECRETA

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God: that these gifts which we offer in the sight of Your divine majesty; may obtain for us grace to serve You in this life with all godliness, and bring us in the end to everlasting felicity, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Christ Mass

COMMUNIO + ST. MATTHEW 2.20

Take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel:

For those who sought the young Child's life are dead.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Grant, O Lord, that by the operation of these Your mysteries:
we may be cleansed from all our sins;
and obtain those things we have asked according to Your will,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.