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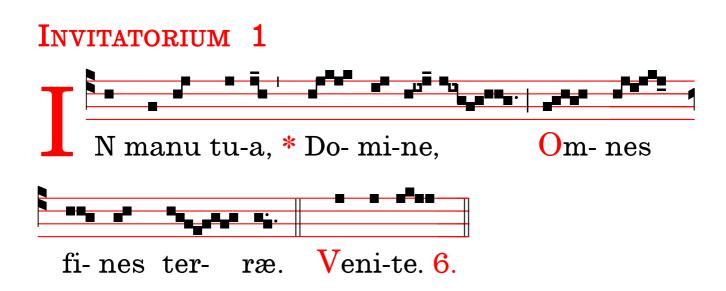
- Ord, how many adversaries I have! How many there are who rise up against me!
- How many there are who sây of me, 'There is no help for him in his God.'
- But you, O Lord, are a shield about me; you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.
- I call aloud upôn the Lord, and he answers me from his holy hill;
- I lie down and gô to sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.
- I do not fear the multitudes of pêople who set themselves against me all around.
- Rise up, O Lord; set me frêe, my God; se surely, you will strike all my enemies acrôss the face, you will break the teeth of the wicked.
- Deliverance belongs tô the Lord. Your blessing be upon your people!

#### Psalm 94

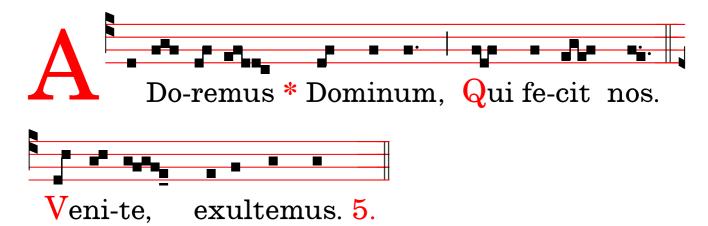
Ome, let us sing tô the Lord; • let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

- Let us come before his presence with thanksgîving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.
- The sea is his, for he mâde it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- Come, let us bow down, and bênd the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
- Oh, that today you would hearken tô hisvoice! Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wîlderness, at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
- They put me tô the test, though they had seen my works.
- Forty years long I detested that generation and said, so 'This people are wayward în their hearts; they do not know my ways.'
- So I swore în my wrath, 'They shall not enter into my rest.' •

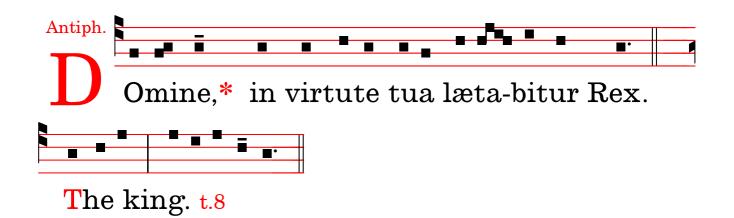
# **SUNDAY MATINS**



### Invitatorium 2



# FIRST NOCTURN



#### Psalm 20

He king rejoices in your stréngth, O Lord; • how greatly he exults în your victory!

You have given him his héart's desire; you have not denied him the request of his lips.

For you meet him with blessings of prosperity, and set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

He asked you for life, and you gave it to him: • length of days, for éver and éver.

His honour is great, because of your victory; splendour and majesty have you bestowed upon him.

For you will give him everlástīng felícity and you will make him glad with the jóy of your présence.

- For the king puts his trust in the Lord; because of the loving-kindness of the Most High, he will not fall.
- Your hand will lay hold upon áll your énemies; your right hand will seize all those who hate you.
- You will make them like a fiery furnace at the time of your appearing, Ó Lord;
- You will swallow them up in your wrath, and fire shall consume them.
- You will destroy their offspring from the land and their descendants from among the péoples of the earth.
- Though they intend evil against you and devise wicked schemes, yet they shall not prevail.
- For you will pút thém to flight and aim your árrows át them.
- Be exalted, O Lórd, in your might; we will sing and práise your pówer.

Y God, my God, why have you forsaken me? And are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

- O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you dó not ánswer; by night as well, bút I find no rest.
- Yet you áre the Hóly One, enthroned upon the práisēs of Ísrael.
- Our forefathers pút their trúst in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.
- They cried out to you and we're delivered; they trusted in you and we're not put to shame.
- But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the péople.
- All who see me láugh mé to scorn; they curl their líps and wág their heads:
- 'He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him.'
- Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe ūpon my mother's breast.
- I have been entrusted to you évēr since Í was born; you were my God when I was stīll in my móther's womb.
- Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.
- Many young búlls encircle me; strong bulls of Báshān surround me.

- They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and ā róaring lion.
- I am poured out like water; all my bónes are óut of joint; my heart within mỹ bréast is mélting wax.
- My mouth is dried out like a potsherd; so my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; so in the dust of the grave, you have laid me.
- Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.
- They stare and glóat óver me; they divide my garments among them; they cast lóts for my clóthing.
- O Lord, bé not fár away; you are my strength; hástēn to hélp me.
- Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.
- Save me fróm the líon's mouth, my wretched body from the hórns of wild bulls.
- I will declare your Name to my bréthren; sin the midst of the congregation Í will praise you.

- Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- For he does not despise nor abhor the póor în their póverty; so neither does he híde his fáce from them; so but when they cry to hím he héars them.
- My praise is of him in the gréat assémbly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lórd shall práise him: 'May your heart líve for éver!'
- All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.
- To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow dówn in wórship; all who go down to the dūst fáll befóre him.
- My soul shall live for him; my descéndants shall sérve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for éver.

They shall come and make known to a péople yét unborn • the saving déeds that hé has done.



#### Psalm 22

He Lord is my shépherd; • Ī sháll not bé in want.

He makes me lie dówn în green pástures and leads me bēside still wáters.

Hé revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall féar no évil; • for you are with me; your rod and your stáff, they cómfort me.

- You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

- He earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.
- For it is he who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 'Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? And who can stand in his holy place?'
- Those who have clean hánds ānd a púre heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn bý whát ís a fraud.
- They shall receive a bléssing fróm the Lord and a just reward from the God of théir salvátion.'
- Such is the generation of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jácob.

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O éverlásting doors; and the King of glóry sháll come in.

'Who is this King of glóry?' • 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in báttle.'

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O éverlásting doors; and the King of glóry sháll come in.

Who is he, this King of glóry?' • 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glóry.'



- O you, O Lord, Í lift úp my soul; soul; my God, I pút my trúst in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemíes tríumph óver me.
- Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- Shów mē your wáys, O Lord, and téach me your paths.
- Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of mý salvátion; in you have Ī trústed áll day long.
- Remember, O Lord, your compássion ánd love, of they are from éverlásting.
- Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgréssions; O Lord, remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness.
- The Lord is grácious and úpright; therefore he teaches sínners in his way.
- He guides the húmblé in dóing right and teaches his wáy to the lówly.

- All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
- For your Name's sake, O Lord, for it is great.
- Who are they who fear the Lord? He will teach them the way that they should choose.
- They shall dwéll în prospérity, and their offspring shall înhérit thé land.
- The Lord is a friend to those who féar him and will show them his covenant.
- My eyes are ever lóoking tó the Lord, for out of the net hé shall plúck my feet.
- Turn to me and have pity on me, for I am left alóne and in misery. The sorrows of my héart háve increased; bring me óut of my troubles.
- Look upon my adversitý and mísery and forgíve me áll my sin.
- Look upon my enemies, for théy are mány, and they bear a violent hátrēd agáinst me.
- Protect my life and deliver me; let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for my hópe has béen in you. Deliver Israel, O God, out of áll his troubles.

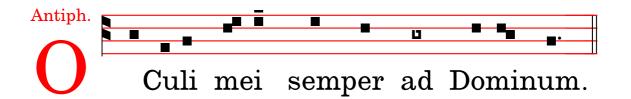
- Ive judgement for me, O Lord, for I have lived with intégrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- Test me, O Lórd, and trý me; examine mỹ héart and mý mind.
- For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.
- I have not sát with the worthless, on nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- I have hated the company of évildóers; I will not sit down with the wicked.
- O Lord, I will wash my hánds in innocence, that I may go in procession round your áltar,
- Singing aloud a sóng of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.
- Do not sweep me away with sinners, on nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

Whose hands are fúll of évil plots, and their right hand fúll of bribes.

As for me, I will live with intégrity; • redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.

My foot stánds on lével ground; 

in the full assembly Í will bléss the Lord.



- SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME
  - V. Be exalted, O Lord, in your might;
  - R. We will sing and praise your power.
- ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVE
  - V. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
  - R. God reveals himself in glory.
- The Holy Family
  - V. Jesus went down with Mary and Joseph;
  - R. He came to Nazareth and was obedient to them.
- Sunday before Epiphany
  - $\dot{V}$ . In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
  - R. It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber.
- SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
  - $\dot{V}$ . All the earth bows down before you,
  - R. Sings to you, sings out your Name, O Lord.

#### • First to Fourth Sunday of Lent

- V. He shall say to the Lord, 'You are my refuge and my stronghold,
- R. My God in whom I put my trust.'

#### Passion Sunday and Palm Sunday

- V. When I am lifted up from the earth,
- R. I will draw all men to myself.

#### SECOND TO SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

- V. The Lord has risen indeed,
- R. And he has appeared to Simon, alleluia, alleluia.

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

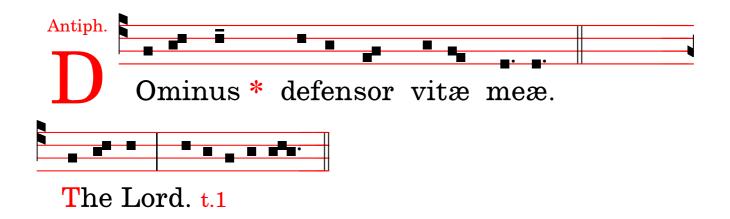
- <sup>V</sup>. O God, your majesty is praised
- R. Above the heavens, alleluia, alleluia.

#### Pentecost Sunday

- V. Suddenly from heaven there came a sound
- R. Like the rush of a violent wind, alleluia, alleluia.



# SECOND NOCTURN



# Psalm 26

He Lord is my light and mý salvátion; whóm then sháll I fear?

The Lord is the stréngth of my life; • of whom then shall I bé afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to éat úp my flesh, sit was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stúmbled ánd fell.

Though an army should encámp agáinst me, se yet my héart sháll not bé afraid;

And though war should rise úp agáinst me, vet will I pút my trúst in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

- To behold the fair béauty of the Lord and to seek him in his témple.
- For in the day of trouble he shall keep me sáfe în his shélter; • he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set mẽ hígh upón a rock.
- Even now he lifts úp my head above my enemies round about me.
- Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- Hearken to my voice, O Lórd, when Í call; have mercy on mé and ánswer me.
- You speak in my héart and say, 'Séek my face.' Your fáce, Lord, will I seek.
- Hide nót your fáce from me, nor turn away your servant in displéasure.
- You have been my helper; cást me nót away; do not forsake me, O God of mý salvátion.
- Though my father and my móther forsáke me, the Lórd will sustáin me.
- Shów mē your wáy, O Lord; lead me on a level path, becáuse of my énemies.

- Into the hand of my adversaries deliver mé not, so for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak málice.
- What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!
- O tarry and awáit the Lord's pléasure; so be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; so wait pátiently for the Lord.

- Lórd, I cáll to you; so my Rock, do not be déaf tó my cry; so lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who gố dówn tó the Pit.
- Hear the voice of my prayer when I crý out to you, when I lift up my hands to your hólỹ of hólies.
- Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the évildóers, who speak peaceably with their neighbours, while strife is in their hearts.
- Repay them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their actions.

According to the work of their hands repay them, and give them their just deserts.

They have no understanding of the Lord's doings, nor of the works of his hands; therefore he will break them down and not build them up.

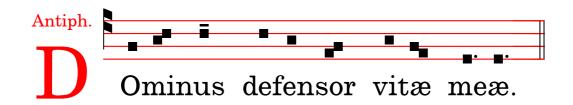
Bléssed is the Lord! • For he has heard the voice of my prayer.

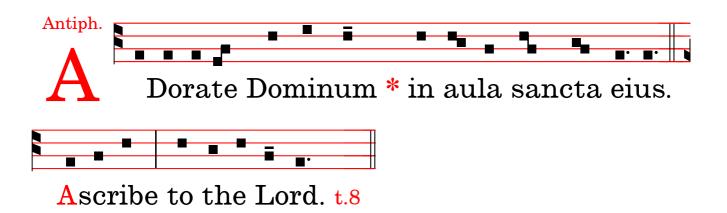
The Lord is my stréngth and mý shield; my heart trusts in him, and Í have béen helped;

Therefore my heart dánces fór joy, and in my sóng will I práise him.

The Lord is the stréngth of his péople, a safe refuge for his anointed.

Save your people and bléss your inhéritance; shepherd them and carry thém for éver.





A Scríbe tō the Lórd, you gods, ascribe to the Lōrd glóry ánd strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glóry dúe his Name; worship the Lord in the béauty of hóliness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glóry thúnders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

The voice of the Lord bréaks the cédar trees; • the Lord breaks the cédārs of Lébanon;

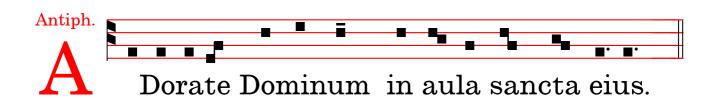
He makes Lebanon skíp líke a calf, and Mount Hermon líke a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

- The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the fórests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, 'Glóry!'
- The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- The Lord shall give stréngth to his péople; the Lord shall give his people the bléssing of peace.

- Will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted mé up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you réstored mé to health.
- You brought me up, O Lórd, fróm the dead; so you restored my life as I was going dówn tó the grave.
- Sing to the Lord, you sérvants óf his; so give thanks for the remembrance of his hóliness.
- For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime.

- Wéepīng may spénd the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- While I felt secure, I said, 'I shall néver bé disturbed. You, Lord, with your favour, made me as stróng ās the mountains.'
- Then you hid your face, and Í was filled with fear. I cried to you, O Lord; Ĩ pléaded with the Lord:
- If I go down to the Pit, what profit is there in my blood? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- Hear, O Lord, and have mércy upón me; O Lord, bé my hélper.'
- You have turned my wailing into dáncing; so you have put off my sackcloth and clóthed me with joy.
- Therefore my heart sings to you without céasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thánks for éver.





N you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me névēr be pút to shame; • deliver mē in your righteousness.

Incline your éar to me; make háste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a cástle to kéep me safe, so for you are my crág and my strónghold; so for the sake of your Name, léad me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have sécrētly sét for me, so for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I comménd my spírit, so for you have redeemed me, Õ Lórd, O Gód of truth.

I hate those who cling to worthless idols, and I put my trust in the Lord.

I will rejoice and be glad becáuse of your mércy; for you have seen my affliction; you know mý distress.

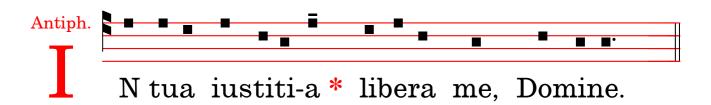
- You have not shut me up in the pówer of the énemy; you have set my féet in an ópen place.
- Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I ám in tróuble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my thróat and my bélly.
- For my life is wasted with grief, and my yéars with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and mý bónes áre consumed.
- I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even tó my néighbours, so a dismay to those of mý acquáintance; so when they see me in the stréet they avoid me.
- I am forgotten like a déad man, out of mind; so I am as useless ás a broken pot.
- For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; féar is áll around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- But as for me, I have trústēd in yóu, O Lord. I hāve sáid, You áre my God.
- My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

- Make your face to shine upón your sérvant, and in your loving-kindness sáve me.'
- Lord, let me not be ashamed for having cálled upón you; rather, let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave.
- Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against the righteous, haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.
- How great is your goodness, Ó Lord; which you have laid up for those who féar you; which you have done in the sight of all for those who pút their trúst in you.
- You hide them in the covert of your presence from those who slander them; you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.
- Bléssed bé the Lord! For he has shown me the wonders of his love in a bēsieged city.
- Yet I said in my alarm, 'I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.' Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty when I cried out to you.
- Love the Lord, all you who worship him; the Lord protects the faithful, but repays to the full those who act haughtily.

Be strong and let your héart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

- Appy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
- Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- While I held my tongue, my bones withered áway, because of mỹ gróaning áll day long.
- For your hand was heavy upón me dáy and night; my moisture was dried up as in the héat of súmmer.
- Then I acknówledged my sín to you, and díd nót concéal my guilt.
- I said, 'I will confess my transgréssions tó the Lord.' Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

- You are my hiding-place; you presérve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- I will instruct you and teach you in the wáy that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.
- Do not be like horse or mule, which have nó understånding; so who must be fitted with bit and bridle, so or else they will nót stay néar you.'
- Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- Be glad, you righteous, and rejóice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.



- SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME
  - V. I remember your Name in the night, O Lord,
  - R. And dwell upon your law.
- ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVE
  - V. A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
  - R. And a branch shall grow out of his roots.

#### • The Holy Family

- V. His father and his mother were amazed
- R. At what was being said about him.

#### SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY

- V. The Lord has made known his victory;
- R. His righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

#### • SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- **Ÿ**. All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,
- R. And glorify your Name.

#### • First to Fourth Sunday of Lent

- $\dot{V}$ . He shall deliver me from the snare of the hunter
- R. And from the deadly pestilence.

#### Passion Sunday and Palm Sunday

- V. Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.
- R. A fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

#### • SECOND TO SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- V. The disciples rejoiced
- R. When they saw the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

#### • SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- $\mathbf{\mathring{V}}$ . He goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
- R. And runs about to the end of it again, alleluia, alleluia.

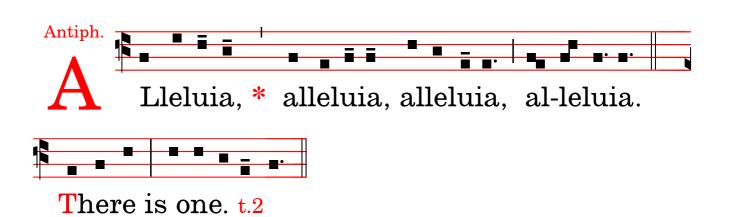
#### Pentecost Sunday

- V. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
- R. And so you renew the face of the earth, alleluia, alleluia.



# THIRD NOCTURN

# **ORDINARY TIME**



### Canticle

1 Tim 2 and 3

Here is one God; there is also one mediator between Gód and húmankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ā ránsom fór all.

He was revealed in flesh, vindicatéd in spírit, seen by angels, procláimed among Géntiles,

Believed in throughout the world, staken up in glóry.

# Canticle

- Et us give thánks to the Fáther, who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of thế sáints ín the light.
- He has rescued us from the pówer of dárkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his belóved Son,
- In whom we have redémption, the forgiveness of sins.
- He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
- For in him all things in heaven and on éarth were created, things visible and invisible,
- Whether thrones or dominions or rúlers or pówers, all things have been created through him and fór him.
- He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- He is the head of the bódy, thé Church; he is the beginning, the firstborn fróm the dead, so that he might come to have first place in éverything.

For in him all the fullness of Gód was pléased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile áll things tó himself,

Whether on éarth or in héaven, by making peace through thể blóod of his cross.

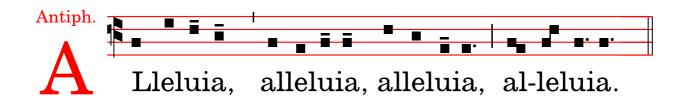
# Canticle

*Rev 19* 

Alvation and glory and pówer tó our God, for his júdgements are trúe and just.

Praise our God, all you his sérvants, and all who féar him, smáll and great.

For the Lord our Gód the Almighty reigns. • Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glóry.



- ORDINARY TIME
  - <sup>V</sup>. At midnight I will rise to give you thanks,
  - R. Because of your righteous judgements.

# **ADVENT**

# Canticle

Isa 40

- Ee, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
- He will feed his flock like a shepherd; so he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, so and gently lead the mother sheep.
- Who has measured the waters in the hóllow óf his hand and marked off the héavens with a span,
- Enclosed the dust of the éarth în a méasure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills în a bálance?
- Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him?
- Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice?
- Who táught him knówledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

- Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dúst ón the scales; see, he takes up the ísles like fine dust.
- Lebanon would nót provide fúel enough, on nor are its animals enough fór a burnt-óffering.
- All the nations are as nóthīng befóre him; they are accounted by him as less than nóthīng and émptiness.

## Canticle

Isa 42

- Ing to the Lórd a néw song, his praise from thể énd óf the earth!
- Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants.
- Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice, the villages that Kédar inhábits;
- Let the inhabitants of Séla síng for joy, let them shout from the tóps of the mountains.
- Let them give glóry tó the Lord, and declare his práise în the cóastlands.
- The Lord goes fórth like a sóldier, like a warrior he stirs úp his fúry;

- He cries out, he shouts aloud, he shows himself mighty against his foes.
- For a long time Í have héld my peace, so I have kept stíll and restrained myself; so now I will cry out like a woman in labour, Í will gasp and pant.
- I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry ūp all their herbage;
- I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools.
- I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by paths they have not known Í will guide them.
- I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground.

# Canticle

*Isa 49* 

- Hus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Hóly One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,
- 'Kings shall sée and stánd up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
- Because of the Lórd, who is fáithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

- Thus says the Lord: In a time of favour Í have ánswered you, on a day of salvation Í have hélped you;
- I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the péople, • to establish the land, to apportion the désõlate héritage;
- Saying to the prisoners, 'Cóme out', to those who are in dárkness, 'Shów yourselves.'
- They shall féed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall bé their pasture;
- They shall not húnger ór thirst, neither scorching wind nor sún shall stríke them down,
- For he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them.
- And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up.
- Lo, these shall come from far away, so and lo, these from the north and from the west, so and these from the land of Syene.
- Sing for joy, O heavens, ánd exúlt, O earth; break forth, O mountains, ínto singing!

For the Lord has comforted his people, and on his suffering ones he will have compassion.

#### ADVENT

- V. Send the Lamb, O Lord, the Ruler of the land,
- R. From Sela, by way of the desert, to the mount of daughter Zion.

#### Christmas Eve

- V. Today you shall know that the Lord is coming.
- R. And in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord.

## **CHRISTMASTIDE**

## Canticle

Isa 9

- He people who walked in darkness have séen a gréat light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, ón them light has shined.
- You have multiplied the nátion, you háve incréased its joy;
- They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.
- For the yoke of their burden, and the bar acróss their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; a authority rests ūpón his shoulders;

And he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, • Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grów continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness • from this time onwards and for evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## Canticle

Isa 66

Ejoice with Jerusalem, ánd be glád for her, sāll yóu who lóve her;

Rejóice with hér in joy, sall you who mourn for her,

That you may nurse and be satisfied from hér consóling breast; • that you may drink deeply with delight from her glórious bósom.

- For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
- And you shall nurse and be cárried ón her arm, s and dándled ón her knees.
- As a mother comforts her child, số Ī will cómfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerúsalem.
- You shall see, and your héart sháll rejoice; vour bodies sháll flóurish líke the grass.

# Canticle Isa 26

- E háve ã strong cíty; the Lord sets up victory lĩke wálls and búlwarks.
- Open thé gates, so that the righteous nation that kēeps fáith may énter in.
- Those of steadfast mind you kéep in peace, so in peace bēcáuse they trúst in you.
- Trust in the Lord for éver, for in the Lord God you have an éverlásting rock.
- For he has brought low the inhábītants óf the height; the lofty cíty hé lays low.

- He lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust. The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy.
- The way of the righteous is lével; O Just One, you make smooth the páth of the righteous.
- In the path of your judgements, O Lórd, we wáit for you; your name and your renown áre the sóul's desire.
- My soul yearns for you in the night, my spirit within me éarnēstly séeks you.
- For when your judgements are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.
- If favour is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; so in the land of uprightness they déal pervérsely so and do not see the májesty of the Lord.
- O Lord, your hand is lifted up, but they dó not sée it. See Let them see your zeal for your péoplē, and bé ashamed. Let the fire for your fóes consúme them.
- O Lord, you will ordain péace for us, for indeed, all that we have done, you have done for us. •

#### • THE HOLY FAMILY

- $\dot{\mathbf{V}}$ . To all who believed in his name,
- R. He gave power to become children of God.

#### • Sunday before Epiphany

- $\dot{V}$ . In the beginning was the Word,
- R. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

#### • SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- V. We observed his star in the East,
- R. And have come to pay him homage.

## **LENT**

## Canticle

*Jer 14* 

Et my eyes run down with téars night and day, sānd lét them nót cease,

For the virgin daughter, my people, is struck dówn with a crúshing blow, with a véry grievous wound.

If I go out into the field, look, those killed by the sword! And if I enter the city, look, those sick with famine!

For both prophet and priest ply their tráde throughout the land, and háve no knówledge.

Have you completely rejécted Júdah? • Does

- your héart loathe Zíon? Why have you struck us down so that there is no héaling for us?
- We look for péace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is térror instead.
- We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, of for we have sinned against you.
- Do not spurn us, fór your náme's sake; so do not dishónour your glórious throne; remember and do not break your cóvenant with us.

## Canticle

Lam 5

- Emember, O Lord, what hás befállen us; look, ånd sée óur disgrace!
- Our inheritance has been turned óvēr to strángers, so our hómes to áliens.
- We have become orphans, fátherless; our mothers are like widows.
- We must pay for the water we drink; the wood we get must be bought.
- With a yoke on our necks we áre hard dríven; we are weary, we are given nó rest.

- We have made a pact with Egypt and Assýria, story to get enough bread.
- Our ancestors sinned; they are no more, and we bear their iniquities.
- The jóy of our héarts has ceased; our dancing has been turned to mourning.
- The crown has fállen fróm our head; woe tō ús, for wé have sinned!
- Because of this our héarts are sick, because of these things our éyes have grówn dim.
- But you, O Lord, réign for éver; vour throne endures to all génerations.
- Why have you forgotten ús complétely? Why have you forsaken ús these mány days?
- Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we máy bé restored; renew our dáys ás of old.

## Canticle

Ezek 36

Will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land.

- I will sprinkle clean wátēr upón you, so and you shall be clean from áll your uncléannesses, and from all your idols Í will cléanse you.
- A new héart I will give you, and a new spirit I will pút within you;
- And I will remove from your bódy the héart of stone and give you a héart of flesh.
- I will put my spírīt withín you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to ốbsérve mý decrees.
- Then you shall live in the land that I gáve to your áncestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.
- First to Fourth Sunday of Lent
  - V. He shall cover you with his pinions,
  - R. And you shall find refuge under his wings.
- Passion Sunday and Palm Sunday
  - V. Although Christ was a Son,
  - R. He learned obedience through what he suffered.

## **Eastertide**

## Canticle

Isa 25 and 26

- He Lord will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, so the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.
- Then the Lord God will wipe away the téars from all fáces, so and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, so for the Lord has spoken.
- It will be said on that day, Ló, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that hé might save us.
- This is the Lord for whóm we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
- For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.
- Your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise. O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy!
- For your déw îs a rádiant dew, and the earth will give birth to those long dead.

## Canticle

*Isa 35* 

- He wilderness and the drý land sháll be glad, sthe desert shall rējóice and blóssom;
- Like the crocus it shall blóssom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.
- The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
- They shall see the glóry óf the Lord, the májēsty óf our God.
- Stréngthen the wéak hands, and make firm the féeble knees.
- Say to those who are of a féarful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Hére is your God.
- He will come with vengeance, with térrīble récompense. He will come and save you.'
- Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- Then the lame shall léap like a deer, and the tongue of the spéechless sing for joy.
- For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and stréams in the désert;

- The burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;
- The haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
- A híghway sháll be there, and it shall be cálled the Hóly Way;
- The unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall bé for God's péople; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
- No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous béast come úp on it; they shall not be found there, but the rédéemed shall wálk there.
- And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing;
- Everlasting joy shall bé upón their heads; they shall obtāin jóy and gládness.

# Canticle

- Hrist Jesus, though he was in the form of God, and did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
- But emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he húmbled hímself and became obedient to the point of death, evén déath ón a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

So that at the name of Jesus évery knée should bend, so in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue should confess that Jésus Christ is Lord, • to the glory of God the Fáther.

#### • SECOND TO SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- V. Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;
- R. Death no longer has dominion over him, alleluia, alleluia.

#### • SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

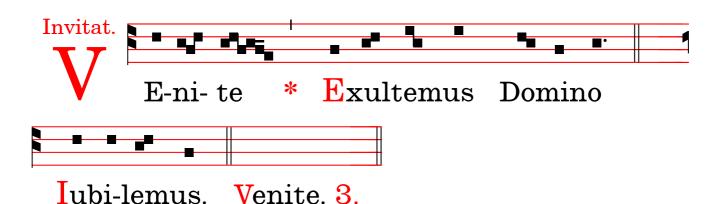
- V. Be exalted, O Lord, in your might;
- R. We will sing and praise your power, alleluia, alleluia.

#### • Pentecost Sunday

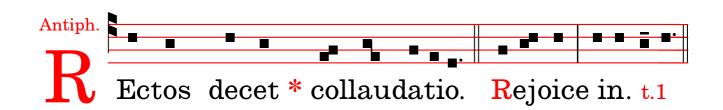
- $\dot{V}$ . In languages we hear them speaking
- R. About God's deeds of power, alleluia, alleluia.



## **MONDAY MATINS**



## FIRST NOCTURN



### Psalm 32

Ejoice in the Lórd, you ríghteous; sit is good for the júst tō sing práises.

Praise the Lórd with the harp; play to him upon the psálterý and lyre.

Sing for him a néw song; sound a fanfare with all your skill ūpón the trúmpet.

For the word of the Lord is right, • and all his works are sure.

- He loves righteousnéss and jústice; the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin and stores up the depths of the sea.
- Let all the éarth féar the Lord; let all who dwell in the world stánd in áwe of him.
- For he spóke, and it came to pass; he commanded, and it stood fast.
- The Lord brings the will of the nátions to naught; he thwarts the designs of the péoples.
- But the Lord's will stands fást for éver, and the designs of his héart from áge to age.
- Happy is the nation whose Gód is the Lord! Happy the people he has chósen to bé his own!
- The Lord looks dówn from héaven, and beholds all the péople in the world.
- From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

- He fashions áll the héarts of them and understands áll their works.
- There is no king that can be saved by a mighty ármy; a strong man is not delivered by his gréat strength.
- The horse is a vain hópe for deliverance; for all its stréngth it cánnot save.
- Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who féar him, so on those who wait upon his love, to pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.
- Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our hélp and our shield. Soul Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- Let your loving-kindness, O Lórd, be upón us, as we have pút our trúst in you.

- Will bless the Lórd at áll times; his praise shall éver be in my mouth.
- I will glóry ín the Lord; let the humblé héar ánd rejoice.

- Proclaim with me the gréatness of the Lord; let us exalt his Name togéther.
- I sought the Lórd, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.
- Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
- I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
- The angel of the Lord encompasses those who féar him, and he will deliver them.
- Taste and sée thất the Lórd is good; happy ãre théy who trúst in him!
- Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.
- The young lions lack and súffer húnger, but those who seek the Lord lack nóthing thát is good.
- Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the féar of the Lord. Who among you loves life and desires long life to enjoy prospérity?
- Keep your tongue from evil-speaking and your lips from lying words. •• Turn from évil ánd do good; seek péace ānd pursúe it.

The eyes of the Lord are upón the ríghteous, and his ears are ópen tó their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do évil, so to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

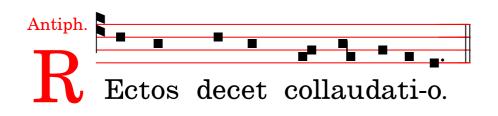
The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

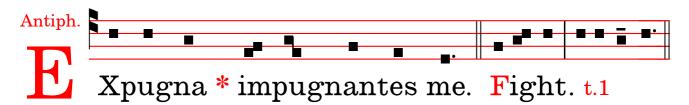
The Lord is near to the bróken-héarted and will save those whose spírits áre crushed.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, so but the Lord will deliver him out of them all. He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall sláy the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be púnished.

The Lord ransoms the life of his sérvants, and none will be púnished who trúst in him.





- Ight those who fight mé, O Lord; sattack those who are attacking me. Take up shield and armour and rīse up to hélp me.
- Draw the sword and bar the way against those who pursue me; say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.'
- Let those who seek after my life be shámed and húmbled; let those who plot my ruin fāll báck and bé dismayed.
- Let them be like cháff befóre the wind, and let the angel of the Lord drive them away.
- Let their way be dárk and slíppery, and let the angel of the Lord pursúe them.
- For they have secretly spread a net for mé without a cause; without a cause they have dug a pit to take mé alive.
- Let ruin come upón them únawares; so let them be cáught în the nét they hid; so let them fall into the pit they dug.
- Then I will be jóyful ín the Lord; I will glory ín his víctory.

- My very bones will say, 'Lord, whó is líke you? Son You deliver the poor from those who are too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.'
- Malicious witnesses rise úp agáinst me; they charge me with matters I know nóthing ábout.
- They pay me evil in exchange for good; my soul is full of despair.
- But when they were sick I dréssed in sáckcloth and humbled mỹsélf by fásting;
- I prayed with my whole heart, as one would for a friend or a brother; I behaved like one who mourns for his mother, bowed down and grieving.
- But when I stumbled, they were glad and gáthered togéther; they gáthered agáinst me; trangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and would not stop.
- They put me to the test and mocked me; they gnashed at me with their teeth.
- O Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue me from the roaring beasts, and my life from the young lions.

- I will give you thanks in the great cóngregátion; I will praise you in the mighty throng.
- Do not let my treacherous foes rejóice óver me, nor let those who hate me without a cause wink at each óther.
- For they dó not plán for peace, but invent deceitful schemes against the quiet in the land.
- They opened their mouths at me and said, said, 'Aha! We saw it with our own eyes.'
- You saw it, O Lord; do nót be sílent; O Lord, do nót be fár from me.
- Awake, aríse, tó my cause! To my defence, mỹ Gód and mý Lord!
- Give me justice, O Lord my God, according to your righteousness; do not let them triumph over me.
- Do not let them say in their hearts, 'Aha! Júst whát we want!' Do not let them say, 'We hãve swállowed hím up.'
- Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashámed ánd disgraced; let those who boast against me be clóthed with dismáy and shame.

Let those who favour my cause sing out with jóy ánd be glad; let them say always, 'Great is the Lord, who desires the prosperity of his sérvant.'

And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness and of your praise all day long.



## Psalm 36

O not fret yourself because of évildóers; • do not be jealous õf thóse who dó wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lórd ánd do good; • dwell in the land and féed on its riches.

- Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give your your héart's desire.
- Commit your way to the Lord and pút your trúst in him, and he will bring it to pass.
- He will make your righteousness as cléar ás the light and your just dealing ás the nóonday.
- Be still before the Lord and wait pátiently fór him. So Do not fret yourself over the óne who próspers, the one who sūccéeds in évil schemes.
- Refrain from ánger, leave ráge alone; do not fret yourself; it leads ónly to évil.
- For evildoers sháll be cút off, but those who wait upon the Lórd shãll posséss the land.
- In a little while the wicked shall be no more; vou shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- But the lowly shall possess the land; in abundance of peace they will delight.
- The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash at them with their teeth.
- The Lord láughs at the wicked, because he sées that their dáy will come.

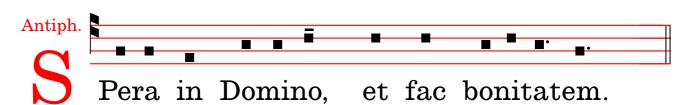
- The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.
- Their sword shall go through their own heart, and their bow shall be broken.
- The little that the righteous has is better than great riches of the wicked. So For the power of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.
- The Lord cares for the lives of the godly, and their inheritance shall last for ever.
- They shall not be ashámed in bád times, and in days of famíne théy shall háve enough.
- As for the wicked, they shall perish, so and the enemies of the Lord, like the glory of the meadows, shall vanish; like smoke they shall vanish.
- The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous are generous in giving.
- Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.
- Our steps are dirécted by the Lord; he strengthens those in whôse wáy hé delights.

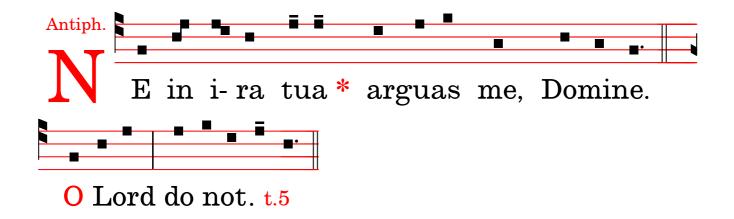
- If they stumble, they shall nót fall héadlong, so for the Lord hólds them bý the hand.
- I have been young and nów Í am old, but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or thēir children bégging bread.
- The righteous are always generous in their lénding, and their children shall bé a bléssing.

## **Division**

- Urn from evil, do good, and dwell in the lánd for éver. So For the Lórd loves jústice; he does not főrsáke his fáithful ones.
- They shall be kept sáfe for éver, but the offspring of the wicked shall bé destroyed.
- The righteous shall possess the land and dwell in it for éver. •• The mouth of the righteous útters wisdom, and thēir tóngue speaks whát is right.
- The law of their Gód is in their heart, and their footsteps sháll not fálter.
- The wicked spý on the ríghteous and seek occásion to kíll them.

- The Lord will not abandon them to their hand, on nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.
- Wait upon the Lórd and kéep his way; so he will raise you úp to posséss the land, so and when the wicked are cut off, you will sée it.
- I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, so flourishing like ā trée in full leaf.
- I went by, and behold, they were not there; so I searched for them, but they could not be found.
- Mark those who are honest; obsérve the úpright; for there is a future fór the péaceable.
- Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; the future of the wicked is cut off.
- But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; • he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- The Lord will help them and rescue them; •• he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.





### Psalm 37

Lord, do not rebuke me ín your ánger; • do not púnīsh me ín your wrath.

For your arrows have alréady pierced me, and your hand presses hard upon me.

There is no health in my flesh, because of your indignation; there is no soundness in my body, because of my sin.

For my iniquities óverwhélm me; like a heavy burden they are too múch for mé to bear.

My wounds stink and fester by reason of my foolishness. So I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; I go about in mourning all day long.

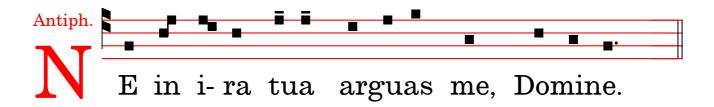
My loins are filled with séaring pain; 

there is no héalth în my bódy.

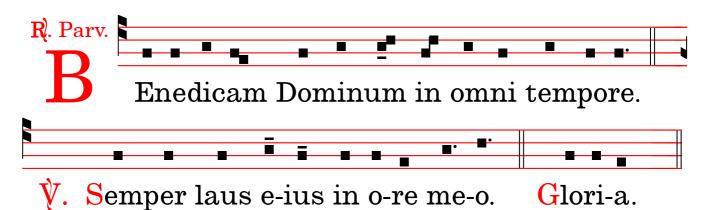
I am úttērly númb and crushed; • I wail, because of the gróaning of my heart.

- O Lord, you know áll mý desires, and my sighing is not hídden fróm you.
- My heart is pounding, my stréngth has fáiled me, and the brightness of mỹ éyes is góne from me.
- My friends and companions draw back from mý afflíction; my neighbõurs stánd afár off.
- Those who seek after my life lay snáres for me; those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin and plot tréachery áll day long.
- But I am like the déaf who dó not hear, so like those who are mute and do not ópen théir mouth.
- I have become like one who does not hear and from whose mouth comes no defence.
- For in you, O Lord, háve I fíxed my hope; vou will answer mé, O Lórd my God.
- For I said, 'Do not let them rejoice at my expense, those who gloat over me when my foot slips.'
- Truly, I am on the verge of falling, and my pain is álways with me. I will confess my iniquity and be sórry fór my sin.

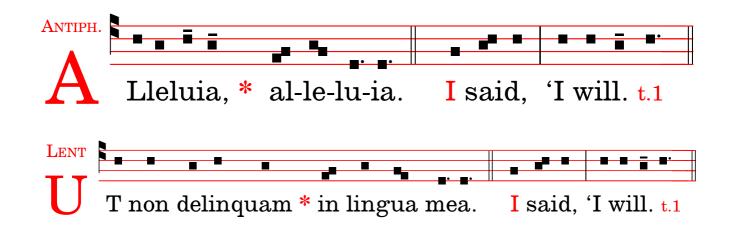
- Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.
- Those who repay evil for good slander me, because I follow the course that is right.
- O Lord, do nót forsáke me; SO my God, do nót be fár from me. Make haste to help me, O Lord of mý salvátion.



- Ordinary Time
  - V. Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens.
  - R. And your faithfulness to the clouds.



## SECOND NOCTURN



- Said, 'I will keep wátch upón my ways, so that I do not õffénd with mý tongue.
- I will put a múzzle ón my mouth while the wicked are in my présence.
- So I held my tóngue and said nóthing; I refrained from rash words; but my pain becáme unbéarable.
- My heart was hót withín me; so while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; so I spóke out with my tongue:
- Lord, let me know my end and the númber óf my days, so that I may know how short my life is.
- You have given me a mere handful of days, and my lifetime is as nóthing in your sight; truly,

- even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.
- We walk about like a shadow, and in vain we áre in túrmoil; we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gáther them.
- And now, what is my hope? O Lord, mỹ hópe is in you.
- Deliver me from áll mỹ transgréssions and do not make me thể táunt óf the fool.
- I fell silent and did not ópen mý mouth, so for surely it was you that did it.
- Take your affliction from me; I am worn down by the blows of your hand.
- With rebukes for sin you punish us; so like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.
- Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give éar tó my cry; hold not your péace at mý tears.
- For I am but a sójõurner with you, a wayfarer, as áll my fórebears were.
- Turn your gaze from me, that I máy be glád again, before I go mỹ wáy and ám no more.

- Waited patientlý upón the Lord; he stooped tō mé and héard my cry.
- He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- He put a new song in my mouth, a song of práise tó our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put thếir trúst ín the Lord.
- Happy are they who trúst in the Lord! They do not resort to evil spirits or túrn to fálse gods.
- Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! •• How great your wonders and your plans for us! There is none who can be compared with you.
- Oh, that I could make them knówn and téll them! But they are móre than Í can count.
- In sacrifice and offering you take no pléasure vou have given me éars to héar you;
- Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, Behold, I come.
- In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*\* "I love to do your will, my God; \* your

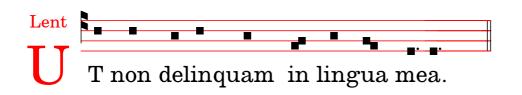
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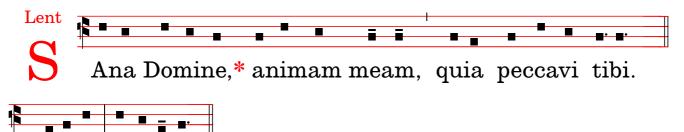
- I proclaimed righteousness in the great cóngregátion; behold, I did not restrain my lips; ānd thát, O Lórd, you know.
- Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; S I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- You are the Lord; do not withhold your compássion fróm me; let your love and your faithfulness keep mē sáfe for éver,
- For innumerable troubles have crówdēd upón me; my sins have overtaken me, ánd I cánnot see; they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.
- Be pleased, O Lórd, tō delíver me; O Lord, māke háste to hélp me.
- Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.
- Let those who say 'Aha!' and gloat over me bé confounded, bēcáuse they áre ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejóice and be glád in you; let those who love your salvation continually say, 'Gréat is the Lord!'

Though I am póor ānd afflícted, • the Lord wīll háve regárd for me.

You are my helper and mý delíverer; do nőt tárry, Ó my God.





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## Psalm 40

Appy are they who consider the póor and néedy! • The Lord will deliver them in the time of trouble.

The Lord preserves them and kéeps thém alive, so that they may be háppy in the land; he does not hand them over to the will of their énemies.

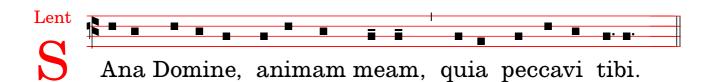
- The Lord sustains them on their sickbed and ministers to them in their illness.
- I said, 'Lord, be mércīful tó me; heal me, for I hāve sinned against you.'
- My enemies are saying wicked things about me: 'When will he die, and his name pérish?'
- Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; their heart collects false rumours; they go outside and spread them.
- All my enemies whisper togéther about me and devise évîl against me.
- 'A deadly thing,' they say, 'has fástened ón him; he has taken to his bed and will névēr get úp again.'
- Even my best friend, whom I trusted, whó broke bréad with me, has lifted up his heel and túrned agáinst me.
- But you, O Lord, be merciful to mé and ráise me up, and I sháll repáy them.
- By this I know you are pléased with me, sthat my enemy does not triumph over me.
- In my integrity you hold me fast, and shall set me before your face for ever.

Blessed be the Lord Gód of Ísrael, • from age to age. Ámen. Ámen.

- A S the deer longs for the water-brooks, so so longs mỹ soul for you, O God.
- My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the présence of God?
- My tears have been my food dáy and night, while all day long they say to mē, 'Whére now is your God?'
- I pour out my soul when Í think ón these things: how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
- With the voice of práise and thanksgiving, among those who keep holy-day.
- Why are you so full of héavīness, Ó my soul? And why are you so disquietéd within me?
- Put your trust in God; for I will yét give thánks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- My soul is héavy within me; so therefore I will

remember you from the lánd of Jórdan, and from the peak of Mizar among the héights of Hérmon.

- One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the dáytime; in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of mý life.
- I will say to the God of my strength, 'Why have you forgotten me? And why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?'
- While my bones are being broken, my enemies móck me tó my face; all day long they mock me and say to me, 'Where now is your God?'
- Why are you so full of héaviness, Ó my soul? And why are you so disquietéd within me?
- Put your trust in God; for I will yét give thánks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.





E have heard with our ears, O God, our forefáthers have tóld us, • the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

How with your hand you drove the péoples out so and planted our forefáthers in the land; how you destroyed nations and made your péople flourish.

For they did not take the lánd bý their sword, on nor did their arm win víctory fór them;

But your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you favoured them.

You are my King and my God; you command victories for Jacob.

Through you we pushed báck our énemies; through your Name we trampled on those who rose úp agáinst us.

For I do not relý ón my bow, and my sword does not give mē the victory.

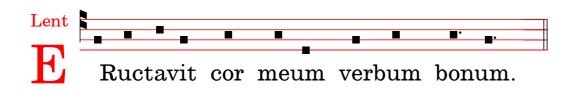
- Surely, you gave us victory óvēr our énemies and put to shāme thóse who háte us.
- Every day we glóried in God, and we will praise your Name for éver.
- Nevertheless, you have rejéctéd and húmbled us and do not go fórth with our ármies.
- Before our adversary you have máde us fáll back, and our enemíes have plúndered us.
- You have made us like shéep to be éaten and have scattered us among the nátions.
- You are selling your people for a trifle and are making no profit on the sale of them.
- You have made us the scórn of our néighbours, a mockery and derision to those around us.
- You have made us a byword among the nátions, a laughing-stock among the péoples.
- My humiliation is daily before me, and shame has covered my face; so because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphémers, so because of the enemy and avenger.
- All this has come upon us; yet we have not forgotten you, nor have we betrayed your covenant.

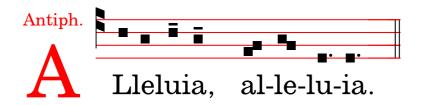
- Our heart néver túrned back, nor did our footstēps stráy from your path;
- Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, and covered us over with deep darkness.
- If we have forgotten the Name of our God, so or stretched out our hands to some strange god, will not God find it out? For he knows the secrets of the heart.
- Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- Awake, O Lord! Whý āre you sléeping? Arise! Do not rejéct ūs for éver.
- Why have you hidden your face and forgotten our affliction and oppression?
- We sink down into the dust; our body cléaves to the ground. So Rise úp, and hélp us, so and save us, for the sáke of your stéadfast love.

Y heart is stirring with a nóble song; selet me recite what I have fáshioned fór

- the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- You are the fáirest óf men; grace flows from your lips, because God has bléssed you for éver.
- Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, sin your pride and in your majesty.
- Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.
- Your right hand will show you márvellous things; your arrows are very sharp, Õ míghty wárrior.
- The peoples are fálling át your feet, and the king's enemies are lósing heart.
- Your throne, O God, endures for éver and éver, so a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- Therefore God, your God, hás anóinted you with the oil of gladness ābóve your féllows.
- All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, álões, and cássia, and the music of strings from ivory pálãces mákes you glad.

- King's daughters stand among the ládies óf the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Óphir.
- 'Hear, O daughter; consider and listen clósely; so forget your people and your father's house.
- The king will have pleasure in your béauty; he is your master; therefore dó him hónour.
- The people of Tyre are hére with a gift; the rich among the people séek your fávour.'
- All glorious is the princess as she enters; her gówn is clóth-of-gold. In embroidered apparel she is bróught tó the king; after her the bridesmaids follow in procéssion.
- With joy and gládness théy are brought, and enter into the pálace of the king.
- 'In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; • therefore nations will praise you for éver and éver.'



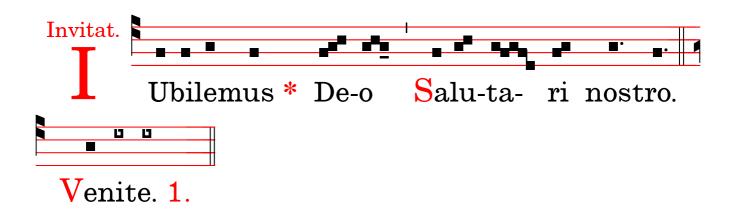


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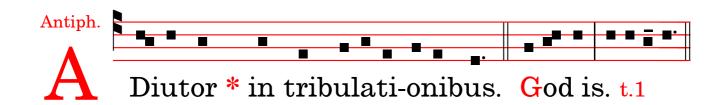
- V. Lord, be merciful to me.
- R. Heal me, for I have sinned against you.



# **TUESDAY MATINS**



# FIRST NOCTURN



# Psalm 45

Od is our réfuge ánd strength, a very present hélp in trouble.

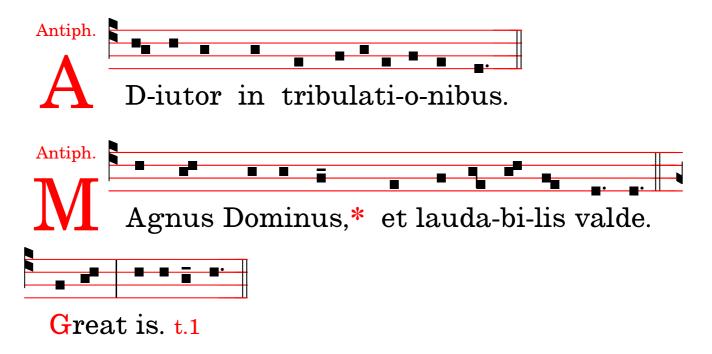
Therefore we will not fear, though the éarth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the dépths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The Lord of hósts is with us; • the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

- There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- God is in the midst of her; she shall nót be óverthrown; God shall help her át the bréak of day.
- The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken, and the éarth shall mélt away.
- The Lord of hósts is with us; the God of Jacob is our strónghold.
- Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, what awesome things he has done on earth.
- It is he who makes war to céase in áll the world; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, ānd búrns the shields with fire.
- Be still, then, and knów that Í am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.
- The Lord of hósts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. •

- Lap your hands, áll you péoples; shout to Gód with a crý of joy.
- For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great King over all the earth.
- He subdues the péoples únder us, and the nations under our feet.
- He chooses our inhéritance for us, the pride of Jácob whom he loves.
- God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- Sing praises to Gód, sing práises; sing praises to õur Kíng, sing práises.
- For God is King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.
- God reigns óvēr the nátions; God sits ūpón his hóly throne.
- The nobles of the peoples have gáthered togéther with the people of the Gód of Ábraham.
- The rulers of the éarth belóng to God, and he is highly exalted.



Reat is the Lord, and highly to be praised; so in the city of our God is his holy hill.

Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, • the very centre of the world and the city of the great King.

God is in her citadels; • he is known to be her sure réfuge.

Behold, the kings of the éarth assémbled and marched fórwards togéther.

They looked and wére astóunded; they retreated and fléd in térror.

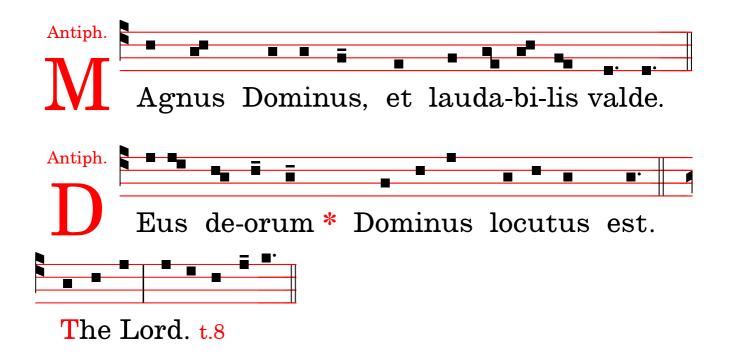
Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a wómān in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the éast wind shátters them.

- As we have héard, so háve we seen, so in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God has established hér for éver.
- We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, Ó God, sin the midst of your temple.
- Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of justice.
- Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Júdah réjoice, because of your júdgements.
- Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; count the number of her towers.
- Consider well her bulwarks; exámine her stróngholds; that you may tell those who come áfter.
- This God is our God for évēr and éver; he shall be our guide for évermore.

Ear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwéll in the world, you of high degree and low, rich and poor togéther.

- My mouth shall spéak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- I will incline my éar tō a próverb and set forth my ríddlē upón the harp.
- Why should I be afráid in évil days, when the wickedness of those at mỹ héels surróunds me,
- The wickedness of those who put their trúst in their goods, and boast of their great riches?
- We can never ránsom óurselves, sor deliver to God the príce of óur life;
- For the ransom of our life is só great, so that we should never have enough to pay it, in order to live for ever and ever, and never see the grave.
- For we see that the wise die álso; so like the dull and stúpīd they pérish and leave their wealth to those who come áfter them.
- Their graves shall be their hómes for éver, their dwelling-places from generation to génerátion, though they call the lands áfter their ówn names.
- Even though honoured, they cannot live for éver; they are like the béasts that pérish.

- Such is the way of those who foolishly trúst in themselves, and the end of those who delight in their ówn words.
- Like a flock of sheep they are déstined tó die; Death is their shepherd; they go down stráightway tó the grave.
- Their fórm shall wáste away, and the land of the déad shall bé their home.
- But God will ránsom mý life; he will snatch mẽ fróm the grásp of death.
- Do not be envious when some become rich, or when the grandeur of their house incréases;
- For they will carry nothing away at their death, nor will their grandeur follow them.
- Though they thought highly of themsélves whíle they lived, and were práised for théir success,
- They shall join the company of their forebears, who will never see the light again.
- Those who are honoured, but have no understanding, are like the beasts that pérish.



He Lord, the God of góds, has spóken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sún tō its sétting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its béauty, • God reveals hīmsélf in glóry.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a ráging storm.

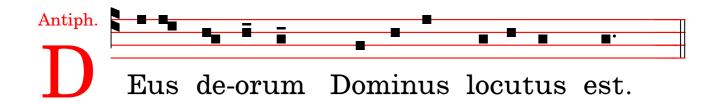
He calls the heavens and the éarth fróm above to witness the judgement óf his péople.

'Gather before me my lóyal fóllowers, those who have made a covenant with me and séaled ît with sácrifice.'

- Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.
- Hear, O my péoplé, and Í will speak: 'O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for Í am Gód, your God.
- I do not accuse you because of your sácrifíces; vour offerings are álwãys befóre me.
- I will take no búll-calf fróm your stalls, nor he-goats óut of your pens;
- For all the beasts of the fórest áre mine, the herds in their thóusands upón the hills.
- I know every bird in the sky, and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.
- If I were hungry, I would not tell you, so for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.
- Do you think I éat the flésh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?
- Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.
- Call upon me in the dáy of tróuble; I will deliver you, and you shall honour me.'

- But to the wicked God says: 'Why do you recite my státutes, so and take my covenánt upón your lips; since you refuse discipline, and toss mỹ wórds behínd your back?
- When you see a thief, you máke hím your friend, and you cast in your lót with adúlterers.
- You have loosed your lips for évil, and harnessed your tongue to a lie.
- You are always speaking evil of your brother and slandering your own mother's son.
- These things you have done, and Í kept still, and you thought that Í am líke you.
- I have made my áccusátion; I have put my case in órder befóre your eyes.
- Consider this well, you who forget God, lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving hónours me; but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvátion of God.' \*

- Ou tyrant, why do you bóast of wíckedness against the gódly áll day long?
- You plot ruin; your tongue is like a shárpened rázor, O worker óf decéption.
- You love évil móre than good so and lying more than spéaking thé truth. You love all words that hurt, Õ yóu decéitful tongue.
- Oh, that God would demólīsh you útterly, so topple you, and snatch you fróm your dwélling, so and root you out of the lánd of the líving!
- The righteous shall sée and trémble, and they shall láugh āt him, sáying,
- This is the one who did not take Gód főr a réfuge, but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness.'
- But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God for éver and éver.
- I will give you thanks for what you have done and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.



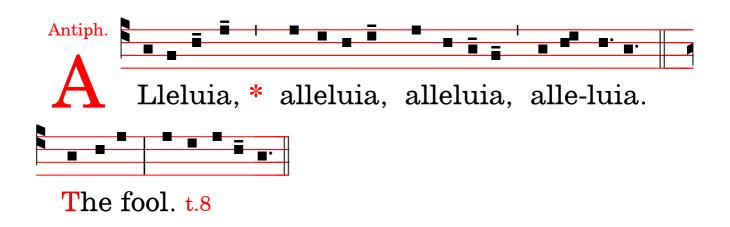
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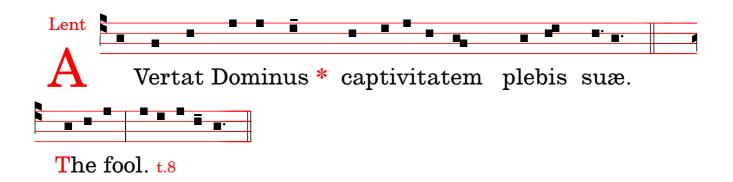
- V. Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.
- R. And make good your vows to the Most High.



Glori-a Patri et Fili-o, et Spiritu-i Sancto.

# SECOND NOCTURN





He fool has said in his héart, 'There is no God.' All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

God looks down from héaven upón us all, so to see if there is ány whó is wise, so if there is óne who seeks áfter God.

Every one has proved faithless; all alíke have túrned bad; • there is none whō dóes good; nó, not one.

Have they no knowledge, those évildóers • who eat up my people like bread and do not cáll upón God?

See how greatly they tremble, such trémbling as néver was; so for God has scattered the bónes of the énemy; they are put to shame, because Gód hās rejécted them.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

# Psalm 53

Ave me, O Gód, bý your Name; sin your míght, defénd my cause.

Hear my práyer, Ó God; • give ear to the words of mý mouth.

For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the rúthless have sought my life, • those who have nó regárd for God.

Behold, Gód īs my hélper; sit is the Lórd whō sustains my life.

Render evil to thóse who spý on me; sin your faithfūlnéss, destróy them.

I will offer you a fréewill sácrifice and praise your Name, Õ Lórd, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from évery trouble, and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes. •



Ear my prayer, O God; do not hide yourself from mý petítion. Listen to mé and ánswer me; I have no peace, bēcáuse of mý cares.

I am shaken by the noise of the enemy and by the pressure of the wicked;

For they have cast an evil spéll upón me and are set agáinst mē in fúry.

My heart quákes withín me, and the terrors of death have fállen upón me.

Fear and trembling háve come óver me, and horror óverwhélms me.

And I said, 'Oh, that I had wings like a dove! • I would fly away and be at rest.

I would flée to a fár-off place and make my lodging in the wilderness.

- I would hásten tó escape s from the stormy wind and témpest.'
- Swallow them up, O Lórd; confóund their speech; for I have seen violence and strífe în the city.
- Day and night the watchmen make their rounds upon her walls, but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.
- There is corrúption át her heart; her streets are never free of oppréssion ánd deceit.
- For had it been an adversarý who táunted me, then Ĩ cóuld have bórne it;
- Or had it been an enemy who vaunted himsélf agáinst me, then I could hāve hídden fróm him.
- But it was you, a man áfter my ówn heart, my companion, mỹ ówn famíliar friend.
- We took sweet counsel together, and walked with the throng in the house of God.
- Let death come upon them suddenly; let them go down alive into the grave; for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their véry midst.

- But I will cáll upón God, and the Lórd will deliver me.
- In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday, I will complain and lament, and he will hear my voice.
- He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; for there are many who fight me.
- God, who is enthroned of old, will héar me and bring them down; they never change; they do not fear God.
- My companion stretched forth his hand against his cómrade; he has bróken his cóvenant.
- His speech is softer than butter, but war is in his heart. His words are smoother than õil, but they are drawn swords.
- Cast your burden upon the Lord, and hé will sustain you; he will never let the righteous stumble.
- For you will bring the bloodthirsty and decéitful so down to the pit of destruction, O God.
- They shall not live out hálf their days, but I will pút my trúst in you.

Ave mercy on me, O God, for my enemies are hounding me; all day long they assault and oppress me.

They hound me áll the dáy long; truly there are many who fight āgáinst me, Ó Most High.

Whenever I am afraid, I will pút my trúst in you. So In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not bé afraid, for what cấn flésh dó to me?

All day long they dámage mý cause; • their only thought is tō dó me évil.

They band togéther; they lie in wait; • they spy upon my footsteps; because they seek my life.

Shall they escape despite their wickedness? • O God, in your anger, cast down the péoples.

You have noted my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle; are they not recorded in your book?

Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; this I know, for God is on my side.

In God the Lord, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, for what can mortals do to me?

I am bound by the vow I máde to yóu, O God; I will present tō yóu thank-ófferings;

For you have rescued my soul from death and my féet from stúmbling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living.



#### Psalm 57

O you indeed decree righteousnéss, you rúlers? Do you judge the péoples with équity?

No; you devise évil in your hearts, and your hands deal out violence in the land.

The wicked are pervérse fróm the womb; so liars go astráy from théir birth.

They are as venomous ás a sérpent, they are like the deaf ádder which stóps its ears,

- Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, so no matter how skilful his charming.
- O God, break the téeth in their mouths; pull the fangs of the young lions, Ó Lord.
- Let them vanish like water that runs off; let them wither like trodden grass.
- Let them be like the snáil that mélts away, so like a stillborn child that néver sées the sun.
- Before they bear fruit, let them be cut dówn līke a brier; • like thorns and thistles lēt thém be swépt away.
- The righteous will be glad when they sée the véngeance; they will bathe their feet in the blóod of the wicked.
- And they will say, 'Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; surely, there is a God who rules in the earth.'

Escue me from my énēmies, Ó God; protect me from those who rīse úp agáinst me.

Rescue me from évildóers and save me from those who thírst for my blood.

- See how they lie in wait for my life, so how the mighty gather togéther against me; not for any offence or fault of mine, O Lord.
- Not because of ány guilt of mine they run and prepare themsélves for báttle.
- Rouse yourself, come tó my síde, and see; for you, Lord of hosts, are Gód of Ísrael.
- Awake, and punish all the ungodly; show no mercy to those who are faithless and evil.
- They go to and fro in the évening; they snarl like dogs and run ābout the city.
- Behold, they boast with their mouths, and taunts are on their lips; 'For who,' they say, 'will hear us?'
- But you, O Lórd, you láugh at them; you laugh all the ũngódly tó scorn.
- My eyes are fixed on you, Ó my Strength; for you, O Gód, āre my strónghold.
- My merciful God cómes to méet me; God will let me look in triūmph ón my énemies.
- Slay them, lest my péople forgét, O God; send them reeling by your might and put them dówn, O Lórd our shield.

For the sins of their mouths, for the words of their lips, • for the cursing and lies that they utter, let them be caught in their pride.

Make an énd of them in your wrath; so make an end of them, and they shall be no more.

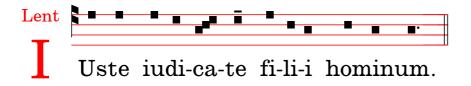
Let everyone know that Gód rūles in Jácob, and to thể énds óf the earth.

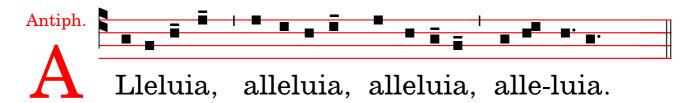
They go to and fro in the évening; so they snarl like dogs and run about the city. They forage for food, and if they are not filled, they howl.

For my part, I will sing of your strength; • I will celebrate your love in the morning;

For you have become my stronghold, a refuge in the day of my trouble.

To you, O my Stréngth, will I sing; for you, O God, are my stronghold and mỹ mércifúl God.



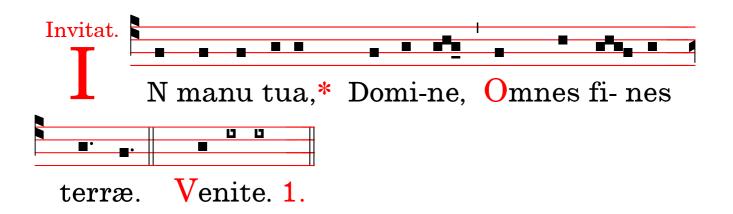


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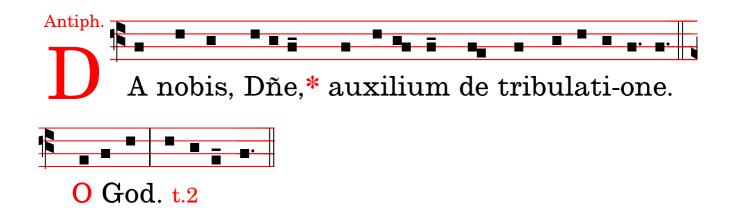
V. O God, I have declared to you my life.

R. You have set my tears in your sight.

# **WEDNESDAY MATINS**



# FIRST NOCTURN



# Psalm 59

God, you have cast us off and broken us; you have been angry; oh, take ūs báck to you again.

You have shaken the earth and split it open; repair the cracks in it, for it totters.

You have made your péople know hárdship; so you have given us wine that mákes us stágger.

- You have set up a banner for those who féar you, so to be a refuge from the power of the bow.
- Save us by your right hánd and ánswer us, that those who are dear to you mãy bé delívered.
- God spoke from his holy place and said: 'I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.
- Gilead is mine and Manásseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet and Júdāh my scéptre.
- Moab is my wash-basin, on Edom I throw down my sándāl to cláim it, and over Philistia will Ī shout in triumph.
- Who will lead me into the strong city? Who will bring me into Édom?
- Have you not cást us óff, O God? You no longer go out, O Gōd, with our ármies.
- Grant us your help against the énemy, so for vain is the hélp of man.
- With God we will do váliant deeds, and he shall tread our énemies under foot.

Ear my cry, O God, and listen to my práyer. So I call upon you from the ends of the earth with héavīness in my heart; set me upon the rock that īs higher thán I.

For you have béen my réfuge, a strong tower against the énemy.

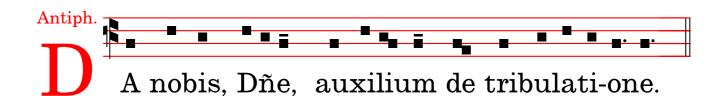
I will dwell in your house for éver; I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.

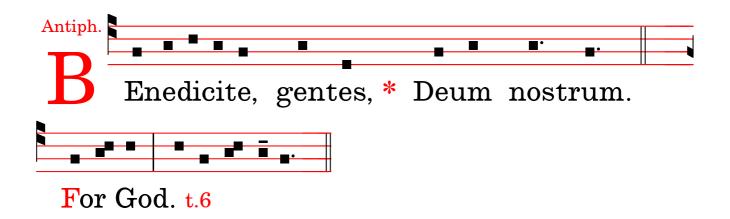
For you, O Gód, have héard my vows; you have granted me the heritage of those who féar your Name.

Add length of days to the king's life; let his years extend over many génerations.

Let him sit enthroned before Gód for éver; • bid love and faithfülnéss watch óver him.

So will I always sing the práise of your Name, and day by day I will fulfil my vows.





Or God alone my sóul in sílence waits; sfrom him comes my salvátion.

He alone is my rock and mý salvátion, my stronghold, so that I shall not be gréatly sháken.

How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you togéther, as if you were a leaning fénce, a toppling wall?

They seek only to bring me down from my pláce of hónour; so líes are their chíef delight. They bless with their lips, but in their héarts they curse.

For God alone my sóul in sílence waits; • truly, mỹ hópe is ín him.

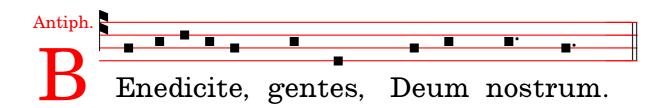
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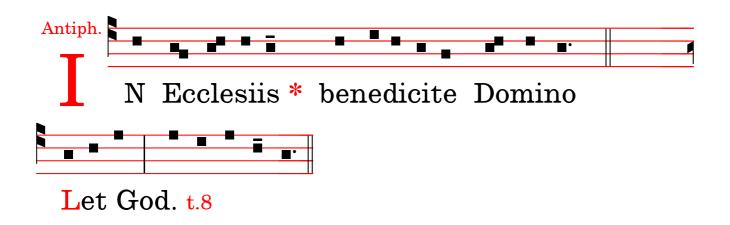
- In God is my safety ánd my hónour; God is my strong róck ānd my réfuge.
- Put your trust in him álwãys, O péople, pour out your hearts before him, for Gód īs our réfuge.
- Those of high degree are bút a fléeting breath, even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- On the scales they are lighter than a breath, all of them together.
- Put no trust in extortion; in robbery táke no émpty pride; though wealth increase, set not your héart upón it.
- God has spoken once, twice have I héard it, that pówer belóngs to God.
- Steadfast lóve is yours, O Lord, for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

E joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glóry óf his Name; sing the glóry óf his praise.

- Say to God, 'How áwesome áre your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- All the earth bows dówn befóre you, sings tō yóu, sings óut your Name.'
- Come now and sée the wórks of God, how wonderful he is in his doing towards all péople.
- He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in him.
- In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch óver the nátions; let no rebel rise úp against him.
- Bless our Gód, you péoples; so make the voice of his práise tó be heard; so who holds our souls in life, and will not allów our féet to slip.
- For you, O Gód, have próved us; silver is tried yóu have tried us.
- You brought us íntó the snare; you laid heavy búrdēns upón our backs.

- You let enemies ride óver óur heads; so we went through fire and water; so but you brought us out into a place of refréshment.
- I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will páy yóu my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I wás in trouble.
- I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.
- Come and listen, all you who féar God, and I will tell you what hé has done for me.
- I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.
- If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would nót have héard me; but in truth Gód has héard me; he has attended to the vóice ōf my práyer.
- Blessed be God, who has not rejéctéd my práyer, nor withhéld his lóve from me.





Et God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flée before him.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the présence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejóice befóre God; • let them also be mérrỹ and jóyful.

Sing to God, sing práises tó his Name; se exalt him who rides upón the héavens; the Lord is his Name, rējóice befóre him!

Father of orphans, defénder of widows, • God in his holy hábitátion!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into fréedom; • but the rebels shall live in dry places.

- O God, when you went forth before your péople, when you marched through the wilderness,
- The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the Gód of Sínai, at the presence of God, the Gód of Ísrael.
- You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inhéritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- Your people found their home in it; so in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- The Lord gave the word; great was the company of women who bore the tidings:
- 'Kings with their armies are fléeing áway; the women at home are dīvíding thé spoils.'
- Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver, whose féathers are like green gold.
- When the Almighty scattered kings, so it was like snow falling in Zalmon.
- O mighty mountain, O híll of Báshan! O rugged mountain, Õ híll of Báshan!

- Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain, at the hill which God chose for his restingplace? Truly, the Lord will dwell there for ever.
- The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; the Lord comes in holinéss from Sínai.
- You have gone up on high and led captivity cáptive; so you have received gifts even fróm your énemies, that the Lord God might dwéll amóng them.

### Division

- Lessed be the Lórd dáy by day, the God of our salvation, who béars our búrdens.
- He is our God, the God of our salvation; God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.
- God shall crush the héads of his énemies, and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their wickedness.
- The Lord has said, 'I will bring them báck from Báshan; I will bring them back from thế dépths óf the sea;

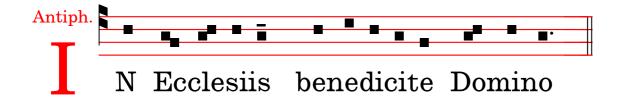
- That your foot mãy be dipped in blood, sthe tongues of your dogs in the blood of your énemies.'
- They see your procession, Ó God, your procession into the sanctuary, mỹ Gód and mý King.
- The singers go before, musicians fóllow áfter, so in the midst of maidens playing ūpón the hánd-drums.
- Bless God in the congregation; bless the Lord, you that are of the fountain of Israel.
- There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; so the princes of Judah in a company; and the princes of Zebūlon and Naphtali.
- Send fórth your stréngth, O God; sestablish, O God, whāt yóu have wróught for us.
- Kings shāll bring gifts to you, for your temple's sāke át Jerúsalem.
- Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.
- Trample down those who lust áfter sílver; scatter the peoples thát delight in war.
- Let tribute be brought out of Égypt; let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

Sing to God, O kíngdoms óf the earth; sīng práises tó the Lord.

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; • he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe pówer tó God; his majesty is over Israel; hīs stréngth is in the skies.

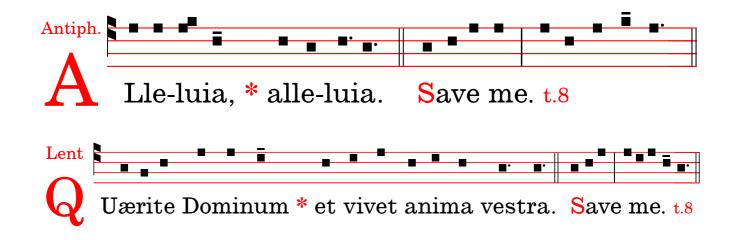
How wonderful is God in his hóly pláces! •• The God of Israel giving strength and power tó his péople! • Bléssed bé God!



- Ordinary Time
  - V. Bless our God, you peoples.
  - R. Make the voice of his praise to be heard.



# SECOND NOCTURN



# Psalm 68

- Ave me, O God, for the waters have risen úp tó my neck. I am sinking in deep mire, and there is no fírm ground fór my feet.
- I have come into deep waters, and the torrent washes over me.
- I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; my eyes have failed from looking for my God.
- Those who hate me without a cause are more than the háirs óf my head; so my lying foes who would destróy me are míghty. Must I then give báck what I néver stole?
- O God, you knów my fóolishness, and my faults are not hídden fróm you.

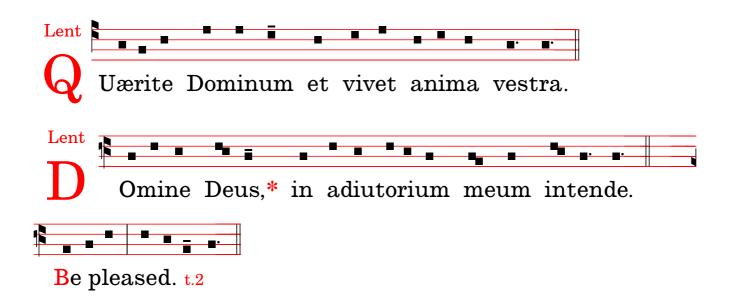
- Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through mé, Lord Gód of hosts; let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, Õ Gód of Ísrael.
- Surely, for your sake have I súffered réproach, and shame has covered my face.
- I have become a stranger to mý own kíndred, an alien to mỹ móther's children.
- Zeal for your house has éaten mé up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fállen upón me.
- I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach. I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.
- Those who sit at the gate múrmūr agáinst me, and the drunkards māke sóngs abóut me.
- But as for me, this is my práyer to you, at the time you have sét, O Lord:
- In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help. Save me from the mire; dó not lét me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.
- Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swállow mé up; do not let the Pit shut îts mouth upon me.' •

## Division

- A Nswer me, O Lord, fór your lóve is kind; sin your great compássion, túrn to me.
- Hide not your fáce from your sérvant; be swift and answer me, for Í am in distress.
- Draw near to me ánd redéem me; because of my enemies deliver me.
- You know my reproach, my shame, and mý dishónour; my adversaries are áll in your sight.
- Reproach has broken my heart, and it cánnót be healed; •• I looked for sympathy, bút thére was none, for comforters, but Ĩ cóuld find nó one.
- They gave me gall to eat, and they gave me vinegar to drink when I was thirsty.
- Let the table before them be a trap and their sácred féasts a snare. So Let their eyes be darkened, that they may nót see, so and give them continual trémbling in their loins.
- Pour out your indignátion upón them, and let the fierceness of your anger óvertáke them.
- Let their cámp be désolate, and let there be none to dwéll in théir tents.

- For they persecute him whom you have stricken and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.
- Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, and let them not receive your vindication.
- Let them be wiped out of the book of the living and not be written among the righteous.
- As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; your help, O God, will lift me up on high.
- I will praise the Name of God in song; I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.
- This will please the Lord more than an offering of óxen, more than búllōcks with hórns and hoofs.
- The afflicted shall sée ánd be glad; vou who seek Gód, your héart shall live.
- For the Lord listens to the néedy, and his prisoners hé does not despise.
- Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and all that moves in them;
- For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Júdah; they shall live there and have it in posséssion.

The children of his servants will inhérit it, sand those who love his Name will dwell therein.



# Psalm 69

E pleased, O Gód, tō delíver me; • O Lord, māke háste to hélp me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogéther dísmayed; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune drāw báck and bé disgraced.

Let those who say to me 'Aha!' and gloat óvēr me túrn back, • bēcáuse they áre ashamed.

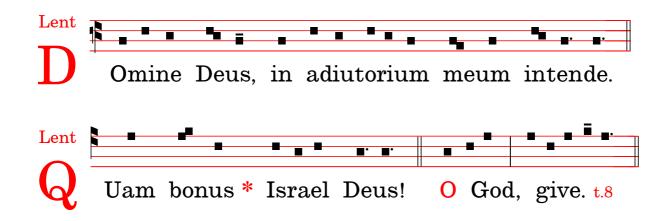
Let all who seek you rejóice and be glád in you; let those who love your salvation say for ever, 'Gréat is the Lord!'

- But as for me, I am póor and néedy; come to mē spéedilý, O God.
- You are my helper and mý delíverer; O Lord, dó not tárry.

- I N you, O Lord, have I táken réfuge; let mē néver bé ashamed.
- In your righteousness, deliver mé and sét me free; sincline your ear to mé and sáve me.
- Be my strong rock, a cástle to kéep me safe; so you are my crág and my stronghold.
- Deliver me, my God, from the hánd of the wicked, so from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppréssor.
- For you are my hópe, O Lórd God, my confidénce since Í was young.
- I have been sustained by you éver since I was born; so from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.
- l have become a pórtent to mány; but you are mỹ réfuge ánd my strength.

- Let my mouth be fúll of your praise and your glóry áll day long.
- Do not cast me off in my old age; so forsake me not when my strength fails.
- For my enemies are tálkīng agáinst me, and those who lie in wait for my life take cóunsel togéther.
- They say, 'God has forsaken him; go after him and séize him; because there is none who will save.'
- O God, bé not fár from me; come quickly tố hélp me, Ó my God.
- Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced; let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.
- But I shall always wáit in pátience, and shāll práise you móre and more.
- My mouth shall recount your mighty acts and sávīng deeds áll day long; though I cannot know the númber of them.
- I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord God; I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

- O God, you have táught mẽ since Í was young, and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.
- And now that I am old and grey-headed, O God, do nót forsáke me, till I make known your strength to this generation and your power tō áll who áre to come.
- Your righteousness, O God, reaches tó the héavens; you have done great things; whó īs like yóu, O God?
- You have showed me great troubles and calamities, but you will restore my life and bring me up again from the deep places of the earth.
- You stréngthen me more and more; vou enfold and comfort me,
- Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your faithfulness, Ó my God; I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy Óne of Ísrael.
- My lips will sing with jóy when I pláy to you, and so will my soul, which yóu háve redeemed.
- My tongue will proclaim your righteousness áll day long, for they are ashamed and disgraced who sought to do me harm. •



God, give the Kíng your jústice, and your righteousness tó the Kíng's Son;

That he may rule your péople ríghteously and the póor with jústice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the péople; and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the péople; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppréssor.

He shall live as long as the sún and móon endure, s from one generation tó anóther.

He shall come down like rain upón the mówn

- field, slike showers that water the earth.
- In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- He shall rúle from séa to sea, and from the River to thể énds óf the earth.
- His foes shall bow dówn befóre him, and his énemies líck the dust.
- The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- All kings shall bow dówn befóre him, and all the nations dó him sérvice.
- For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.
- He shall have pity on the lówly ánd poor; he shall preserve the líves of the néedy.
- He shall redeem their lives from oppréssion and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- Long may he live! And may there be given to him góld from Arábia; so may prayer be made

fór him álways, and may they bléss him áll day long.

May there be abundance of grain on the earth, growing thick even on the hilltops; may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and its grain like grass upon the earth.

May his Name remain for ever and be established as long as the sun endures; may all the nations bless themselves in him and call him blessed.

Blessed be the Lord God, the Gód of Ísrael, who alóne does wondrous deeds!

And blessed be his glorious Náme for éver! And may all the earth be filled with his glory. Ámen. Ámen.

## Psalm 72

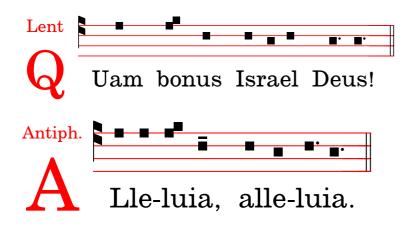
Ruly, God is góod to Ísrael, to thóse who are púre in heart.

But as for me, my féet had néarly slipped; so I had almost tripped and fállen; so because I

- envied the proud and saw the prosperity of the wicked:
- For they suffer no pain, and their bódíes are sléek and sound; so in the misfortunes of óthers they háve no share; they are not afflicted as óthers are;
- Therefore they wear their pride līke a nécklace and wrap their violence ābout them like a cloak.
- Their iniquity cómes from gróss minds, and their hearts overflów with wicked thoughts.
- They scoff and spéak malíciously; out of their haughtiness they plán oppréssion.
- They set their mouths against the héavens, and their evîl spéech runs through the world.
- And so the people turn to them and find in them no fault. They say, 'How should God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?'
- So then, thése are the wicked; always at ease, théy incréase their wealth.
- In vain have I képt my héart clean, and washed mỹ hánds in innocence.

- I have been afflicted áll day long, and punished évery mórning.
- Had I gone on spéaking this way, I should have betrayed the generation of your children.
- When I tried to understand these things, it was too hard for me; until I entered the sanctuary of God and discerned the énd of the wicked.
- Surely, you set them in slíppēry pláces; you cast them dówn in rúin.
- Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, come to an end, and pérish from terror!
- Like a dream when one awákens, Ó Lord, when you arise you will make thēir ímage vánish.
- When my mind became embittered, I was sorely wounded in my heart.
- I was stupid and had nó understånding; I was like a brute béast in your présence.
- Yet I am álways with you; you hold me by my right hand.
- You will guide me bý your cóunsel, and afterwards recéive mē with glóry.

- Whom have I in héaven bút you? And having you I desire nóthīng upón earth.
- Though my flesh and my héart should wáste away, God is the strength of my heart and my pórtīon for éver.
- Truly, those who forsáke yõu will pérish; you destroy all who áre unfáithful.
- But it is good for mé tō be néar God; •• I have made the Lord Gód my réfuge. I will speak of all your works in the gates of the city of Zion.

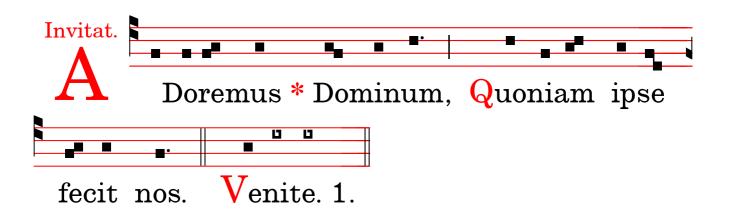


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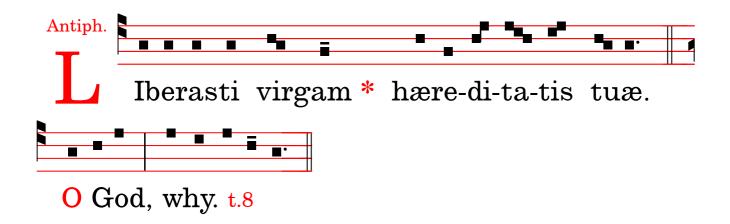
- V. My lips will sing with joy when I play to you.
- R. And so will my soul, which you have redeemed.



# THURSDAY MATINS



# FIRST NOCTURN



# Psalm 73

God, why have you útterly cast us off? Why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago, the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance, and Mount Zion where you dwell.

- Turn your steps towards the éndless rúins; the enemy has laid waste everything in your sánctuary.
- Your adversaries róared în your hóly place; they set up their banners as tókēns of víctory.
- They were like men coming up with axes to a grove of trees; they broke down all your carved work with hatchets and hammers.
- They set fire to your holy place; they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name and razed it to the ground.
- They said to themselves, 'Let us destroy them altogether.' They burned down all the meeting-places of God in the land.
- There are no signs for us to see; there is no prophet left; there is not one among us who knows how long.
- How long will the énemy scoff, O God? Will the adversary blaspheme your Name for éver?
- Why do you dráw báck your hand? Why is your right hand hidden in your bósom?
- Yet God is my King from ancient times, victorious in the midst of the earth.

- You divided the séa bý your might and shattered the heads of the dragons ūpón the wáters;
- You crushed the héads of Leviathan and gave him to the people of the désert for food.
- You split open spring and torrent; you dried up ever-flowing rivers.
- Yours is the day, yours álso thé night; you established thế móon ánd the sun.
- You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.
- Remember how the énemy scoffed, O Lord how a foolish péople despised your Name.
- Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; never forget the lives of your poor.
- Look upón your cóvenant; the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.
- Let not the oppressed túrn awáy ashamed; let the poor and néedy práise your Name.
- Arise, O Gód, maintáin your cause; remember how fools révile you áll day long.
- Forget not the clamour of your enemies, the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.

- E give you thanks, O Gód, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.
- 'I will appoint a time,' says God; 'I will júdge with équity. Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, I will make its pillars fast.
- I will say to the bóasters, "Bóast no more," and to the wicked, "Dó not tóss your horns; do not toss your horns so high, nor spéak with a próud neck."
- For judgement is neither from the éast nor fróm the west, one nor yet from the wilderness ór the móuntains.
- It is Gód who júdges; he puts down one and lífts úp anóther.
- For in the Lord's hand there is a cup, full of spiced and fóaming wine, which he pours out, and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and drain the dregs.
- But I will rejóice for éver; I will sing praises to the Gód of Jácob.

He shall break off all the hórns of the wicked; but the horns of the righteous shall bé exálted.



# Psalm 76

Will crý alóud to God; • I will cry aloud, ānd hé will héar me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; so my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.

I think of God, I am restless, I ponder, ánd my spírit faints. So You will not lét my éyelids close; I am troubled ánd I cánnot speak.

I consider the days of old; I remémber the years long past; •• I commune with my héart in the night; • I pónder and séarch my mind.

- Will the Lord cast me off for ever? Will he no more show his favour?
- Has his loving-kindness come to an énd for éver? Has his promîse fáiled for évermore?
- Has God forgotten tó be grácious? Has he, in his anger, withhéld his compássion?
- And I sáid, 'My grief is this: the right hand of the Most High hãs lóst its pówer.'
- I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- I will meditate on all your acts and pónder your mighty deeds. So Your way, O Gód, is hóly; who is so great a gód as óur God?
- You are the Gód whō works wónders and have declared your power āmóng the péoples.
- By your strength you have redéemed your péople, the children of Jácob and Jóseph.
- The waters saw you, O God; the waters sáw you and trémbled; the very dépths were sháken.
- The clouds poured out water; thé skies thúndered; your árrõws flashed tó and fro;

The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; • your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, yet your footsteps were not seen.

You led your péople like a flock • by the hand of Mósēs and Áaron.



# Psalm 77

Ear my teaching, Ó my péople; sincline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth în a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

- That which we have heard and known, and what our forefáthers have tóld us, we will not híde from their children.
- We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.
- He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a láw for Ísrael, which he commanded them to téach their children;
- That the generations to come might know, and the children yét unborn; that they in their turn might tell ît tó their children;
- So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, and keep his commandments;
- And not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious génerátion, a generation whose heart wás not stéadfast, and whose spirit was not fáithful tó God.
- The people of Ephraim, ármed with the bow, sturned back in the dáy of báttle;
- They did not kéep God's cóvenant, and refused to wálk in hís law;

- They forgót what hé had done, and the wonders hé had shówn them.
- He worked marvels in the sight of théir forefáthers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zóan.
- He split open the sea and lét them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls.
- He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- He split the hard rocks in the wilderness so and gave them drink as from the great deep. He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers.
- But they went on sinning against him, rebelling in the desert against the Most High.
- They tested God in their hearts, demanding food for their craving. They railed against God and said, Can God set a table in the wilderness?
- True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; but is he able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?'

- When the Lord heard this, hé was fúll of wrath; a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted ágainst Ísrael;
- For they hád no fáith in God, nor did they put their trust in his sáving pówer.
- So he commanded the clouds above and opened the dóors of héaven. So He rained down manna upón thém to eat so and gave them gráin from héaven.
- So mortals ate the bréad of ángels; he providéd fór them fóod enough.
- He caused the east wind to blów in the héavens and led out the south wind by his might.
- He rained down flésh ūpon thém like dust and winged birds like thế sánd óf the sea.
- He let it fall in the midst of their camp and round ābout their dwellings.
- So they áte and wére well filled, for he gáve them whát they craved.
- But they did not stóp their cráving, though the food was stíll in théir mouths.

- So God's anger mounted against them; he slew their strongest men and laid low the youth of Ísrael.
- In spite of all this, they went on sinning and had no faith in his wonderful works.
- So he brought their days to an énd líke a breath and their years în súdden térror.
- Whenever he slew them, they would seek him, and repent, and earnestly search for God.
- They would remember that Gód was théir rock, and the Most High Gód théir redéemer.

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- Ut they fláttered him with their mouths and lied to him with their tongues.
- Their heart was not stéadfast towards him, and they were not faithful to his covenant.
- But he was so merciful that he forgave their sins and did nót destróy them; many times he held back his anger and did not permit his wráth tó be roused.
- For he remembered thát they wére but flesh, a breath that goes fórth and does nót return.

- How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness and offended him in the désert!
- Again and agáin they témpted God and provoked the Holỹ Óne of Ísrael.
- They did not remémber his power so in the day when he ransomed them from the énemy; how he wrought his signs in Egypt and his omens in the field of Zoan.
- He turned their rivers into blood, so that they could not drink of their streams.
- He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, and frogs, which destroyed them.
- He gave their crops to the caterpillar, the fruit of their toil to the locust. He killed their vines with hail and their sycamores with frost.
- He delivered their cáttle to háilstones and their livestock tó hot thúnderbolts.
- He poured out upon them his blázing ánger: sur fury, indignation, and distress, a troop of destróying ángels.
- He gave full rein to his anger; he did not spåre their souls from death; but delivered their lives to the plague.

- He struck down all the firstborn of Égypt, the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.
- He led out his péople like sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
- He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
- He brought them to his holy land, the mountain his right hand had won.
- He drove out the Canaanites before them and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
- But they tested the Most High Gód, and defied him, and did not kéep his commandments.
- They turned away and were disloyal like their fáthers; they were undependable like a wárped bow.
- They grieved him with théir hill-áltars and provoked his displeasure with their idols.
- When God heard this, he was angry and utterly rejected Ísrael. He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, the tabernacle where he had lived āmóng his péople.

- He delivered the ark into captivity, his glory into the hand of the foe.
- He gave his péople tó the sword and was angered against his inhéritance.
- The fire consumed their young men; there were no wedding songs for their maidens.
- Their priests fell by the sword, and their widows made no lámentátion.
- Then the Lord wóke as though from sleep, like a wárrīor refréshed with wine.
- He struck his enemies on the backside and put them to perpetual shame.
- He rejected the tént of Jóseph and did not choose the tribe of Éphraim;
- He chose instead the tribe of Júdah and Mount Zion, which he loved.
- He built his sanctuary like the héights of héaven, like the earth which he founded for éver.
- He chose Dávíd his sérvant, and took him awáy from the shéepfolds.

He brought him from ténding the núrsing ewes, to be a shepherd over Jacob his people and over Israel his inhéritance.

So he shepherded them with a faithful and true heart and guided them with the skilfulness of his hands.



### Psalm 78

God, the heathen have come into your inhéritance; so they have profaned your hóly témple; they have made Jerusalem ā héap of rúbble.

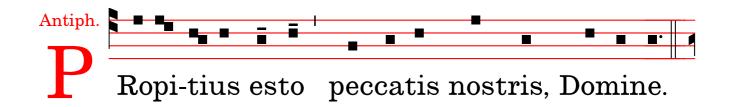
They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

- They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.
- We have become a reproach to our neighbours, an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- How long will you be ángry, Ó Lord? Will your fury blaze līke fire for éver?
- Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you so and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name. For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin.
- Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to méet us; for we have béen brought véry low.
- Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glóry óf your Name; deliver us and forgive us our sīns, fór your Náme's sake.
- Why should the heathen sáy, 'Where is their God?' So Let it be known among the héathen and in our sight that you avenge the shedding of your sérvants' blood.

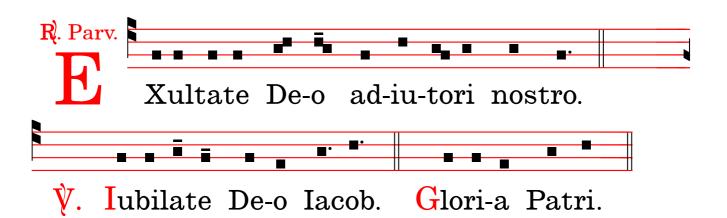
Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, and by your great might spare those who are condemned to die.

May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, return sevenfold into their bosoms.

For we are your people and the shéep of your pásture; we will give you thanks for ever and show forth your práise from áge to age.



- ORDINARY TIME
  - V. Your way, O God, is holy.
  - R. Who is so great a god as our God?



## SECOND NOCTURN



#### Psalm 79

Ear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Jóseph líke a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned ūpón the chérubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, ánd Manásseh, stir up your strength and cóme to hélp us.

Restóre ūs, O Gód of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered seespite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bréad of tears; so you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our néighbours, and our enemies láugh ús to scorn.

- Restóre ūs, O Gód of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- You have brought a vine out of Égypt; you cast out the nátions and plánted it.
- You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.
- The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cédar trees by its boughs.
- You stretched out its téndrils tó the Sea and its branches tó the Ríver.
- Why have you bróken dówn its wall, so that all who pāss bý pluck óff its grapes?
- The wild boar of the fórest has rávaged it, and the beasts of the field have grázed upón it.
- Turn now, O God of hosts, look dówn from héaven; so behóld and ténd this vine; preserve what your right hānd has plánted.
- They burn it with fire like rúbbish; at the rebuke of your countenance lét them pérish.
- Let your hand be upon the mán of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never túrn awáy from you; • give us life, that we mãy cáll upón your Name.

Restore us, O Lórd Gód of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

### Psalm 80

Ing with jóy to Gód our strength and raise a loud shout to the Gód of Jácob.

Raise a song and sound the timbrel, • the merry harp, and the lyre.

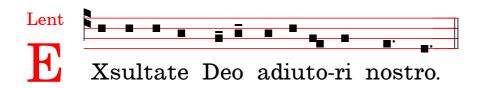
Blow the ram's-horn át the néw moon, and at the full moon, the dáy of our feast.

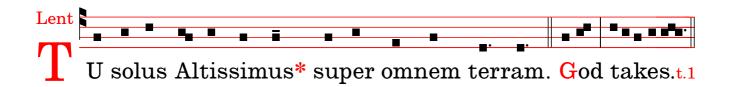
For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the Gód of Jácob. He laid it as a solemn chárge ūpon Jóseph, when he came out of the lánd of Égypt.

I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, 'I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load.'

You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Méribah.

- Hear, O my people, and Í will admónish you: O Israel, if you would būt listen tó me!
- There shall be no strange gód amóng you; you shall not wórshīp a fóreign god.
- I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Égypt and said, 'Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.'
- And yet my people díd not héar my voice, and Israel would nót obéy me.
- So I gave them over to the stúbbornness óf their hearts, so to follow their ówn devíces.
- Oh, that my people would listen to me! That Israel would walk in my ways!
- I should soon subdúe their énemies and turn mỹ hánd agáinst their foes.
- Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their punishment would last for ever.
- But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat and satisfy him with honey from the rock.





Od takes his stand in the council of héaven; • he gives judgement in the midst of the gods:

'How long will you júdge unjústly, and show favour tó the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy; so rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither dó they únderstand; sthey go abóut in dárkness; all the foundations of the éarth are sháken.

Now I sáy tố you, "Yóu are gods, and all of you children óf the Móst High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, • and fall like any prince."

Arise, O Gód, and rúle the earth, • for you shall take āll nátions fór your own.

- God, do nót be sílent; do not keep still nőr hóld your péace, O God;
- For your enemies are in tumult, and those who hate you have lifted up their heads.
- They take secret counsel against your péople and plot against those whom you protect.
- They have said, 'Come, let us wipe them out from among the nations; let the name of Israel be remembered no more.'
- They have conspired togéther; they have made an alliance against you:
- The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; the Moabites and the Hagarenes;
- Gebal, and Ámmon, and Ámalek; the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre.
- The Assyrians álső have jóined them, and have come to help the péople of Lot.
- Do to them as you did to Midian, to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon:
- They were destroyed at Éndor; they became like dúng upon the ground.

Make their leaders like Órēb and Zéëb, so and all their commanders like Zébāh and Zálmunna, who said, 'Let us take for ourselves the fields of God ās our possession.'

O my God, make thém like whírling dust • and līke cháff befóre the wind;

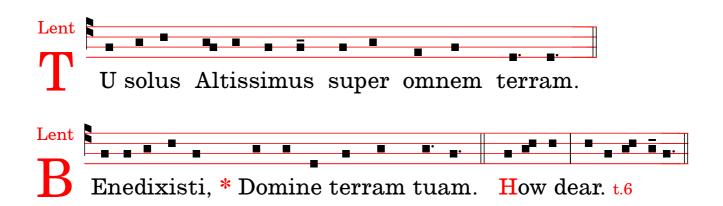
Like fire that burns dówn a fórest, like the flame that sets móuntains áblaze.

Drive them with your tempest and terrify them with your storm;

Cover their fáces with sháme, O Lord, • that théy may séek your Name.

Let them be disgraced and terrified for éver; let them be put to confúsion and pérish.

Let them know that you, whose Name is the Lord, • you alone are the Most High over all the earth.

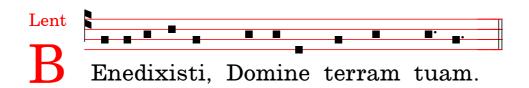


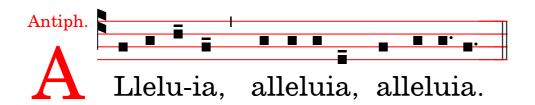
- Ow dear to me is your dwélling, O Lórd of hosts! So My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- The sparrow has found her a house so and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, mỹ Kíng and mý God.
- Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.
- Happy are the people whose stréngth is in you! Whose hearts are sét on the pilgrims' way.
- Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, so for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- They will climb from héight to height, and the God of gods will reveal himsélf in Zion.
- Lord God of hosts, héar my práyer; hearken, Ō Gód of Jácob.
- Behold our defénder, Ó God; and look upon the face of your Anointed.

- For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- For the Lord Gód is both sún and shield; •• he will give gráce and glóry; no good thing will the Lord withhold from those who wálk with intégrity.
- Ó Lórd of hosts, happy are they who pút their trúst in you!

- Ou have been gracious tó your lánd, O Lord, you have restored the good fórtūne of Jácob.
- You have forgiven the iniquity of your péople and blotted out all their sins.
- You have withdrawn áll your fúry and turned yourself from your wrathfūl indignátion.
- Restore us then, O Gód our Sáviour; let your ángēr depárt from us.
- Will you be displeased with ús for éver? Will you prolong your ánger from áge to age?

- Will you not give us life again, that your people máy rejóice in you?
- Show us your mércy, Ó Lord, and grant us your salvation.
- I will listen to what the Lord Gód is sáying, so for he is speaking peace to his fáithful péople and to those who túrn their héarts to him.
- Truly, his salvation is very near to those who féar him, that his glory mãy dwéll in our land.
- Mercy and truth have mét togéther; righteousness and peace have kíssed each óther.
- Truth shall spring úp fróm the earth, and righteousness shall lõok dówn from héaven.
- The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.
- Righteousness shall gó befóre him, and peace shall be ā páthway fór his feet.





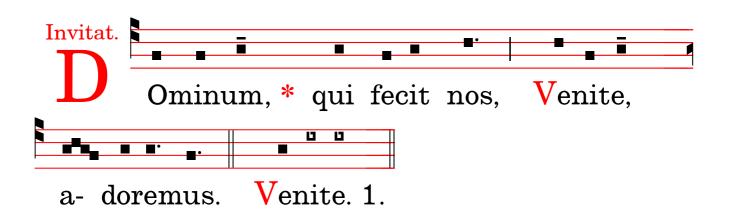
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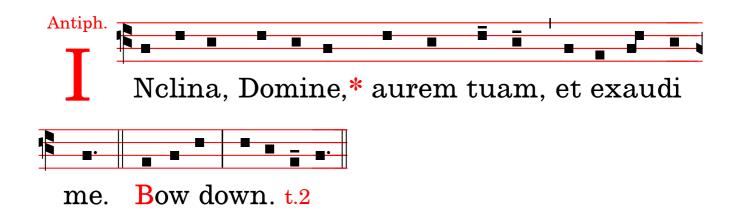
R. They will always be praising you.



# **FRIDAY MATINS**



### FIRST NOCTURN



### Psalm 85

Ow down your ear, O Lórd, and ánswer me, s for I am póor ānd in mísery.

Keep watch over my life, for Í am fáithful; save your servant who púts his trúst in you.

Be merciful to me, O Lord, fór you áre my God; so I call ūpón you áll day long.

- Gladden the sóul of your sérvant, so for to you, O Lord, Í lift úp my soul.
- For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, and great is your love towards all who call upon you.
- Give ear, O Lord, tó my práyer, and attend to the voice of mỹ súpplicátions.
- In the time of my trouble I will cáll upón you, so for you will ánswer me.
- Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, on nor anything like your works.
- All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, and give glory to your Name.
- For you are gréat; you do wondrous things; sand you alone are God.
- Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will wálk in your truth; sknit my heart to you thất Í may féar your Name.
- I will thank you, O Lord my Gód, with áll my heart, sand glorify your Náme for évermore.
- For great is your love towards me; you have delivered me from the depths of Sheol.

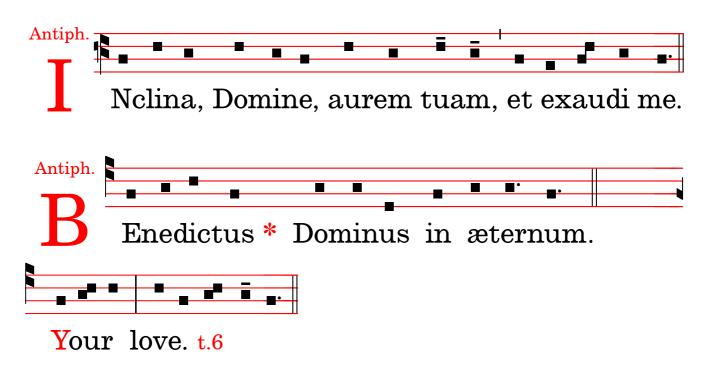
- The arrogant rise up against mé, O God, so and a band of violent men séeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.
- But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of truth and kindness.
- Turn to me and have mércy upón me; so give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your hándmaid.
- Show me a sign of your fávour, so that those who hate me may sée it and bé ashamed; because you, O Lord, have hélped me and cómforted me.

- N the holy mountain stands the city hé has fóunded; the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwéllīngs of Jácob.
- Glorious things are spóken óf you, Ō cíty óf our God.
- I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: în Zíon wére they born.

Of Zion it shall be said, 'Everyone was born in her, and the Most High himself shall sustain her.'

The Lord will record as he enrols the péoples, • 'These álsō were born there.'

The singers and the dáncers will say, • 'All mỹ frésh springs áre in you.'



## Psalm 88

Our love, O Lord, for éver will I sing; se from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your love is estáblīshed for éver; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the héavens.

- You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to Dávíd my sérvant:
- "I will establish your line for éver, and preserve your throne for áll generations."
- The heavens bear witness to your wonders, Ó Lord, and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;
- For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the gods?
- God is much to be feared in the council of the holy ones, great and terrible to all those round about him.
- Who is like you, Lord God of hosts? O mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around you.
- You rule the ráging óf the sea and still the súrging óf its waves.
- You have crushed Rahab of the déep with a déadly wound; you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
- Yours are the heavens; the éarth is álso yours; vou laid the foundations of the world and áll that is in it.

- You have made the nórth ánd the south; Tabor and Hermon rējóice in your Name.
- You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand and high is your right hand.
- Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; love and truth go before your face.
- Happy are the people who knów the féstal shout! They walk, O Lord, in the light of your présence.
- They rejoice dáily in your Name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- For you are the glóry óf their strength, and by your favour our might is exalted.
- Truly, the Lórd īs our rúler; the Holy One of Ísrāel is our King.

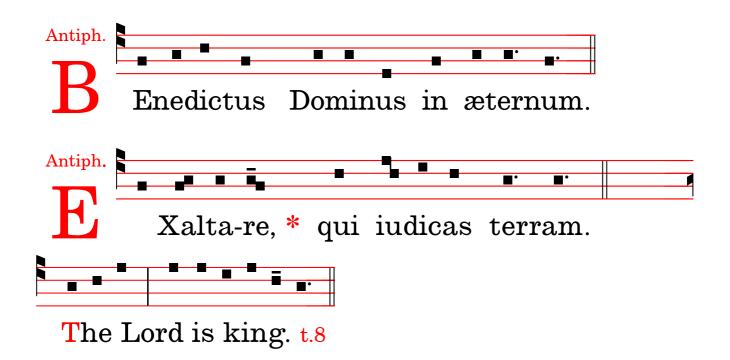
#### Division

Ou spoke once in a vision and said to your fáithful péople: •• 'I have set the crown upón a wárrior • and have exalted one chosen out of the péople.

- I have found Dávíd my sérvant; with my holy oil have Í anóinted him.
- My hand will hold him fast and my árm will máke him strong. No enemy shall deceive him, nor any wíckēd man bríng him down.
- I will crush his fóes befóre him and strike down thóse who háte him.
- My faithfulness and love shall be with him, so and he shall be victorious through my Name. I shall make his dominion extend from the Great Sea to the River.
- He will say to me, "You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation."
- I will máke hīm my fírstborn and higher than thế kíngs óf the earth.
- I will keep my love for him for éver, and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- I will establish his line for éver and his throne as the days of héaven.
- If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my judgements;
- If they bréak my státutes and do not kéep mỹ commándments;

- I will punish their transgréssions with a rod and their iniquîties with the lash;
- But I will not táke my lóve from him, so nor let prove fálse my fáithfulness.
- I will not bréak my cóvenant, so nor change what has gone óut of mý lips.
- Once for all I have swórn bỹ my hóliness: "I will nốt lie to Dávid.
- His line shall endure for éver and his throne as the sun before me;
- It shall stand fast for évermore like the moon, the abiding witness in the sky."
- But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; you have become enraged at him.
- You have broken your covenant with your sérvant, so defiled his crown, and húrled it tó the ground. You have breached all his walls and laid his strónghölds in rúins.
- All who pass bý despóil him; he has become the scórn of his néighbours.
- You have exalted the right hand of his foes and made rejoice all his enemies.

- You have turned back the édge of his sword and have not sustained him in battle.
- You have put an end to his splendour and cast his throne to the ground. You have cut short the days of his youth and have covered him with shame.
- How long will you hide yourself, O Lord? Will you hide yourself for éver? How long will your ánger búrn like fire?
- Remember, Lórd, how shórt life is, how frāil yóu have máde all flesh.
- Who can live and not see death? Who can save himself from the power of the grave?
- Where, Lord, is your loving-kindness of old, which you promised David in your faithfulness?
- Remember, Lord, how your sérvant is mocked, how I carry in my bosom the taunts of mány péoples,
- The taunts your enemies have hurled, O Lord, which they hurled at the heels of your anointed.
- Blessed be the Lord for évermore! Amen, Í say, Ámen. •



He Lord is King; he has put on spléndīd appárel; • the Lord has put on his apparel and gírdēd himsélf with strength.

He has made the whóle wórld so sure • that ît cánnot bé moved;

Ever since the world began, your throne has béen estáblished; • you are from éverlásting.

The waters have lifted up, O Lord, so the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of mány wáters, somightier than the bréakers of the sea, somightier is the Lord who dwélls on high.

Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adórns your house, O Lord, of for ever and for evermore.

- Lord Gód of véngeance, O God of véngeance, shów yourself.
- Rise up, O Júdge óf the world; sigure the arrogant their júst deserts.
- How long shall the wicked, Ó Lord, how long shall the wicked triumph?
- They bluster in their insolence; so all evildoers are full of boasting. They crush your people, O Lord, and afflict your chosen nation.
- They murder the widow and the stranger and put the orphans to death.
- Yet they say, 'The Lórd dóes not see, the God of Jacob tákes no nótice.'
- Consider well, you dullards among the péople; when will you fools understand?
- He that planted the éar, does hé not hear? He that formed the éye, does hé not see?

- He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? He who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?
- The Lord knóws our húman thoughts; how like ā púff of wind they are.
- Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! Whom you teach out of your law; to give them rest in evil days, until a pit is dug for the wicked.
- For the Lord will not abandon his péople, on nor will hé forsake his own.
- For judgement will agáin be just, and all the true of héart will follow it.
- Who rose up for me agáinst the wicked? Who took my part against the évildoers?
- If the Lord had not come to my help, I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.
- As often as I sáid, 'My fóot has slipped,' vour love, Õ Lórd, uphéld me.
- When many cáres fill my mind, vour consolátions chéer my soul.
- Can a corrupt tribunal have ány párt with you, one which frāmes évil into law?

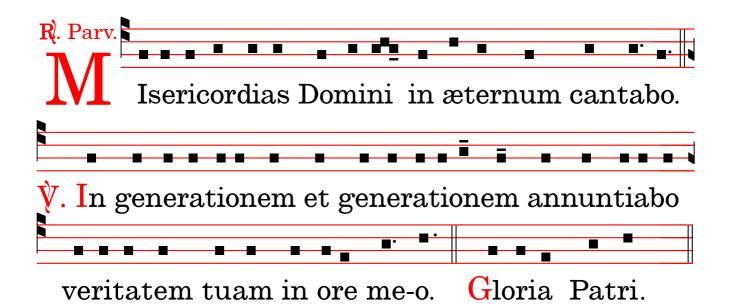
They conspire against the life of the just and condemn to death the innocent.

But the Lord has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my trust.

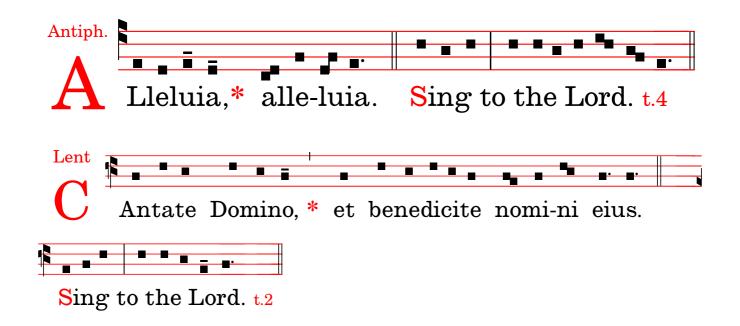
He will turn their wickedness back upon them and destroy them in their own málice; the Lord our God will destroy them.



- ORDINARY TIME
  - <sup>⋄</sup>V. Let my prayer enter into your presence.
  - R. Incline your ear to my lamentation.



## SECOND NOCTURN



#### Psalm 95

Ing to the Lórd a néw song; sing to the Lõrd, áll the whóle earth.

Sing to the Lórd and bléss his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvátīon from dáy to day.

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all péoples. For great is the Lord and gréatly to be praised; he is more to be féared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the héavens.

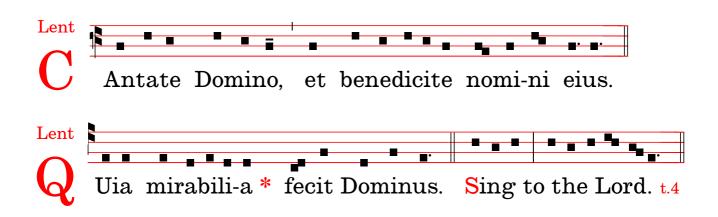
- Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his présence! Oh, the power and the splendour of his sánctuary!
- Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the péoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power.
- Ascribe to the Lord the hónour dúe his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.
- Worship the Lord in the béauty of hóliness; let the whole earth trémblé befóre him.
- Tell it out among the nátīons: 'The Lórd is King! \* He has made the world so firm that it cánnot bé moved; he will judge the péoples with équity.'
- Let the heavens rejoice, and lét the éarth be glad; so let the sea thunder and áll that is in it; let the field be joyful and áll that is therein.
- Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lórd whén he comes, when he cómes to júdge the earth.
- He will judge the world with righteousness and the péoples with his truth.

- He Lord is King; lét the éarth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on évery side. \* His lightnings light úp the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.
- The mountains melt like wax at the présence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- The heavens decláre his ríghteousness, and all the peoples sée his glóry.
- Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in fálse gods! Bow down bēfóre him, áll you gods.
- Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Júdah réjoice, because of your júdgements, Ó Lord.
- For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate évil; so he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lórd, you ríghteous, and give thánks to his hóly Name.



### Psalm 97

Ing to the Lórd a néw song, for he has done márvellóus things.

With his right hand and his holy arm • has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made knówn his víctory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the síght of the nátions.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the

- hóuse of Ísrael, and all the ends of the earth have seen the víctory óf our God.
- Shout with joy to the Lórd, áll you lands; lift up your vóice, rejóice, and sing.
- Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.
- Let the rivers cláp their hands, so and let the hills ring out with jóy befóre the Lord, so when he cómes to júdge the earth.
- In righteousness shall he júdge the world and the péoples with équity.

- He Lord is King; let the péople trémble; he is enthroned upon the cherubīm; lét the éarth quake.
- The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all péoples. State Let them confess his Name, which is gréat and awesome; he is the Holy One.

- 'O mighty King, lover of justice, you have estáblished équity; you have executed justice and righteõusnéss in Jácob.'
- Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his fóotstool; he is the Hóly One.
- Moses and Áarōn amóng his priests, and Samuel among those who cáll upón his Name, they called upon the Lórd, ānd he ánswered them.
- He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decrée that he gave them.
- 'O Lord our God, you ánswered thém indeed; so you were a God whó forgáve them, so yet punished them fór their évil deeds.'
- Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upón his hóly hill; for the Lord our Gōd ís the Hóly One.



E joyful in the Lórd, áll you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his présence with a song.

Know this: The Lórd himsélf is God; so he himself has máde ūs, and wé are his; so we are his people and the shéep of his pásture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is éverlásting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### Psalm 100

Will sing of mércỹ and jústice; to you, O Lord, wîll Í sing práises.

I will strive to fóllów a blámeless course; so oh, whén will you cóme to me? I will walk with sincerity of héart within my house.

I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the doers of evil deeds; they shall not remain with me.

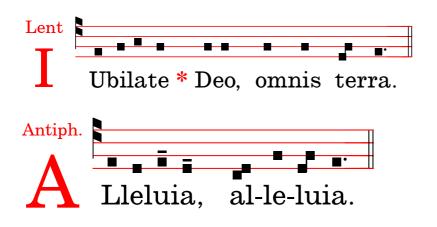
A crooked heart sháll be fár from me; • I wîll nót know évil.

Those who in secret slander their néighbours I will destroy; those who have a haughty look and a proud heart Í cannót abide.

My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.

Those who act deceitfully shall nót dwell in my house, and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.

I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the Lord. \*

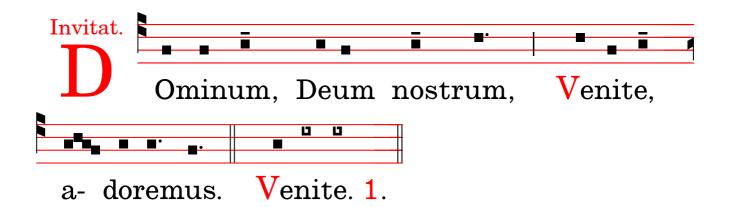


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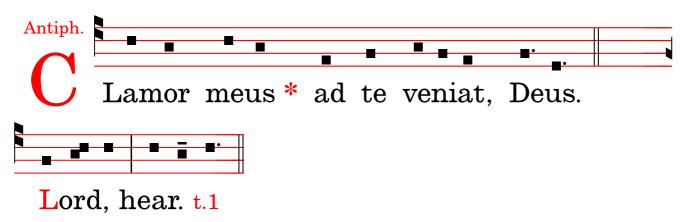
<sup>⋄</sup> Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord!

R. Whom you teach out of your law.

# **SATURDAY MATINS**



# FIRST NOCTURN



#### Psalm 101

Ord, hear my prayer, and let my crý come before you; shide not your face from me in the dáy of my trouble.

Incline your éar to me; • when I call, māke háste to ánswer me,

For my days drift away like smoke, and my bones are hot like burning coals.

- My heart is smitten like gráss and withered, so that I forgét to éat my bread. Because of the voice of my groaning Ĩ ám but skín and bones.
- I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, so like an owl āmóng the rúins.
- I lie awáke and groan; I am like a sparrow, lonelỹ ón a hóusetop.
- My enemies revile me áll day long, and those who scoff at me have taken an óath against me.
- For I have eaten áshes fór bread and mingled mỹ drínk with wéeping.
- Because of your indignátion ánd wrath vou have lifted me up ånd thrówn mé away.
- My days pass away like a shadow, and I wither like the grass. But you, O Lord, endure for ever, and your Name from age to age.
- You will arise and have compássion on Zíon, so for it is time to have mércy upón her; so indeed, the appointed time has come.
- For your servants love her véry rúbble, and are moved to pitỹ éven fór her dust.

- The nations shall féar your Náme, O Lord, sand all the kings of the éarth your glóry. For the Lord will build up Zion, and his glóry will appear.
- He will look with favour on the prayer of the homeless; he will not despise their plea.
- Let this be written for a future génerátion, so that a people yet ūnbórn may práise the Lord.
- For the Lord looked down from his hóly pláce on high; from the heavens hé behéld the earth;
- That he might hear the gróan of the cáptive and set free those condémned to die;
- That they may declare in Zion the Náme of the Lord, and his práise în Jerúsalem;
- When the peoples are gáthered togéther, and the kingdoms álső, to sérve the Lord.
- He has brought down my stréngth befóre my time; he has shortened the númber of my days;
- And I said, 'O my God, do not take me away in the mídst óf my days; your years endure throughout áll generátions.

- In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands;
- They shall perish, but you will endure; they all shall wear out like a garment;
- As clothing you will change them, and they shall be changed; but you are always the same, and your years will never end.
- The children of your servants shall continue, and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight.'

- B Less the Lórd, Ó my soul, and all that is within me, bléss his hóly Name.
- Bless the Lórd, Ó my soul, and forget not all his bénefits.
- He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities; so he redeems your life from the grave of and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an éagle's.

- The Lord éxēcutes ríghteousness and judgement for áll who áre oppressed.
- He made his ways knówn to Móses and his works to the children of Ísrael.
- The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.
- He will not álwāys accúse us, nor will he keep his ángēr for éver.
- He has not dealt with us according to our sins, on nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- As far as the éast is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.
- As a father cáres for his children, so does the Lord care for those who féar him.
- For he himself knows whereof we are made; he remembers that we are but dust.
- Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flówer óf the field; •• when the wind goes óvēr it, ít is gone, and its place shāll knów it nó more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who féar him, and his righteousness on children's children;

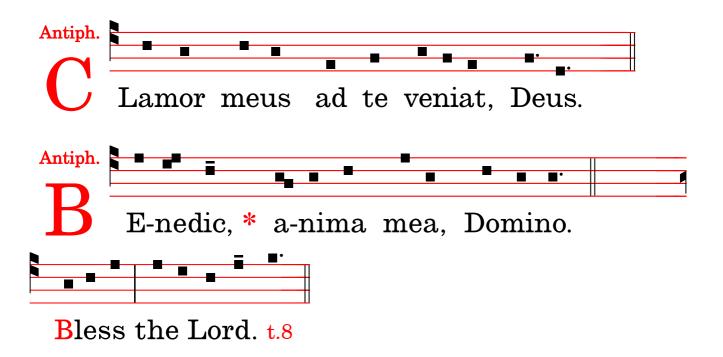
On those who kéep his cóvenant and remember his commándments and dó them.

The Lord has set his throne in héaven, and his kingship has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, áll you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; • bless the Lord, O my soul. •



- B Less the Lórd, Ó my soul; S O Lord my God, how excellent is your gréatness! You are clothed with majesty and spléndour.
- You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.
- You make the winds your méssengers and flames of fire your sérvants.
- You have set the earth upón īts foundátions, so that it never shāll móve at ány time.
- You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- At your rebûke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- They went up into the hills and down to the válleys béneath, to the places you had appointed for them.
- You set the limits that they should not pass; they shall not cover the earth again.

- You send the springs into the valleys; they flow between the mountains.
- All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- Beside them the birds of the áir máke their nests and sing āmóng the bránches.
- You water the mountains from your dwélling ón high; the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.
- You make grass grów for flócks and herds ānd plánts to sérve mankind;
- That they may bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden our hearts,
- Oil to make a chéerful countenance, and bread to stréngthen thé heart.
- The trees of the Lord are full of sap, the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- In which the birds build their nests, and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.
- The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.

- You appointed the moon to márk the séasons, and the sun knows the time of its sétting.
- You make darkness thát it máy be night, sin which all the béasts of the fórest prowl.
- The lions roar after their prey and séek their fóod from God. •• The sun rises, ánd they slíp away and lay themselves dówn in théir dens.
- Man goes fórth tó his work and to his labour úntīl the évening.

## **Division**

- Lord, how mánīfold áre your works! ••• In wisdom you have máde them all; the earth is fúll of your créatures.
- Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too mánỹ to númber, créatūres both smáll and great.
- There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.
- All of them look to you to give them their food in due séason. So You give it to thém; they gáther it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; • you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

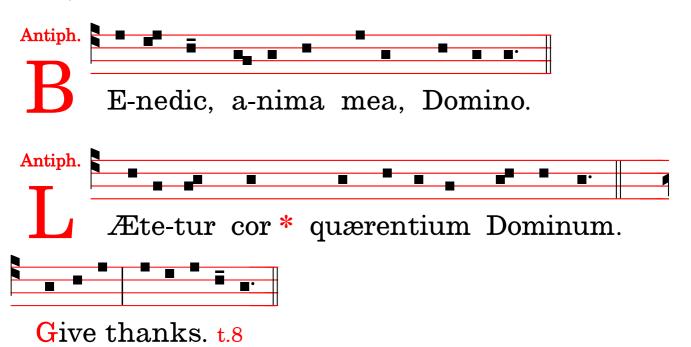
May the glory of the Lord endure for éver; • may the Lord rējóice in áll his works.

He looks at the éarth and it trémbles; • he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as Í live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine pléase him; I will réjoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, and the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.



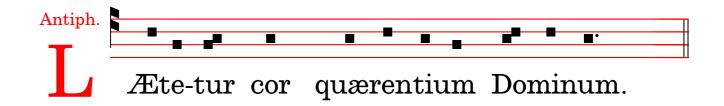
- Ive thanks to the Lord and cáll upón his Name; make known his deeds āmóng the péoples.
- Sing to him, sing práises tó him, and speak of áll his márvellous works.
- Glory in his hóly Name; let the hearts of those who séek the Lórd rejoice.
- Search for the Lórd and hís strength; seek hīs fáce continually.
- Remember the márvels hé has done, his wonders and the júdgements of his mouth,
- O offspring of Abrahám his sérvant, O children of Jácōb his chósen.
- He is the Lord our God; his judgements preváil in áll the world. He has always been mindful óf his cóvenant, the promise he made for a thousand génerátions:
- The covenant he máde with Ábraham, the oath that he swóre to Ísaac,
- Which he established as a státūte for Jácob, an everlasting covēnánt for Ísrael,

- Saying, 'To you will I give the lánd of Cánaan to be your allótted inhéritance.'
- When they were few in number, so of little account, and sojourners in the land, so wandering from nation to nation and from one kingdom to another,
- He let no one oppress them and rebuked kings for their sake, saying, 'Do not touch my anointed and do mỹ prophets nó harm.'
- Then he called for a fámine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread.
- He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sóld ás a slave. They bruised his féet in fétters; his neck they put in an iron cóllar.
- Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.
- The king sént and reléased him; the ruler of the péoples sét him free.
- He set him as a master óvēr his hóusehold, as a ruler over áll hīs posséssions,
- To instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his élders wisdom.

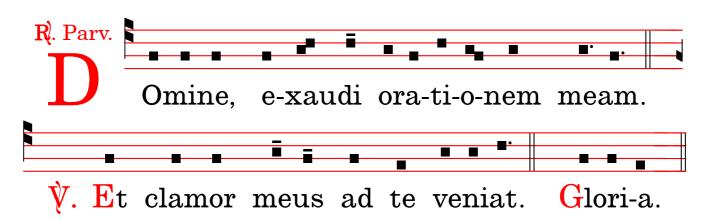
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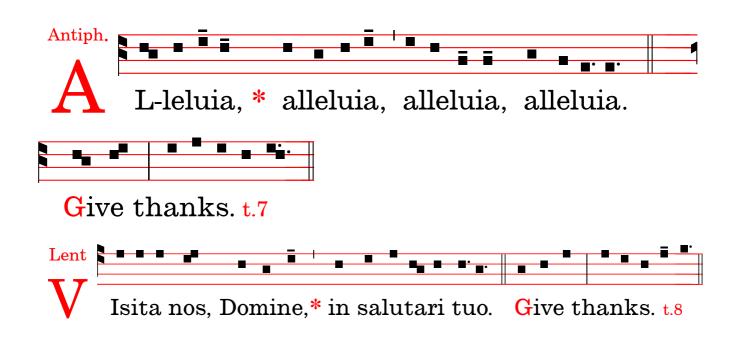
- I Srael came into Égypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- The Lord made his people excéedingly fruitful; he made them stronger than their énemies;
- Whose heart he turned, so that they hátēd his péople, and dealt unjustly with his sérvants.
- He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom hé had chósen. They worked his signs among them, and portents in the land of Ham.
- He sent darkness, ánd it gréw dark; but the Egyptians rébélled agáinst his words.
- He turned their waters into blood and caused their fish to die. Their land was overrun by frogs, in the very chambers of their kings.
- He spoke, and there came swárms of insects and gnats within áll their bórders.
- He gave them háilstones instéad of rain, and flames of fire throughout their land.
- He blasted their vines and their fig trees and shattered every tree in their country.

- He spoke, and the locust came, and young locusts without number, which ate up all the green plants in their land and devoured the fruit of their soil.
- He struck down the firstborn of their land, the firstfruits of all their strength.
- He led out his people with silver and gold; sin all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them.
- He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.
- They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places. For God remembered his holy word and Abrāham his sérvant.
- So he led forth his péople with gládness, his chósen with shouts of joy.
- He gave his people the lánds of the nátions, and they took the frúit of óthers' toil, that they might keep his statutes ánd obsérve his laws.



- Ordinary Time
  - V. Bless the Lord, O my soul!
  - R. O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!





- Ive thanks to the Lórd, for hé is good, so for his mercy ēndúres for éver.
- Who can declare the mighty ácts óf the Lord ōr shów forth áll his praise?
- Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right!
- Remember me, O Lord, with the favour you have for your péople, and visit me with your saving help;
- That I may see the prosperity of your elect sand be glad with the gladness of your people, that I may glory with your inheritance.
- We have sinned as our forebears did; we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
- In Egypt they did not consider your marvellous works, so nor remember the abundance of your love; they defied the Most High at the Réd Sea.
- But he saved them for his Name's sake, to make his power known.

- He rebuked the Red Séa, and it dried up, and he led them through the deep as through a désert.
- He saved them from the hand of those who hated them and redeemed them from the hand of the énemy.
- The waters covered their oppressors; not one of them was left. Then they believed his words and sang him songs of praise.
- But they sóon forgót his deeds and did not wáit főr his cóunsel.
- A craving seized them in the wilderness, and they put God to the test in the desert.
- He gáve them whát they asked, but sent leanness into théir soul.
- They envied Móses in the camp, s and Aaron, the holy one of the Lord.
- The earth opened and swállowed Dáthan and covered the compāný of Ábiram.
- Fire blazed up against their company, and flames devoured the wicked.

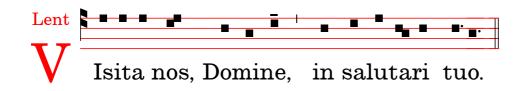
- Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb and worshipped a mólten ímage; and so they exchanged their Glory for the image of an óx that féeds on grass.
- They forgot Gód their Sáviour, who had done gréat things in Égypt,
- Wonderful déeds în the lánd of Ham, and fearful things at the Réd Sea.
- So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath from consuming them.
- They refused the pleasant land and would not believe his promise. They grumbled in their tents and would not listen to the voice of the Lord.
- So he lifted his hánd agáinst them, to overthrow them in the wilderness,
- To cast out their seed among the nations, and to scatter them throughout the lands.
- They joined themsélves to Báal-Peor and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

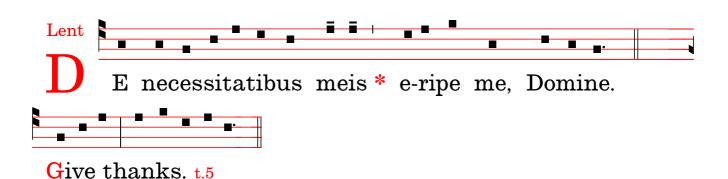
- They provoked him to anger with their actions, and a plague broke out among them.
- Then Phinehas stood up and intercéded, and the plague came to an end.
- This was reckoned to him as righteousness throughout all generátions for éver.

### Division

- Gain they provoked his anger at the wátērs of Méribah, so that he punished Mósēs becáuse of them; for they so embittered his spirit that he spōke rásh words wíth his lips.
- They did not destroy the péoples as the Lord had commanded them.
- They intermingled with the heathen and léarned their págan ways, so that they worshipped their idols, which became a snáre to them.
- They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to évil spírits. They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sóns and dáughters,
- Which they offered to the idols of Cánaan, and the lánd was defiled with blood.

- Thus they were polluted by their actions and went whoring in their evil deeds.
- Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against his péople and he abhorred his inhéritance.
- He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, and those who hated them ruled over them. Their enemies oppressed them, and they were humbled under their hand.
- Many a time did he deliver them, but they rebelled through their ówn devíces, and were brought down in théir iniquity.
- Nevertheless, he sáw théir distress, when he heard théir lámentátion.
- He remembered his covenant with them so and relented in accordance with his great mercy. He caused them to be pitied by those who held them captive.
- Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy Name and glory in your praise.
- Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting and to éverlásting; and let all the péople say, 'Ámen!'





Ive thanks to the Lórd, for hé is good, and his mercy ēndúres for éver.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim • that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wándēred in désert wastes; • they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits lánguīshed within them. •• Then they cried to the Lórd în their tróuble, • and he delivered thếm fróm théir distress.

- He put their féet on a stráight path to go to a cíty where théy might dwell.
- Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children. For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.
- Some sat in dárknéss and déep gloom, bound fast in misérý and íron;
- Because they rebelled against the words of God and despised the counsel of the Most High.
- So he humbled their spirits with hard lábour; they stumbled, and there was none to help.
- Then they cried to the Lórd în their tróuble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- He led them out of dárknéss and déep gloom and broke their bónds asúnder.
- Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children. For he shatters the doors of bronze and breaks in two the iron bars.
- Some were fools and tóok tō rebéllious ways; see they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food and drew néar to déath's door.

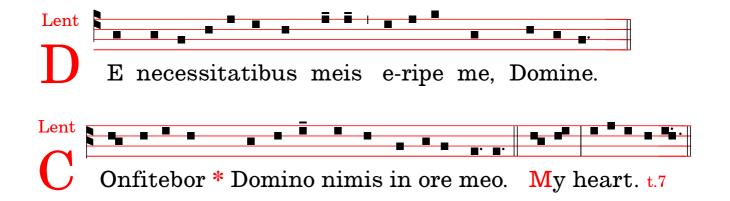
- Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- He sent forth his word and héaled them ānd sáved them fróm the grave.
- Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.
- Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.
- Some went down to the sea in ships and plied their trade in deep waters; they beheld the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep.
- Then he spoke, and a stórmy wind arose, which tossed high thể wáves óf the sea.
- They mounted up to the heavens and fell báck tó the depths; so their hearts melted becáuse of their péril. They reeled and staggered like drunkards and were át their wits' end.
- Then they cried to the Lórd în their tróuble, and he delivered them from their distress.

- He stilled the storm to a whisper and quieted the waves of the sea. Then were they glad because of the calm, and he brought them to the harbour they were bound for.
- Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.
- Let them exalt him in the congregation of the péople and praise him in the council of the élders.

## **Division**

- The Lord changed rivers into déserts, and water-springs into thirsty ground,
- A fruitful land into sált flats, because of the wickedness of those who dwell there.
- He changed deserts into pools of water and dry land into water-springs.
- He séttled the húngry there, and they founded a city to dwéll in.
- They sowed fields, and planted vineyards, and brought in a fruitful harvest.
- He blessed them, so that they increased greatly; he did not let their herds decrease.

- Yet when they were diminished and brought low, through stress of adversity and sorrow,
- He pours contémpt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes,
- He lifted up the poor out of misery and multiplied their families like flocks of sheep.
- The upright will sée this ánd rejoice, but all wickednéss will shút its mouth.
- Whoever is wise will ponder these things, and consider well the mércies of the Lord.



- Y heart is firmly fixed, O Gód, my héart is fixed; I will sing and make mélody.
- Wake up, my spirit; awáke, lúte and harp; I myself will wáken thé dawn.
- I will confess you, O Lord, among the péoples; I will sing praises to you āmong the nátions.

- For your loving-kindness is greater than the héavens, and your faithfulness réaches to the clouds.
- Exalt yourself, O God, abóve the héavens, and your glory over all the earth.
- So that those who are dear to you may bé delivered, save with your right hand and ánswer me.
- God spoke from his holy place and said, 'I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.
- Gilead is mine and Manásseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet and Júdāh my scéptre.
- Moab is my washbasin, on Edom I throw down my sándāl to cláim it, and over Philistia will Ī shout in triumph.'
- Who will lead me into the strong city? Who will bring me into Édom?
- Have you not cást us óff, O God? You no longer go out, O Gōd, with our ármies.
- Grant us your help against the énemy, so for vain is the hélp of man.

With God we will do váliant deeds, and he shall tread our énemies under foot.

- Old not your tongue, O Gód óf my praise; so for the mouth of the wicked, the mouth of the deceitful, is ópēned agáinst me.
- They speak to me with a lýing tongue; they encompass me with hateful words and fight agáinst mē without a cause.
- Despite my love, they accuse me; but as for mé, I práy for them. They repay evil for good, ānd hátred fór my love.
- Set a wicked mán agáinst him, and let an accuser stánd at his ríght hand.
- When he is judged, let him be found guilty, and let his appeal be in vain.
- Let his days be few, and let another take his óffice. Let his children be fatherless, and his wife bēcóme a widow.
- Let his children be waifs and béggars; let them be driven from the ruins of their homes.
- Let the creditor seize éverything he has; let strangers plunder his gains.

- Let there be no one to show him kindness, and none to pity his fatherless children.
- Let his descéndants bé destroyed, and his name be blotted out in the néxt generation.
- Let the wickedness of his fathers be remémbered before the Lord, and his mother's sin not be blotted out;
- Let their sin be álwāys befóre the Lord; but let him root out thếir námes fróm the earth;
- Because he did not remember tó show mércy, but persecuted the poor and needy and sought to kill the bróken-héarted.
- He loved cursing, let it come upon him; he took no delight in blessing, let it depart from him.
- He put on cursing like a garment, let it soak into his body like water and into his bones like oil;
- Let it be to him like the cloak which he wráps around himself, and like the belt that he wears continually.
- Let this be the recompense from the Lord to my accusers, and to those who speak évīl against me.

- But you, O Lord my God, oh, deal with me according to your Name; for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me.
- For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me. So I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; I am shaken off like a locust.
- My knees are wéak through fásting, and my flesh is wásted ánd gaunt.
- I have become a reproach to them; they see and shake their heads.
- Help me, O Lord my God; save me fór your mércy's sake. Let them know that this is your hand, that you, Õ Lórd, have dóne it.
- They may cúrse, but you will bless; let those who rise up against me be put to shame, and your sérvant will rejoice.
- Let my accusers be clóthed with disgrace and wrap themselves in their shame as in a cloak.
- I will give great thanks to the Lord with my mouth; in the midst of the multitude will I praise him;
- Because he stands at the right hand of the néedy, so to save his life from those who would condémn him. •





### • Ordinary Time

- <sup>V</sup>. Help me, O Lord my God.
- R. Save me for your mercy's sake.

# **VERSES**

## THE TEMPORAL

#### ADVENT

#### First Nocturn

- <sup>⋄</sup>V. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
- R. God reveals himself in glory.

#### SECOND NOCTURN

- V. A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
- R. And a branch shall grow out of his roots.

### • Christmas Eve

#### First Nocturn

- V. Stand with confidence,
- R. And you shall see the help of the Lord over you.

#### SECOND NOCTURN

- V. Today you shall know that the Lord is coming.
- R. And in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord.
- Christmastide (up to Epiphany)

#### FIRST NOCTURN

- $\dot{V}$ . In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
- R. It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber.

#### SECOND NOCTURN

- <sup>⋄</sup>. The Lord has made known his victory;
- R. His righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- Christmastide (from Epiphany up to the Baptism of the Lord)

#### First Nocturn

- $\dot{V}$ . All the earth bows down before you,
- R. Sings to you, sings out your Name, O Lord.

#### SECOND NOCTURN

- V. All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,
- R. And glorify your Name.
- Lent

#### First Nocturn

- V. He shall say to the Lord, 'You are my refuge and my stronghold,
- R. My God in whom I put my trust.

### SECOND NOCTURN

- $\dot{V}$ . He shall deliver me from the snare of the hunter
- R. And from the deadly pestilence.
- Passiontide

#### First Nocturn

- V. When I am lifted up from the earth,
- R. I will draw all men to myself.

#### SECOND NOCTURN

- V. Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
- R. A fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
- Eastertide (up to Ascension)

#### First Nocturn

- $\dot{V}$ . The Lord has risen indeed,
- R. And he has appeared to Simon, alleluia, alleluia.

#### SECOND NOCTURN

- V. The disciples rejoiced
- R. When they saw the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.
- Eastertide (from Ascension up to Pentecost)

#### FIRST NOCTURN

- <sup>⋄</sup>V. O God, your majesty is praised
- R. Above the heavens, alleluia, alleluia.

#### SECOND NOCTURN

- V. He goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
- R. And runs about to the end of it again, alleluia, alleluia.

#### Pentecost Monday

#### FIRST NOCTURN

- V. Suddenly from heaven there came a sound
- R. Like the rush of a violent wind, alleluia, alleluia.

#### SECOND NOCTURN

- V. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
- R. And so you renew the face of the earth, alleluia, alleluia.

## THE COMMON

### • The Dedication of a Church

#### FIRST NOCTURN

- V. I will go into your house;
- R. I will bow down towards your holy temple.

#### SECOND NOCTURN

- V. Happy are they who dwell in your house!
- R. They will always be praising you.

### • The Blessed Virgin Mary

#### FIRST NOCTURN

- V. Grace flows from your lips,
- R. Because God has blessed you for ever.

- $\dot{V}$ . In your pride and in your majesty,
- R. Ride out and conquer.

#### Apostles

### FIRST NOCTURN

- $\dot{V}$ . You shall make them princes over all the earth.
- R. They will make your Name to be remembered, O Lord.

#### SECOND NOCTURN

- V. The heavens declare his righteousness,
- R. And all the peoples see his glory.

#### MARTYRS

### First Nocturn

- $\dot{V}$ . Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
- R. Shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

#### SECOND NOCTURN

- V. Let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
- R. Let them also be merry and joyful.

#### Pastors

#### First Nocturn

- $\dot{V}$ . The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
- R. And shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

#### Second Nocturn

- $\dot{V}$ . The righteous shall blossom like the lily,
- R. He shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon.

#### Monks

#### FIRST NOCTURN

- V. My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;
- R. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

- V. You who seek God,
- R. Your heart shall live.

#### VIRGINS

#### First Nocturn

- V. I am my beloved's
- R. And my beloved is mine.

#### SECOND NOCTURN

- V. As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
- R. So shall your God rejoice over you.

### • Virgins Martyrs

#### First Nocturn

- V. I have loved you with an everlasting love;
- R. Therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

#### SECOND NOCTURN

- V. It is no longer I who live,
- R. But it is Christ who lives in me.

#### • Virgins Doctors

#### FIRST NOCTURN

- V. You will show me the path of life;
- R. In your presence there is fullness of joy.

#### SECOND NOCTURN

- V. When your word goes forth it gives light;
- R. It gives understanding to the simple.

#### HOLY MEN

#### First Nocturn

- V. You adorn him with glory and honour;
- R. You give him mastery over the works of your hands.

- V. You have given him his hearts desire;
- R. You have not denied him the request of his lips.

### • Holy Women

### FIRST NOCTURN

- **Ÿ**. Those whom God foreknew
- R. He also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.

- v. She opens her hand to the poor,
- R. And reaches out her hands to the needy.

