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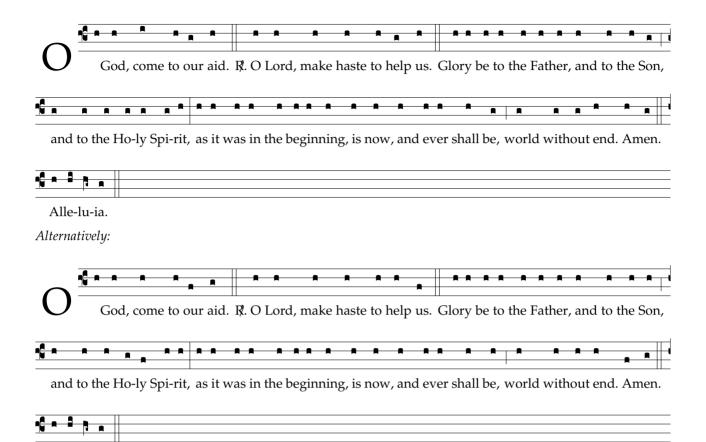
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INTRODUCTION & ACT OF REPENTANCE



Pause for examination of conscience.

Hebdom.:

Alle-lu-ia.

I confess * to almighty God, to blessed Mary, ever-virgin, to blessed Dominic our father, to all the Saints, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, deed and omission, through my fault: I ask you to pray for me.

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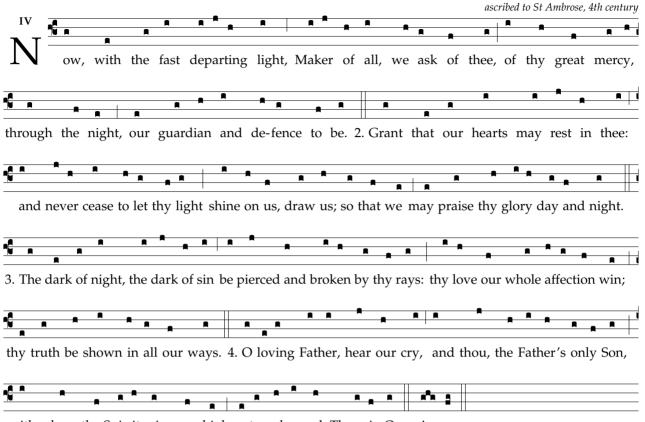
May almighty God have mercy on us, and forgive us all our sins, deliver us from every evil, save and strengthen us in every good work, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

4 Hymn

HYMN

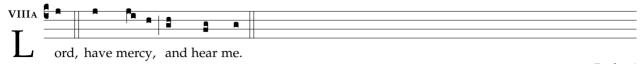
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with whom the Spi-rit reigns on high, e-ternal, equal, Three in One. A-men.

PSALMODY

SUNDAY, AFTER FIRST VESPERS



Psalm 4



When I call, answer me, O God of justice; * from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

O men, how long will your hearts be closed, *

will you love what is futile and seek what is false?

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; *

the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

Fear him; do not sin: *

ponder on your bed and be still

Make justice your sacrifice, *

and trust in the Lord.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. *

Lift up the light of your <u>face</u> on us, O Lord.

You have put into my heart a greater joy *

than they have from abundance of <u>corn</u> and new wine.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once *

for you alone, Lord, make me <u>dwell</u> in safety.

Glory be to the Father and to the <u>Son</u> *

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever $\underline{\text{shall}}$ be, * world without $\underline{\ddot{\text{e}}\text{nd}}$. Amen.

Repeat antiphon



Psalm 133(134)



O come, bless the Lord, * all you who serve the Lord.

who stand in the house of the Lord, *

in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands to the <u>ho</u>ly place *

and bless the <u>Lord</u> through the night.

May the Lord bless you from $\underline{Si}on,\,^*$

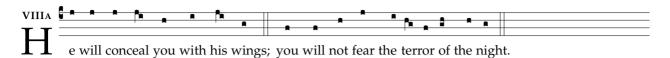
he who made both <u>hea</u>ven and earth.

Glory be to the Father and to the <u>Son</u> * and to the <u>Ho</u>ly Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever <u>shall</u> be, * world without <u>ënd</u>. Amen.

6 Psalmody

SUNDAY, AFTER SECOND VESPERS



Psalm 90(91)



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High * and abides in the shade of the Almighty

says to the Lord: 'My refuge, *

my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

It is he who will free you from the <a>snare *

of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;

he will conceal you with his <u>pi</u>nions *

and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the <u>night</u> *

nor the ar<u>row</u> that flies by day,

nor the plague that prowls in the <u>dark</u>ness * nor the scourge that <u>lays</u> waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side, *

ten thousand fall at your right,

you, it will never approach; *

his faithfulness is <u>buck</u>ler and shield.

Your eyes have only to <u>look</u> *

to see how the wicked are repaid,

you who have said: 'Lord, my refuge!' *

and have made the Most High your dwelling.

Upon you no evil shall fall, *

no plague approach where you dwell.

For you has he commanded his angels, *

to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands *

lest you strike your foot against a stone.

On the lion and the viper you will <u>tread</u> * and trample the young lion <u>and</u> the dragon.

Since he clings to me in love, I will <u>free</u> him; *

protect him <u>for</u> he knows my name.

When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you,' *

I will save him in distress and give him glory.

With length of days I will content him; *

I shall let him see my saving power.

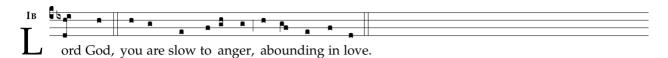
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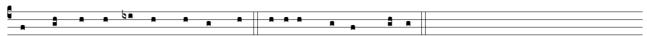
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever <u>shall</u> be, * world without <u>ënd</u>. Amen.

Monday

MONDAY



Psalm 85(86)



Turn your ear, O Lord, and give answer * for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for <u>I</u> am faithful; * save the ser<u>vant</u> who trusts in you.

You are my God, have mercy on me, Lord, *

for I cry to you all the day long.

Give joy to your servant, O Lord, *

for to you I <u>lift</u> up my soul.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, *

full of <u>love</u> to all who call.

Give heed, O <u>Lord</u>, to my prayer *

and attend to the sound of my voice.

In the day of distress I will call *

and surely you will reply.

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; *

nor work to compare with yours.

All the nations shall come to adore you *

and glorify your name, O Lord:

for you are great and do marvellous deeds, *

you who alone are God.

Show me, Lord, your way †

so that I may walk in your truth. *

Guide my <u>heart</u> to fear your name.

I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart *

and glorify your name for ever;

for your love to me has been great: *

you have saved me from the depths of the grave.

The proud have risen against me; †

ruthless men seek my life; *

to you they pay no heed.

But you, God of mercy and compassion, *

slow to anger, O Lord,

abounding in love and truth, *

turn and take pity on me.

O give your <u>strength</u> to your servant *

and save your handmaid's child.

Show me the sign of your favour †

that my foes may see to their shame *

that you console me and give me your help.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son *

and to the Holy Spirit,

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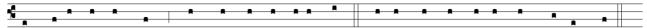
world without <u>ënd</u>. Amen.

8 Psalmody

TUESDAY



Psalm 142(143):1-11



Lord, listen to my prayer: † turn your ear to my ap<u>peal</u>. * You are faithful, you are just; <u>give</u> answer. Do not call your servant to <u>judge</u>ment *

for no one is just <u>in</u> your sight.

The enemy pursues my soul; *

he has crushed my life to the ground;

he has made me dwell in darkness *

like the dead, long forgotten.

Therefore my spirit <u>fails</u>; *

my heart is numb within me.

I remember the days that are past: *

I ponder all your works.

I muse on what your hand has wrought †

and to you I stretch out my hands. *

Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

Lord, make haste and <u>an</u>swer; *

for my spirit fails within me.

Do not hide your face *

lest I become like those <u>in</u> the grave.

In the morning let me know your <u>love</u> *

for I put my trust in you.

Make me know the way I should walk: *

to you I lift up my soul.

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies; *

I have fled to you for refuge.

Teach me to do your will *

for you, O Lord, are my God.

Let your good spirit guide me *

in ways that are level and smooth.

For your name's sake, Lord, save my <u>life</u>; *

in your justice save my soul from distress.

Glory be to the Father and to the <u>Son</u> *

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever <u>shall</u> be, * world without <u>ënd</u>. Amen.

world without <u>end</u>. Amen

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY



Psalm 30(31):1-6



In you, O Lord, I take <u>re</u>fuge. * Let me ne<u>ver</u> be put to shame.

In your justice, set me free, *

hear me and speedily rescue me.

Be a rock of refuge for me, *

a mighty stronghold to save me,

for you are my rock, my stronghold. *

For your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

Release me from the snares they have hidden *

for you are my refuge, Lord.

Into your hands I commend my spirit. *

It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son *

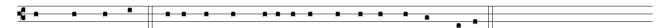
and to the Holy Spirit,

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Repeat antiphon



Psalm 129(130)



Lord, hear my voice! *O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, *

Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: *

for this we <u>re</u>vere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord. *

I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the <u>Lord</u> *

more than watchman for daybreak.

Let the watchman count on daybreak *

and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy *

and fulness of redemption,

Israel indeed he will redeem *

from all its iniquity.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son *

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever <u>shall</u> be, * world without <u>ënd</u>. Amen.

10 Psalmody

THURSDAY



Psalm 15(16)



Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. † I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. * My happiness lies in you



a-lone.

He has put into my heart a <u>mar</u>vellous love * for the faithful ones who <u>dwell</u> in his land.

Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows. †

Never will I offer their offerings of blood. *

Never will I take their <u>name</u> upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my <u>portion</u> and cup; * it is you your<u>self</u> who are my prize.

The lot marked out for <u>me</u> is my delight: *

welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, * who even at <u>night</u> directs my heart.

I keep the Lord <a>ever in my sight: *

since he is at my right hand, <u>I</u> shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my <u>soul</u> is glad; * even my body shall <u>rest</u> in safety.

For you will not leave my <u>soul</u> among the dead, * nor let your be<u>lov</u>ed know decay.

You will show me the path of life, †

the fulness of joy in your presence, *

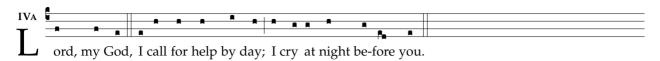
at your right hand happi<u>ness</u> for ever.

Glory be to the Father <u>and</u> to the Son * and to the <u>Ho</u>ly Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and <u>ev</u>er shall be, * world without <u>ënd</u>. Amen.

Friday 11

FRIDAY



Psalm 87(88)



Let my prayer come into your presence. *O turn your ëar to my cry.

For my soul is <u>filled</u> with evils; *

my life is \underline{on} the brink of the grave.

I am reckoned as one <u>in</u> the tomb; *

I have reached the ënd of my strength,

Like one alone among the dead, *

like the slain lying in their graves,

like those you remem<u>ber</u> no more, *

cut off, as they are, from your hand.

You have laid me in the depths of the tomb, *

in places that are därk, in the depths.

Your anger weighs <u>down</u> upon me; *

I am <u>drowned</u> benëath yöur waves.

You have taken away my friends * and made me hateful in their sight.

Imprisoned, I cannot escape; *

my eyes are sünken with grief.

I call to you, Lord, all <u>the</u> day long; * to you <u>I</u> stretch öut mÿ hands.

Will you work your wonders for the dead? *

Will the shades stand and praise you?

Will your love be told <u>in</u> the grave *

or your faithfulness among the dead?

Will your wonders be known in the dark *

or your justice in the <u>land</u> of öblivion?

As for me, Lord, I call to <u>you</u> for help; *

in the morning my prayer comes before you.

Lord, why do you reject me? *

Why <u>do</u> you hide your face?

Wretched, close to death from my youth, *

I have borne your <u>tri</u>-als; Ï äm numb.

Your fury has swept <u>down</u> upon me; *

your terrors have utterly dëströyed me.

They surround me all the day like a flood, *

they assail me all tögëther.

Friend and neighbour you have taken away: *

my one companion is därkness.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son *

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *

world without end. Ämen.

12 Scripture Reading

SCRIPTURE READING

17TH DECEMBER

READING Wisdom 8:1-2

Wisdom reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well. I loved her and sought her from my youth, and I desired to take her for my bride, and I became enamored of her beauty.

18TH DECEMBER

READING Isaiah 31:22

For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our ruler, the Lord is our king; he will save us.

19TH DECEMBER

Reading Isaiah 11:10

In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

20TH DECEMBER

READING Psalm 22(23):4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

21ST DECEMBER

READING Numbers 24:17

I see him – but not in the present, I behold him – but not close at hand: a star from Jacob takes the leadership, a sceptre arises from Israel. It crushes the brows of Moab the skulls of all the sons of Sheth.

22ND DECEMBER

READING Jeremiah 10:7

There is none like thee, O Lord; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. Who would not fear thee, O King of the nations? For this is thy due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like thee.

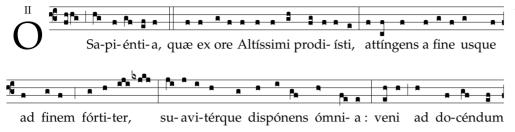
23RD DECEMBER

READING Isaiah 7:14-15

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

O ANTIPHONS

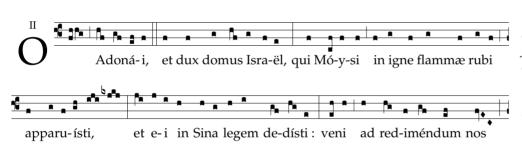
17 DECEMBER



O Wisdom, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end, powerfully and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.



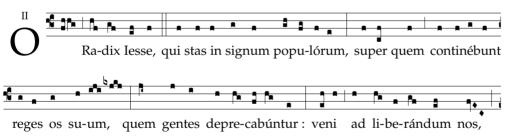
18 DECEMBER



O Adonai, and leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and who gave him the law on Sinai: Come to redeem us with outstretched arm.



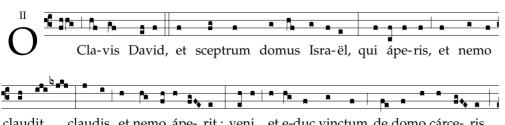
19 DECEMBER



O Root of Jesse, set up as a sign for the peoples, before whom kings will stop their mouths, to whom the nations will pray: Come to set us free, delay no more.



20 DECEMBER



sceptre of the house of Israel, who open and no one shuts, who shut and no one opens: Come and bring out the captive from the prisonhouse, him who sits in

O Key of David, and the

claudit, claudis, et nemo ápe- rit : veni, et e-duc vinctum de domo cárce- ris,

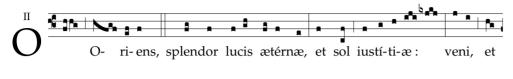
14 O antiphons



the darkness and the shadow of death.

sedéntes in ténebris, et umbra mortis.

21 DECEMBER

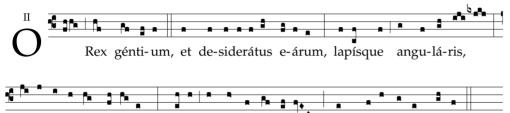


O Rising Sun, splendour of eternal Light and sun of righteousness:
Come and shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.



illúmi- na sedentes in ténebris, et umbra mortis.

22 DECEMBER



O King of the Nations, whom they desire, and the cornerstone, who join the two together into one: Come and save mankind, whom you formed from the clay.

qui fa-cis útraque unum : veni, et salva hóminem, quem de limo formásti.

23 DECEMBER



O Emmanuel, our King and lawgiver, for whom the nations wait, their Saviour:

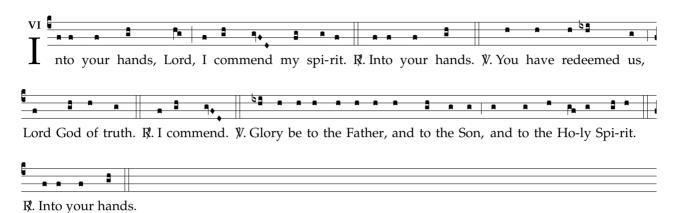
Come to save us, Lord our God.

Salvá-tor e-á-rum : veni ad salvándum nos, Dómine, De-us noster.



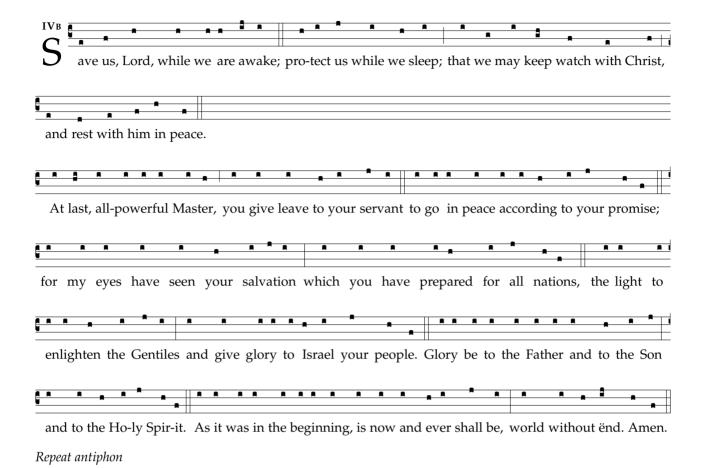
RESPONSORY

The Responsory follows after a pause for reflection.



Nunc Dimittis

NUNC DIMITTIS



COLLECT AND BLESSING

SUNDAY, AFTER FIRST VESPERS

Let us <u>pray</u>. † Come to visit us, <u>Lord</u>, this night, * so that by your strength we may rise at day<u>break</u> † to rejoice in the resurrection of <u>Christ</u>, your Son, * who lives and reigns for ever and e<u>ver</u>. † R. Amen.

SUNDAY, AFTER SECOND VESPERS

Let us <u>pray</u>. † God our Father, as we have celebrated today the mystery of the Lord's resurrection, grant our humble <u>prayer</u>: † free us from all harm that we may sleep in peace and rise in joy to <u>sing</u> your praise. * Through Christ Our <u>Lord</u>. † R. Amen.

MONDAY

Let us <u>pray</u>. † Lord, give our bodies restful <u>sleep</u>; † and let the work we have done today be sown for an <u>eternal</u> harvest. * Through Christ Our <u>Lord</u>. † R. Amen.

TUESDAY

Let us <u>pray</u>. † In your mercy, Lord, dispel the darkness <u>of</u> this night. * Let your household so sleep in <u>peace</u> † that at the dawn of a new day they may, with joy, waken <u>in</u> your name. * Through Christ Our <u>Lord</u>. † R. Amen.

WEDNESDAY

Let us <u>pray</u>. † Lord Jesus Christ, meek and humble of heart, you offer to those who follow you a yoke that is good to bear, a burden <u>that</u> is light. * Accept, we beg you, our prayer and work of this <u>day</u>, † and grant us the rest we need that we may be ever more will<u>ing</u> to serve you, * who lives and reigns for ever and e<u>ver</u>. † R. Amen.

THURSDAY

Let us <u>pray</u>. † Lord our God, restore us again by the repose of sleep after the fatigue of our <u>dai</u>ly work, * so that, continually renewed by your <u>help</u>, † we may serve you in bo<u>dy</u> and soul. * Through Christ Our <u>Lord</u>. † R. Amen.

FRIDAY

Let us <u>pray</u>. † Give us grace, almighty God, so to unite ourselves in faith with your <u>only</u> Son, * who underwent death and lay buried in the <u>tomb</u>, † that we may rise again in newness of <u>life</u> with him, * who lives and reigns for ever and e<u>ver</u>. † \mathbb{R} . Amen.

BLESSING

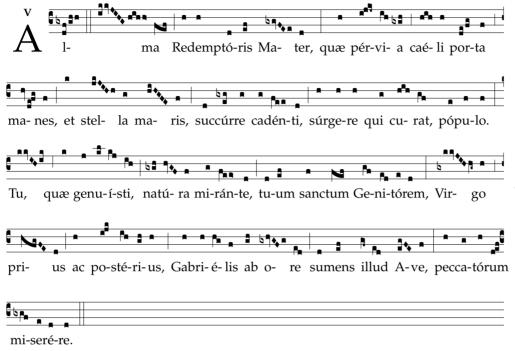


May the almighty and merci-ful Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. R. Amen.

18 Blessing

ANTHEMS TO OUR LADY

ALMA REDEMPTORIS MATER



O nourishing Mother of the Redeemer, who remain the open gate of heaven, and star of the sea, help the fallen people who strive to arise. You who gave birth, while nature was amazed, to your holy Begetter, Virgin before and after, accepting from the mouth of Gabriel that 'Hail', have pity on sinners.

SUB TUUM PRÆSIDIUM



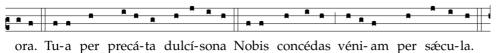
We fly to thy patronage, O holy *Mother of God;* despise not our prayers in our time of need, but deliver us always from all dangers, O blessed Virgin.



INVIOLATA



Inviolate, untouched and chaste are you, Mary; you were made the shining gate of heaven. O kind and dearest mother of Christ, receive our loving songs of praise. That our minds and bodies may be pure, devoted hearts and lips implore you. Through your

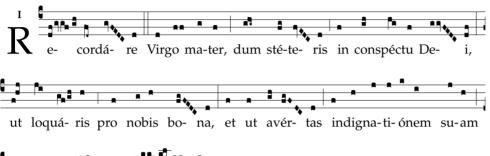


grant us pardon through all the ages, gentle Mary, who alone remained inviolate.



O be-nígna, Quæ so-la invi-o-lá-ta perman-sí- sti.

RECORDARE, VIRGO



Remember, O Virgin Mother, when you stand in the sight of God, to speak good on our behalf to turn his wrath away from us.



20 Blessing

ANTHEMS TO ST DOMINIC

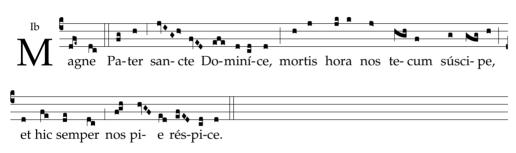
O LUMEN ECCLESIÆ



O light of the Church, teacher of truth, rose of patience, ivory of chastity, you have freely poured forth the waters of wisdom: preacher of grace, unite us with the blessed.

Prædi-cá-tor grá- ti-æ nos iunge be-á- tis.

MAGNE PATER



Great Father, holy
Dominic,
take us to yourself at
the hour of our death
and always look kindly
upon us here.

PIE PATER



O loving father
Dominic, remember
your works and stand
before the supreme
Judge on behalf of your
band of poor ones.

IN MEDIO ECCLESIÆ

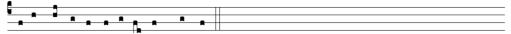


In the midst of the assembly the Lord opened his mouth and filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding: he clothed him with a robe of glory. V. He heaped up joy and exsultation upon him.

Anthems to St Dominic 21



et Fí-li-o, et Spi-rí-tu-i Sancto. Sicut erat in princípi-o, et nunc, et semper,



et in sæcu-ló-rum. Amen.

Fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei requiéscant in pace.

R. Amen.

(May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.)