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Holy Thursday Solemn Evening Prayer

INTRODUCTION

God, + come to my assistance.

– Lord, make haste to help me.

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

– as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

HYMN

O merciful Creator, hear!

To us in pity bow thine ear:

Accept the tearful prayer we raise

In this our fast of forty days.

Our hearts are open, Lord, to Thee:

Thou know well our infirmity;

Pour out on all who seek Thy face

Abundance of Thy pardoning grace.

Our sins are many, this we know;

Spare us, good Lord, Thy mercy show;

And for the honor of Thy name

Our fainting souls to life reclaim.

Give self-control to us that springs

From discipline of outward things,

That fasting inward, secretly,

The soul may purely dwell with Thee.

We pray Thee, Holy Trinity,

One God, unchanging Unity,

That we from this our abstinence

May reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.

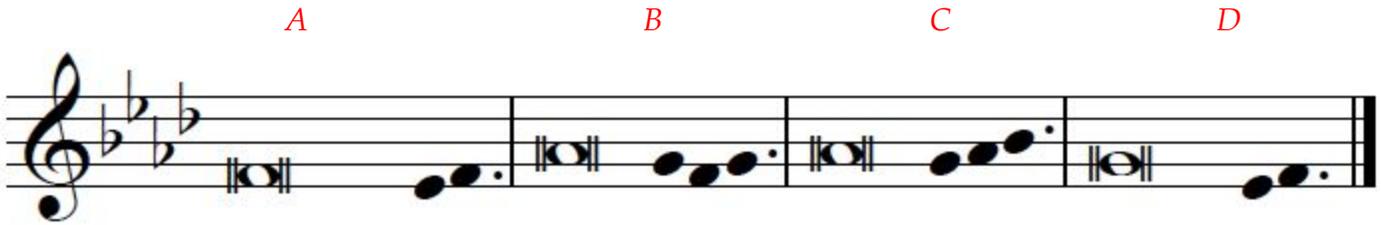
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Music: Gregorian, Mode I

Text: Audi benigne Conditor, attributed to Saint Gregory the Great, 540-604

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Psalm 72, I



Ant. 1

a Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead and ruler of the kings of **the** earth,
d has made us a royal people to serve his God **and** Father.

Psalm 72

The Messiah's royal power

Opening their treasures, they offered him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh (Matthew 2:11).

I

a O God, give your judgment to **the** king,
b to a king's **son** your justice,
c that he may judge your **people** in justice
d and your poor in **right** judgment.

a May the mountains bring forth peace for **the** people
b and **the** hills, justice.
c May he defend the poor of the people †
and save the children **of** the needy
d and crush the **oppressor**.

a He shall endure like the sun and **the** moon
b from **age** to age.
c He shall descend like rain **on** the meadow,
d like raindrops on **the** earth.

a In his days justice **shall** flourish
b and peace till **the** moon fails.
c He shall rule from **sea** to sea,
d from the Great River to **earth's** bounds.

a Before him his enemies **shall** fall,
b his foes **lick** the dust.
c The kings of Tarshish **and** the sea coasts
d shall pay **him** tribute.

- a The kings of Sheba **and** Seba
- b shall **bring** him gifts.
- c Before him all kings **shall** fall prostrate,
- d all nations **shall** serve him.

- a Glory to the Father, and to **the** Son,
- b and to the **Holy** Spirit:
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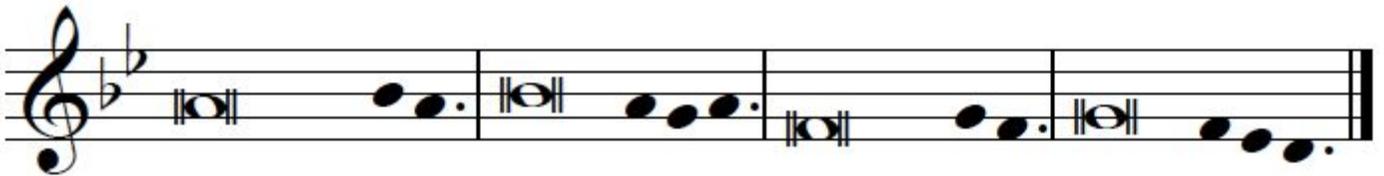
Psalm 72, II

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Ant. 2

- a The Lord will be the champion of **the** helpless;
- d he will free the poor from the grip **of** the powerful.

II

- a For he shall save the poor when **they** cry
- b and the needy **who** are helpless.
- c He will have pity on **the** weak
- d and save the lives **of** the poor.

- a From oppression he will rescue **their** lives,
- b to him their **blood** is dear.
- c Long may **he** live,
- d may the gold of She**ba** be given him.

- a They shall pray for him **without** ceasing
- b and bless him **all** the day.
- c May corn be abundant in **the** land
- d to the peaks **of** the mountains.

- a May its fruit rustle **like** Lebanon;
- b may men flourish **in** the cities
- d like grass **on** the earth.

a May his name be blessed **for** ever
 b and endure **like** the sun.
 c Every tribe shall be blessed **in** him,
 d all nations **bless** his name.

a Blessed be the Lord, God **of** Israel,
 b who **alone** works wonders,
 c ever blessed his **glorious** name.
 d Let his glory fill the earth. **Amen!** Amen!

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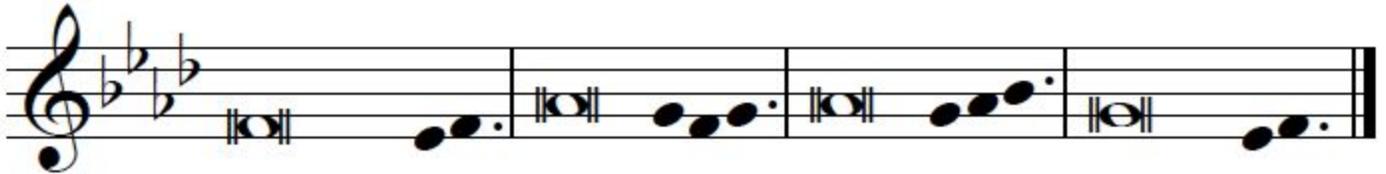
Canticle - Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a

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Ant. 3

a The saints won their victory over death through the blood of **the** Lamb
 d and the truth to which they **bore** witness.

Canticle: Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a
 The judgment of God

a We praise you, the Lord God **Al**mighty,
 b who is **and** who was.
 c You have assumed **your** great power,
 d you have begun **your** reign.

a The nations have raged **in** anger,
 b but then came your **day** of wrath
 d and the moment to judge **the** dead:

a the time to reward your servants **the** prophets
 b and the holy ones **who** revere you,
 d the great and the small **alike**.

a Now have salvation and power **er** come,
b the reign of our God and the authority of **his** Anointed One.
c For the accuser of our brothers **is** cast out,
d who night and day accused them **before** God.

a They defeated him by the blood of **the** Lamb †
b and by the word **of** their testimony;
c love for life did not deter **them** from death.
d So rejoice, you heavens, †
and you that dwell **therein**!

a Glory to the Father, and to **the** Son,
b and to the **Holy** Spirit:
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READING

Hebrews 13:12-15

Jesus died outside the gate, to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us go out to him outside the camp bearing the insult which he bore. For here we have no lasting city; we are seeking one which is to come. Through him let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which acknowledge his name.

In place of the responsory the following is said:

Ant. For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death.

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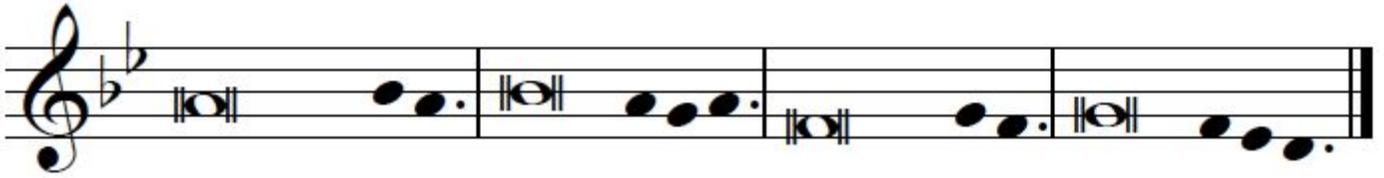
GOSPEL CANTICLE

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Ant.

a While they were at supper, Jesus took bread, said **the** blessing,
d broke the bread and gave it to **his** disciples.

Canticle of Mary

Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

a My + soul proclaims the greatness of **the** Lord,
b my spirit rejoices in **God** my Savior
d for he has looked with favor on his **lowly** servant.

a From this day all generations will call **me** blessed:
b the Almighty has done great **things** for me,
d and holy **is** his Name.

a He has mercy on those **who** fear him
b in every **generation**.
c He has shown the strength of **his** arm,
d he has scattered the proud in **their** conceit.

a He has cast down the mighty from **their** thrones,
b and has lifted **up** the lowly.
c He has filled the hungry with **good** things,
d and the rich he has sent **away** empty.

a He has come to the help of his serv**ant** Israel
b for he has remembered his prom**ise** of mercy,
c the promise he made to **our** fathers,
d to Abraham and his child**ren** for ever.

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INTERCESSIONS

At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior entrusted to his Church the memorial of his death and resurrection, to be celebrated for ever. Let us adore him, and say:

Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

Redeemer of the world, give us a greater share of your passion through a deeper spirit of repentance,
– so that we may share the glory of your resurrection.

Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

May your Mother, comfort of the afflicted, protect us,

– may we console others as you console us.

Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

In their trials enable your faithful people to share in your passion,

– and so reveal in their lives your saving power.

Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

You humbled yourself by being obedient even to accepting death, death on a cross,

– give all who serve you the gifts of obedience and patient endurance.

Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

Transform the bodies of the dead to be like your own in glory,

– and bring us at last into their fellowship.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Remember us, Lord, when you come to your kingdom and teach us how to pray:)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done on earth

as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

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CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father,
for your glory and our salvation
you appointed Jesus Christ eternal High Priest.
May the people he gained for you by his blood
come to share in the power of his cross and resurrection
by celebrating his memorial in this eucharist,
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.
– Amen.

DISMISSAL

May the Lord + bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
– Amen.