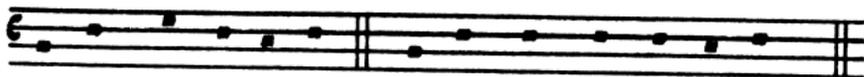


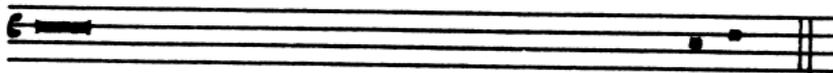
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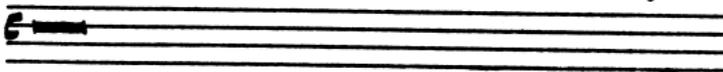
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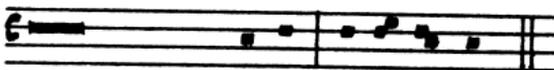
V. O God, come to our aid. R. O Lord, make haste to help us.



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, A-men. Al-le-lu-ia.

HYMN

Pange lingua gloriosi

Of the glorious body telling, O my tongue, its mys-teries
sing, And the Blood, all price ex-cel-ling, Which the world's e-
ter-nal King, In a no-ble womb once dwell-ing, Shed for this
world's ran-som-ing.

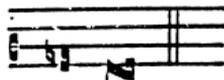
Given for us, for us descending,
Of a Virgin to proceed,
Man with man in converse blending,
Scattered he the Gospel seed,
Till his sojourn drew to ending,
Which he closed in wondrous deed.

At the last great Supper lying
Circled by his brethren's band,
Meekly with the law complying,
First he finished its command,
Then, immortal Food supplying,
Gave himself with his own hand.

Word made Flesh, by word he maketh
Very bread his Flesh to be;
Man in wine Christ's Blood partaketh:
And if senses fail to see,
Faith alone the true heart waketh
To behold the mystery.

Therefore we, before him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

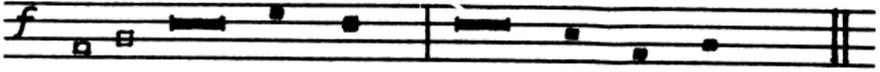
Glory let us give, and blessing
To the Father and the Son;
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both is one.



A-men.

PSALMODY

II. 1



Ant. 1: The Lord is merciful; **he gives food to those who fear him: to make them remember his wonders.**

Psalm 111

I will thank the Lord with all my *heart*:
in the meeting of the just and their *as-sembly*.

Great are the works of the Lord:
to be pondered by all who love them.

Majestic and glorious his *work*:
his justice stands firm *for ever*.

He makes us remember his won-ders:
The Lord is compas-sion and love.

He gives food to those who *fear* him:
keeps his covenant *e-ver* in mind.

He has shown his might to his peo-ple:
by giving them the lands of the nations.

His works are justice and *truth*:
his precepts are all *of* them sure.

Standing firm for ever and e-ver:
they are made in upright-ness and truth.

He has sent deliverance to his *peo-ple*:
and established his covenant *for ever*.

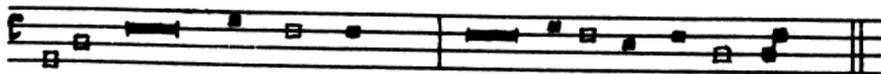
Holy his name, to be feared:
to fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom.

All who do so prove themselves *wise*:
his name shall last *for ever*!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Ho-ly Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall be*:
world without *end*, Amen.

Ant. **The Lord is merciful; he gives food to those who fear him: to make them remember his wonders.**



Ant. 2: The Lord has established peace for his *Church*: **he feeds us with finest wheat.**

Psalm 147

O praise the Lord, *Je-ru-salem*:
Si-on, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates:
he has blessed the chil-dren within you.

He established peace on your *bor-ders*:
 he *feeds* you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth:
and swift-ly runs his command.

He showers down snow white as *wool*:
 he scatters *hoar-frost* like ashes.

He hurls down hailstones like crumbs:
the waters are fro-zen at his touch.

He sends forth his word and it *melts* them:
 at the breath of his *mouth* the waters flow.

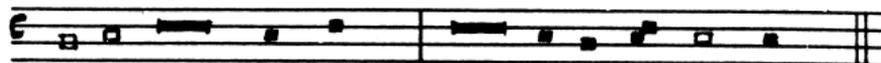
He makes his word known to Ja-cob:
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other *na-tions*:
 he has not taught *them* his decrees.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Ho-ly Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* be:
 world with-out end, Amen.

Ant. **The Lord has established peace for his Church: he feeds us with finest wheat.**



Ant. 3: Truly I say to you, **it was not Moses who gave you bread from *hea-ven*: it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven, *al-leluia*.**

Rev. 11 & 12

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who are and *who were*: that you have taken your great power *and* begun to reign.

**The nations raged, but your wrath came:
and the time for the *dead* to be judged.**

For rewarding your servants, the prophets *and* saints:
and those who fear your *name*, both small and great.

**Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of *our God*:
and the authority of his Christ have come.**

For the accuser of our brethren has been *thrown* down:
who accuses them day and *night* before our God.

**and they have con-*quered* him:
by the *blood* of the Lamb.**

And by the word of their testi-*mon-y*:
for they loved not their lives e-*ven* unto death.

**Rejoice then, O *hea-ven*:
and you that dwell therein.**

Glory be to the Father and to *the* Son:
and to the *Ho-ly* Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world with-*out* end, Amen.**

Ant. Truly I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you bread from *hea-ven*: it is my father who gives you the true bread from heaven, *al-leluia*.

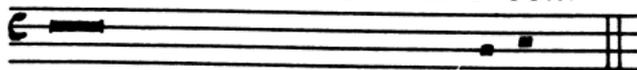
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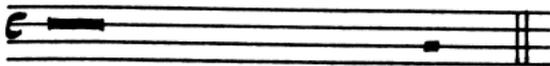
Or another reading.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

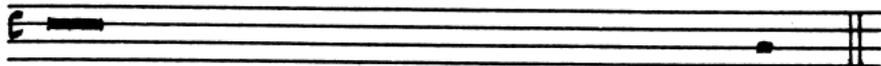
SHORT RESPONSORY



R. He gave them the bread of heaven to eat. **Repeat R.**

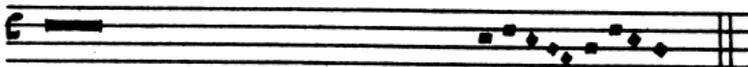


V. Man has tasted the food of an-gels. **Repeat R.**



V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spi-rit:
Repeat R.

or this alternative responsory:

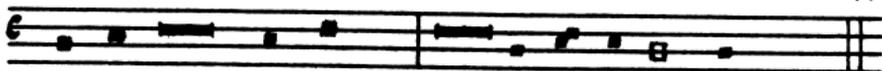


V. You gave them the bread from hea-ven.

R. **Containing in itself all sweet-ness.**

MAGNIFICAT

VI



Ant. Lord, how good you are and how gentle is your spirit;
**when you wished to show your goodness to your sons you gave
them bread from hea-ven: filling the hungry with good things
and sending the rich a-way empty.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

**For he has looked with favour on his lowly ser-vant:
and from this day all generations will call me blessèd.**

The Almighty has done great things for me:
ho-ly is his Name.

**He has mercy on those who fear him:
in every gen-eration.**

He has shown the strength of *his* arm:
he has scattered the *proud* in their conceit.
**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones:
and has lifted up the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with *good* things:
and has sent the rich *a-way* empty.

**He has come to the help of his servant Is-ra-el;
for he has remembered his pro-mise of mercy.**

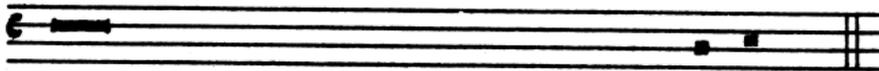
The promise he made to our *fa*-thers:
to Abraham and his *chil-dren* for ever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Ho-ly Spirit.**

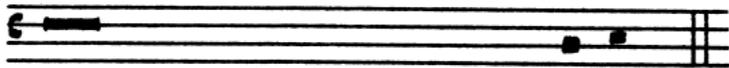
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* be:
world with-out end, Amen.

Ant. **Lord, how good you are and how gentle is your spirit;
when you wished to show your goodness to your sons you gave
them bread from hea-ven: filling the hungry with good things
and sending the rich a-way empty.**

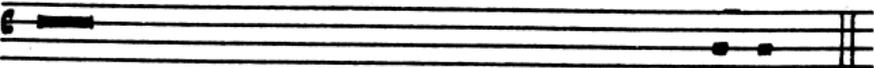
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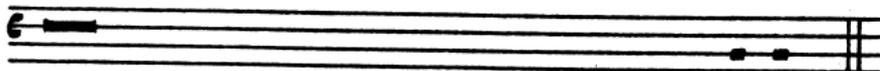
At the supper to which all are invited, Christ gives his body
and blood for the life of the world; earnestly we beseech him,
say-ing:



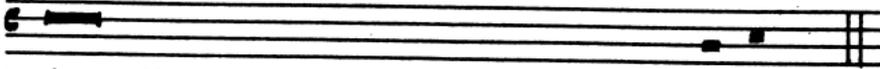
R. Lord Jesus Christ, give us the bread of eter-nal life.



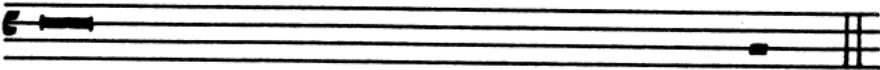
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, you have commanded
us to celebrate the eucharistic meal in remembrance of you;
enrich your Church with the worthy celebration of these
my-steries: **Repeat R.**



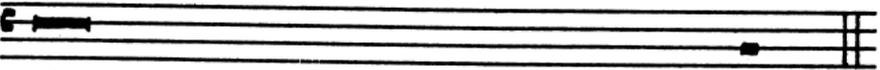
Lord Jesus Christ, eternal high priest, you have committed to your priests the ministrations of your sacraments; help them to do their part in your work with the unfailing gladness of genuine charity: **Repeat R.**



Lord Jesus Christ, manna from heaven, you make into one all who share the one bread; grant peace and concord to all who believe in you: **Repeat R.**



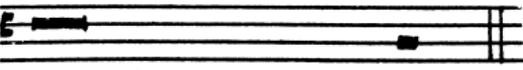
Lord Jesus Christ, heavenly physician, you give an eternal remedy and a pledge of resurrection to those who eat your bread; grant health to the ailing and a real hope to sinners: **Repeat R.**



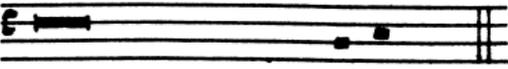
Lord Jesus Christ, king who is to come, we know that whenever we celebrate these mysteries, we proclaim your death until you come again; bring all those who have died in you to share your resurrection: **Repeat R.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as following your teaching we say:

Our Father. . .

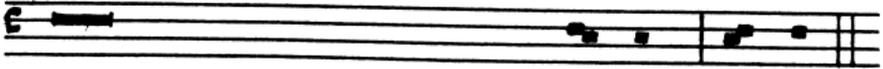


V. And lead us not into temptation;



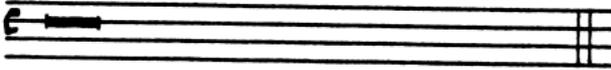
R. But deliver us from evil, A-men.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

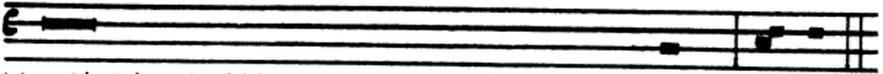


Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist
as the memorial of your suffering and death;
may our worship of this sacrament of your Body and Blood
help us to experience the salvation you won for us
and the peace of the Kingdom
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and e-ver. **A-men.**

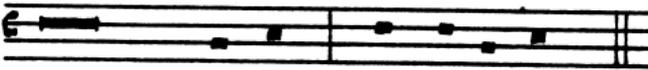
BLESSING



The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**



May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spi-rit. **A-men.**



Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Notes

The *Alleluia* in the Introduction and in Antiphon 3 is omitted in Advent and Lent.

The Scripture Reading may be followed by a homily or a time of silence. The Short Responary may be omitted.

When there is no priest or deacon, a lay person may preside at this Office. But in this case he is only one among equals; he does not enter the sanctuary, nor does he greet or bless the people. The Office concludes with: The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.