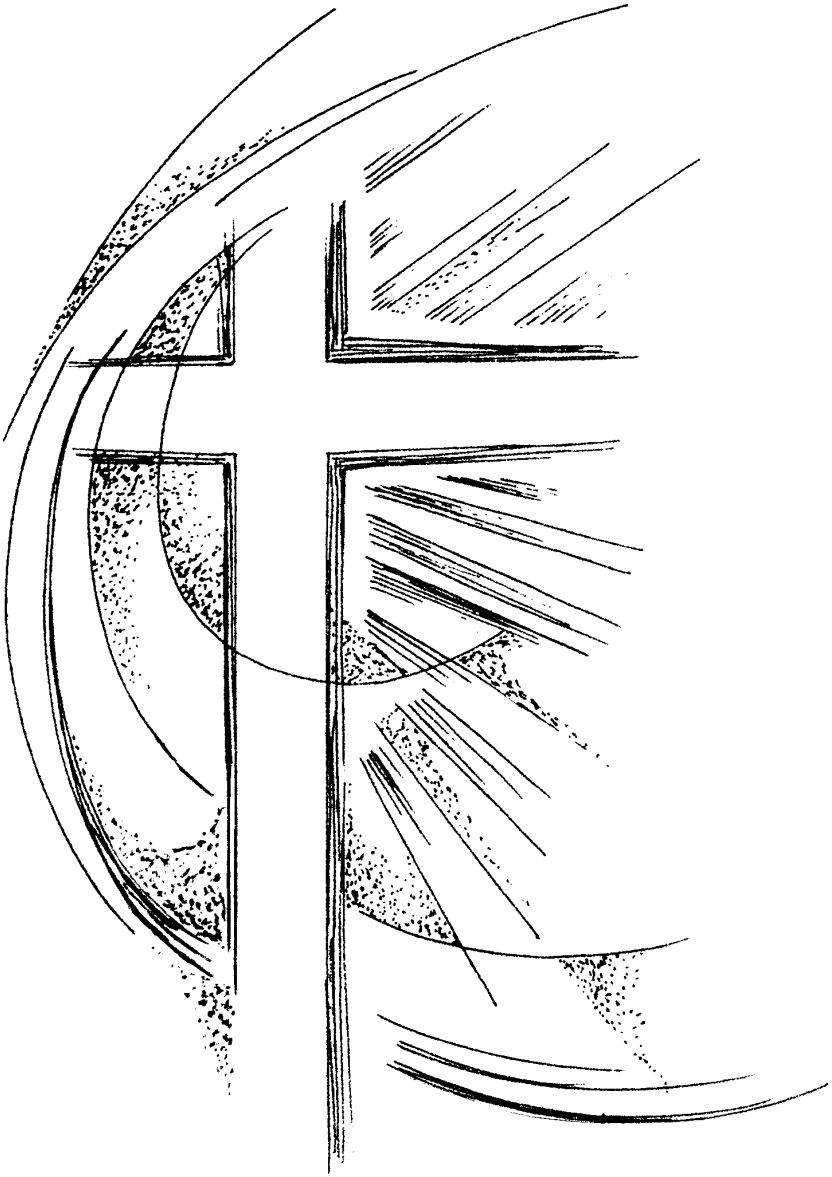

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

VESPERS

BENEDICTINE COMMUNITIES
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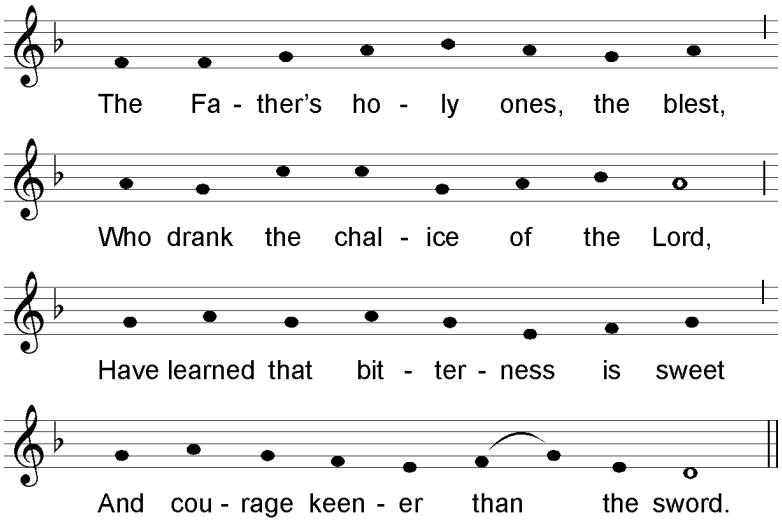
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS **VESPERS**

O God, come to our aid,
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 shall be for ever, amen. Alleluia!

HYMN

Plainsong



In darkness they were unafraid
And kept alight their living fire.
They now keep timeless days of joy
Where God gives all their heart's desire.

May all that splendid company
Whom Christ in glory came to meet
Help us on our uneven road,
Made smoother by their passing feet.

We pray you, Trinity of love,
May we keep faith till time shall cease:
Grant us a place among your saints
To share their vision and their peace.

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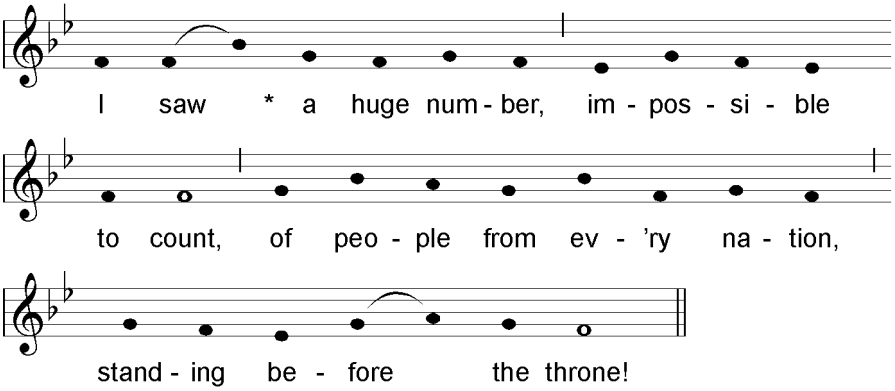
ANTIPHON 1



Psalm 112

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!

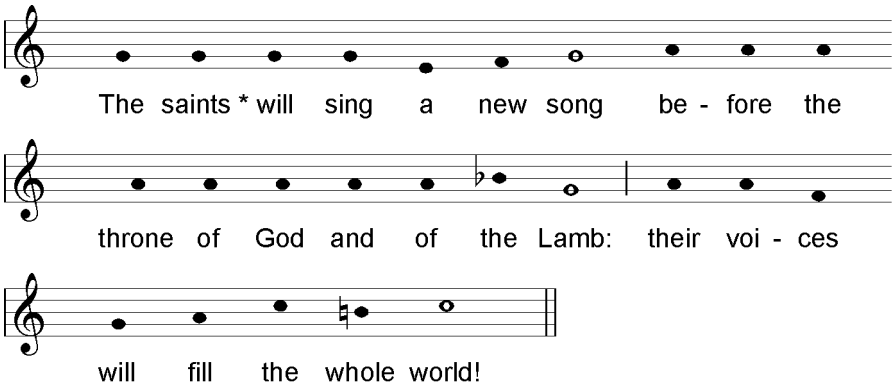
High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home
and gladdens her heart with children.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit**,**
both now and for ever, amen.

REPEAT ANTIPHON

ANTIPHON 2



Psalm 147

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you.
He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly 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 frozen 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 Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

Alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit**,**
both now and for ever, amen.

REPEAT ANTIPHON

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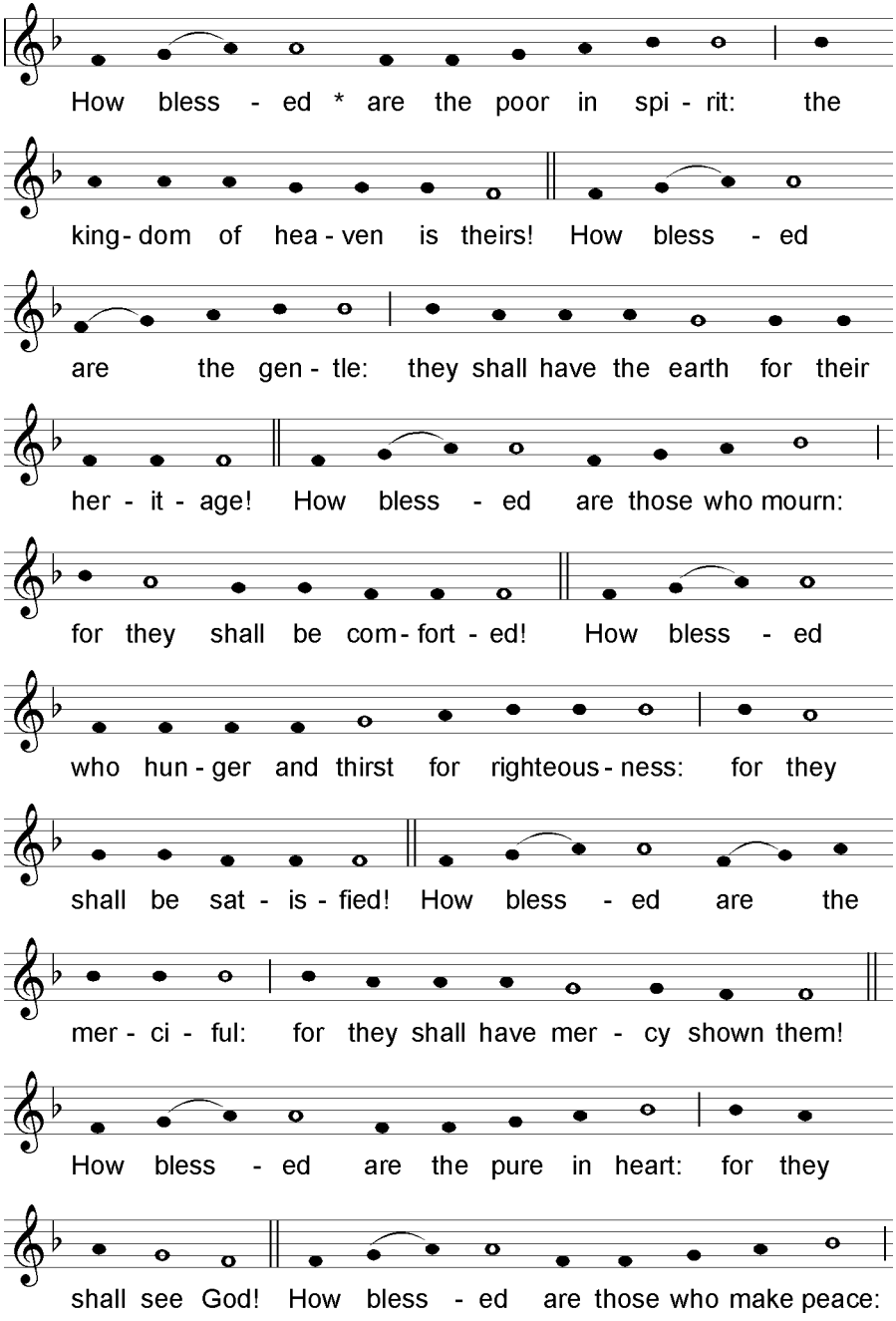
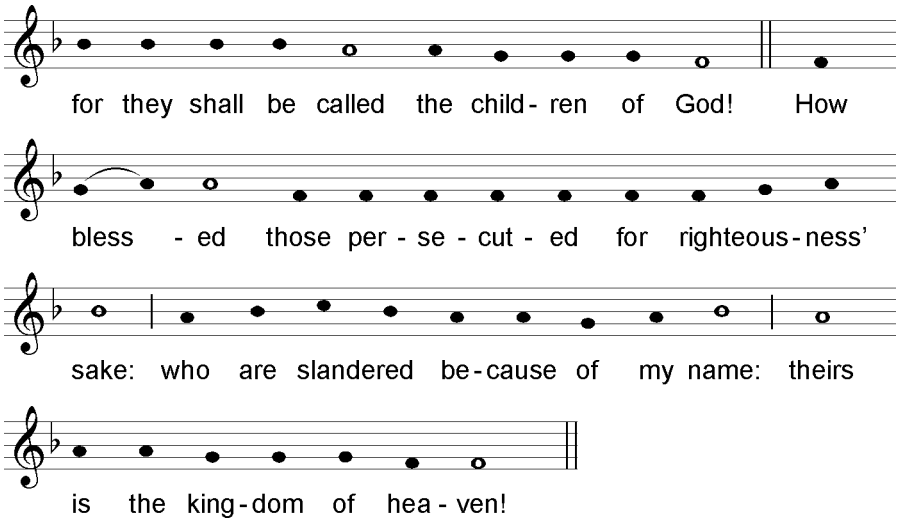




ANTIPHON 4

Psalm 148

Alleluia!

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, shining stars.
Praise him, highest heavens
and the waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord.
He commanded: they were made.
He fixed them for ever,
gave a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea creatures and all oceans,
fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy winds that obey his word;

all mountains and hills,
all fruit trees and cedars,
beasts, wild and tame,
reptiles and birds on the wing;

all earth's kings and peoples,
earth's princes and rulers;
young men and maidens,
old men together with children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord
for he alone is exalted.
The splendour of his name
reaches beyond heaven and earth.

He exalts the strength of his people.
He is the praise of all his saints,
of the sons of Israel,
of the people to whom he comes close.

Alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit**,**
both now and for ever, amen.

ANTIPHON 4

SCRIPTURE READING

RESPONSORY

Let the faithful rejoice in their glory, alleluia, alleluia! *(repeat)*

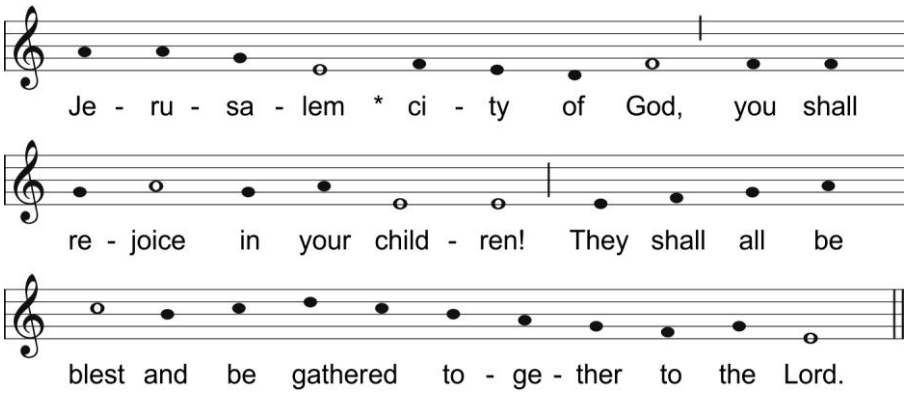
Let the praise of God be on their lips:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Let the faithful rejoice in their glory, alleluia, alleluia!

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON



MAGNIFICAT Canticle of Mary

(Luke 1:46–55)

My soul magnifìes the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in Gòd my saviour;
so tenderly has he looked upòn his servant,
humble às she is.

For from thìs day forth
all generations will còunt me blessed,
so wonderfully hàs he dealt with me,
the Lòrd, the mighty one.

His nàme is holy,
his mercy sure from generation to gèneration
toward thòse who fear him;
the deeds of his arm disclòse his might.

The arrogant of heart and mind he has pùt to rout,
torn powers from theír thrones but lifted ùp the humble.
The hungry he has satisfied wìth good things,
the rich sent emptỳ away.

He has ranged himself on the side of Israèl his servant,
firm in his promise tò our fathers.
He has not forgotten tò show mercy,
to Abraham and his childrèn for ever.

Glory be to the Father and tò the Son
and to the Hòly Spirit,
as it was in the beginnìng, is now
and shall be for evèr, amen.

Downside

REPEAT ANTIPHON

INTERCESSIONS

OUR FATHER *(said by the Superior)*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

LET US BLESS THE LORD
THANKS BE TO GOD

May the divine assistance remain always with us.
And with our absent brothers and sisters. Amen.