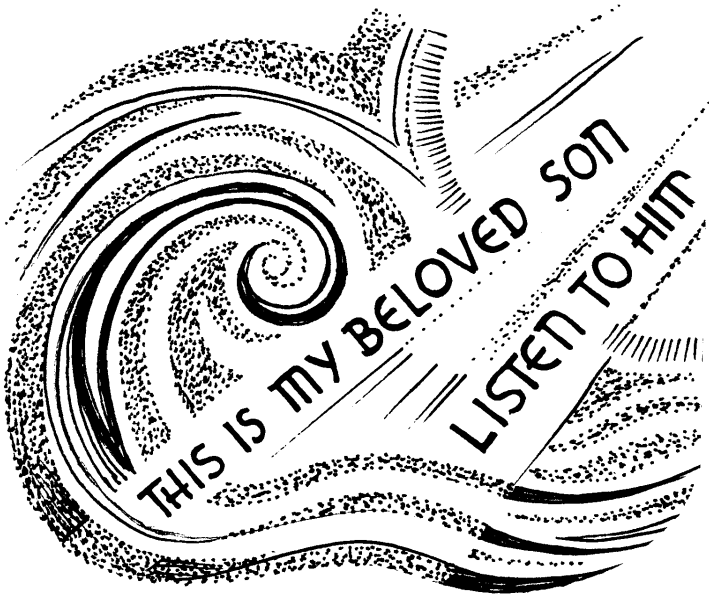


BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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BENEDICTINE COMMUNITIES
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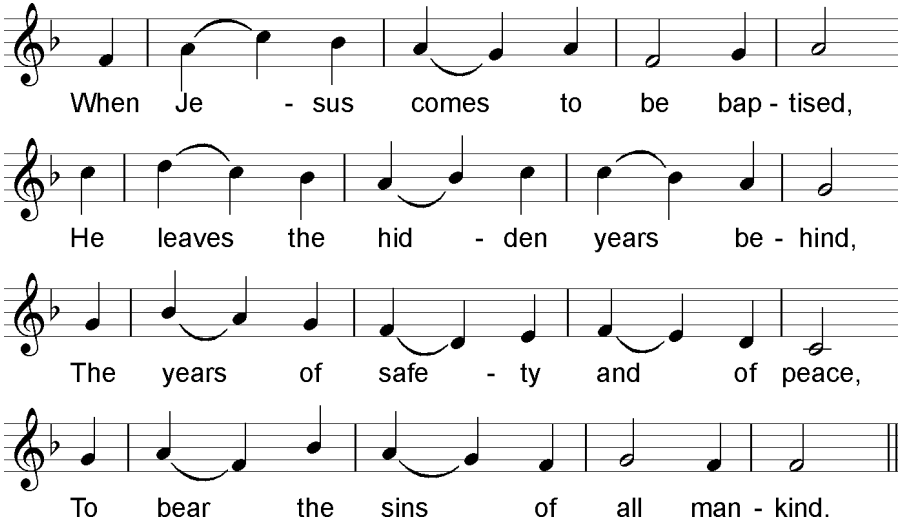
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VESPERS

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

Rouen church melody



When Je - sus comes to be bap - tised,
He leaves the hid - den years be - hind,
The years of safe - ty and of peace,
To bear the sins of all man - kind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
Anoints the Christ to suffering,
To preach the word, to free the bound,
And to the mourner, comfort bring.

He will not quench the dying flame,
And what is bruised he will not break,
But heal the wound injustice dealt,
And out of death his triumph make.

Our everlasting Father, praise,
With Christ, his well-beloved Son,
Who with the Spirit reigns serene,
Untroubled Trinity in One.

ANTIPHON 1: Jesus * cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me,
and drink!

Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

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.

ANTIPHON 1: Jesus * cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me,
and drink!

ANTIPHON 2: O come * to the waters, all you who are thirsty, seek the Lord while he is still to be found!

Psalm 109

(The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

(The Lord will wield from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

(A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

(The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

(He, the Judge of the nations,
will heap high the bodies;
heads shall be shattered far and wide.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

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

ANTIPHON 2: O come * to the waters, all you who are thirsty, seek the Lord while he is still to be found!

ANTIPHON 3: Blessed * are they who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

NT Canticle 14

(I Timothy 3:16, Psalm 116)

He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit.

Great indeed, we confess,
is the mystery of our religion.

He was seen by angels,
preached among the nations.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him, all you peoples!

He was believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.

Strong is his love for us,
he is faithful for ever!

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

ANTIPHON 3: Blessed * are they who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

ANTIPHON 4: With joy * you will draw water from the springs of salvation.

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.

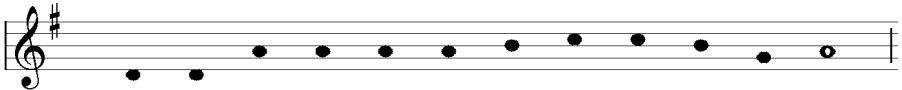
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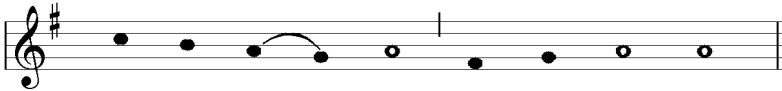
ANTIPHON 4: With joy * you will draw water from the springs of salvation.

SCRIPTURE READING

RESPNSORY



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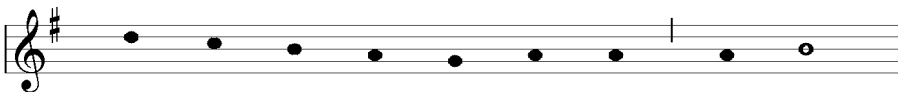
ALL REPEAT



CANTOR: This is Je - sus Christ our Lord:



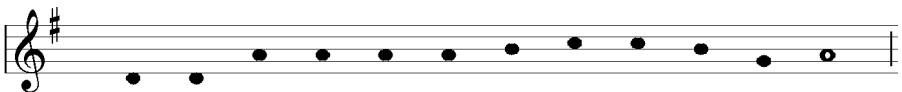
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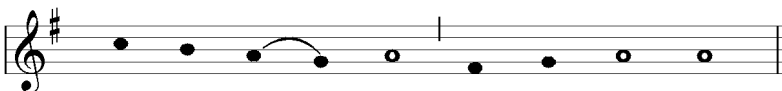
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MAGNIFICAT

Canticle of Mary

(Luke 1:46–55)

ANTIPHON: A voice * came from the cloud: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: listen to him!

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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.

ANTIPHON: A voice * came from the cloud: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: listen to him!

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.

