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Welcome: please note the symbols for cantor or celebrant (V̇) and assembly (Ṙ) and pray accordingly.

OPENING VERSE

V̇ O God, come to my assistance.

Ṙ 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. Alleluia.

HYMN

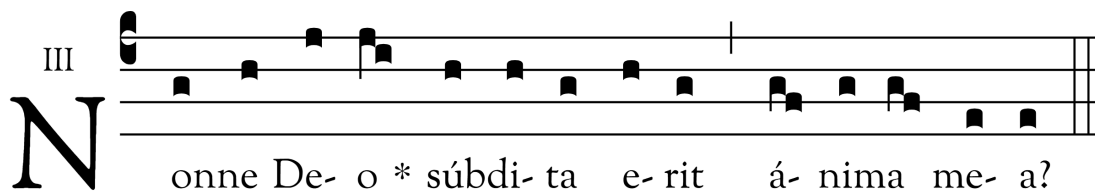
Hostis Herodes impie, Mode III

Hymn is sung in alternation between men (odds) and women (evens); all sing doxology (vs. 5).

1. Why, wick - ed Her - od, should you_ fear with hos - tile dread
2. The Ma - gi came, led by_ a_ star sent forth by God
3. The Lamb of God came forth and_ touched the Riv - er Jor -
4. At Ca - na, pow - er fresh and_ new once made the jars_
5. To you, Lord Je - sus, glo - ry_ be, re - vealed to na -

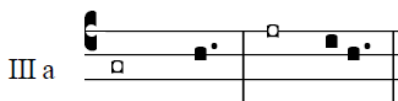
1. the_ Christ who comes? He gives_ us heav - en,_ his_ own
2. to_ show the way. By light_ they sought their way_ to_
3. dan's cleans - ing stream; to wash_ us clean he_ took_ a -
4. of_ wa - ter blush; by his_ com - mand new wine_ was_
5. tions on_ this day, with God_ the Fa - ther, ev - er_

1. realm,_ and lays no claim to earth - ly_ rule.
2. Light;_ with in - cense they con - fessed him God.
3. way_ the sins for which he bore_ no_ guilt.
4. poured, trans - formed from wa - ter at_ its_ source.
5. blest,_ and lov - ing Spir - it, ev - er_ one. A - men.



Will not my soul be subject to God?

PSALM 62 — PEACE IN GOD



In God alone is my soul at **rest**; *
my help comes *from him*.

He alone is my rock, my **stronghold**, *
my fortress: I *stand firm*.

How long will you all attack one **man** *
to break *him down*,

As though he were a tottering **wall**, *
or a tumb-ling **fence**?

Their plan is only to de-**stroy**: *
they take pleasure *in lies*.

With their mouth they utter **blessing** *
but in their heart *they curse*.

In God alone be at rest, my **soul**; *
for my hope comes *from him*.

He alone is my rock, my **stronghold**, *
my fortress: I *stand firm*.

In God is my safety and **glory**, *
the rock of my **strength**.

Take refuge in God, all you **people**. *
Trust him at *all times*.

Pour out your *hearts be-fore* him *
for God is *our refuge*.

Common folk are only a **breath**, *
great men an *il-lusion*.

Placed in the scales, they **rise**; *
they weigh less than *a breath*.

Do not put your trust in op-**pression** *
nor vain hopes *on plunder*.

Do not set your heart on **riches** *
even when they *in-crease*.

For God has said only **one** thing: *
Only two do I **know**:

That to God alone belongs **power** *
and to you, *Lord, love*;

And that you repay each **man** *
according to *his deeds*.

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

As it was in the beginning, is **now**, *
and will be forever. **A-men**. *(repeat Antiphon)*



May God have mercy and bless us.



O God, be gra-cious and **ble**ss us *
and let your face shed its *light u-pon* us.

So will your ways be known *u-pon* **earth**, *
and all nations learn your *sav-ing* **help**.

Let the peoples praise you, O **God**; *
Let all the *peo-ples* **praise** you.

Let the nations be glad *and ex-ult* *
For you rule the *world with* **justice**.

With fairness you *rule the* **peoples**, *
you guide the *na-tions on* **earth**.

Let the peoples praise you, O **God**; *
Let all the *peo-ples* **praise** you.

The earth has yield-*ed its* **fruit** *
For God, our *God, has* **blessed** us.

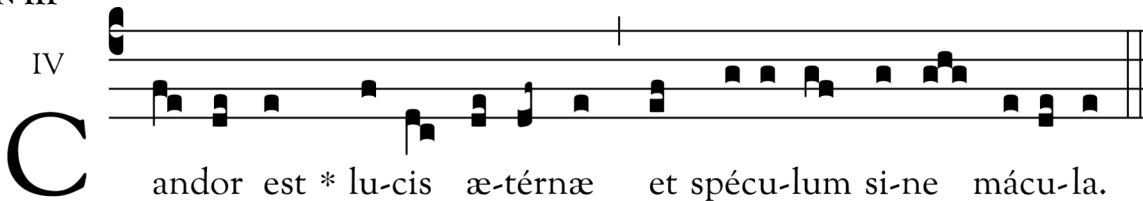
May God still give *us his* **blessing** *
Till the ends of the *earth re-ver*e him.

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

As it was in the begin-*ning, is* **now**, *
and will be forev-er. **A-men.** (repeat Antiphon)

ANTIPHON III

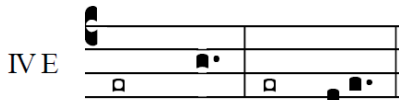
Wisdom 7:26



She [Wisdom] is the brightness of eternal light and the mirror without blemish.

CANTICLE

COLOSSIANS 1:12-20 – CHRIST THE FIRST-BORN OF ALL CREATION AND THE FIRST-BORN FROM THE DEAD



Let us give thanks to the Father for having
made you **worthy** *
to share the lot of the saints *in* **light**.

He rescued us from the power of **darkness** *
and brought us into the kingdom of his belov-*ed*
Son.

Through him we have redemption, the forgiveness
of our **sins**. *
He is the image of the invisible God, the first-
born of *all* **creatures**.

In him everything in heaven and on earth
was cre-**ated** *
things visible and *in-vi*ble.

All were created through him; all were created for
him. † He is before all else that **is**. *
In him everything continues *in* **being**.

It is he who is head of the body, the **Church**! *
he who is the *be-gin*ning,

The first-born of *the* **dead**, *
so that primacy may be his *in* **everything**.

It pleased God to make absolute fullness
reside in **him** *
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything
in his **person**,

Both on earth and in the **heavens**, *
making peace through the blood of his **Cross**.

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

As it was in the beginning, is **now**, *
and will be forever. **A-men.** (repeat Antiphon)

Resp.

A ll peoples will be blessed in him, men and women of ev'-ry race.

Ÿ. All nations will acclaim his glo ry: Men and women of ev'-ry race.

Ÿ. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit. All peoples ...

MAGNIFICAT James 5:16

(Antiphon below; setting by Jan Dismas Zelenka in C, ZWV 107, c.1727)

II

C onfi-te- mi-ni * alte-ru-trum pec- ca- ta ve- stra et o-ra-te

pro in- vi - cem sal- ve- mi-ni alle-lu-ia.

Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

After the Celebrant's invocation and each cantor petition, the following response is sung:

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L ord, show us your com- passion.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

VOLUNTARY

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