



CANTICLES

Jesus, Lamb of God

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Agnus Dei



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on



us. Je - sus, bear - er of our



sins, have mer - cy on us.

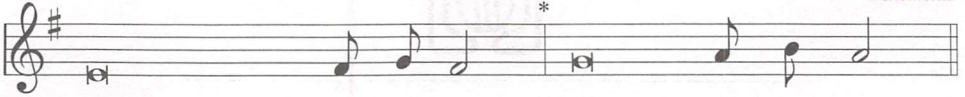


Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world,



give us your peace, give us your peace.

Blessed Be the Lord

Benedictus

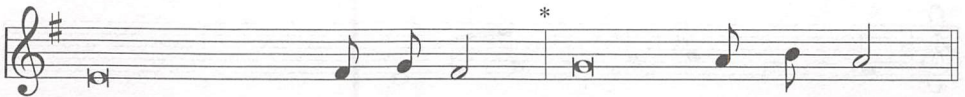
1 Blessed be the Lord,
the God of Israel; he has come
to his
people and set them free.

3 Through his holy
prophets he promised
of old that he
would save us . . . from our enemies, from the
hands of all who hate us.



2 He has raised up for
us a might-y Savior, born of
the house
of his ser - vant David.

4 He promised to show
mercy to our fathers and to
remember his ho - ly covenant.



5 This was the oath
he swore to our . . . fa - ther Abraham: to set us
free from
the hands of our enemies,

7 You, my child, shall
be called the prophet of the Most
High, for you will
go before
the Lord
to pre - pare his way,



6 free to worship him with - out fear, holy and
righteous in
his sight all
the days . . . of our life.

8 to give his people
knowledge of sal - vation by the
forgiveness of their sins.



9 In the tender
compassion of our God, the dawn
from on
high shall break up - on us,

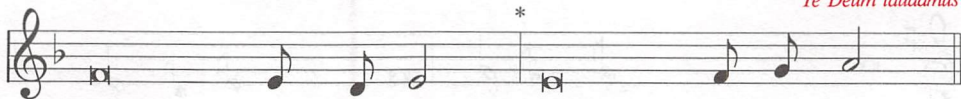
11 Glory to the
Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spirit;



10 to shine on those
who dwell in darkness
and the shad - ow of death, and to guide
our feet
into the . . . way of peace.

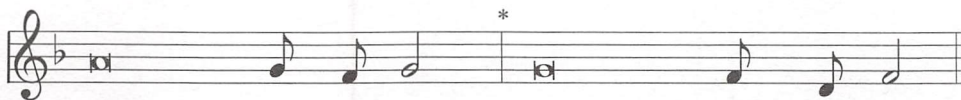
12 as it was in the
begin - ning, is now, and will
be forev - er. A - men

You Are God; We Praise You

Te Deum laudamus

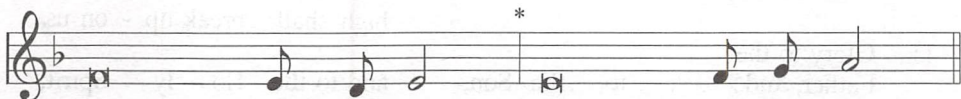
1 You are . . . God; we praise you. You are
the Lord; . . . we ac - claim you.

3 To you
all angels,
all the . . . pow'rs of heaven, cherubim and
seraphim,
sing in. . . end - less praise:



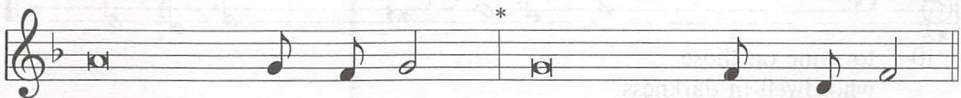
2 You are the e - ter - nal Father; all creation. . . wor - ships you.

4 Holy, holy,
holy Lord,
God of. . . pow'r and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glory.



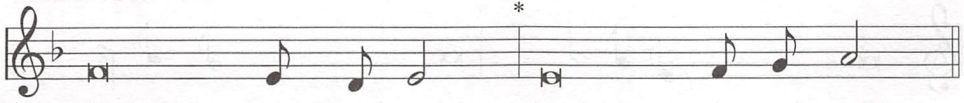
5 The glorious
company
of the a - pos - tles praise you. The noble
fellowship of pro - phets praise you.

7 Father,
of majes - ty un - bounded; your true and on - ly Son,



6 The white-
robed army of mar - tyrs praise you. Throughout the
world the holy Church ac - claims
you:

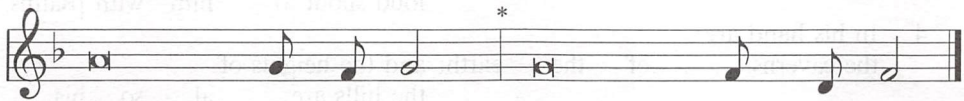
8 worthy. . . of all worship; and the Holy
Spirit, advo - cate and guide.



9 You, Christ,
are the . . . king of glory, the eternal
Son . . . of the Father.

11 You overcame
the sting of death, and opened
the kingdom
of heaven to all be - lievers.

13 Come then,
Lord, and . . help your people, bought with
the price of your own blood,

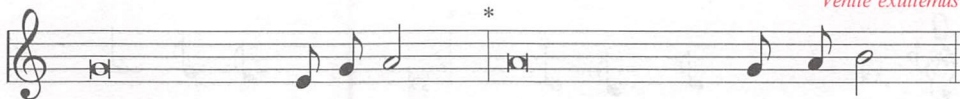


10 When you
became man
to set us free, you did not
spurn the . . . vir - gin's womb.

12 You are
seated at
God's right hand in glory. We believe
that you
will come and be our judge.

14 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - lasting.

Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Venite exultemus

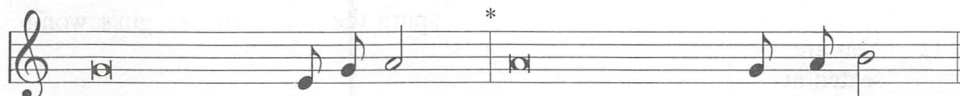
1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy
to the rock of . . . our sal - vation.

3 For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



2 Let us come before
his presence . . . with thanks-giving and raise a
loud shout to him with psalms.

4 In his hand are
the caverns . . . of the earth; and the heights of
the hills are . . . al - so his.



5 The sea is his, for he made it; and his hands
have mold - ed the dry land.

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



6 Come, let us bow
down and . . . bend the knee, and kneel
before the . . . Lord, our maker.

7 For he . . . is our God; and we are
the people of
his pasture and
the sheep . . . of his hand.

9 as it was in
the begin - ning, is now, and will be forev - er. A - men

Let My Prayer Rise before You as Incense

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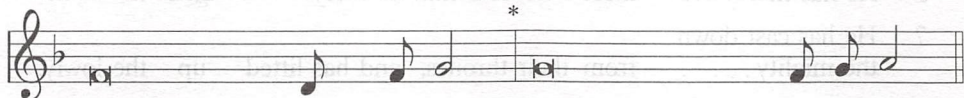
Domine clamavi



L Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense; the lift - ing



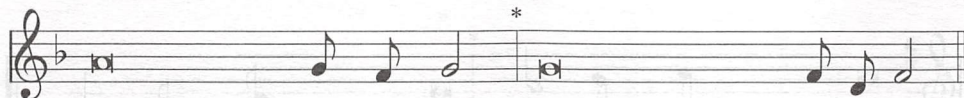
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



C 1 O Lord, I call to you; come . . . to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you.

3 Set a watch before my . . . mouth, O Lord; and guard the door of my lips.

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



2 Let my prayer rise before . . . you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sac - ri - fice.

4 Let not my heart incline to any . . . e - vil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with e - vil - doers.

5 But my eyes are turned to . . . you, Lord God; in you I take refuge. Strip me not . . . of my life.

7 as it was in the begin - ning, is now, and will be forev - er. A - men



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense; the lift - ing

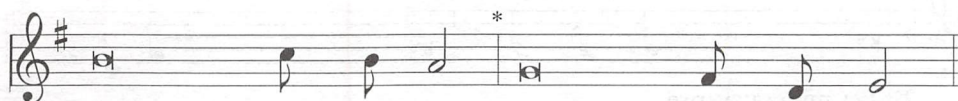


up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord

Magnificat

- 1 My soul proclaims
the greatness of the Lord; my spirit
rejoices in . . . God my Savior,
- 3 From this day all gen - er - ations will . . . call me blessed.
- 5 He has mercy on those who fear him in every . . . gen - er - ation.
- 7 He has cast down
the mighty . . . from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.
- 9 He has come to the
help of his . . . ser - vant Israel, for he has
remembered
his prom - ise of mercy,
- 11 Glory to the Father,
and . . . to the Son, and to the . . . Ho - ly Spirit;



- 2 for he has looked with favor on his . . . low - ly servant.
- 4 The Almighty
has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
- 6 He has shown
the strength of his arm; he has scattered
the proud in their con - ceit.
- 8 He has filled
the hungry with good things, and the rich
he has sent a - way empty.
- 10 the promise
he made to our fathers, to Abraham
and his chil - dren for - ever.
- 12 as it was in the
begin - ning, is now, and will be
forev - er. A - men

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain

7

Advent



Climb to the top of the



high-est moun-tain, you who will bring the good news to Zi - on.



Lift up your voic - es and bold - ly pro - claim: "See the



Lord God. He comes in pow-er." Write down the vi - sion, in -



scribe it on tab - lets, read - y for a her - ald to



car - ry it swift - ly. Soon, ver - y soon, he will come to you.



Live by faith, my righ - teous ones.

The People Who Walked in Darkness

Christmas/Epiphany

The peo - ple who walked in



dark - ness have seen a great light. Al - le - lu - ia.



The light has shined on the na - tions who live in the shad - ow of



death. A - rise, be clothed in light. Your light has come.



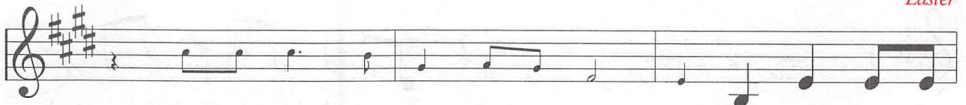
Al - le - lu - ia. Though dark - ness cov - ers the earth, the



Lord will shine up - on you. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Sing praise to the



Lord, all the earth; play mu - sic to praise his name.



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Our Pass - o - ver



Lamb is Christ, who ban - ished the an - gel of death.



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Our God who raised him from the grave gives us new



birth as his chil - dren.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Now Listen, You Servants of God

11

General



Now lis - ten, you ser - vants of



God, and take his words to heart, for



this is the word of the Lord; hear it, re -



ceive it, and be - lieve it. How



rich are the depths of God, how deep his wis - dom and



knowl - edge; to him be glo - ry for - ev -



er, our source, our guide, our goal.

God, Who Has Called You to Glory

General

God, who has
 called you to glo - ry, will con - firm, sup -
 port, and up - hold you. His fa - vors will nev - er
 end; each morn - ing they are re - newed. Our
 God is gen - 'rous and faith - ful.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "God, who has". The second staff continues: "called you to glo - ry, will con - firm, sup -". The third staff: "port, and up - hold you. His fa - vors will nev - er". The fourth staff: "end; each morn - ing they are re - newed. Our". The fifth staff: "God is gen - 'rous and faith - ful." The score ends with a double bar line.

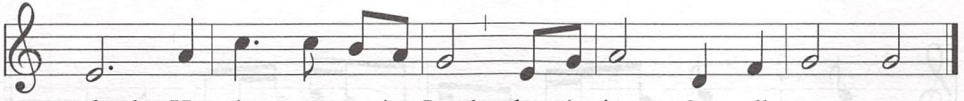
Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ Has Died for Us

13

Refrain



C Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the



dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.



L 1 If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.



If we en - dure with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.



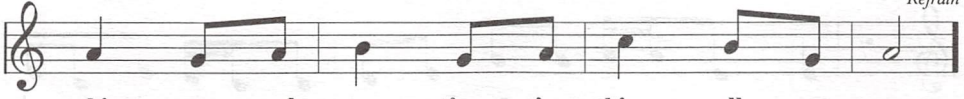
L 2 In him all our sor - row, in him all our joy. In



him hope of glo - ry, in him all our love.



L 3 In him our re - demp - tion, in him all our grace. In



him our sal - va - tion, in him all our peace.



Lis-ten! you na-tions of the world: lis-ten to the Word of the Lord. An-



nounce it from coast to coast; de-clare it to dis-tant is-lands.



1 The Lord who scat-tered Is-ra-el will gath-er his peo-ple a-gain; and



he will keep watch o-ver them as a shep-herd watch-es his flock.



2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac-es ra-diant-ly hap-py, for the



Lord is so gen-erous to them; he show-ers his peo-ple with gifts.



3 Young wom-en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make



mer-ry. Like a gar-den re-freshed by the rain, they will nev-er be in want a-

gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy: Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach
na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

Seek the Lord

15

Quaerite Dominum: Song of Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he may be found;*
call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked abandon their ways*
and the evil ones their thoughts.

Let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion,*
and to our God, who will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,*
and your ways are not my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,*
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and snow fall from the heavens*
and return not again, but water the earth,
bringing forth life and giving growth,*
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

so is my word that goes out from my mouth:*
It will not return to me empty;

but it will accomplish that which I have purposed*
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

I Will Sing the Story of Your Love



L I will sing the sto - ry of your love, O Lord, and pro-claim your



faith-ful-ness for-ev - er. **C** I will sing the sto - ry of your love, O



Lord, and pro-claim your faith-ful-ness for-ev - er. **L** In this place shall be



heard a-gain the sounds of joy and glad - ness, the voice of the



bride-groom and the bride. **C** I will sing the sto - ry of your love, O



Lord, and pro-claim your faith-ful-ness for-ev - er. **L** Here they of-fer



praise and thanks-giv - ing in the house of the Lord, and we



hear their voic-es shout-ing, "Praise the Lord of hosts, for he is

good, for his love en - dures for - ev - er."

C I will sing the sto - ry of your love, O Lord, and pro-claim your

faith-ful-ness for - ev - er. **L** Give thanks to him and bless his

name; the Lord is good, his love is ev - er -

last - ing, and his faith - ful-ness en - dures to all gen - er -

a - tions, and his faith-ful-ness en - dures to all gen - er -

a - tions. **C** I will sing the sto - ry of your love, O

Lord, and pro-claim your faith-ful-ness for - ev - er.

17 How Blest Are Those Who Know Their Need of God

Beatitudes

Refrain



C How blest are those who know their need of God;



the king-dom of heav-en is theirs. heav-en is theirs.



L 1 How blest are the sor-row-ful; they shall find con-so-la -



tion. How blest are those of a gen-tle spir-it;



they shall have the earth for their pos-ses-sion.

Refrain



L 2 How blest are those who hun-ger and thirst to see right pre-




vail; they shall be sat-is-fied, they shall be sat-is-fied.

Refrain



L 3 How blest are those who show mer-cy;



mer - cy shall be shown to them. How blest are



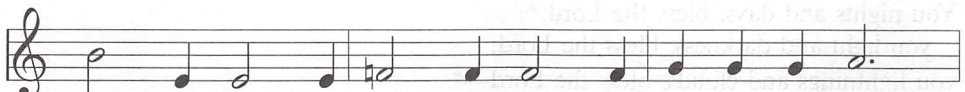
those whose hearts are pure; they shall see God. How



blest, how blest are the peace - mak - ers;



God shall call them his chil-dren. How blest are those who have



suf - fered per - se - cu - tion for the cause of the right;



the king - dom of heav - en is theirs.

Refrain

All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord—*
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 You angels of the Lord, bless the Lord;*
 you heavens, bless the Lord;
 all you powers of the Lord, bless the Lord—*
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 You sun and moon, bless the Lord;*
 you stars of heaven, bless the Lord;
 you showers and dew, bless the Lord—*
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 You winds of God, bless the Lord;*
 you fire and heat, bless the Lord;
 you winter and summer, bless the Lord—*
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 You dews and frost, bless the Lord;*
 you frost and cold, bless the Lord;
 you ice and snow, bless the Lord—*
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 You nights and days, bless the Lord;*
 you light and darkness, bless the Lord;
 you lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord—*
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 Let the earth bless the Lord;*
 you mountains and hills, bless the Lord;
 all you green things that grow on the earth, bless the Lord—*
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 You wells and springs, bless the Lord;*
 you rivers and seas, bless the Lord;
 you whales and all who move in the waters, bless the Lord—*
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 All you birds of the air, bless the Lord;*
 all you beasts and cattle, bless the Lord;
 all you children of mortals, bless the Lord—*
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 You people of God, bless the Lord;*
 you priests of the Lord, bless the Lord;

you servants of the Lord, **bles**s the Lord—*
praise him and magnify him forever.
You spirits and souls of the righteous, **bles**s the Lord;*
you pure and humble of heart, **bles**s the Lord;
let us **bles**s the Father and the Son and the **Holy Spirit**—*
praise him and magnify him forever.

I Will Sing to the Lord

Cantemus Domino: Song of Moses and Miriam

19

I will sing to the Lord, for he has **triumphed** gloriously;*
the horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song;*
he has been my Savior.

This is my God, and I will praise him,*
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Your right hand, O Lord, **glorious** in power,*
your right hand, O Lord, **shatters** the enemy.

Who among the gods is like **you**, O Lord?*

Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, **doing** wonders?

In your mercy you led forth the people **you** set free;*
you guided them in your strength
to your holy habitation.

You will bring them in and plant them*
on the mount that is **your** possession,
the place, O Lord, you have made for your dwelling,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have prepared.*

The Lord shall reign **forever** and ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Holy Spirit**:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Christ Jesus, Being in the Form of God

Song of Christ's Humiliation and Exaltation

Christ Jesus, being in the form of God,
 did not cling to his equality with God*
 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.
 Bearing the human likeness, revealed in human shape,*
 he humbled himself, in obedience accepting death, even death on a cross.
 Therefore God has raised him to the heights*
 and bestowed on him the name above all names,
 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow—
 in heaven, on earth, and in the depths—*
 and every tongue confess to the glory of God the Father
 that Jesus Christ is Lord.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

O Ruler of the Universe

Magna et mirabilia: Song of the Redeemed

O Ruler of the universe, Lord God,*
 great are the deeds that you have done,
 surpassing human understanding.
 Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,*
 O King of all the nations,
 O King of all the ages.
 Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
 and sing the praises of your name?*
 For you alone are the Holy One.
 All nations will draw near and bow down before you,*
 because your just and holy works have been revealed.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen