



THE SUNG ORDER FOR

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Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
Amen.

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh abroad, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

1 Pet 5:8, 9

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Thanks be to God.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who hath made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.

The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used.

**I confess to God,
to blessed Mary,
and to all the Saints,
that I have sinned exceedingly
in thought, word, and deed,**

And, striking their breasts, they say

through my own fault;

and they continue

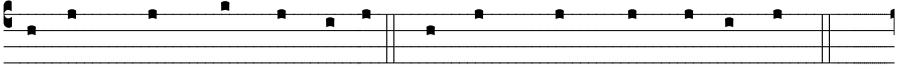
**I ask holy Mary,
and all the Saints of God,
to pray for me.**

The minister says

May almighty God have mercy upon us,
forgive us all our sins;

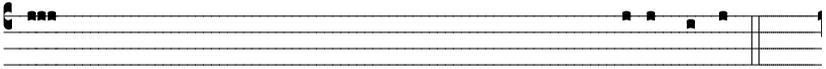
deliver us from every evil;
confirm and strengthen us in goodness;
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

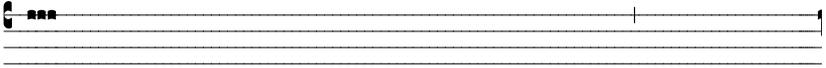


O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

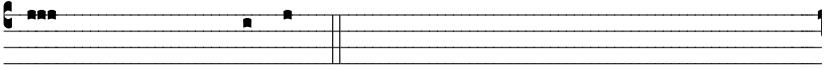
During Lent



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as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:

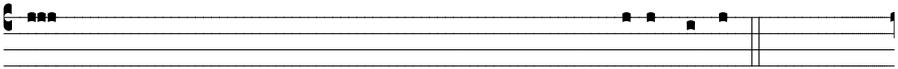


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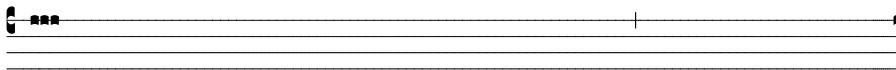


Praise ye the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**

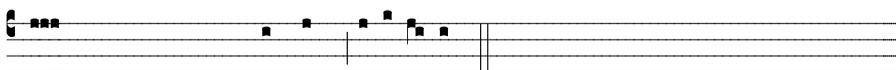
Throughout the year except during Lent



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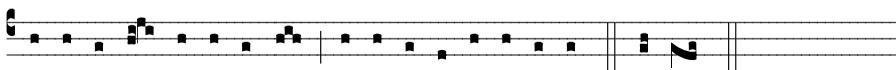
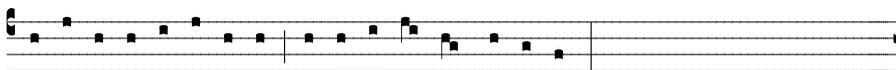


as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:



world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

The following or another suitable hymn may be said or sung



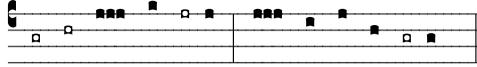
Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world we pray,
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

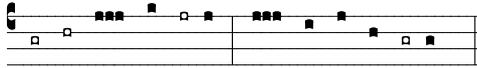
From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread underfoot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Psalmody

One or more of the following psalms may be used. They may be sung to this tone:





Psalm 31:1–6 · *In te, Domine, speravi*

IN THEE, O Lord, have I put *my* trust:
let me never be put to confusion, deliver me *in* thy righteousness.

**Bow down thine ear *to* me:
make haste *to* deliver me.**

And be thou my strong rock, and house of *defence*:
that thou *mayest* save me.

**For thou art my strong rock, and my castle:
be thou also my guide, and lead me *for* thy name's sake.**

Draw me out of the net, that they have laid *privily* for me:
for thou art my strength.

**Into thy hands I commend my *spirit*:
for thou hast redeemed me, O *Lord*, thou God of truth.**

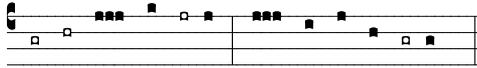
Psalm 91 · *Qui habitat*

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the *Most High*:
shall abide under the shadow of *the* almighty.

**I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my *stronghold*:
my God, in *him* will I trust.**

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the *hunter*:
and from the *noisome* pestilence.

**He shall defend thee under his wings,
and thou shalt be safe under his *feathers*:
his faithfulness and truth shall be thy *shield* and buckler.**



Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror *by* night:
nor for the arrow that *flieth* by day;

**For the pestilence that walketh in *darkness*:
nor for the sickness that destroyeth *in* the noonday.**

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy *right* hand:
but it shall *not* come nigh thee.

**Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou *behold*:
and see the reward of *the* ungodly.**

For thou, Lord, art *my* hope:
thou hast set thine house of *defence* very high.

**There shall no evil happen unto thee:
neither shall any plague come *nigh* thy dwelling.**

For he shall give his angels charge over thee:
to keep *thee* in all thy ways.

**They shall bear thee in *their* hands:
that thou hurt not thy *foot* against a stone.**

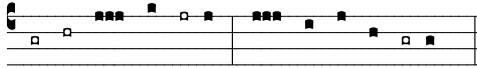
Thou shalt go upon the lion and *adder*:
the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread *under* thy feet.

**Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I *deli*ver him:
I will set him up, because *he* hath known my name.**

He shall call upon me, and I will *hear* him:
yea, I am with him in trouble;

I will deliver him, and bring *him* to honour.

**With long life will I *satisfy* him:
and shew him *my* salvation.**



Psalm 134 · *Ecce nunc*

BEHOLD now, praise *the* Lord:
all ye *servants* of the Lord;

**Ye that by night stand in the house of *the* Lord:
even in the courts of the *house* of our God.**

Lift up your hands in the *sanctuary*:
and praise the Lord.

**The Lord that made heaven *and* earth:
give thee blessing *out* of Sion.**

At the end of the psalmody these words are said or sung:

**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. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

One of the following short lessons or another suitable passage is read

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name;
leave us not, O Lord our God.

Jer 14:9

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you
rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly
in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and
my burden is light.

Mt 11:28-30

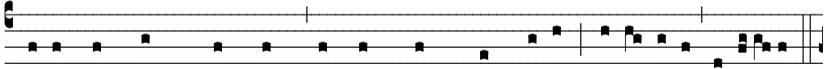
Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. *Heb 13:20, 21*

At the end the following may be said

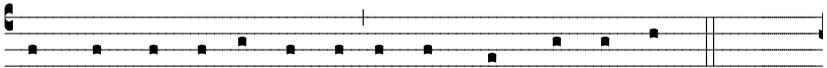
Thanks be to God.

The following responsory may be sung

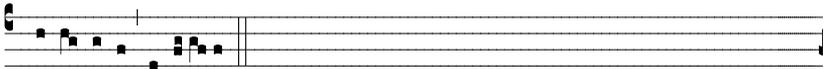
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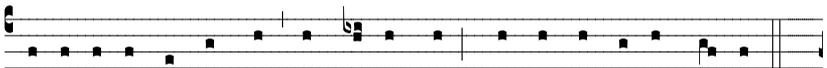
Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.
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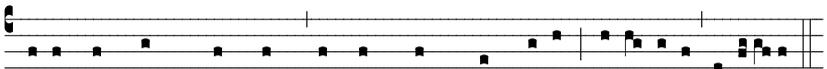
For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.



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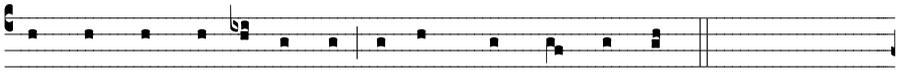
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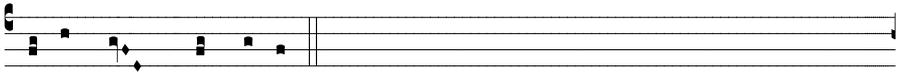
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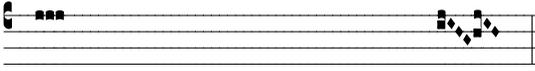


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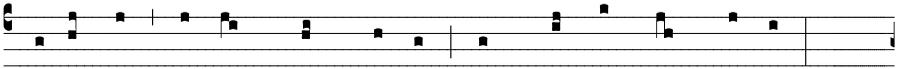


Keep me as the apple of an eye.
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

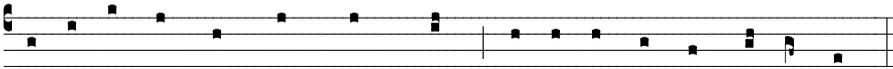
Gospel Canticle

Nunc dimittis

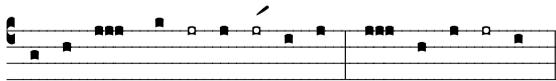
Seasonal settings may be used, found in the Appendix.



Preserve us, * O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,



that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

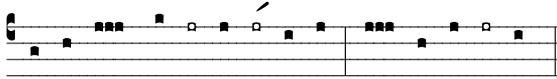


LORD, NOW lettest thou thy *servant* depárt in peace:
according *to* thy word.

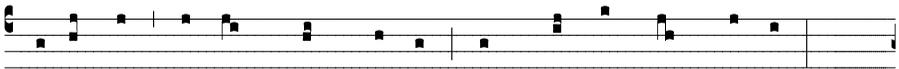
FOR MINE eyes have *seen* thy salvation:
which thou hast prepared before the face of *all* people;

TO BE a light to *lighten* the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy *people* Israel.

Lk 2:29-32



GLORY be to the *Father*, and tó the Son:
and to the *Holy Spirit*;
AS IT was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without *end*. Amen.



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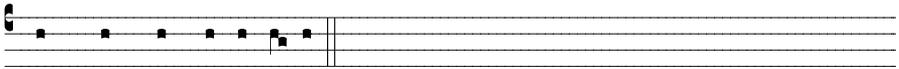


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Prayers



Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

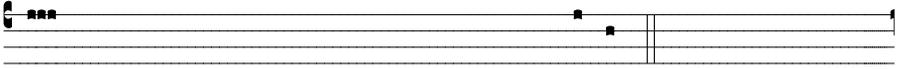


Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer is either chanted on the final note of the Kyrie, or said without note.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

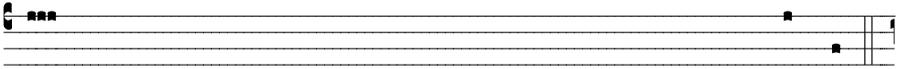
**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**



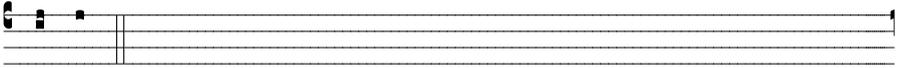
**Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers:
to be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

**Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
let us praise him and magnify him for ever.**

**Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:
to be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

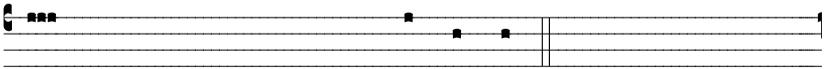


The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.

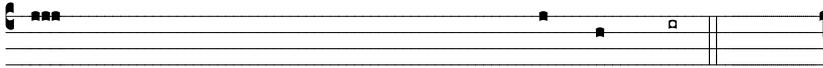


Amen.

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Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;

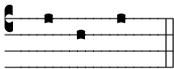


that thy people may rejoice in thee?

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
and grant us thy sal-va-tion.

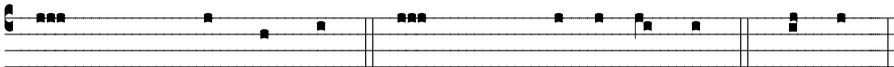
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear our prayer;
and let our cry come unto thee.



Let us pray.

One or more of the following Collects is said. The singing of "Amen" never varies.



... Jesus Christ *our* Lord.
... Saviour Je - sus Christ.

... now and e- ver. **Amen.**
... world with-*out* end.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord,
this place, and drive from it all
the snares of the enemy; let thy
holy Angels dwell herein to
preserve us in peace; and may
thy blessing be upon us
evermore; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord,
our homes, and drive from
them all the snares of the
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therein to preserve us in peace;
and may thy blessing be upon us
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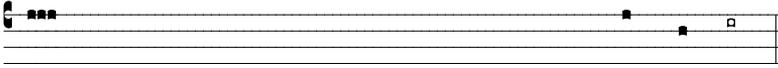
Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God, who at this evening hour didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to thy people: make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world *without* end. **Amen.**

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ *our* Lord. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ *our* Lord. **Amen.**

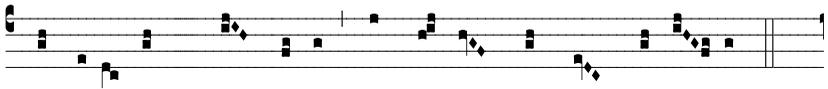
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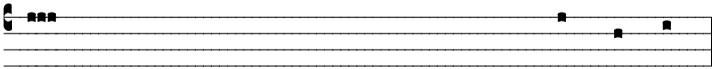
We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.
For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.



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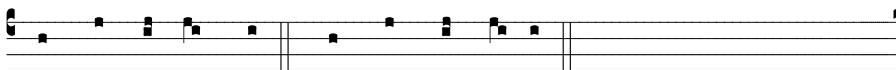


Abide with us, O Lord,
for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.

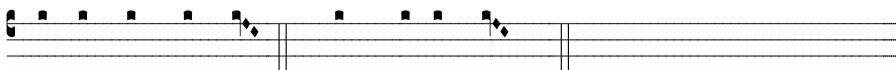
As the watchmen look for the morn-ing,
so do we look for thee, O Christ.

If Mass is to be celebrated the following morning

Come with the dawning of the day
and make thyself known in the breaking of bread.



The Lord be with you. **And with thy spi-rit.**



Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Then, said without note

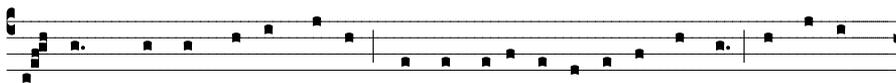
The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless us and preserve us. **Amen.**

Anthem to the Blessed Virgin Mary

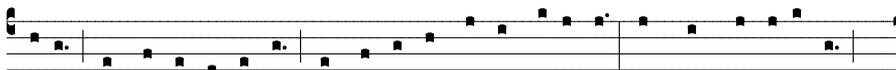
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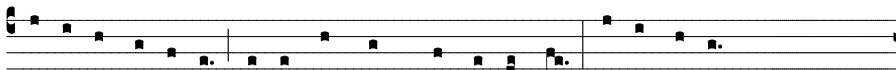
Alma Redemptoris Mater



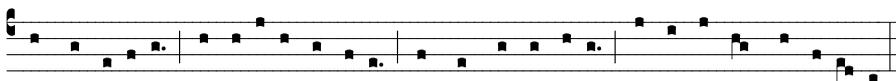
Al-ma * Redemptoris Mater, quæ pérvia cæli porta manes, et stella



maris, succurre cadenti surgere qui curat pópulo: Tu quæ genu-í-sti,



na-tú-ra mirante, tuum sanctum Ge-ni-torem: Virgo prius



ac posterius, Gabri-élis ab o-re sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.

From Advent Sunday until Christmas Eve

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

From Christmas until the Presentation

After childbirth thou didst remain a pure virgin.
Mother of God intercede for us.

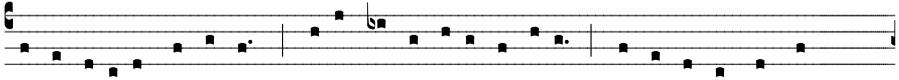
Let us pray.

O God, who, by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary, hast bestowed upon mankind the reward of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession, through whom we have been made worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son.

May the divine assistance remain with us always.
Amen.

From the day following the Presentation until the Wednesday of Holy Week

Ave regina caelorum



Ave Regína cælórum, * Ave Dómina angelórum: Salve radix, salve



porta, Ex qua mundo lux est orta: Gaude Virgo glo-ri-ó-sa, Super



omnes spec-i-ó-sa, Vale, O valde decó-ra, Et pro nobis Christum exóra.

Grant that I may praise thee, sacred Virgin.
Give me strength against thine enemies.

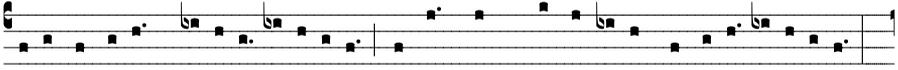
Let us pray.

Grant us protection in our weakness, O merciful God, that we who commemorate the holy Mother of God may triumph over our iniquities with the help of her intercession; through Christ our Lord.

May the divine assistance remain with us always.
Amen.

During Eastertide

Regina caeli, laetare



Regína cæli, * lætáre, alleluia: Qui-a quem meru-í-sti portáre, alleluia:



Resurréxit, sicut dixit, alleluia: Ora pro nobis Deum, allelu-ia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,
for the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast brought joy to the whole world: grant, we beseech thee, that, through his mother the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through the same Christ our Lord.

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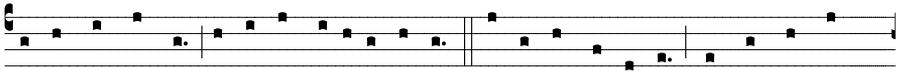
After Pentecost

Salve Regina

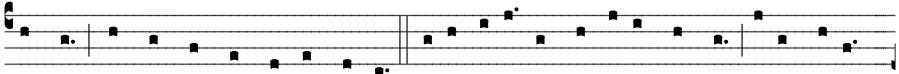
The solemn tone for this Antiphon is printed on page 22.



Salve Regína, * mater misericórdiæ, Vita, dulcédo, et spes nostra, salve.



Ad te clamámus, éxsules, fi-li-i Hevæ. Ad te suspirámus, geméntes et



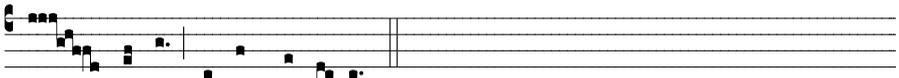
flentes in hac lacrimárum valle. Ei-a ergo, Advocáta nostra, illos tuos



misericórdes óculos ad nos converte. Et Iesum, benedíctum fructum



ventris tu-i, nobis post hoc exsílíum osténde. O clemens, O pi-a,



O dulcis Virgo Ma-ri-a.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, who by the cooperation of the Holy Spirit, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin-Mother Mary to become a worthy dwelling for Thy Son; grant that we who rejoice in her commemoration may, by her loving intercession, be delivered from present evils and from eternal death; through the same Christ our Lord.

May the divine assistance remain with us always.
Amen.

Salve Regina



Salve * Re-gí-na, mater miser-i-córd-i-æ, Vi-ta, dul-cé-do, et spes



nostra, salve. Ad te clamámus, éxsules, fi-li-i Hevæ. Ad te suspira-mus,



geméntes et flentes in hac lacrimárum valle. E-ia ergo, Advocá-ta



nostra, illos tuos miser-i-córdes óculos ad nos converte. Et lesum,



bened-íc-tum fructum ventris tu-i, nobis post hoc exsí-li-um osténde.



O cle-mens, O pi-a, O dulcis Virgo Mari-a.

