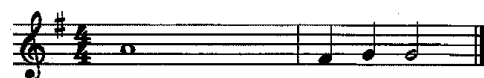


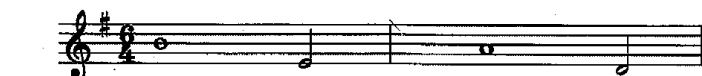
*On Sundays, we may then sing this commemoration of Mary, the Mother of God:*

The Angel of the Lord brought the tidings to Mary:

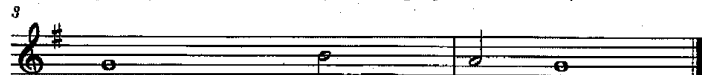


And she conceived by the Ho - ly Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus;

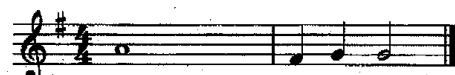


Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now



and at the hour of our death. A - men.

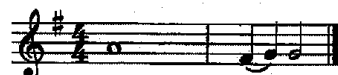
Behold the Handmaid of the Lord.



Be it unto me according to Thy Word.

Hail Mary &c

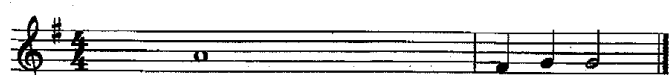
The Word was made flesh:



And dwelt a- mong us.

Hail Mary &c

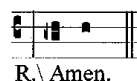
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.



That we may be made worthy of the promi- ses of Christ.

Let us pray:

THE COLLECT OF THE ANGELUS



R. Amen.



The  
Parish  
Church  
Of  
Saint  
Matthew  
~  
Big Lamp  
~  
Newcastle

The  
Liturgy  
for  
Sung  
Masses  
in  
Christmastide

*There follows the FINAL HYMN.*

- **To our visitors:**

Welcome to Saint Matthew's Parish Church.

- **The Mass:**

The Mass is the central act of worship of the Christian Church. Before He died, Jesus commanded His followers to continue the practice of a shared meal with the blessing of bread and a cup of wine in thanksgiving for all God's blessings. After the Resurrection, Christians were aware that in the celebration of the Eucharist (as they called the Mass), Christ's presence was particularly intense, especially in the elements of bread and wine (which Jesus had identified with His Body and Blood), in the reading of Holy Scripture and in the gathering itself.

- **Christmastide**

Christmastide is the second most important season of the Christian year, when we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, the visit of the Magi at the Epiphany and the Baptism of Christ. In the Person of Jesus Christ, we believe that God was seen walking and talking with humanity, teaching the Godly way to live. This is called the Incarnation (= "the *enfleshment*") of the Divine, through which we learn that God is not remote from us, but with us at all times. The Presence of Jesus Christ in the Liturgy is a sign of His Presence with us.

- **This service:**

Following the ancient Christian tradition, inherited from the Jewish practice, much of our Liturgy is sung.

- **The hymns:**

The words of the hymns and other varying texts are printed on the weekly sheet.

## STAND

### THE BLESSING (+)



R.\ Amen.

The Mass is ended. Go in the Peace of Christ.



R.\ Thanks be to God.

*A bell rings and Holy Communion follows. If you are a communicant, in good standing with your own tradition, you are invited to receive Communion at our Altar. Otherwise, you are welcome to come to the rail to receive a blessing (in which case, please keep your head lowered as the priest approaches).*

*The Host (the consecrated bread) is offered with the words **The Body of Christ** and the Chalice with the words **The Blood of Christ**: the response to both is **Amen**.*

*Towards the end of the administration of Holy Communion we sing the **COMMUNION HYMN**.*

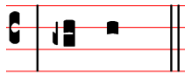
*At the end of Holy Communion, the choir sings the ministers consume what is left of the consecrated bread and wine and clean the vessels. As they return to the Altar the choir sings the **POSTCOMMUNION ANTIPHON**.*

*The priest then sings the final prayer of the Mass:*

Let us pray:

STAND

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER



R.\ Amen.

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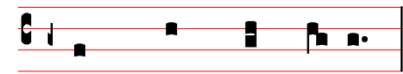
## THE NOTICES

## If there is a Procession at the beginning of the Mass:

*A bell rings and all STAND. As the choir sings the **INTROIT**, the priest and those with him approach the Altar.*

*The priest, president of the assembly, greets the congregation:*

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you:



R.\ And with thy spir- it.

*The priest then invites the congregation to reflect on the times when we have fallen short of God's ideals, before we make an act of penitence:*

... Kyrie eleison [*Lord, have mercy*]



Ky-ri- e- e- le- i-son.

...Christ eleison [*Christ, have mercy*]



Chri-ste e- le- i-son.

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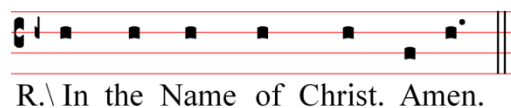
... Kyrie eleison



## THE ABSOLUTION



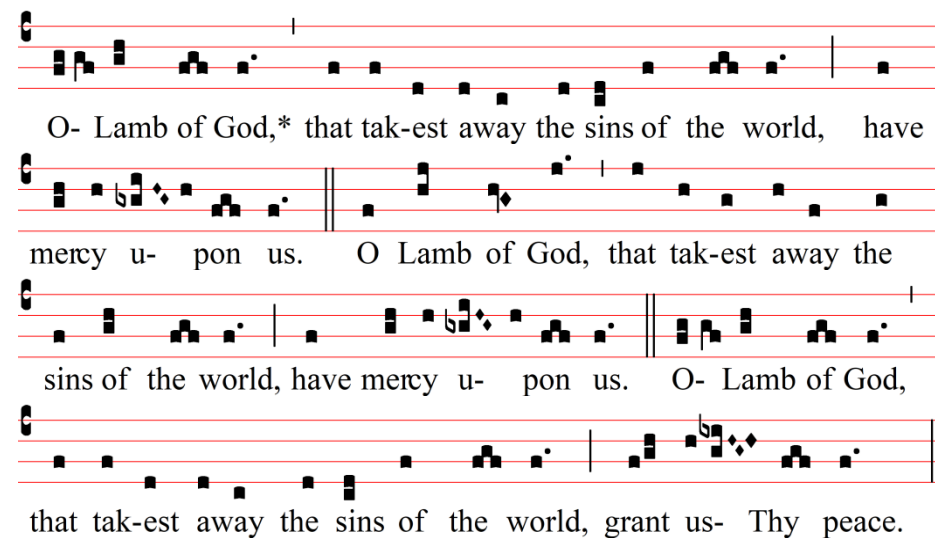
+Let us go forth in peace.



*The **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** begins. Usually, the congregation joins the Procession, following the priest. If there is a Station during the hymn, details are included on the Mass sheet.*

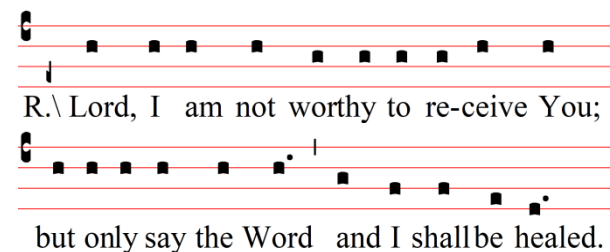
*At the end of the Procession, the Mass continues with **GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.***

*As the bread is broken, this ancient Christian hymn is sung:*



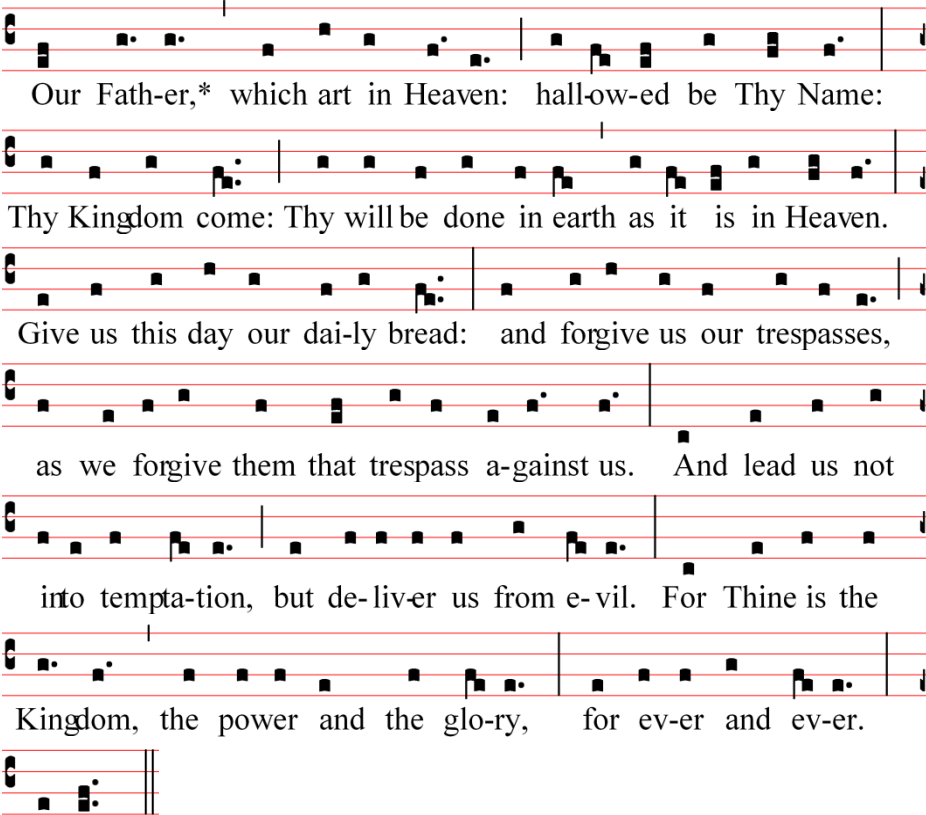
*The priest and those with him hold up the consecrated bread and wine and show it to the congregation and invite them to receive Holy Communion:*

Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him Who takes away the sins of the world; blessed are they who are called to His Supper.



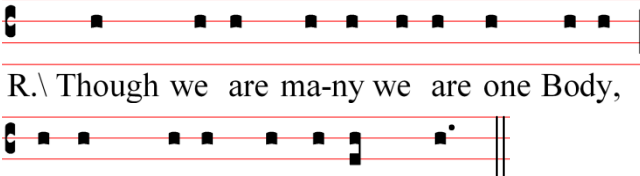
*Whilst the Sacred Ministers receive Holy Communion, the choir sings the **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:***

Let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom in the words our Saviour gave us:



Our Fath-er,\* which art in Heaven: hall-ow-ed be Thy Name:  
Thy Kingdom come: Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our dai-ly bread: and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass a-gainst us. And lead us not  
irto tempta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For Thine is the  
Kingdom, the power and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er.  
Amen.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.



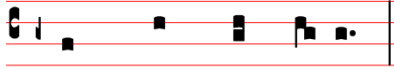
R.\ Though we are ma-ny we are one Body,  
be-cause we all share in one Bread.

## If there is no Procession at the beginning of the Mass

*When the bell rings, all STAND and sing the ENTRANCE HYMN as the priest and those with him enter the church.*

*The priest, president of the assembly, greets the congregation:*

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you:



R.\ And with thy spir-it.

*The priest then invites the congregation to reflect on the times when we have fallen short of God's ideals, before we make an act of penitence:*

... Kyrie eleison [*Lord, have mercy*]



Ky-ri- e- e- le- i-son.

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... Kyrie eleison

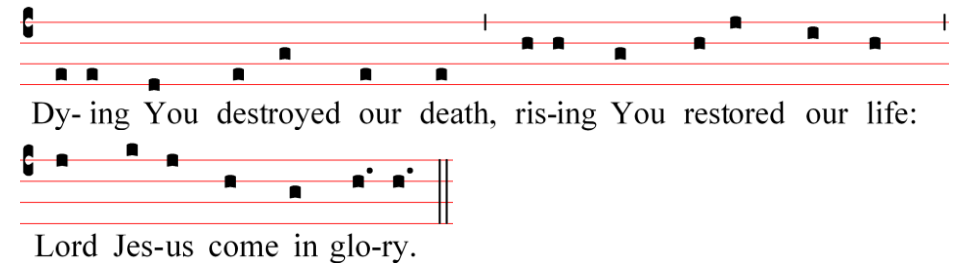


*On Sundays, the priest then sprinkles the congregation with Baptismal water to remind us of the forgiveness of our sins that we received in our Baptism. Traditionally, people make the sign of the Cross as they are sprinkled to denote their acceptance of God's forgiveness. During this the following antiphon is sung:*



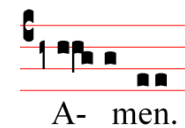
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... we proclaim His Death and Resurrection until He comes in glory:

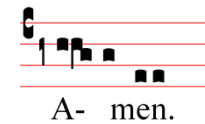


*The priest then continues to the end of the prayer, the bread and wine are lifted up, offering them to the purposes of God; the people associate themselves with the prayer with the **GREAT AMEN** over the page.*

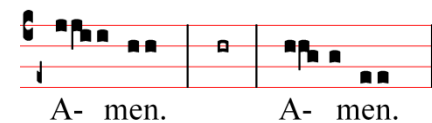
... by Whom and with Whom and in Whom:



In the unity of the Holy Spirit:

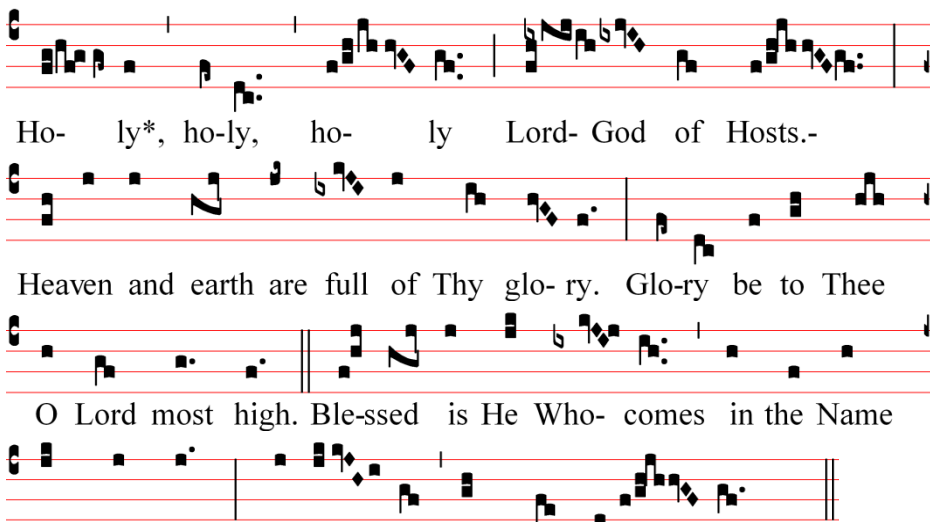


All glory and honour be Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever:



*The priest continues the **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**, recalling the mighty acts of God. The prayer continues as far as:*

... and singing:



Ho- ly\*, ho-ly, ho- ly Lord- God of Hosts.-

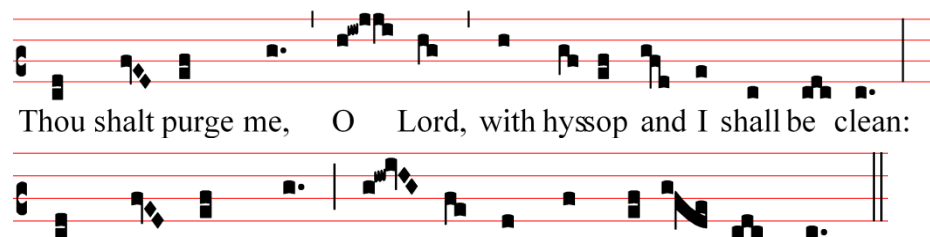
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glo- ry. Glo-ry be to Thee

O Lord most high. Ble-ssed is He Who- comes in the Name

of the Lord. Ho-san- na- in the high- est.

### KNEEL

*The priest then continues the prayer. As he repeats the words spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper, we acknowledge the presence of Christ in the sacramental bread and wine. A bell rings three times as the consecrated bread is held up for everyone to see; a few moments later, the bell rings three times again as the chalice of consecrated wine is held up. The priest then continues the prayer until:*



Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop and I shall be clean:

Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

*Otherwise:*

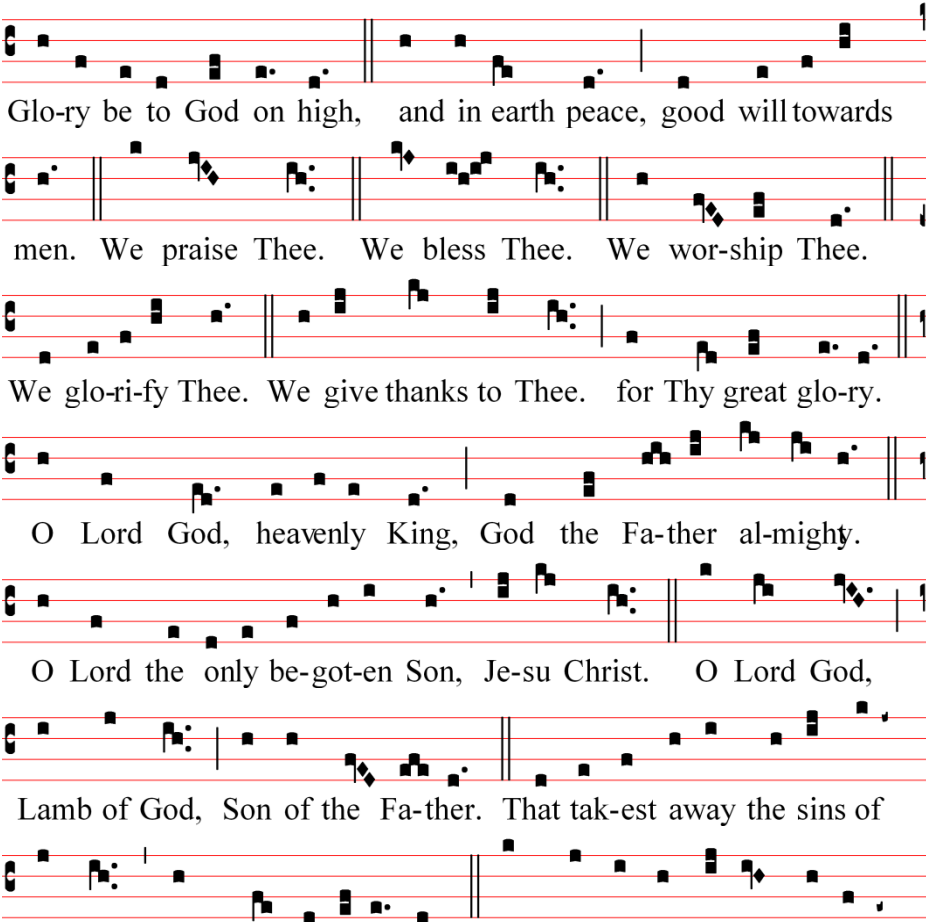
### THE ABSOLUTION

*Amen.*

*As the choir sings the **INTROIT ANTIPHON**, and then all sing **GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH**.*

*As **GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH**, an ancient Christian hymn of praise, is sung, the priest honours God's Presence, marked by the Altar, using incense.*

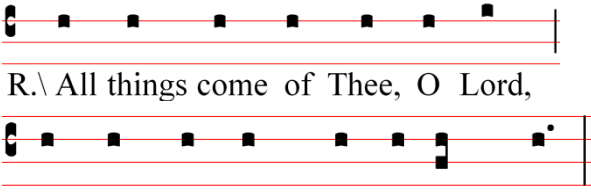
*Priest:* *All:*



Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards  
men. We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We wor-ship Thee.  
We glo-ri-fy Thee. We give thanks to Thee. for Thy great glo-ry.  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Fa-ther al-mighty.  
O Lord the only be-got-en Son, Je-su Christ. O Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther. That tak-est away the sins of  
the world, have mer-cy upon us. Thou that tak-est away the sins

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Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, the power  
and the glory and the victory and the majesty.  
All that is in Heaven and earth is Thine:



R.\ All things come of Thee, O Lord,  
and of Thine own do we give Thee.

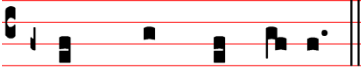
### THE PRAYER OVER THE BREAD AND WINE



R.\ Amen.

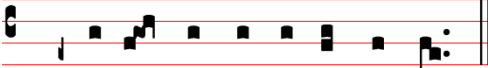
*The priest begins the **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**:*

The Lord be with you.



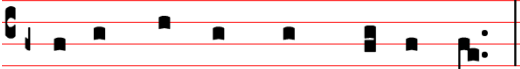
R.\ And with thy spir- it.

Lift up your hearts.



R.\ We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.



R.\ It is meet and right so to do.



18  
side all ear-ly care, borne by the pow-er of

23  
an-gels' wings to His peo - ple now comes the

27  
King of kings. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu

32  
ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

*The Altar will then be prepared for the Mass itself and bread and wine placed upon it. Incense is used again, denoting our reverence for the place where, as the Church has taught from earliest times, Christ will become present in the bread and wine over which we give thanks. Then, in turn and by groups, the people in the Church will also be censed because we are, by our Baptism, included in the priestly activity of Christ. During this all sing the **OFFERTORY HYMN**.*

of the world re-ceive our pray-er. Thou that sit-test at the

right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up-on us. For

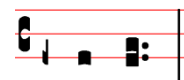
Thou only art ho-ly. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only O

Christ with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A- men.

Let us pray:

## THE COLLECT



R. Amen.

*We now SIT to listen to readings from the Bible.*

## THE FIRST READING

This is the Word of the Lord.  
[Thanks be to God.](#)

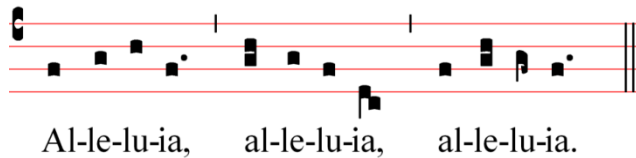
## THE PSALM

## THE SECOND READING

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### STAND

*The Choir sings the **ALLELUIA** and them all repeat it:*

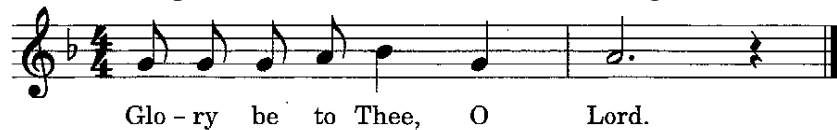


## THE GRADUAL VERSE

R.\ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

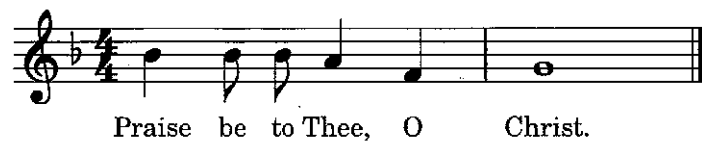
*The Gospel Book is carried into the body of the church to read part of the account of Jesus' life. As the procession moves into the nave, we turn to face the Book. Incense is used to honour the presence of Christ in the words of the Gospel.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.



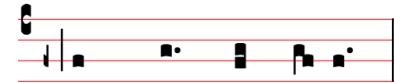
## THE GOSPEL READING

This is the Gospel of the Lord



*The priest introduces the sharing of Christ's peace to seal the prayer and worship, that we have just offered, in the peace that Christ came to bring to the world:*

... The Peace of the Lord be always with you.



*The choir sings the **OFFERTORIUM**. Then, as the bread and wine (tokens of our offering to God of all we have and all we are) all sing:*



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*The priest invites the congregation to offer intercessions to God our Father:*

## THE INTERCESSIONS

*Response to the intercessions:*

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.



Lord, graciously hear us.

*At the end:*

... through Jesus Christ our Lord:

O Lord hear my pray'r, O

Lord hear my pray'r; when I call an-swer me. O

Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.

Come and lis-ten to me.

## SIT

## THE SERMON

## STAND

*Priest:*

*All:*

We be-lieve in one God. the Father al-mighty, Ma-ker of Heaven

and earth. and of all things vi-sible and in-vi-sible.

And in one Lord Je-sus Christ, the only be-gotten Son of God.

Be-gotten of His Fa-ther be-fore all worlds. God of God,

Light of Light, ve-ry God of ve-ry God. Be-gotten not made,

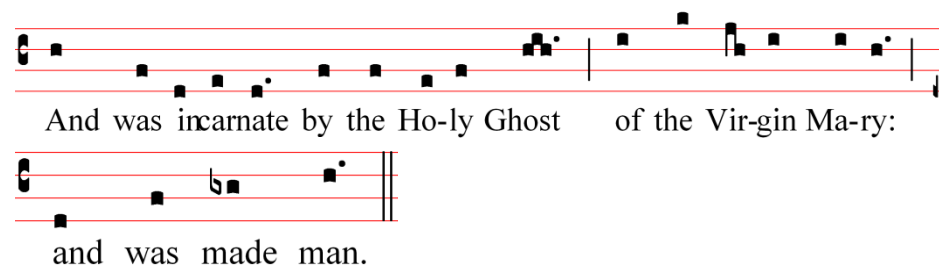
be-ing of one Substance with the Father: by Whom all things

were made. Who for us men and for our Salva-tion came down

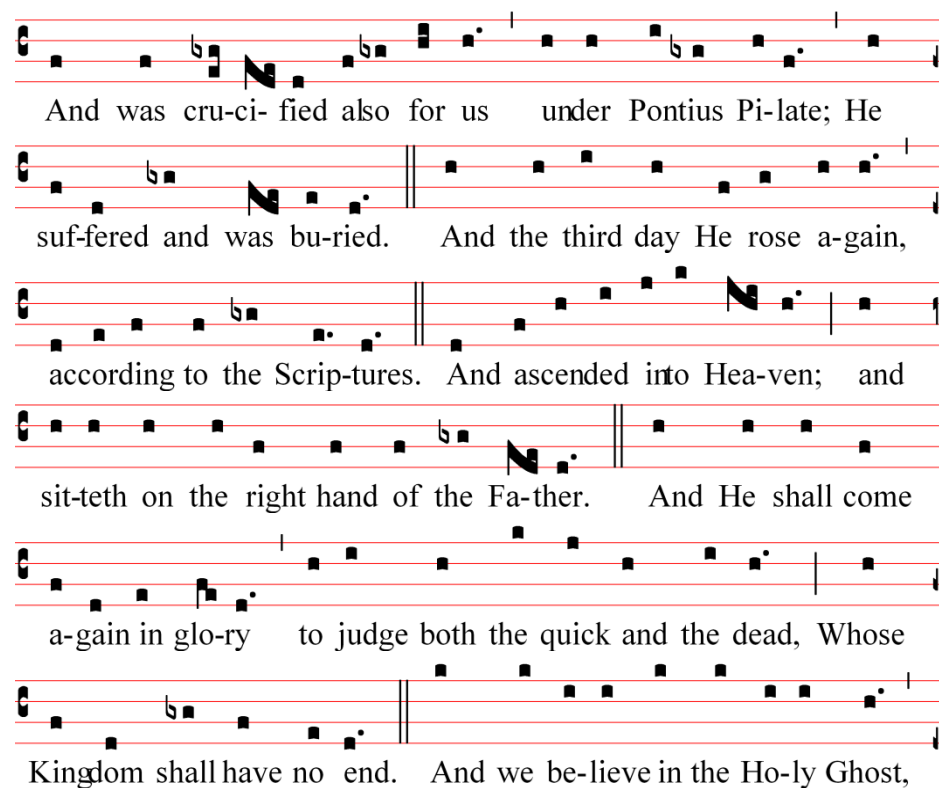
from Heaven.

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## KNEEL



## STAND



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