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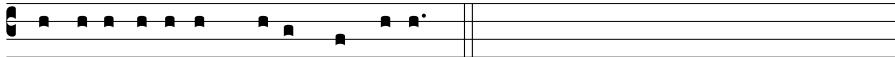
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# COMPLINE FROM THE LITTLE OFFICE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Making a sign of the cross with the thumb over the heart:*



℟ Convérite nos Dé-us sa-lutá-ris nóster.



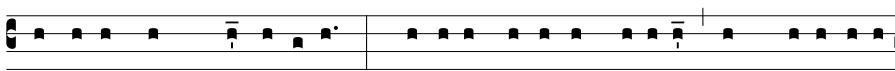
℟ Et avérte í-ram tú-am a nóbis.

℣. Convert us, O God, our Saviour. R. And turn away thy wrath from us.

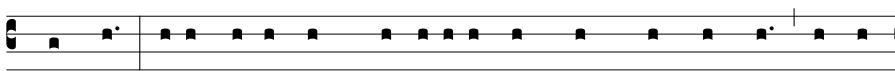
*Making the sign of the cross:*



D E-us in adjutó-ri-um mé-um inténde. ℟ Dómine ad



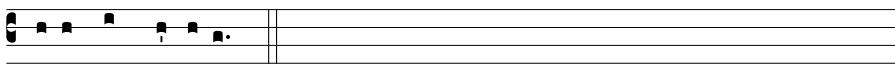
adjuvándum me festína. Gló-ri- a Pátri, et Fí-li-o, et Spi-rí-tu-i



Sáncto. Sicut é-rat in princípi-o, et nunc, et semper, et in



sácu-la sácu-lórum. Amen. Allelú-ia. Or: Laus tibi Dómine Rex



atérnæ gló-ri- æ.

℣. O God, come to my assistance. R. O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory be...

# Psalmody

*Usually sit at the first asterisk for each psalm, rise at the asterisk for the last verse of the psalm ready to bow for the Gloria Patri, upright for Sicut erat, then remain standing until the first asterisk of the next psalm.*

## Psalm 128



Sæpe expugnavérunt me a juventúte me-a, \* di-cat nunc Isra-ël :

[Sæpe expugnáverunt me a juventúte mea \* dicat nunc Israel.]

Sæpe expugnavérunt me a juventúte mea : \* étenim non potuérunt mihi.

Supra dorsum meum fabricavérunt peccatóres : \* prolongavérunt iniquitátem suam.

Dóminus justus concídít cervíces peccatórum : \* confundántur et convertántur retrórsum omnes, qui odérunt Sion.

Fiant sicut fœnum tectórum : \* quod priúsquam evellátur exáruit :

De quo non implévit manum suam qui metit : \* et sinum suum qui manípulos colligit.

Often have they fought against me from my youth, let Israel now say.

Often have they fought against me from my youth: but they could not prevail over me.

The wicked have wrought upon my back: they have lengthened their iniquity.

The Lord who is just will cut the necks of sinners: Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Sion.

Let them be as grass upon the tops of houses: which withereth before it be plucked up:

Who with the mower filleth not his hand: nor he that gathereth sheaves his bosom.

Et non dixerunt qui præteribant :  
Benedictio Domini super vos : \*  
benediximus vobis in nomine Domini.

Glória Pátri, et Fílio, \* et Spirítui  
Sáncto.

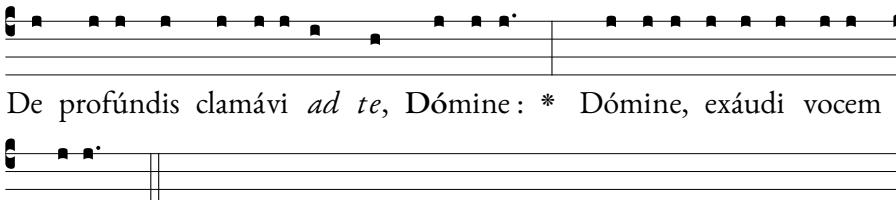
Sicut érat in princípio, et nunc, et  
sémper, \* et in sácula sáculórum.  
Amen.

And they that passed by have not  
said: The blessing of the Lord be  
upon you: we have blessed you in  
the name of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the  
Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is  
now, and ever shall be, world with-  
out end. Amen.

## Psalm 129



De profúndis clamávi ad te, Dómine : \* Dómine, exáudi vocem  
me- am :

[De profundis clamavi ad te, Do-  
mine : \* Domine, exaudi vocem  
meam.]

Fiant aures tuæ intendéntes : \* in  
vocem deprecationis meæ.

Si iniquitátes observáveris, Dó-  
mine : \* Dómine, quis sustinébit?

Quia apud te propitiátio est : \*  
et propter legem tuam sustínui te,  
Dómine.

Out of the depths I have cried to  
thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the  
voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniqui-  
ties: Lord, who shall stand it.

For with thee there is merciful  
forgiveness: and by reason of thy  
law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

Sustinuit ánima mea in *verbo*  
eius : \* sperávit ánima mea in Dó-  
mino.

A custódia matutína usque ad  
noctem : \* speret Israël in Dómino.

Quia apud Dóminum misericór-  
dia : \* et copiosa apud eum redémp-  
tio.

Et ipse rédimet Israël : \* ex ómni-  
bus iniquitáibus ejus.

Glória Pátri, et Fílio, \* et Spirítui  
Sáncto.

Sicut érat in princípio, et *núnc*, et  
sémper, \* et in sécula sæculórum.  
Amen.

My soul hath relied on his word:  
my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even  
until night, let Israel hope in the  
Lord.

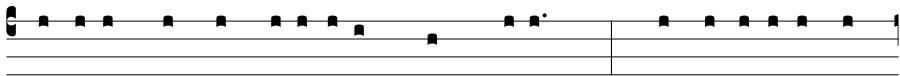
Because with the Lord there is  
mercy: and with him plentiful re-  
demption.

And he shall redeem Israel from  
all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father and to the  
Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is  
now, and ever shall be, world with-  
out end. Amen.

## Psalm 130



Dómine, non est exaltátum cor me-um : \* neque e-lá-ti sunt  
ócu-li me- i.

[Domine, non est exaltatum cor  
meum: neque elati sunt oculi mei.]

Neque ambulávi in magnis : \* ne-  
que in mirabílibus super me.

Lord, my heart is not exalted: nor  
are my eyes lofty.

Neither have I walked in great  
matters, nor in wonderful things  
above me.

Si non humíliter *sentiébam* : \* sed  
exaltávi ánimam meam.

Sicut ablactátus est super *matre*  
*sua* : \* ita retribútio in ánima mea.

Speret Israël in Dómino : \* ex hoc  
nunc et usque in sáculum.

Glória Pátri, et Fílio, \* et Spirítui  
Sáncto.

Sicut érat in princípio, et *núnc*, et  
sémpér, \* et in sácula sáculórum.  
Amen.

If I was not humbly minded, but  
exalted my soul:

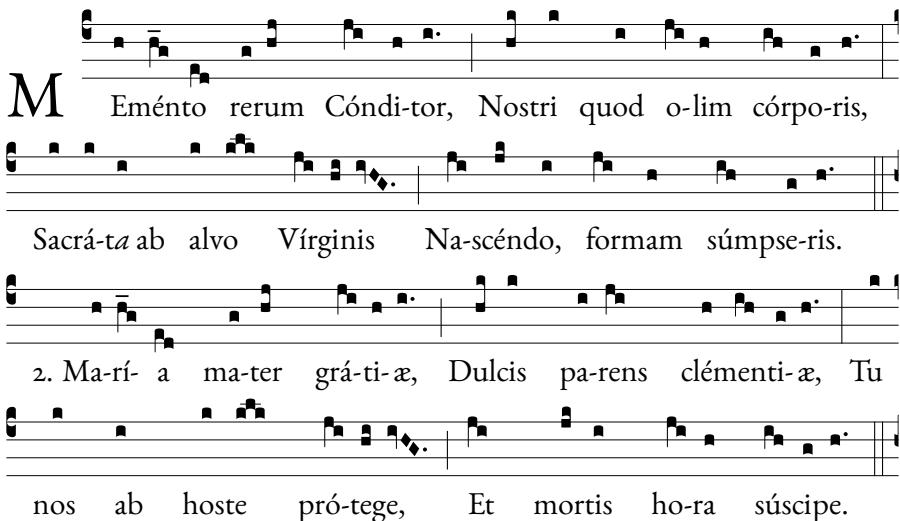
As a child that is weaned is to-  
wards his mother, so reward in my  
soul.

Let Israel hope in the Lord, from  
henceforth now and for ever.

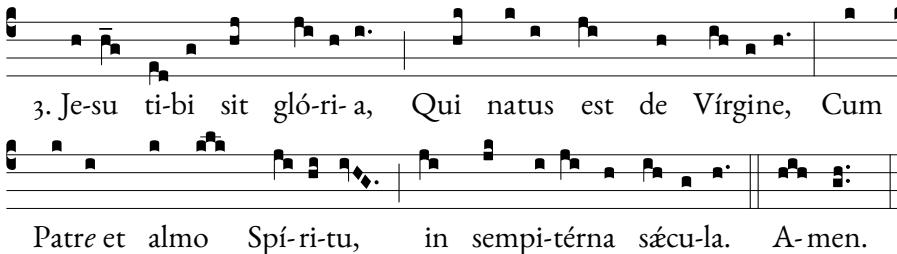
Glory be to the Father and to the  
Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is  
now, and ever shall be, world with-  
out end. Amen.

## Hymn



M Eménto rerum Cóndi-tor, Nostri quod o-lim córpo-ris,  
Sacrá-ta ab alvo Vírginis Na-scéndo, formam súmpse-ris.  
2. Ma-rí- a ma-ter grá-ti-æ, Dulcis pa-rens clémenti-æ, Tu  
nos ab hoste pró-tege, Et mortis ho-ra súscipe.



1. Remember, O creator Lord,  
That in the Virgin's sacred womb  
Thou wast conceived, and of her fles-  
h  
Didst our mortality assume.  
2. Mother of grace, O Mary blest,  
To thee, sweet fount of love, we fly;

Shield us through life, and take us  
hence  
To thy dear bosom when we die.  
3. O Jesu, born of Virgin bright,  
Immortal glory be to thee;  
Praise to the Father infinite,  
And Holy Ghost eternally. Amen.

## Little Chapter

### *Outside Advent:*

Ego mater pulchrae dilectionis,  
et timoris, et agnitionis, et sanctae  
spei.

R/. Deo gratias.

V/. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Ge-  
nitrix

R/. Ut digni efficiamur promissio-  
nibus Christi

I am the mother of fair love, and  
of fear, and of knowledge and of  
holy hope.

Thanks be to God.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of  
God.

That we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ

### *In Advent:*

Ecce Virgo concipiet, et pariet fi-  
lium, et vocabitur nomen ejus Em-  
manuel. Butyrum et mel comedet,  
ut sciat reprobare malum, et eligere

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive  
and bear a son, and his name shall  
be called Emmanuel. Butter and  
honey shall he eat, that he may

bonum.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Angelus Domini nuntiavit  
Mariae.

R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

know to refuse the evil, and choose  
the good.

Thanks be to God.

The angel of the Lord declared  
unto Mary.

And she conceived by the Holy  
Spirit.

## Canticle

During the year:

S UB tu-um præ-sí-di-um confúgimus sancta De-i Génitrix:  
nostras depreca-ti-ónes ne despí-ci-as in necessi-tá-tibus: sed a  
pe-rícu-lis cunctis líbe-ra nos semper Virgo glo-ri-ó-sa et  
be- ne-dícta

We take refuge \* under thy protection, O holy Mother of God! Despise not our supplications in our need, but deliver us alway from all dangers, O Virgin, glorious and blessed!

N unc dimítis servum tu-um Dómine, \* secúndum

verbum tu-um in pa-ce. 2. Qui- a vidérunt ócu-li me- i \*

sa-lutá-re tu-um. 3. Quod pa-rásti \* ante fá-ci- em ómni- um populó-rum. 4. Lu-men et reve-la-ti-ónem génti-um, \*

et gló-ri- am plebis tu-æ Israel. 5. Gló-ri- a Pátri, et Fí-li- o, \*

et Spi-rí-tu- i Sáncto. 6. Si-cut é-rat in princípi- o, et núnc, et sémp- er, \* et in sácu-la sæculórum. Amen.

Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, \* according to thy word in peace;

Because my eyes have seen \* thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared \* before the face of all peoples:

A light to the revelation of the Gentiles, \* and the glory of thy people Israel.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, \* and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Repeat the antiphon Sub tuum all together.*

*Now go to the collect on page 14.*

## In Advent:

Síri-tus Sanctus \* in te descéndet Ma-rí-a: ne tí-me-as,  
habébis in útero Fí-li-um De-i, alle-lú-ia.  
The Holy Spirit shall descend upon thee O Mary: fear not, thou shalt  
have in thy womb the Son of God, alleluia.

Nunc dimítis servum tu-um, Dómine, \* secúndum ver-  
bum tu-um in pace. 2. Qui-a vidérunt ócu-li me-i \*  
sa-lutáre tu-um. 3. Quod parásti \* ante fá-ci-em ómni-  
um populórum. 4. Lumen et reve-la-ti-ónem génti-um, \*  
et gló-ri-am plebis tu-a Israel. 5. Gló-ri-a Pátri, et Fí-li-o, \*  
et Spi-rítu-i Sáncto. 6. Sicut é-rat in princípi-o, et núnc, et  
sémper, \* et in sácu-la sæculórum. Amen.

*Repeat the antiphon Spiritus sanctus all together.*

*Now go to the collect on page 14.*

In Christmas:

M A- gnum \* haeredi-tá-tis mysté- ri-um: templum  
De- i factus est ú-te-rus nésci- ens vi-rum non est pollútus ex  
e- a car-nem assú-mens: o- mnes gentes vé-ni- ent, di-céntes:  
Gló-ri- a tibi Dó- mine.

A great mystery of heritage, the womb that never knew man, is made the temple of the holy Ghost: he is not polluted by taking flesh of her: all nations shall come, saying: glory be to thee o Lord.

Nunc dimítis servum tu-um, Dómine, \* secúndum ver-  
bum tu-um *in pace.* 2. Qui- a vidérunt ócu-li me- i \*  
sa-lutáre tu-um. 3. Quod parásti \* ante fá-ci- em ómni-



*Repeat the antiphon Magnum haereditatis mysterium all together.*

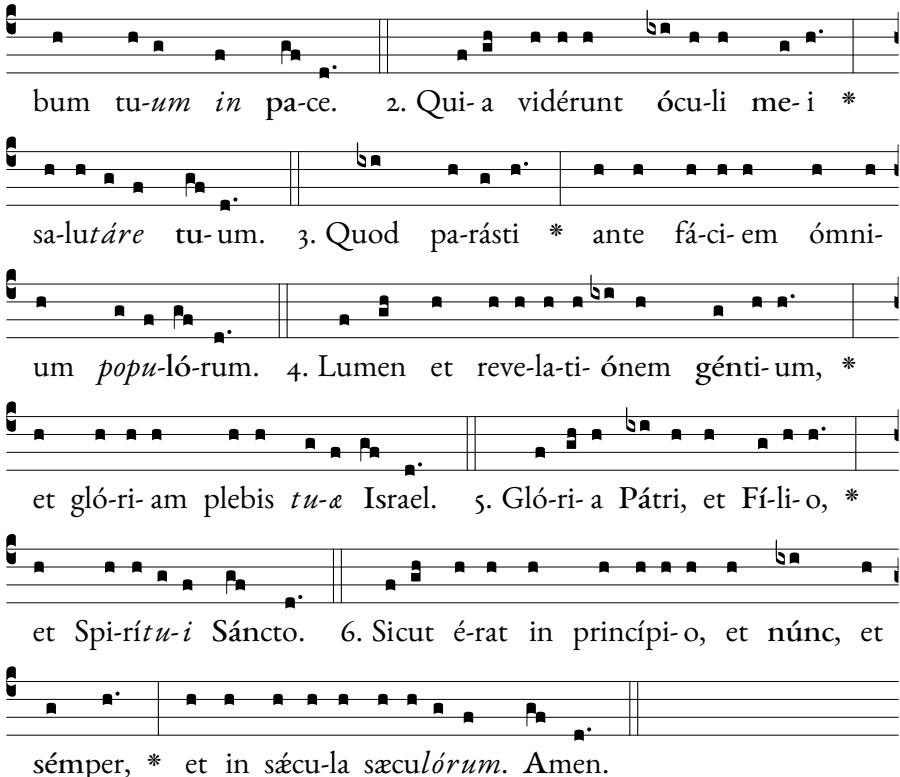
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In Easter:

R E-gina cae- li laetá-re, al-le-lú-ia.: qui- a quem me-ru- í- sti portá-re, al-le-lú-ia.: resurré-xit sicut di-xit, alle-lú-ia: o- ra pro no-bis De-um, al-le-lú-ia.:

O Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia. Is risen as He said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Nunc dimítis servum tu-um, Dómine, \* secúndum ver-



*Repeat the antiphon Regina caeli all together.*

## Collect

℣. Dómine exáudi oratióñem  
meam.

℟. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.  
Orémus.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come unto thee  
Let us pray.

### *Outside Advent:*

Beátae et gloriásae semper Vír-  
ginis Maríae, quaésumus Dómi-

Lord pray thee, that the glorious  
intercession of Mary, blessed, and

ne, intercéssio gloriósa nos pró-tegat, et ad vitam perdúcat aetér-nam. Per Dóminum nostrum Iesum Christum, Filium tuum: qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sécula sæculórum.

R/. Amen.

*In Advent:*

Deus, qui de beatae Mariae Vir-ginis utero, Verbum tuum, An-gelo nuntiante, carnem suspicere voluisti: praesta supplicibus tuis; ut, qui vere eam Genetricem Dei credimus, eius apud te intercessio-nibus adiuvemur. Per eumdem Dominum nostrum Iesum Chri-stum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vi-vit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

R/. Amen.

*Ending with:*

¶. Dómine exáudi oratióñem meam.

R/. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

¶. Benedicámus Dómino.

R/. Deo grátias.

Benedicat et custodiat nos omni-potens et misericors Dominus, Pa-ter, ☩ et Filius et Spiritus Sanctus.

R/. Amen.

glorious, and everlastingly Virgin, may shield us and bring us on to-ward eternal life. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

O God, who didst please that Thy Word should take flesh at the message of an Angel in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant to us Thy suppliants, that we, who believe her to be truly the Mother of God, may be helped by her in-tercession with Thee. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

Amen.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come unto thee

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the almighty and merci-ful Lord bless us, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

*Then the appropriate Marian Antiphon is sung.*

## Marian Antiphons

*From Vespers of Saturday before the First Sunday in Advent  
until the 1st of February inclusive.*

*Solemn Tone:*

A L- ma \* Redemptó-ris Má- ter, quæ pérvi- a  
cæ-li pórtta ma- nes, Et stél- la má- ris, succúrre cadén- ti  
súrge-re qui cù- rat pópu-lo: Tu quæ genu- í-sti, natú- ra  
mi-rán- te, tú-um sánctum Ge-ni-tórem: Vír- go pri- us  
ac posté-ri- us, Gabri- é-lis ab ó-re súmens íl-lud Ave, \*  
peccatórum mi-se-ré-re.

*Simple Tone:*

A L- ma \* Redemptó-ris Ma-ter, quæ pérvi- a caeli porta



*In Advent :*

V. Angelus Dómini nuntiávit  
Maríæ.

R. Et concépit de Spíritu Sancto.

Orémus.

Grátiam tuam, quásumus Dómine, méntibus nostris infúnde :  
† ut qui, Angelo nuntiánte, Christi Fílii tui Incarnatióнем cognóvimus, \* per passiónem ejus et crucem ad resurrectiónis glóriam perducámur. Per éumdem Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*From the first Vespers of Christmas onwards :*

V. Post partum Virgo invioláta permansísti.

R. Dei Génitrix, intercéde pro

After childbirth, O Virgin, thou didst remain inviolate.

O Mother of God, plead for us.

nobis.

Orémus.

Deus, qui salutis ætérnæ, beátae Maríæ virginítate fecúnda, humáno géneri præmia præstítisti : † tríbue, quésumus; ut ipsam pro nobis intercédere sentiámus, \* per quam merúimus auctórem vitæ su-scípere, Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum. Rȝ. Amen

℣. Divínū auxílīū máneat semper nobiscum.

Rȝ. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, Who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech You, that we may experience her intercession for us, by whom we deserved to receive the Author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us.

Amen.

*From 2nd February to Wed of Holy Week.*

*Solemn Tone:*

Ave, \* Re-gína Cæ- ló- rum, Ave Dómina An-  
ge-ló- rum: Sál-ve rá-dix, sálve pórta, Ex qua mún- do lux est  
ór- ta: Gáude Vírgo glo-ri- ó-sa, Super óm-nes spe-ci- ó- sa:  
Vá- le, o valde decóra, Et pro nó- bis Chrí- stum \* exó-  
ra.

*Simple Tone:*

A -ve, Re-gína cælórum, \* Ave Dómina Ange-lórum: Salve  
radix, salve porta, Ex qua mundo lux est orta: Gaude Virgo  
glo-ri- ósa, Su-per omnes spe-ci- ósa: Va-le, o valde decó-ra, Et

pro no-bis Christum exó- ra.

℣. Dignáre me laudáre te, Virgo  
sacráta.

R. Da mihi virtútem contra ho-  
stes tuos.

Orémus

Concédé, misericors Deus, fragi-  
litati nostræ præsidium : † ut qui  
sanctæ Dei Genitricis memóriam  
ágimus, \* intercessiónis ejus auxílio,  
a nostris iniquitatibus resurgámus.  
Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum  
nostrum. R. Amen

℣. Divínum auxílium máneat  
semper nobíscum.

R. Amen.

Vouchsafe that I may praise thee,  
O sacred Virgin.

Give me strength against thine  
enemies.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, mer-  
cifully to assist our infirmity: that  
like as we do now commemorate  
Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, Mother  
of God; so by the help of her in-  
tercession we may die to our for-  
mer sins and rise again to newness  
of life. Through the same Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain  
always with us.

Amen.

*From Easter Sunday through Friday  
in the octave of Pentecost inclusive.*

*Solemn Tone:*

R Egína cæ-li \* læ-tá-re, al-le-lú-ia: Qui-a quem  
me-ru- ísti por-tá-re, al-le- lú-ia:  
Resurréx-it, sicut dix-it, al-le- lú-ia: O-ra pro nō-bis Dé-  
um, alle- \*\*\* lú- ia.

*Simple Tone:*

R Egína cæ-li, \* lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui-a quem meru- ísti  
portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Resurréxit, sicut di-xit, alle-lú-ia: Ora pro  
nobis De-um, alle-lú- ia.

℣. Gaude et lätare Virgo María,  
allelúia.

℟. Quia surréxit Dóminus vere,  
allelúia.

Orémus.

Rejoice and be glad O Virgin  
Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord has risen indeed, al-  
leluia.

Let us pray.

Deus, qui per resurrectiōnem Fílli tui Dómini nostri Jesu Christi mundum lætificáre dignatus es : † præsta, quæsumus; ut per ejus Genitrícem Vírginem Maríam, \* per pétuæ capíamus gáudia vitæ. Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum nostrum. R/. Amen.

¶. Divínum auxílium máneat semper nobíscum.

R/. Amen.

O God, who through the resurrection of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ didst vouchsafe to give joy to the world: grant, we beseech thee, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us.

Amen.

*From Saturday after the Octave of Pentecost through Friday before the first Saturday of Advent inclusive.*

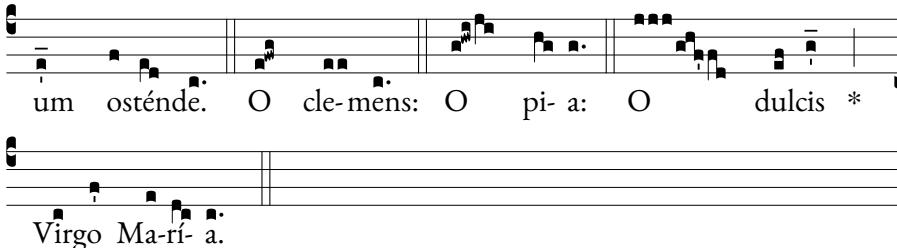
*Solemn Tone:*

S Al- ve, \* Re-gí- na, má-ter mi-se-ri-córdi- æ: Ví- ta,  
dulcé- do, et spes nóstra, sal-ve. Ad te clamá- mus, éxsu-  
les, fí-li- i Hé-væ. Ad te suspi-rá- mus, geméntes et flén-tes  
in hac lacrimá-rum vál-le. E- ia ergo, Advocá- ta nóstra,  
íllos tú- os mi-se-ri-cór-des ócu-los ad nos convér-te. Et

Jésum, benedíctum fructum véntris tú-i, nóbis post hoc  
 exsílium os-tende. O clé-mens: O pí-a: O  
 dúlcis \* Vírgo Ma-rí-a.

*Simple Tone:*

S Álve, Re-gína, \* ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi-æ: Vi-ta, dulcé-  
 do, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamámus, éxsu-les,  
 fí-li-i Hevæ. Ad te suspi-rámus, geméntes et flentes in  
 hac lacrimárum valle. E-ia ergo, Advocá-ta nostra, illos  
 tu-os mi-se-ri-córdes ócu-los ad nos convérte. Et Jesum,  
 benedíctum fructum ventris tú-i, nobis post hoc exsíli-



¶. Ora pro nobis sancta Dei Génitrix.

Rv. Ut digni efficiámur promisiónibus Christi.

Orémus.

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui gloriósae Vírginis Matris Máríæ corpus et ániam, ut dignum Fílli tui habitáculum éffici mere-rétur, Spíritu Sancto cooperánte præparásti : † da, ut cuius com-memoratióne lètámur, \* ejus pia intercessióne ab instántibus malis et a mortis perpétua liberémur. Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum nostrum. Rv. Amen.

¶. Divínum auxílium máneat semper nobíscum.

Rv. Amen.

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 co-operation of the Holy Spirit didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin-Mother Mary to become a dwelling-place meet for thy Son: grant that as we rejoice in her commemoration; so by her fervent intercession we may be delivered from present evils and from everlasting death. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us.

Amen.