25 March

In Annuntiatione Domini





Simple Mass

for

Cantor + Organist

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Unofficial organ accompaniment by Jeffrey Ostrowski.

Drop down____ dew from a - bove, you heav - ens, & let__ the













In November of 2007, Bishop Donald Trautman, chairman of the USCCB Committee on the Liturgy, made the following declaration:

"Recent research, confirmed by unofficial discussions with officials of the Holy See during the past several years, has made clear that the antiphons of the ORDER OF MASS were never intended to be sung, but are provided without notation to be recited whenever the *Graduale Romanum* or another song is not sung. The antiphons of the Missale Romanum, which differ substantially from the sung antiphons of the *Roman Gradual*, were never intended to be sung."

According to the GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL, the **1st option** for the *Entrance Chant* is "antiphona cum suo psalmo in Graduali romano" (*the antiphon with its psalm from the Roman Gradual*). The 1960s saw the creation of another set of propers designed for private Masses (or Masses without music). Printed in the SACRAMENTARY, they are referred to by various names: (a) the **Spoken Propers** [since they're for Masses without music]; (b) the **Sacramentary Propers** [since they're printed in the priest's book for convenience at private Masses]; or (c) the **Adalbert Propers** [since they were created by Dom Adalbert Franquesa Garrós in the 1960s]. Beginning in 2011, the USA bishops placed the **Adalbert Propers** alongside the *Graduale* as first option in the United States of America, but remember that the **Adalbert Propers** were designed for private Masses (or Masses without singing). That explains why they omit the Offertory antiphons: viz. since the priest is occupied at that time. Archbishop Bugnini put it very succinctly in his liturgical tome, *La Riforma Liturgica* (1983): "The entrance and communion antiphons of the Missal were intended to be recited, not sung." Dr. William Mahrt, a professor at the University of Stanford, wrote in 2015: "Worse, composers are now setting the introits of the missal [instead of the *Graduale*] to music—even to chant—though these texts were explicitly for spoken recitation only."

Who was Dom Adalbert? • Dom Adalbert was one of the first consultors of the *Consilium*. But the author of the ADALBERT PROPERS was more than a mere <u>associate</u> of Bugnini. Yves Chiron— an eminent Church historian—cites numerous unpublished letters (e.g. 6 January 1976 and 25 December 1978) which back up his assertion that Dom Adalbert was Bugnini's "dear friend."

Spoken vs. Sung • Many are turning away from the ADALBERT PROPERS in favor of the *Graduale* propers—for a variety of reasons. The ADALBERT PROPERS often minimize (or annihilate) certain ideas found in Sacred Scripture. For instance, references to God "conquering" or "destroying" enemies are often bowdlerized: cf. the ENTRANCE CHANT for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The ADALBERT PROPERS also sometimes betray an impoverished theology: e.g. the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time assigns *Acceptábis Sacrificium* for the COMMUNION CHANT, but since that chant reinforces how the Mass is primarily a sacrifice, Dom Adalbert got rid of it.

Imprimatur • An official translation of the *Graduale Romanum* does not exist. The translation we selected—broadly speaking *—is identical to the English translation found in the following books: *The Gregorian Missal* (Solesmes Abbey, IMPRIMATUR 16-Nov-1990); *The Vatican II Hymnal* (CCWatershed, 2011); *The Simple English Propers* (CMAA, 2011); *The Lalemant Propers* (CCWatershed, IMPRIMATUR 13-Apr-2013); *The Saint Isaac Jogues Illuminated Missal, Gradual, and Lectionary* (Sophia Institute Press, IMPRIMA-TUR 25-Mar-2014); *Laudate Antiphon Collection* (Motyka, 2011); CHORAL COMMUNIO—English Anthems for Mixed Choir on the Communion Chants of the Modern Graduale Romanum (Richard Rice, 2012); *The Saint John's Gradual* (Archdiocese of Boston, IMPRIMATUR 16-May-2024). All those books use the same English translation. Official texts for the Responsorial Psalm & Gospel Acclamation:



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Gloria from the Mass in Honor of Saint Isaac Jogues Page 815 in The Saint Isaac Jogues Illuminated Missal, Gradual, and Lectionary

Jeff Ostrowski (2011)



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For you a - lone___ the Ho - ly One, the Lord, are you a - lone___ are 8 δ Ó θ 6 0 0 6 0

the Most_ High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly you a - lone___ are Spir – it \underline{o} ć



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This ancient chant (including its verse: "Quómodo in me fiet hoc") is found in the ancient manuscript: **Montpellier H. 159**.



Sanctus & **Mysterium** from Roman Missal, *Third Edition*. Harmonized by Jeff Ostrowski • https://ccwatershed.org/



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Communion Hymn • Page 376 in *The Saint Jean de Brébeuf Hymnal Quem Terra, Pontus, Aethera* ("Whom earth and sea and sky proclaim") TRANSLATION: Very Rev'd Dominic Aylward, OP TUNE: "Eisenach" • 88 88 (LM)

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and his name shall be called Em- ma-nu-el.



- Y. See how the skies pro-*claim* God's glory, how the vault of heaven betrays *his* craftsmanship! Each day echoes its secret to *the* next, each night passes on to the next its revela-*tion* of knowledge;
- V. The Lord's *per*-fect law, how it brings the soul back *to* life; the Lord's unchallengeable *de*-crees, how they make the *sim*-ple learnèd!
- V. How plain are the duties which the *Lord* enjoins, the treasure of *man's* heart; how clear is the commandment *he* gives, the enlightenment *of* man's eyes!
- Y. How sacred a thing is the fear of the Lord, which is binding for ever;
 how unerring are the awards made by him, one and all giving proof of their justice!
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev-er. Amen.

Score corrected on 21 December 2024at 5:35pm