ORGAN ACCOMPANIMENT SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



EXTRAORDINARY FORM VESPERS

Dominica II. Adventus

It's not required to have a "Processional Hymn" for Vespers, but neither is it forbidden.

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John Henry Newman on plainsong organ accompaniment:

When once asked whether the plainchant litany for the Corpus Christi procession should be harmonised, Cardinal Newman replied, "I am anything but averse to harmony here. I like it better *with*."

—Courtesy of Father Guy Nicholls

John Henry Newman on the 5th Vespers Psalm:

"The Cardinal, however, liked the *peregrinus* to the IN EXITU ISRAEL... and I remember once he seemed put out because once we followed the Rubrics in Easter week when the IN EXITU is used by having all the Psalms to one tone [*mode vii*]. For a moment it seemed as if he would contradict himself in his strict rule of going by authority against what he liked, and would change the tones so as to have the *peregrinus*." —Edward Bellasis

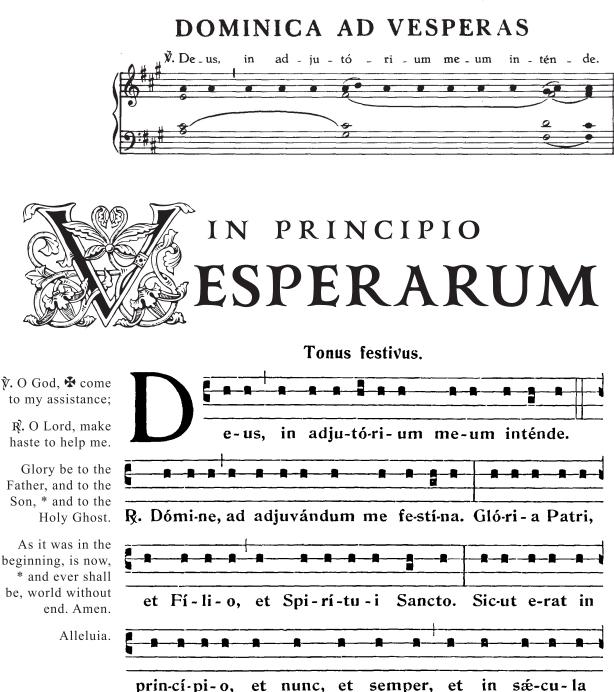
Dom Mocquereau on plainsong accompaniment :

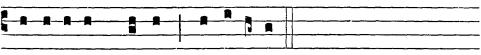
Dom Mocquereau criticized the accompaniments of Giulio Bas, advocated by Father de Santi. He wrote: "The accent that is always struck, the accent that always coincides with the chord on the down pulse of the rhythm, in a word the "metric principle" with all its attendant harshness, there is the great error of the moderns when it comes to the rhythm. Dom Pothier pointed that out a long time ago. Read carefully his article on the *Ave maris stella* (*Revue du Chant Gregorien*, January 15, 1895, p. 84); the matter cannot be stated better or more accurately. I adopt this theory in its entirety; and I taught it already in 1896, in my lecture on *L'Art Gregorien*. Daily practice confirms us in these principles. Dom Gatard teaches exactly the same thing at Westminster Cathedral." —Dom Pierre Combe

Dr. Peter Wagner on "modern notation" plainsong:

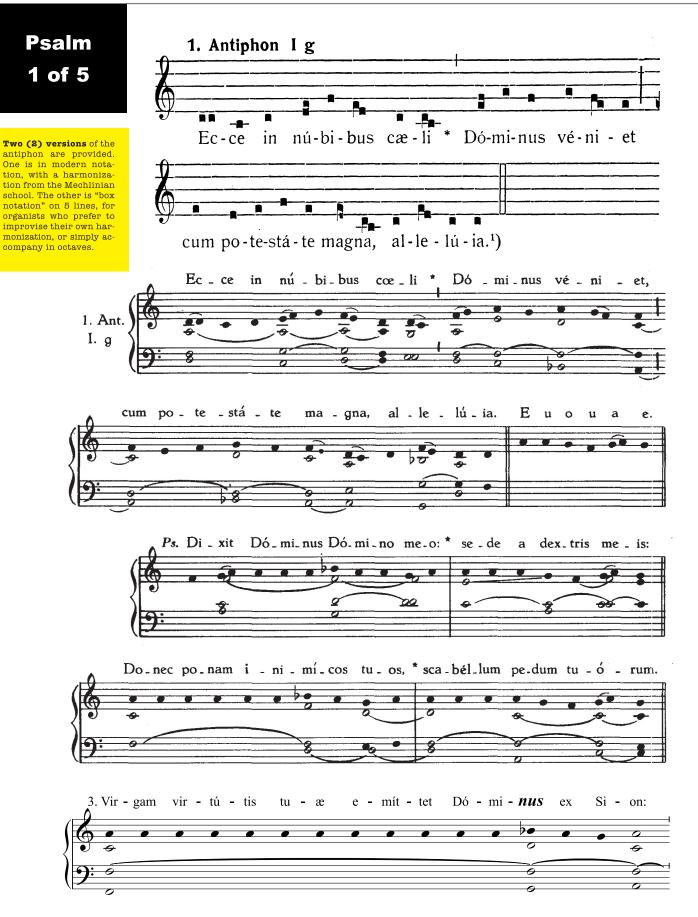
"With the praiseworthy intention of propagating the Chant, some editors have transcribed the typical edition into modern notation. One author of such a transcription, the late DR. PETER WAGNER, often told us he regretted having done it. Some editors who understood how much more exact the Gregorian notation was—the neums, as we call them—printed these notes on five lines instead of four, and changed the traditional do and fa clefs to the modern treble clef." —Joseph Gogniat (12 March 1938)

The **starting pitches** may be given to the priest, but this "beginning section" is not usually accompanied:





sæ-cu-ló-rum. Amen. Al-le-lú-ia.



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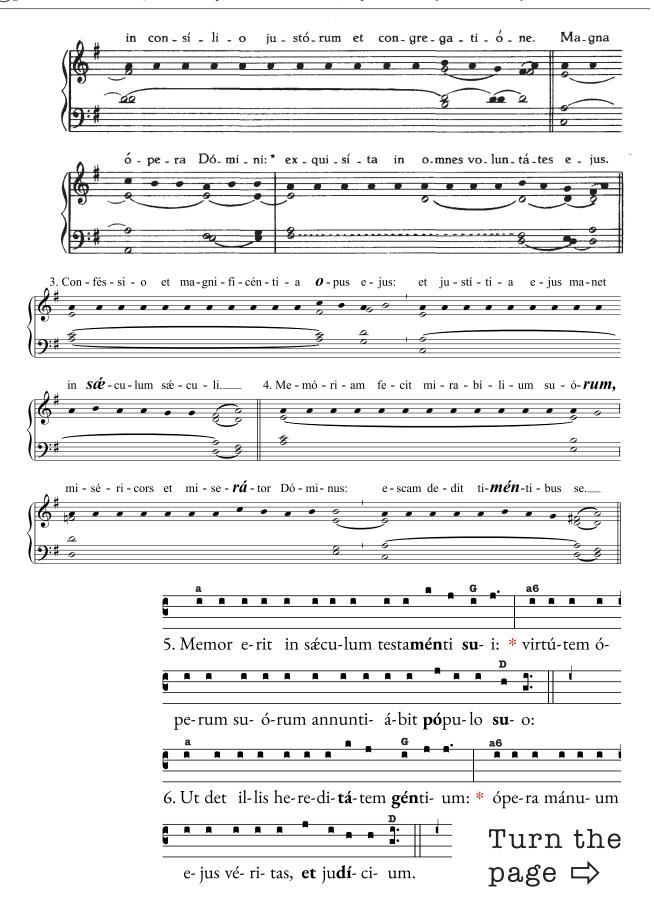


e-rat in princí-pi- o, et **nunc**, et **sem**per, * et in sæcu-la sæcu-ló-rum. Amen.

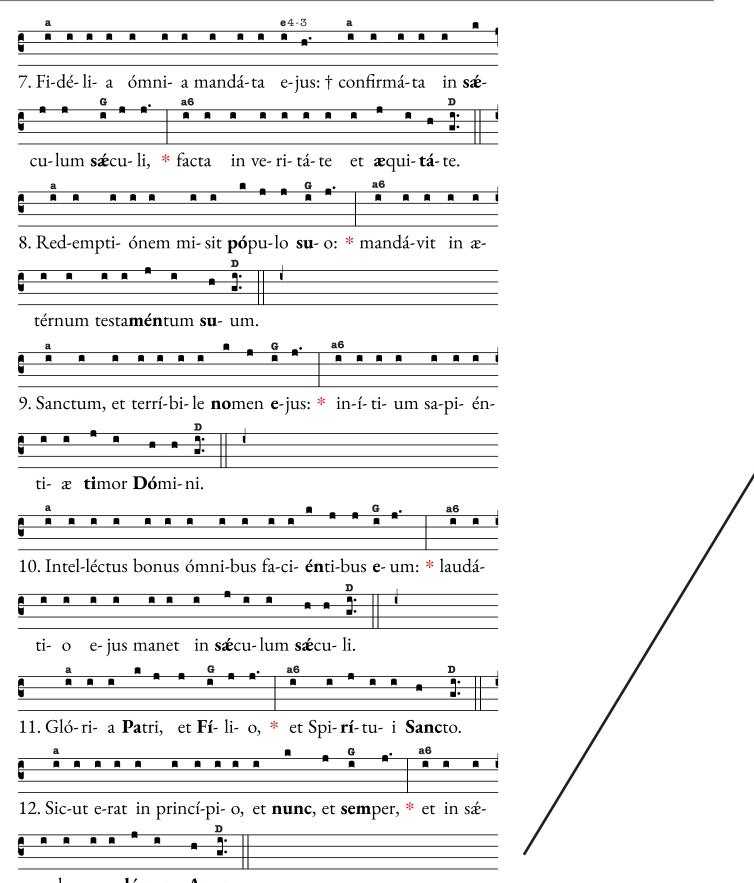
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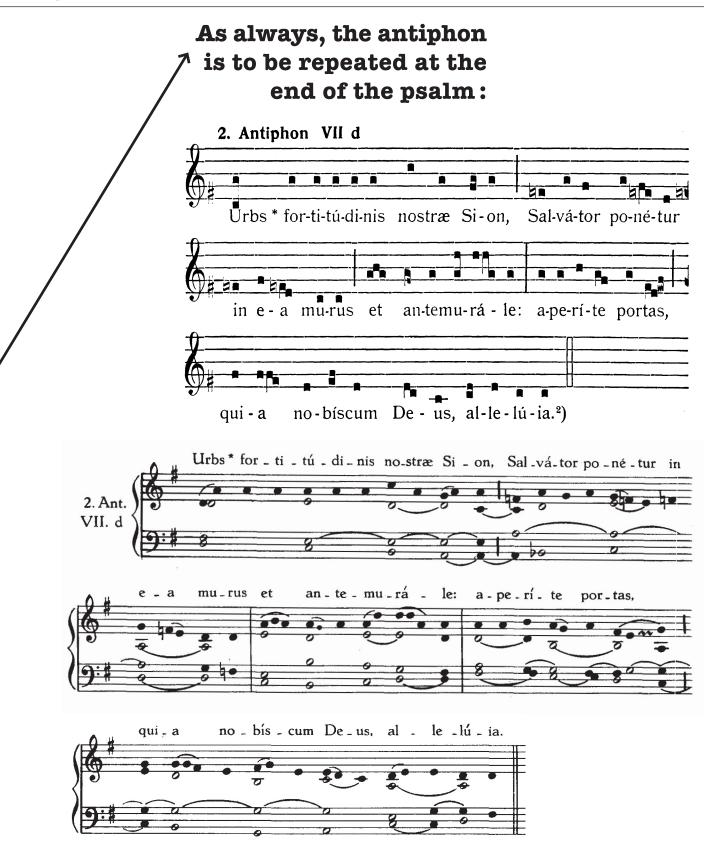


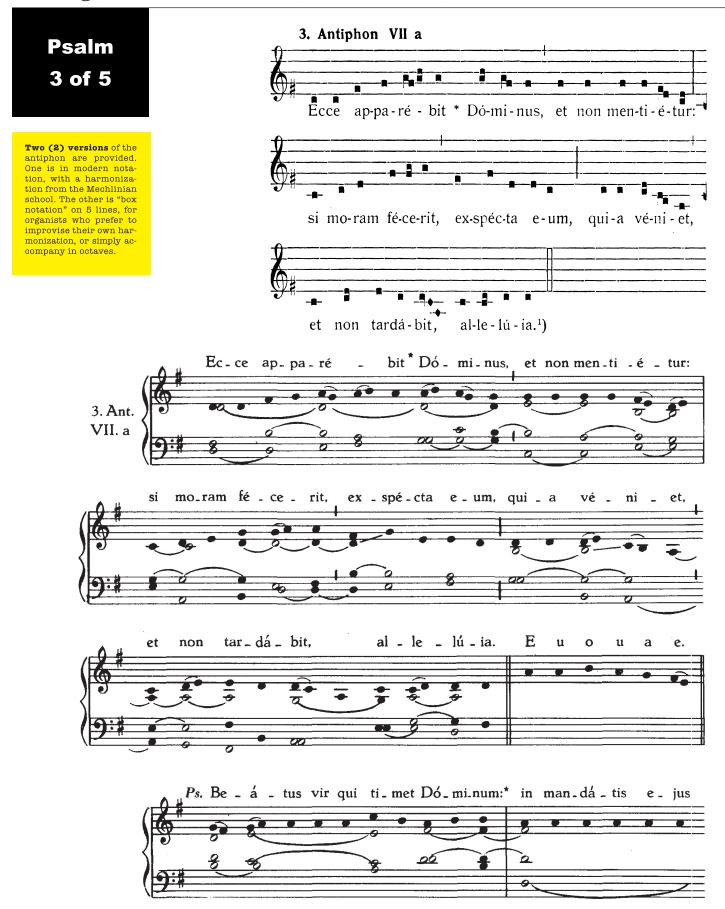
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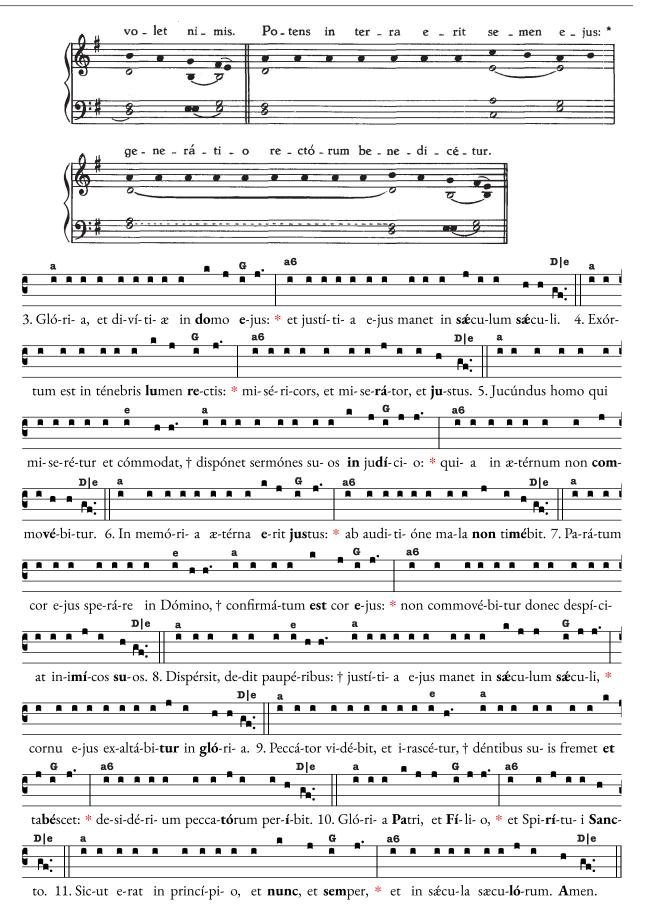
cu-la sæcu-**ló**-rum. **A**men.

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It's not a good practice to accompany every part of Vespers on the organ, for a variety of important reasons.



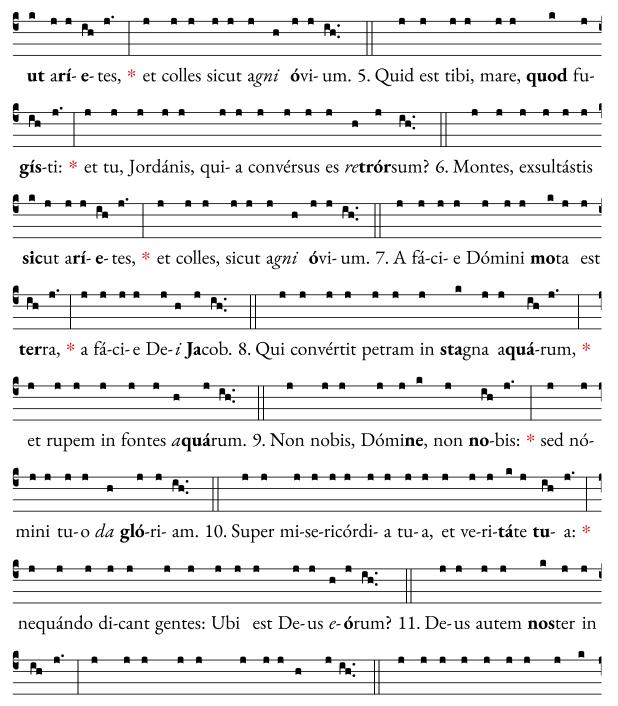


This is somewhat of a shame, because Mode III is particularly beautiful when accompanied well.

Note • This antiphon is also provided given at the end on the (traditional) four line stave. Beware! The end of the antiphon ("servórum suórum, allelúja") is tricky:



dit, et fu-git: * Jordánis convérsus est re-trórsum. 4. Montes exsultavérunt

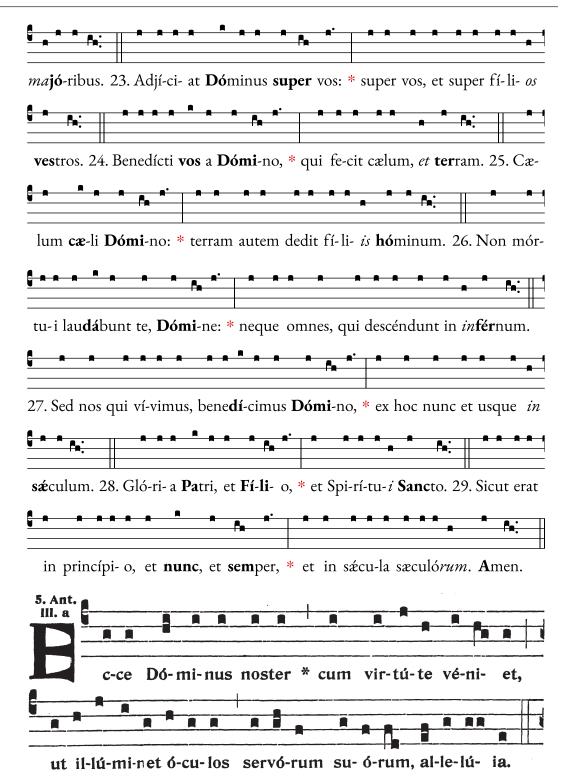


cæ-lo: * ómni- a quæcúmque vólu- it, fecit. 12. Simu-lácra génti- um argén-





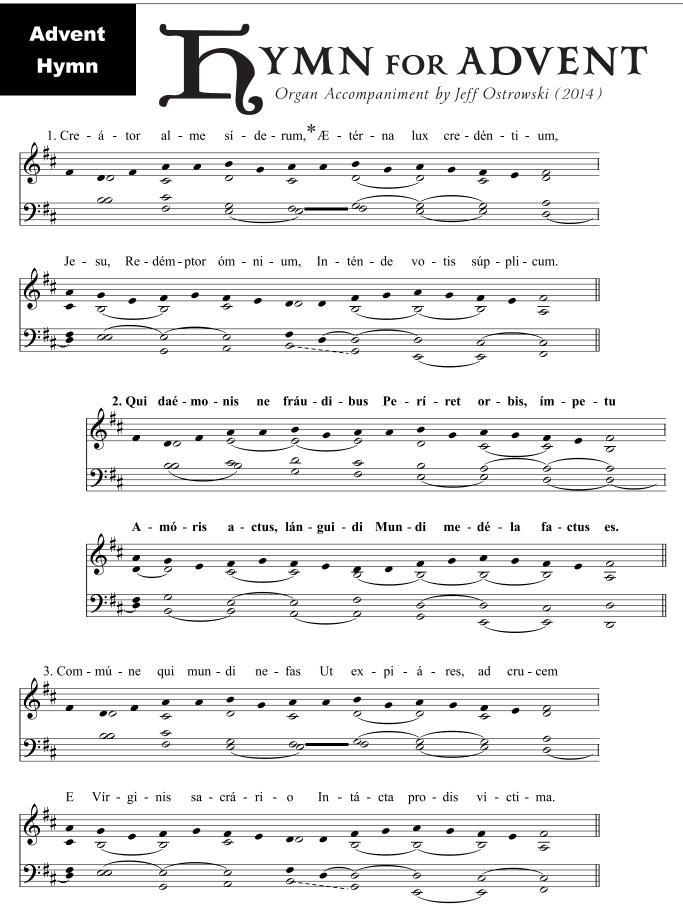
i A-aron. 22. Benedí-xit ómnibus, qui **ti**ment Dómi-num, * pu-síl-lis cum



<u>CHAPTER</u> • A short reading from Holy Scripture.

Kapitel Rom. 15, 4 Fratres: Quæcúmque scripta sunt, ad nostram doctrínam scripta sunt: † ut per patiéntiam, et consolatiónem Scripturárum * spem habeámus.





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ŷ. Roráte cáli désuper, et núbes plú-ant jústum.

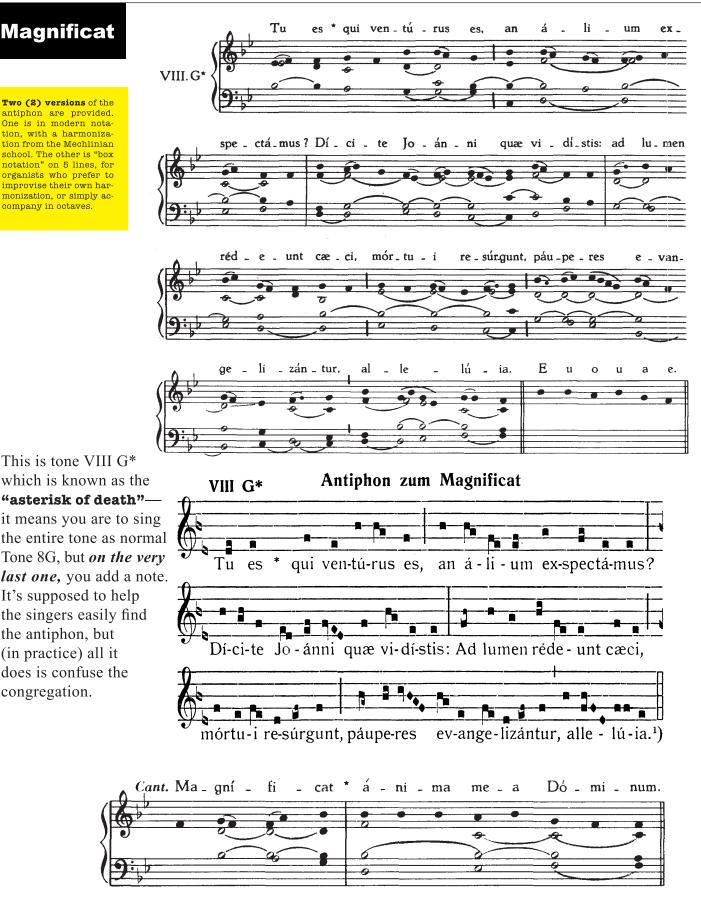
R. Aperi-átur térra, et gérminet Salvatórem.

Magnificat

Two (2) versions of the antiphon are provided. One is in modern notation, with a harmonization from the Mechlinian school. The other is "box notation" on 5 lines, for organists who prefer to improvise their own harmonization, or simply accompany in octaves.

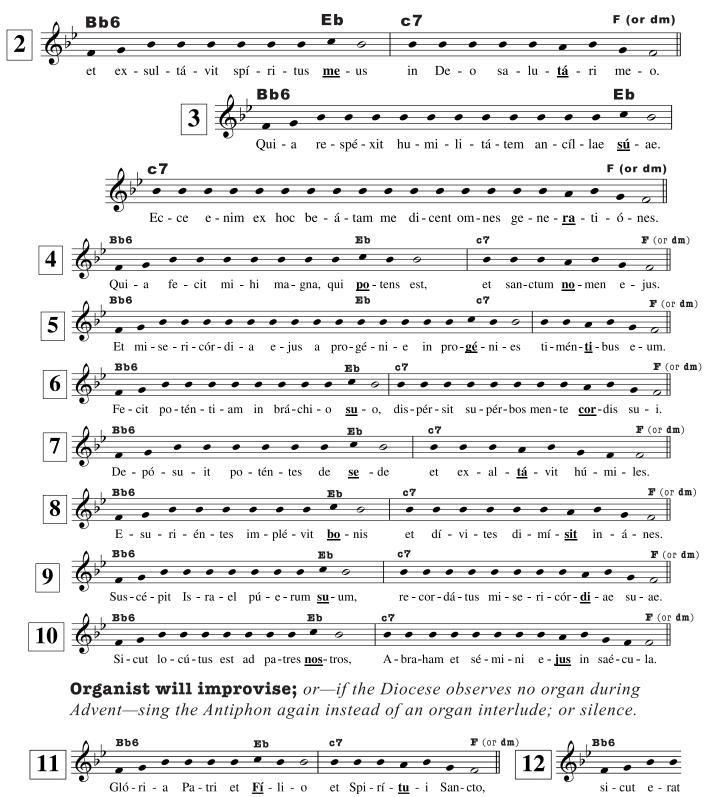
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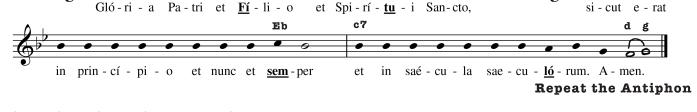
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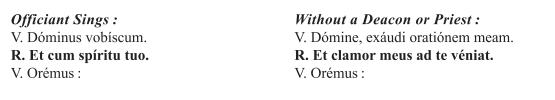
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It is permitted — although we don't recommend doing so — to use a more solemn ("fancy") version of the first half of each verse.





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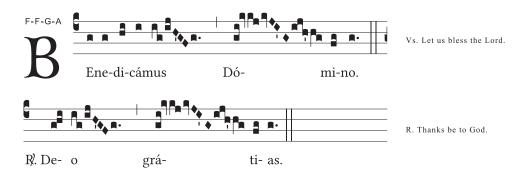
The Officiant now sings a short prayer, to which all respond:



Rz. Amen.

Officiant Sings : V. Dóminus vobíscum. **R. Et cum spíritu tuo.** Without a Deacon or Priest :V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

During the conclusion of the prayer above, Cantors C + D repeat the actions they undertook for the Versicle, and this time sing "Benedicámus Dómino" :



Officiant Sings:

V. Fidélium ánimae per misericórdiam Dei requiéscant in pace. **R. AMEN.** *Officiant Sings :* V. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **R.** AMEN.



It's not required to have a "Recessional Hymn" for Vespers, but neither is it forbidden.

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