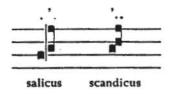
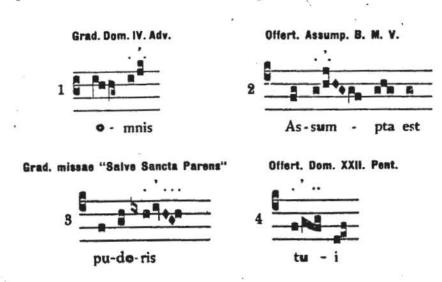
33. Salicus. In the Vatican Edition there are found two forms of the salicus but not a word about its interpretation.

The first form is a kind of pressus: formed of a punctum and a podatus. We interpret it like the pressus.

The second form: looks like a scandicus. But the scandicus (the kind formed of a punctum and a podatus) has its two notes touching each other. See what we said about this in Nos. 21; C, I, and 23. In the salicus, however, the punctum is separated from the podatus by a small white space large enough to allow a vertical line to be drawn between. Ex.:



In this instance we consider the neum a simple punctum and a podatus, and hence place the accent upon the first note of the podatus, or in other words upon the second of the salicus. This is virtually the anacrusis of modern music, a shift of the accent. The salicus occurs often, and hence the singer should be able to recognize it. This separate punctum may occur with any simple neum. Here are some examples:



N.B. The space between the punctum and the podatus is not large enough to admit another punctum between. A larger space would have another meaning, as will be explained later (Cf. Mora Vocis, Nos. 36-42).