

HYMN : UT QUEANT LAXIS RESONARE FIBRIS

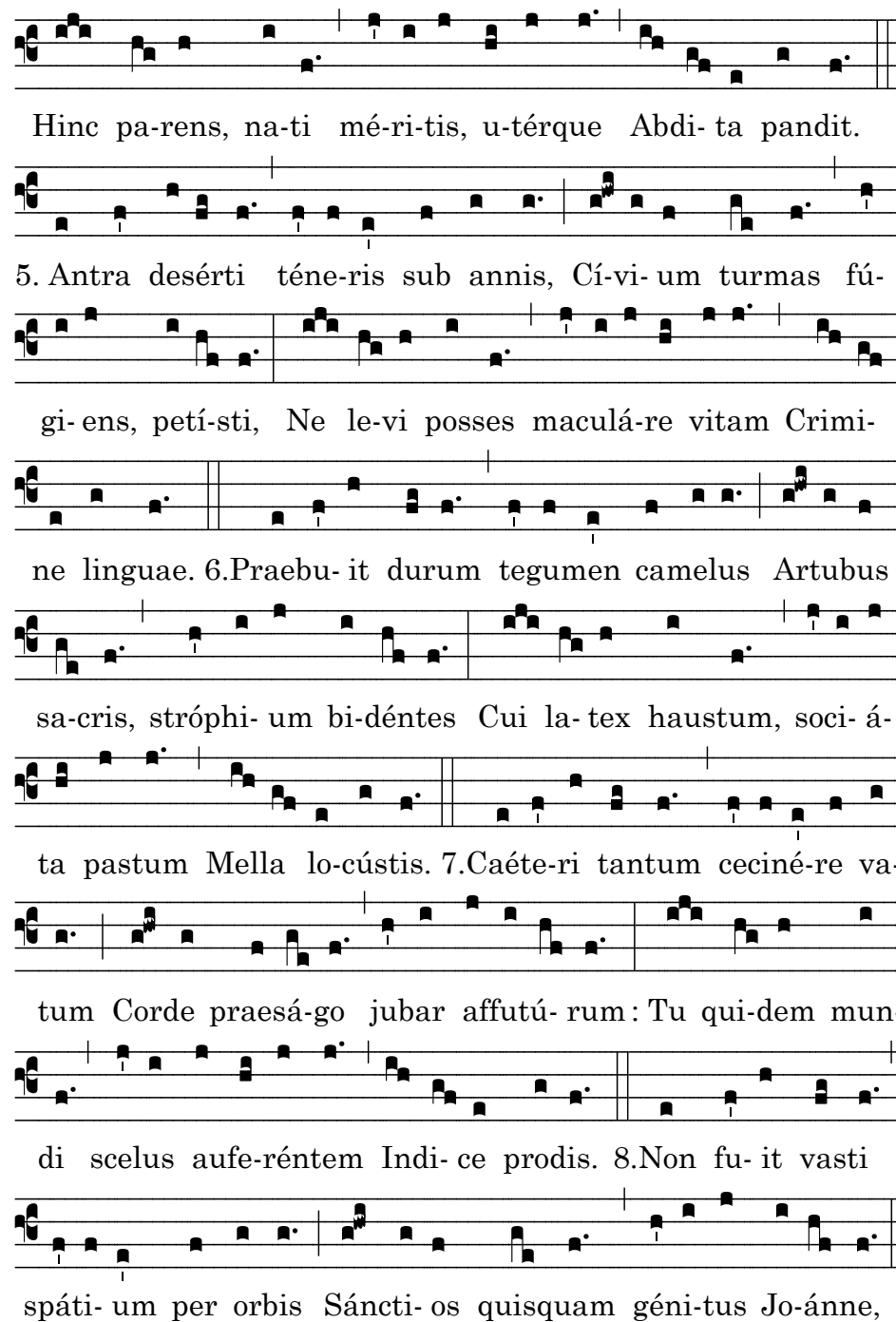
Hymn for St. John the Baptist, June 24

HYMN
II.

UT que-ant laxis re-soná-re fibris. Mi-ra gestó-rum
fámu-li tu-ó-rum, Sol-ve pollú-ti lá-bi-i re-á-tum, Sancte
Jo-ánnes. 2. Núnti-us celso vé-ni-ens Olýmpo, Te patri
magnum fo-re nasci-tú-rum, No-men et vi-tae sé-ri-em
ge-rénda-e Ordi-ne promit. 3. Il-le promíssi dú-bi-us supér-
ni, Pér-didit promptae mó-du-los lo-qué-lae : Sed re-formá-
sti gé-ni-tus perémptae Orga-na vocis. 4. Ventris obstrúso
ré-cubans cubí-li, Sénse-ras Re-gem thá-lamo manéntem :

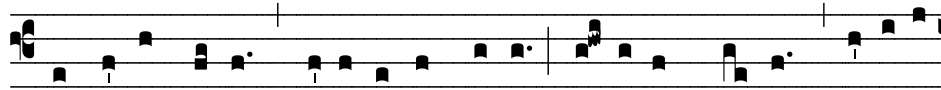
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Hinc pa-rens, na-ti mé-ri-tis, u-térque Abdi-ta pandit.
5. Antra desér-ti té-ne-ris sub annis, Cí-vi-um turmas fú-
gi-ens, petí-sti, Ne le-vi posses maculá-re vitam Crimi-
ne linguae. 6. Praebu-it durum tegumen camelus Artubus
sa-cris, stróphi-um bi-déntes Cui la-tex haustum, soci-á-
ta pastum Mella lo-cústis. 7. Caéte-ri tantum ceciné-re va-
tum Corde praesá-go jubar affutú-rum : Tu qui-dem mun-
di scelus afe-réntem Indi-ce prodis. 8. Non fu-it vasti
spá-ti-um per orbis Sáncti-os quisquam gé-ni-tus Jo-ánnes,

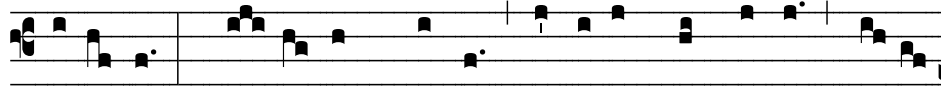
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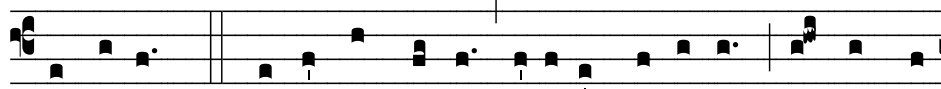
Qui ne-fas saecli méru- it lavántem Tíngere lymphis.



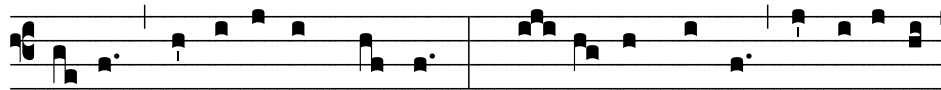
9. O nimis fe-lix, meri-tíque celsi, Nésci- ens la-bem níve-i



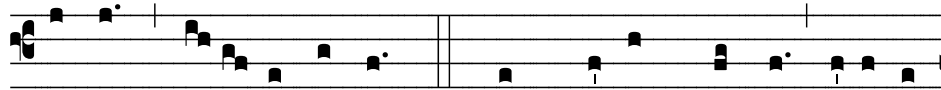
pudó- ris, Praé-pot- ens martyr, nemorúmque cultor, Máxi-



me vatum. 10. Serta ter de-nis á-li- os co-rónant Aucta cre-



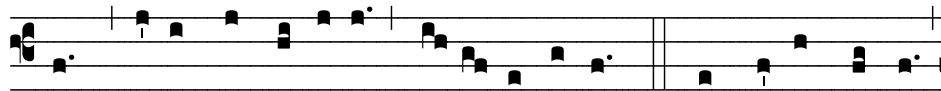
méntis, dupli-cá-ta quosdam; Tri- na te fructu cumulá-ta



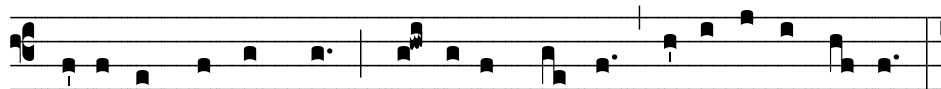
centum Néxi- bus ornant. 11. Nunc pot-ens nostri méri- tis



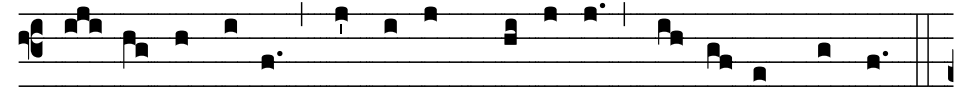
o pímis Pécto- ris du-ros lápi-des revél-le, A-spe-rum pla-



nans i-ter, et refléxos Dí-ri- ge calles. 12. Ut pi- us mundi



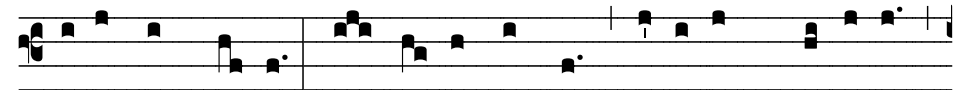
Sator et Red-émptor, Méntibus culpae sine labe pu- ris,



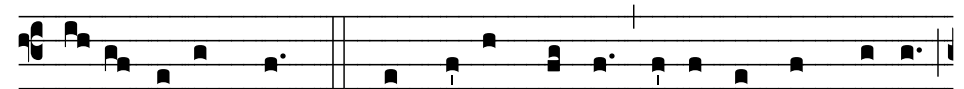
Ri- te digné-tur vé-ni- ens be- á-tos Pó-ne- re gressus.



13. Láudibus cives célebrent supérni Te, De- us simplex, pa-



ri-térque tri- ne: Súpli- ces et nos véni- am precámur :



Parce redémptis. 14. Sit decus Patri, ge-ni-taéque Pro-li,



Et ti- bi, compar utri- úsque virtus, Spí- ri- tus semper,



De- us unus, omni Tém-po- ris aevo. Amen

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Abbot Gueranger, O.S.B. Vol. 12, pg. 236 & 248-249.

1. Since thy servants desire to sound forth, with vocal chords well strung, thy wondrous deeds, from all uncleanness free the lips of the guilty ones, O holy John !

2. Lo ! a messenger coming from the heights of heaven, unto thy father, announces that thou who art to be born, wilt be great; thy name and life's scope he foretells, in order due.

3. Dubious he of heavenly promises, the power of fluent speech he sudden forfeits; but when born, thou promptly dost restore the organs of his voice extinct.

4. Yet lying in the secret of the maternal womb, thou perceivest the King reposing in the bride-chamber: thus both parents , by the merits of their child, come to know hidden mysteries.
5. The desert cavern didst thou seek, in tenderest age, fleeing betimes the crowded city, lest by the slightest sin of tongue, thy life should e'er be sullied.
6. Unto thy sacred body, rough garment the camel did afford, victims, a cincture; the running stream supplied thy drink, honey with locusts, a repast,
7. Other Prophets but sang, with heart inspired, the Light that was to come: whilst thou didst with thy finger point out Him who taketh the world's dark sin away.
8. Not in all the wide world was one born holy as this John, who was deemed worthy to plunge beneath the wave, e'en Him that washeth away earth's crimes.
9. O most happy thou, and of merit high; unknowing stain upon thy snowy purity; martyr all potent, man of prayer, hid in dark thicket's shade! Of prophets mightiest thou!
10. With wreaths by works increased thrice threefold, some, and e'en with double that, are others crowned: whilst tripled fruits a hundred-fold accumulate, with radiant bands thy brow bedeck.
11. Now, O potent one, these copious merits thine, asunder rend these stony breast of ours! Make plain the rugged way, and the diverging path make straight !
12. So that the compassionate Creator and Redeemer of the world, finding our souls clean and pure from every stain of sin, as it behoves, may vouchsafe, at His coming, to set thereon His blessed feet.
13. With praiseful song, let all the heavenly citizens hail Thee, O God simple and three in Persons; whilst we suppliants implore pardon : Thy redeemed ones spare !
14. Glory be to the Father, and to the Only-Begotten Son, and to Thee, O Power, eternally equal to them both, O Spirit, One God, for ever' and ever. Amen.