

The American Gradual
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Chants for Propers 16 through 20
(American Book of Common Prayer)

21st through 25th Sundays of Ordinary Time
(Roman Rite)

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Proper 16

Sunday Closest to August 24
Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Introit

Inclina, Domine (Mode 1)

Psalm 86



In- cline your ear to me, O Lord, and
hear me; save your ser- vant who puts his trust
in you; be mer- ci- ful to me, O Lord,
for I have called up- on you all the day
long. *Ps.* Glad- den the soul of your ser- vant: for to you,
O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Proper 16
Sunday Closest to August 24
Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman rite)
Gradual

Bonum est (Mode 5)

Psalm 92

It is a good thing to give thanks
to the Lord and to sing praise to
your Name, O Most High.
¶ To tell of your loving kindness
early in
the morning and of your faith-
fulness in the
night season.

Proper 16
Sunday Closest to August 24
Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Alleluia (Year A)

Tu es Petrus (Mode 2)

Matthew 16

Al- le lu- ia.

¶ You are Pe- ter and up- on

this rock I will

build my church.

Proper 16
Sunday Closest to August 24
Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Alleluia (Year B)

Spiritus est qui vivificat (Mode 8)

John 6



Al- le- lu- ia.



∇ It is the Spir- it that gives life;



the flesh is of no a- vail.



Proper 16
Sunday Closest to August 24
Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Alleluia (Year C)

Quoniam Deus magnus (Mode 7)

Psalm 95

Al- le- lu- ia.

¶ For the Lord our God

is a

great God and a great King

a- bove all gods.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Al- le- lu- ia.' The second staff begins with a double bar line and a fermata, followed by '¶ For the Lord our God'. The third staff continues with 'is a'. The fourth staff continues with 'great God and a great King'. The fifth staff continues with 'a- bove all gods.'. The sixth staff ends with a double bar line and a fermata.

Proper 16
Sunday Closest to August 24
Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Offertory

Expectans expectavi (Mode 5)

Psalm 40

I wait- ed pa- tient-ly for the Lord, and he
stooped to me and heard my sup- pli- ca-
tion. He put a new song
in my mouth, a song of praise to our
God.

Proper 16
Sunday Closest to August 24
Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

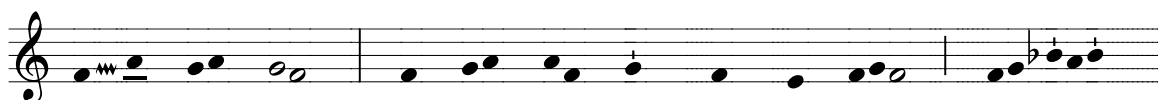
Communion

De fructu (Mode 6)

Psalm 104



The earth is ful- ly sat- is- fied by the fruit of your



works, O Lord. You bring forth bread from the earth, wine



to glad- den our hearts, oil to make a cheer- ful

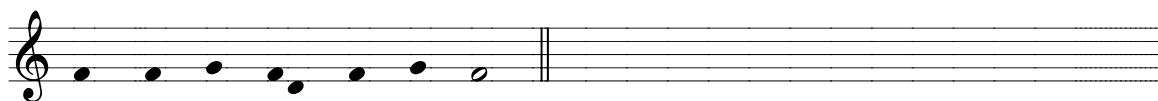


coun- te- nance, and bread to strength- en the heart.

Ad libitum Psalm 104: 34



I will sing to the Lord as Long as I live: * I will praise my



God while I have my be- ing.

Proper 17
Sunday Closest to August 31
Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Introit

Miserere mihi (Mode 8)

Psalm 86

Be mer- ci- ful to me, O Lord, for I have
called up- on you all the day long; for you
O Lord, are good and for- giv- ing, and a- bound-
ing in love toward those who call up-
on you. *Ps.* Bow down your ear to me, O Lord, and an- swer me:
for I am poor and in mis- e- ry.

Proper 17
Sunday Closest to August 31
Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Gradual

Timebunt gentes (Mode 5)

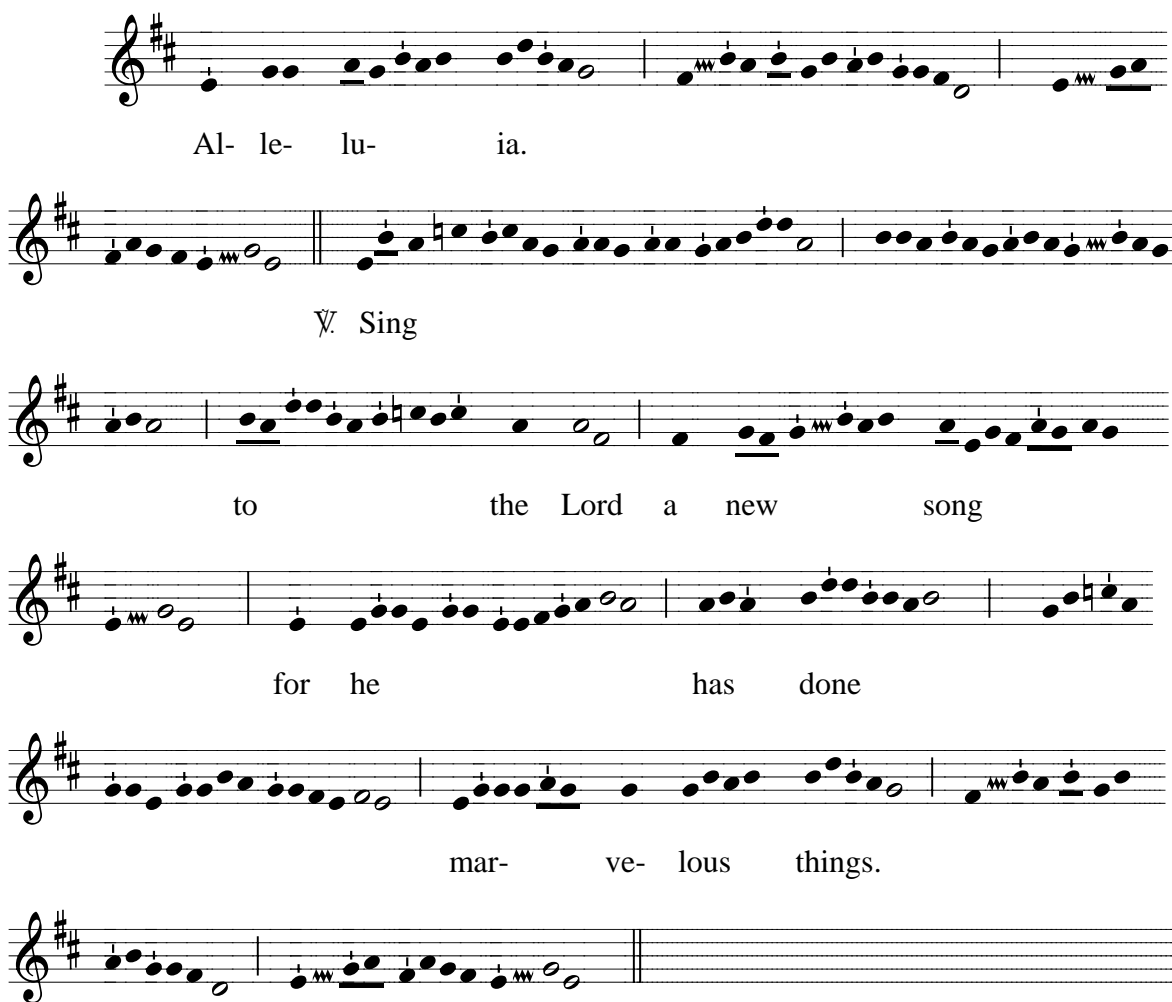
Psalm 102

The na- tions shall fear your Name, O
Lord, and all the kings of the earth
your glo- ry
For the Lord will build up Zi-
on, and his glo- ry shall ap-pear.

Proper 17
Sunday Closest to August 31
Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Alleluia

Cantate Domino (Mode 1)



Al- le- lu- ia.

∩. Sing

to the Lord a new song

for he has done

mar- ve- lous things.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff begins with the lyrics 'Al- le- lu- ia.' The second staff contains a repeat sign followed by the instruction '∩. Sing'. The third staff continues with the lyrics 'to the Lord a new song'. The fourth staff has the lyrics 'for he has done'. The fifth staff has the lyrics 'mar- ve- lous things.'. The sixth and seventh staves continue the melodic line without lyrics.

Proper 17
Sunday Closest to August 31
Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Offertory

Domine, in auxilium (Mode 1)

Psalm 40

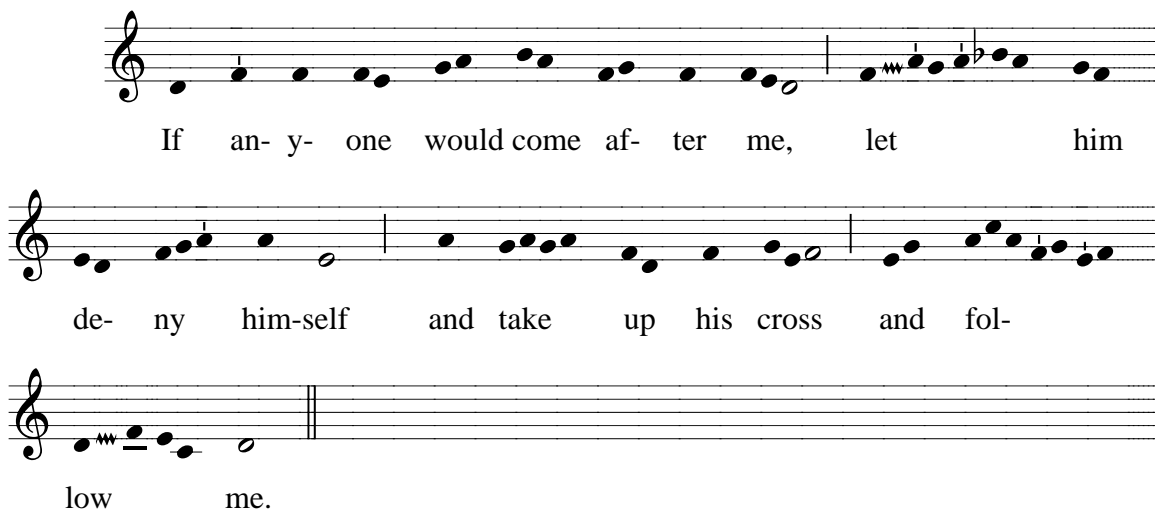
Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me. Let them
be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek
after my life to destroy it.
Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me.

Proper 17
Sunday Closest to August 31
Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Communion (Year A)

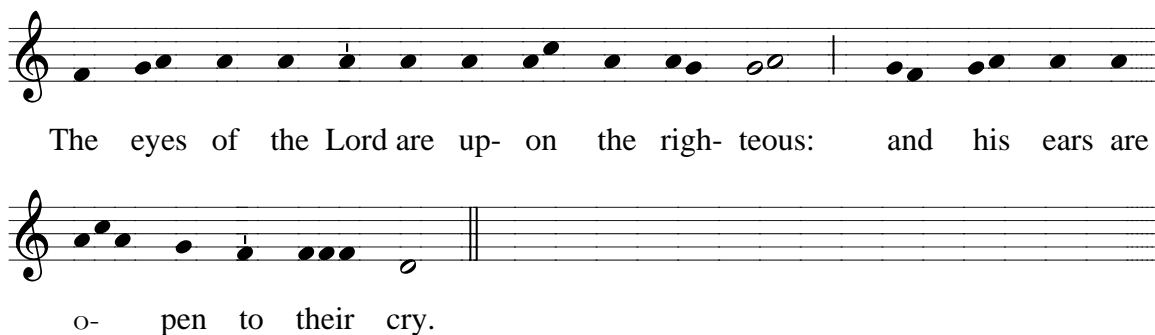
Qui vult venire (Mode 1)

Matthew 16



If an- y- one would come af- ter me, let him
de- ny him-self and take up his cross and fol-
low me.

Ad libitum Psalm 34:15



The eyes of the Lord are up- on the righ- teous: and his ears are
o- pen to their cry.

Proper 17
Sunday Closest to August 31
Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman rite)

Communion (Years B & C)

Domine, memorabor (Mode 8)

Psalm 71

O Lord, I will re- call your righ- teous- ness,
yours a- lone; O God, you have taught me since
I was young, and now that I am old and gray-
head- ed, do not for- sake me.

Ad libitum *Psalm 71:1*

In you, O Lord, have I tak- en ref- uge: * let me nev- er
be put to shame.

Proper 18

Sunday Closest to September 7
Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Introit

Justus es (Mode 1)

Psalm 119

You are righ- teous, O Lord, and up- right are you judg-
ments; deal with you ser- vant ac- cord- ing to your lov-
ing kind- ness. *Ps.* Hap- py are they whose way is blame- less: *
who walk in the law of the Lord. Hap- py are they who
ob- serve his de- crees * and seek him with all their hearts.

Proper 18
Sunday Closest to September 7
Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)
Gradual (Years A & B)

Beata gens (Mode 1)

Psalm 33



Hap- py is the na- tion whose God
is the Lord; hap- py the peo-
ple he has chos- en to be his
own. ¶ By the word of
the Lord were the hea- vens
made, by the breath of his mouth
all the heav'n- ly
host.

Proper 18
Sunday Closest to September 7
Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)
Gradual (Year C)

Domine, refugium (Mode 2)

Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our ref-
uge from one gen- e- ra-
tion to an- o- ther.
∩ Be- fore the moun- tains were brought
forth or the
land and the earth
were born, from age to age you are God.

Proper 18
Sunday Closest to September 7
Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Alleluia

Domine, exaudi (Mode 7)

Psalms 102

Al- le- lu- ia.

Lord, hear my prayer, and

let my cry come be- fore you. When I call,

make haste to help me.

Proper 18

Sunday Closest to September 7

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Offertory

Oravi Deum (Mode 4)

Daniel 9

I, Dan- iel, made my sup-
pli- ca- tion to the Lord, say- ing, "In-
cline your ear, O Lord, to the prayer of your ser-
vant. Let the light of your pres- ence shine
up- on your sanc- tu- a- ry, and look with com-
pas- sion up- on this peo- ple, which is
called by your Name, O God.

Proper 18

Sunday Closest to September 7
Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Communion

Vovete (Mode 2)

Psalm 76

Make a vow to the Lord your God and keep
it. Let all a- round him bring gifts to him, for
he is wor- thy to be feared, who breaks the spir-
it of princ- es and strikes ter- ror in the
kings of the earth.

Ad libitum Psalm 76:1

In Ju- dah is God known, his Name is great in Is- ra- el:
at Sa-lem is his tab- er-na-cle, and his dwell- ing is in Zi- on.

Proper 19

Sunday Closest to September 14
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Introit

Da pacem (Mode 1)

Ecclus. 36; Psalm 121



Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait
for you, and let your prophets be found faith-
ful. Hear the prayers of your ser- vant and
of your peo- ple Is- ra- el. *Ps.* I was
glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of
the Lord.

Proper 19
Sunday Closest to September 14
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Gradual

Laetatus sum (Mode 7)

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of
the Lord. \forall Peace be with- in
your walls and pros- per- i- ty
with in your pal- ac- es.

Proper 19

Sunday Closest to September 14
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman rite)

Alleluia

Timebunt gentes (Mode 1)

Psalm 102

Al- le- lu- ia.

∩ The na- tions shall fear your Name,

O Lord, and all the kings

of the earth

your glo- ry.

Proper 19

Sunday Closest to September 14
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Offertory (Years A & B)

Sanctificavit Moyses (Mode 5)

Cf. Exodus 24

Mo- ses con- se- cra- ted an al- tar
to the Lord. Plac- ing up- on it
burnt of- fer ings and peace of- fer-
ings, he made an eve- ning sac- ri fice, as a
sweet- smell- ing sa- vor, to the Lord.
in the sight of the sons of
Is- ra- el.

Proper 19
Sunday Closest to September 14
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman rite)
Offertory (Year C)

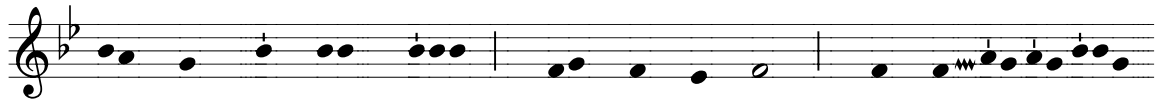
Precatus est (Mode 8)

Exodus 32

Mo- ses ap- peared be- fore the
Lord his God, and be- sought him, say-
ing: Mo- ses ap- peared
be- fore the Lord his God, and be-
sought him, say- ing, “Why, Lord, does your
wrath burn hot a- gainst the peo-
ple? Turn from your wrath and in- dig- na-
tion. Re- mem- ber A- bra- ham and I-



saac and Ja- cob to whom you swore that



you would give a land flow- ing with milk and hon-



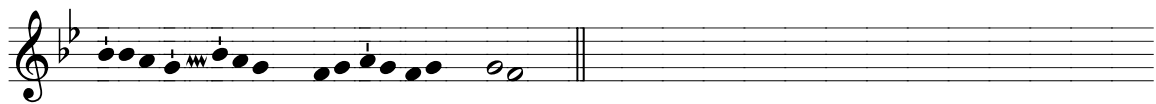
ney. And the Lord was great- ly moved, and



re- pent- ed of the e- vil which he



had thought to do to his



peo- ple.

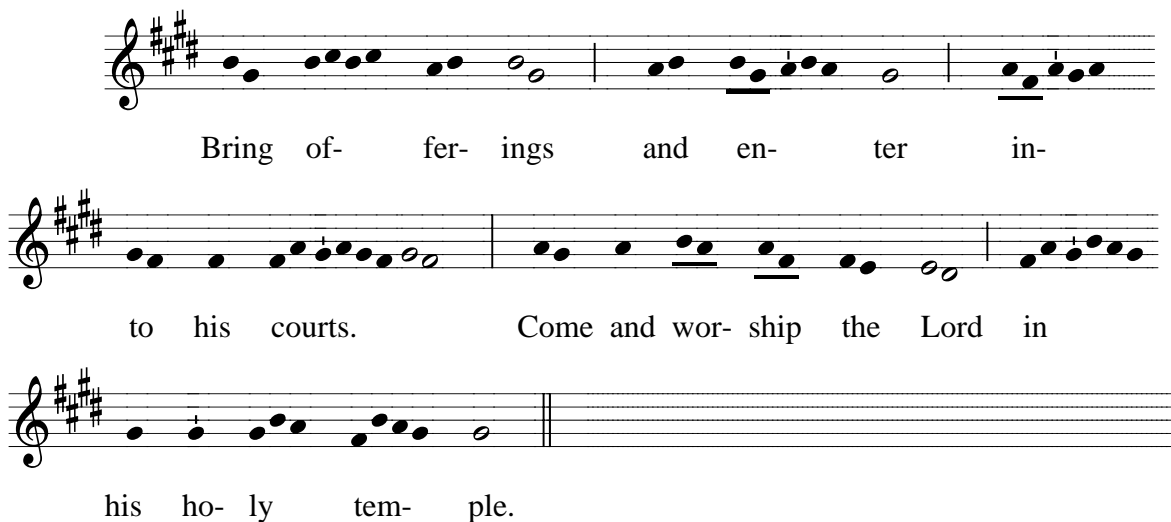
Proper 19

Sunday Closest to September 14
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman rite)

Communion (Year A)

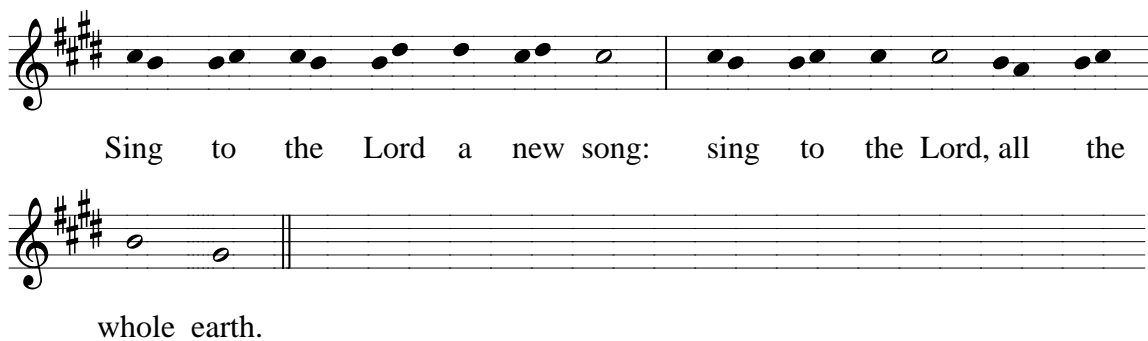
Tollite hostias (Mode 4)

Psalm 96



Bring of- fer- ings and en- ter in-
to his courts. Come and wor- ship the Lord in
his ho- ly tem- ple.

Ad libitum Psalm 96:1



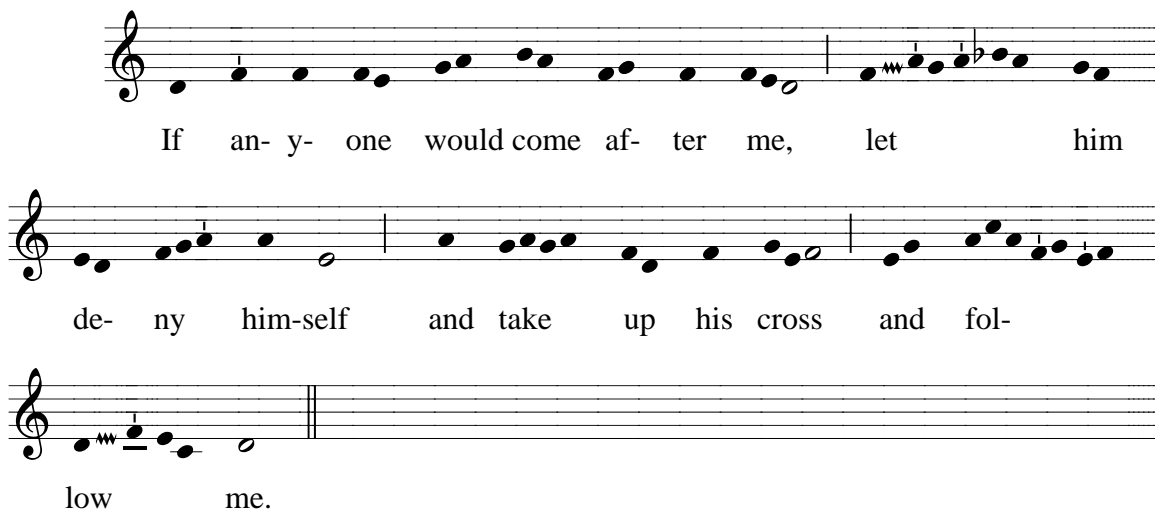
Sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord, all the
whole earth.

Proper 19
Sunday Closest to September 14
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman rite)

Communion (Year B)

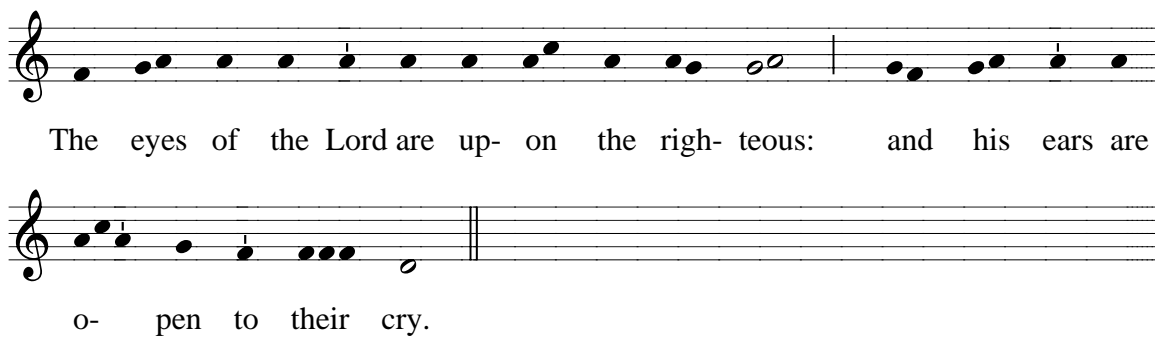
Qui vult venire (Mode 1)

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Sunday Closest to September 14
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman rite)

Communion (Year C)

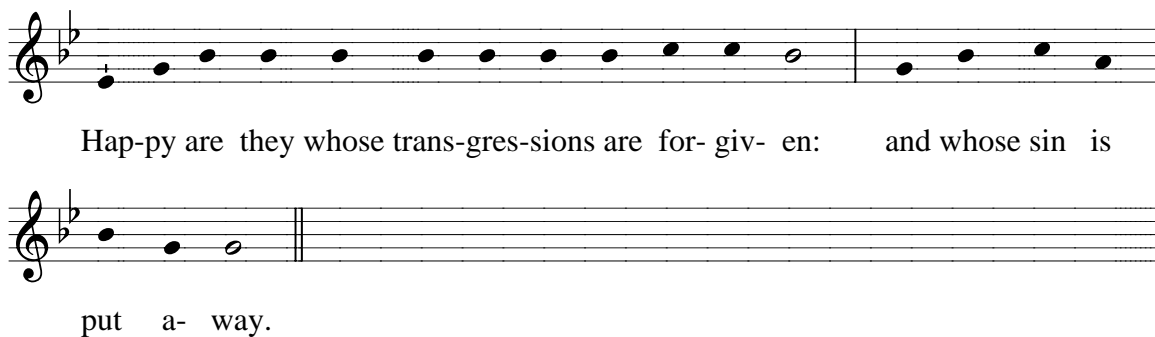
Dico vobis: Gaudium (Mode 5)

Luke 15



I tell you, there is joy be- fore the an- gels of God
o- ver one sin- ner who re- pents.

Ad libitum Psalm 32:1



Hap- py are they whose trans- gres- sions are for- giv- en: and whose sin is
put a- way.

Proper 20
Sunday Closest to September 21
Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Introit

Salus populi (Mode 4)

Cf. Psalm 37

“I am the sal- va- tion of the peo- ple,”

says the Lord God; “When- ev- er they call

up- on me in their trib- u- la- tions,

I will hear them; and I shall be their God

for ev- er and ev- er” *Ps. Hear*

my teach-ing, O my peo- ple: in- cline your ear to the words

of my mouth.

Proper 20
Sunday Closest to September 21
Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman rite)

Gradual (Year A)

Prope est Dominus (Mode 5)

Psalm 145

The Lord is near to those who
call up- on him, to all who call up-
on him faith- ful- ly.
My mouth shall speak
the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless his ho-
ly Name.

Proper 20
Sunday Closest to September 21
Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman rite)

Gradual (Year B)

Dirigatur (Mode 7)

Psalm 141

Let my prayer be set forth in your
sight as the in- cense, O Lord.
V. The lift- ing up
of my hands as the eve- ning sac-
ri- fice.

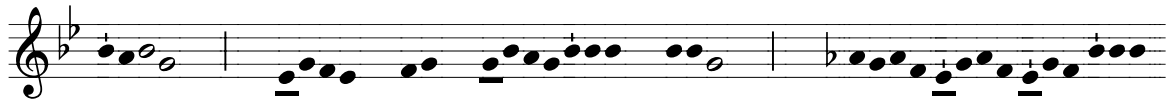
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Gradual (Year C)

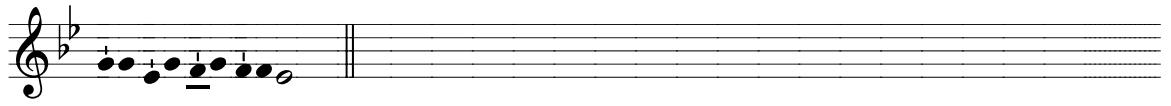
Quis sicut Dominus (Mode 5)

Psalm 113

Who is like the Lord our God,
who sits enthroned on high but stoops to be- hold
the hea- vens and the earth.
¶ He takes up
the
weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor



from the ash- es.



Proper 20
Sunday Closest to September 21
Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Alleluia

Confitemini Domino (Mode 2, transposed)

Psalm 105

Al- le- lu- ia.

Give thanks to the Lord and call up-

on his Name; make known his deeds

a- mong the peo- ples.

Proper 20
Sunday Closest to September 21
Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Offertory

Si ambulavero (Mode 8)

Psalms 138

E- ven though I walk in the
midst of trou- ble, you keep
me safe, O Lord. You stretch
forth your hand a- gainst the fu-
ry of my en- e- mies;
your right hand shall save
me.

Proper 20
Sunday Closest to September 21
Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Communion

Tu mandasti (Mode 5)

Psalm 119

You laid down your com-mand-ments that we should
ful- ly keep them; Oh, that my ways were made so di-
rect that I might keep your
stat- utes.

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Ad libitum Psalm 119:1

Hap- py are they whose way is blame-less: who walk in the law of
the Lord.

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is a simple, ascending sequence of quarter notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Proper 21

Sunday Closest to September 28
Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Roman Rite)

Introit (Year A)

In nomine Domini (Mode 3)

Philippians 2

At the Name of Je- sus ev- 'ry knee shall bow,
in hea- ven and on earth and un- der the
earth; and ev- 'ry tongue shall con- fess that Je-
sus Christ is Lord, to the glo- ry of God the
Fa- ther. *Ps.* O Lord, our gov- er- nor, how ex- alt- ed is
your Name in all the world: your maj- es- ty is praised a-
bove the hea- vens.