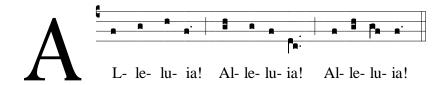
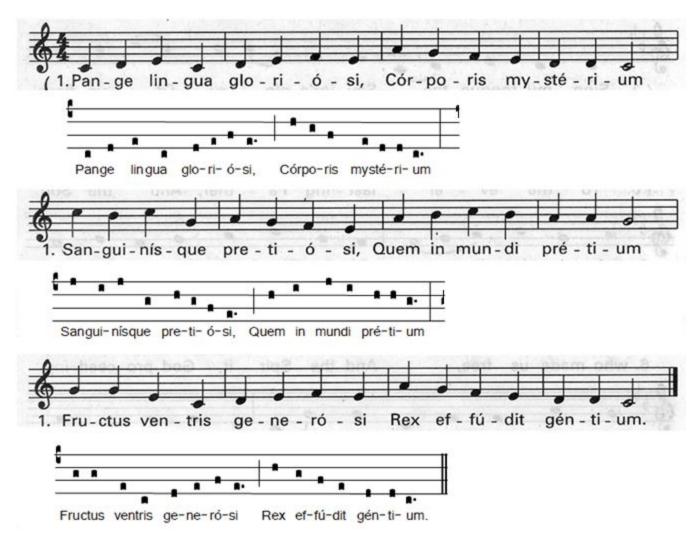
# Chant notation

Punctum		A single note, one beat long	
Dotted Punctum		A single note, two beats long	
Horizontal Episema		Lengthens the note to two beats	
Podatus		Two notes, sung bottom to top	
Clivis	<u>_</u>	Two notes	
Torculus		Three notes, up then down	
Porrectus	<b>N</b>	Three notes, down then up	
Climacus		Three notes declining	
Quilisma		Three notes, lengthening of first and speeding up toward the third note	
C clef Do clef	<u> </u>	Location of Do, the rest of the notes move accordingly	
F clef Fa clef	<del>*</del>	Location of Fa	
Bars	<u>-</u>	Quarter bar shortest pause Half bar Full bar Double bar longest pause	

### A simple chant



#### Pange Lingua



Sing, my tongue, the Savior's glory, of His flesh the mystery sing; of the Blood, all price exceeding, shed by our immortal King, destined, for the world's redemption, from a noble womb to spring.

Of the glorious Body telling, O my tongue, its mysteries sing, And the Blood, all price excelling, Which the world's eternal King, In a noble womb once dwelling Shed for the world's ransoming. Sing, o tongue, the mystery of the glorious body, and of the precious blood, which t

and of the precious blood, which the King of the nations,

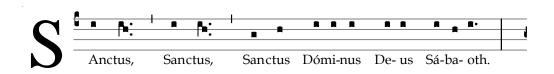
the fruit of a noble womb, shed for the sake of the world.

#### Latin pronunciation

- A A is pronounced as in the word Father, never as in the word can. We must be careful to get this open, warm sound, especially when A is followed by M or N as in Sanctus, Nam, etc.
- **E** E is pronounced as in Red, men, met; never with the suspicion of a second sound as in Ray.
- I I is pronounced as ee in Feet, never as i in milk or tin.
- O is pronounced as in For, never as in go.
- U U is pronounced as oo in Moon, never as in custom.
- Y is pronounced and treated as the Latin I. (see above)
- **Double** As a general rule when two vowels come together each keeps its own sound and constitutes a **Vowels** separate syllable.
- **AE,OE** However, AE and OE are pronounced as one sound, like E above.
  - **AU** AU is a true dipthong (two vowels), A receiving most of the time and U just before the transition to the next sound.
- C C coming before e, ae, oe, i, y is pronounced like CH in Church. Otherwise, except for CC and SC, C is pronounced like the English K.
- **CC** CC before the same vowels is pronounced T-ch
- **CH** CH is always like K (even before E or I)
- **G** G before e, ae, i, oe, y, is soft, as in generous otherwise pronounce as hard G as in game
- **GN** Pronounced like the Spanish  $\tilde{N}$ : Agnus = an-yoos
- H is pronounced K in the two words nihil (nee-keel) and mihi (mee-kee), otherwise H is silent
- J can be either the consonant Y or the vowel I
- **PH** PH is pronounced F as in English.
- **R** R is pronounced as a flip of the tongue against the front of the palate. It never modifies the vowels around it.
- S S is hard as in the English word sea, but is slightly softened when coming between two vowels.
- **SC** Before e, ae, oe, I, y is pronounced like SH in shed
- T T is like the English T, except for TI below.
- **TI** TI standing before a vowel and following any letter (except S, X, T) is pronounced "tsee": gratia = grá-tsee-a
- **TH** TH is always simply T, as in Thomas, catholicam
- X X is pronounced KS, slightly softened when coming between vowels. e.g. exércitus
- XC XC before a, ae, oe, i, y is pronounced "KSH": excélsis = ek-shél-sees

  Before other vowels, XC is the separate letters X and C: excussorum = eks-koos-só-room
- Y A Latin vowel, pronounced like I.
- **Z** Z is pronounced DZ. zizánia.
- B, D, F, K, L, M, N, P, Q and V: Pronounced as in English

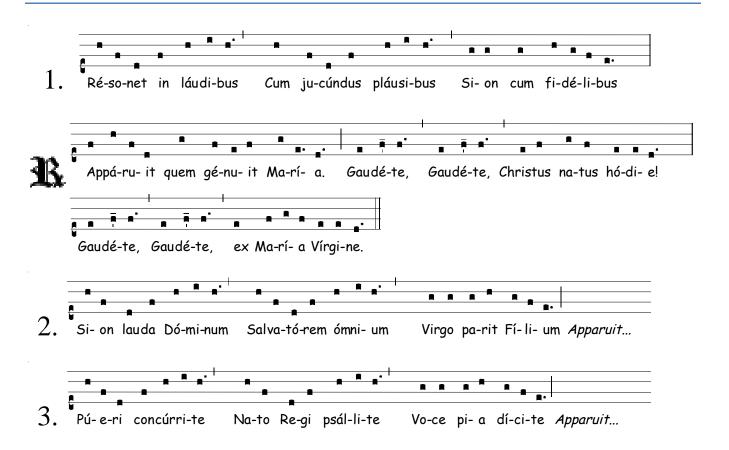
### Sanctus XVIII





Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

#### Resonet in Laudibus



- Resonet in laudibus cum jucundus plausibus, Sion cum fidelibus
- Apparuit quem genuit Maria.
  Gaudete, Gaudete, Christus natus hodie.
  Gaudete, gaudete ex Maria Virgine.
- 2. Sion lauda Dominum Salvatorem omnium Virgo parit Filium:
- Pueri concurrite
  Nato regi psallite
  voce pia dicite:

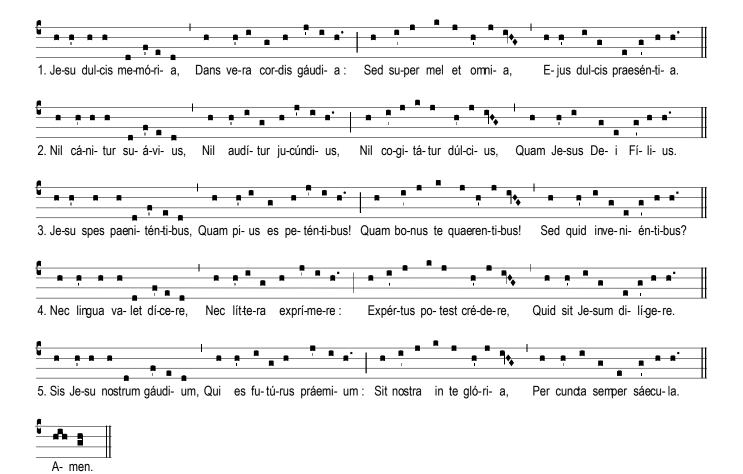
Let delightful Zion and all her faithful resound with praises, and with the clapping of hands

He whom Mary bore has appeared, Rejoice, rejoice. Christ is born today! Rejoice, rejoice - Of Mary the Virgin.

Zion, praise the Lord, The Virgin gives birth to a Son, Savior of all: He whom . . .

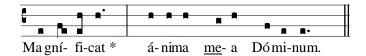
Children, hasten together, Sing to the newborn King with harps, Say in a loving voice: He whom . . .

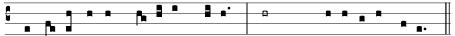
### Jesu Dulcis Memoria



- Jesus, sweet remembrance, Granting the heart its true joys, But above honey and all things Is His sweet presence.
- 2. Nothing more pleasing can be sung, Nothing gladder can be heard Nothing sweeter can be thought Than Jesus, son of God.
- 3. Jesus, hope of the penitent, How merciful you are to those who ask, How good to those who seek, But O, what you are to those who find!
- 4. Tongue has no power to describe
  Nor writings to express
  But only belief can know by experience
  What it is to love Jesus.
- Be our joy, O Jesus,
   Who will be the prize we win,
   May all our glory be in you, always
   And through all ages. Amen.

## Magnificat (Solemn Tone)





2. Et ex sul-tá-vit spí- ri-tus me- us \* in Deo sa-lu-tá-ri me- o.



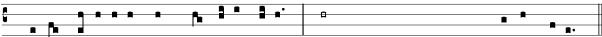
3. Qui- a respé-xit humilitátem an-cíl-lae su- ae : \* ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dicent omnes ge-ne-ra-ti-ó-nes.



4. Qui- a fe-cit mi-hi magna qui po-tens est: \* et sanctum nomen e-jus.



5. Et mi-se-ri-cór di- a ejus a pro-gé-ni- $\underline{e}$  in pro-gé-ni- es \* timén $\underline{ti}$ -bus e- um.



6. Fe- cit po- ténti- am in <u>brá</u>- chi- o su- o : \* dispérsit supérbos mente <u>cor</u> dis su- i.

- 1 Magnificat \* anima mea Dominum.
- 2 Et exsultavit spiritus meus \* in Deo salutari meo.
- Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae: \* ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.
- 4 Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: et sanctum nomen ejus.
- Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies \* timentibus eum.
- Fecit potentiam in brachio suo \* dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

My soul does magnify the Lord.

And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because he has regarded the humility of his handmaid: for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Because he that is mighty has done great things to me: and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear him.

He has showed might in his arm: he has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

#### Ave Maria



A-ve Ma-ri- a, gra-ti- a ple-na, Dó-mi-nus té-cum,



Be-ne-dí-cta tu in mu-li- é-ri-bus, et be-ne-dí-ctus frúctus véntris tu-i, Jé-sus.



Sáncta Ma-rí- a, Má-ter De- i, o-ra pro no-bis pecca- tó-ri-bus,



nunc et in ho-ra mor-tis nostrae. A-men.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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### Workshop plan

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Welcome
- 3. Simple Alleluia (no music yet) we've sung chant!
- 4. What is chant?
  - a. Unison, simple, regular, sung
  - b. Latin
  - c. A capella or accompanied
  - d. Pope Gregory 590-604
  - e. Plainchant
  - f. Intimately tied to Roman Rite
  - g. Written form started 11th century
  - h. 8 notes do-re-mi-fa-sol-la-(te)-ti
  - i. Movable do
  - j. Modes what do they sound like?
- 5. Neums
  - a. Notation is the basis for our modern music notation
- 6. Simple chant
  - a. The large letter at the beginning
- 7. Pange Lingua
  - a. Custos
  - b. Extra bar lines in modern notation, and error of not holding the notes mid-line
  - c. Translations can only approximate, especially if have to fit the music
- 8. Latin pronunciation
- 9. Sanctus XVIII
  - a. Syllables are split differently than we expect
- 10. Resonet in Laudibus
- 11. Jesu Dulcis Memoria
  - a. Ictus for keeping the rhythm together
- 12. Magnificat (solemn tone)
  - a. Call/response asterisk
  - b. Empty punctums
- 13. Ave Maria
  - a. B-flat (te)
  - b. Liquescent note
- 14. Resources
  - a. Books
  - b. Chant notebook
  - c. Website
- 15. Thank you
  - a. Contact me if interested in singing