## Responsorial Psalm Tones in the Graduale Simplex

In the tones for the responsorial psalms, there are neither melodic intonations nor flexes. All mediants, with one exception, have one accent. Terminations (final cadences) with their alternatives are arranged on the following pages. Because the English language prefers strong endings, tones which have neumes (two- and three-note groups sung to one syllable) are sometimes broken down into their constituent parts, along the lines suggested in the Graduale Simplex, p. 442, at D* (indicated by italic and/or bold face in the text of the psalm and here by illustration). In the melodic schemes for the responses the notes without parentheses are found in every melody of the family and sub-family under discussion.

THE FIRST FAMILY: The tenor (chanting note) of the verse and the final (note) of the response is C (Do) or F (Fa).

C 1 The termination has one accent and one preparatory syllable. C 1 is not used as a responsorial tone in the Graduale Simplex; however, it is used as an alleluia psalm tone, q.v.


Hic tonus sic me-di-á- tur: * et sic terminá- tur.


C 2 The termination has one accent; in the case of lines which otherwise end on a weak syllable, the accent is anticipated or the nueme is broken up into its constituent parts.


Hic tonus sic me-di-á- tur: * et sic termi- ná-tur.



C 3 This tone employs two tenors (chanting notes): On the odd verses it retains the C 2 tone; on the even verses it has a quasi- intonation which consists of a podatus (an ascending two-note nueme) on the accented syllable or word. The termination consists of one accent with one preparatory syllable. The melodic scheme is the same as at C2.


Impares versus sic me-di-án-tur: * et sic termi- nántur.

vel termi- nántur.


Pa-res autem sic medi- án-tur: * et sic termi- nántur.

vel termi- nántur.


C 4 In this tone, the intervening response comes not only at the end but also in the middle; there are no mediants but two terminations as in tone $\mathrm{C} 1 . \mathrm{C} 4$ is not used as a responsorial tone in the Graduale Simplex; however, it is used as an alleluia psalm tone, q.v.



V In the 1 st half-verse this is the ca-dence. P Al -le - lu - ia.


W In the 2 nd half-verse this is the ca-dence.RX $\mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{le}-\mathrm{lu}-\mathrm{ia}$.

C * By way of exception, the mediant in this tone has one accent with two preparatory syllables; the termination has one accent.


Hic tonus sic me-di- ad- cur: * et sic terminá- tor.


THE SECOND FAMILY: The tenor (chanting note) of the verse and the final (note) of the response is $D$ (Re) [or A (La) or G (Sol)].

D 1 DIb and D1g are distinguished by a termination of one accent; D1e is distinguished by a termination of one accent and two preparatory syllables.


Hic tonus sic me-di- á- tor: * et sic terminá- tor.

vel terminá- tor. vel sic terminá- tor.


D * This tone, used in the Graduale Simplex only at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, employs two tenors (chanting notes): On the odd verses its terminations have one accent; on the even verses its terminations consist of one accent with one preparatory syllable; but for either even or odd verse terminations, in order to avoid weak endings, one breaks the clivis (the two-note descending neume) into its constituent parts, that is, two separate notes.


ab - rupt *


THE THIRD FAMILY: The tenor (chanting note) of the verse and the final (note) of the response is $\mathbf{E}$ ( $\mathbf{M i}$ ) or A (La).

E 1 This tone's terminations have one accent with one preparatory syllable; in order to avoid weak endings, one breaks the podatus (the two-note ascending neume) into its constituent parts, that is, two separate notes.



E 2 This tone's alternative termination E2d has one accent; alternative ERe has a four-note ending, one per syllable. E2d is not used as a responsorial tone in the Graduate Simplex; however, it is used as an alleluia psalm tone, q.v.


Hic tonus sic me-di-á- cur: * et sic terminá- tor.

vel et sic termi-ná-tur.


E 3 In this tone the termination has one accent.


Hic tonus sic me-di-á- tur: * et sic terminá- tur.


E 4 In this tone the termination has one accent.


Hic tonus sic me-di-á- tur: * et sic terminá- tur.


E 5 This tone employs two tenors (chanting notes): On the odd verses it retains the E1 (or E2e) tone; on the even verses it has a quasi-intonation which consists of a podatus (an ascending two-note nueme) on the accented syllable or word. The termination consists of one accent with one preparatory syllable.


Primus versus sic me-di- á- tur: * et sic termi-ná-tur.



Secúndus autem sic me-di-á- cur: * et sic fermi-

nad- tor.


E * The termination consists of one accent with one preparatory syllable. E * is not used as a responsorial tone in the Graduate Simplex; however, it is used as an alleluia psalm tone, q.v.


Hic tonus sic me-di-á- fur: * et sic termi-ná- fur.


