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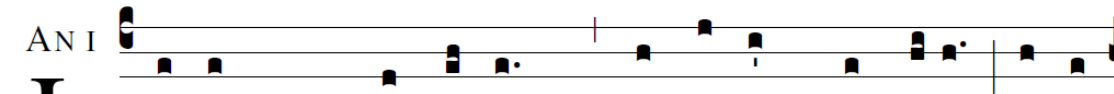
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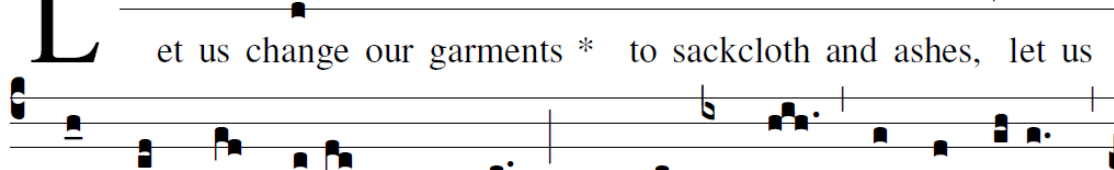
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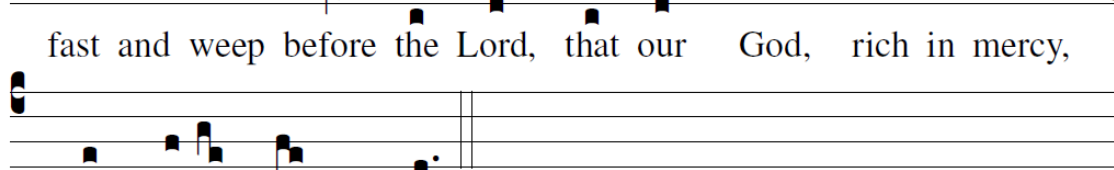
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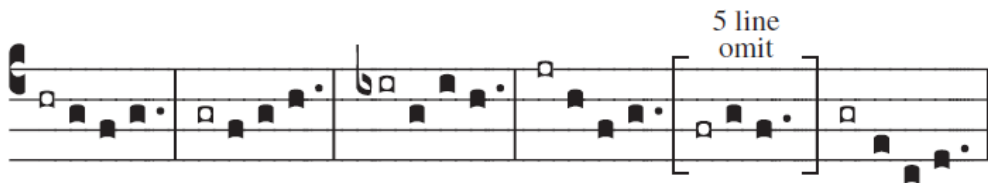

Let us change our garments * to sackcloth and ashes, let us



fast and weep before the Lord, that our God, rich in mercy,



might forgive us our sins.



Psalm 51

³Have mercy on *me*, O **God**,
according to your *merciful love*;
according to your great **compassion**,
blot out *my transgressions*.

⁴Wash me completely from *my iniquity*,
and cleanse me *from my sin*.

⁵My transgressions, truly I *know them*;
my sin is always **before** me.

⁶Against you, you alone, *have I sinned*;
what is evil in your sight *I have done*.

So you are just in *your* **sentence**,
without reproach *in your* **judgment**.

⁷O see, in guilt *I was* **born**,
a sinner when my mother *conceived* me.

⁸Yes, you delight in sincerity *of* **heart**;
in secret you *teach me* **wisdom**.

⁹Cleanse me with hyssop, and I *shall be* **pure**;
wash me, and I shall be whiter *than* **snow**.

¹⁰Let me hear rejoicing *and* **gladness**,
that the bones you have crushed *may exult*.

¹¹Turn away your face *from my* **sins**,
and blot out *all my* **guilt**.

¹²Create a pure heart for me, *O* **God**;
renew a steadfast spirit *within* me.

¹³Do not cast me away *from your* **presence**;
take not your holy spirit *from* **me**.

¹⁴Restore in me the joy of your *salvation*;
sustain in me a *willing* spirit.

¹⁵I will teach transgressors *your* **ways**, [5]
that sinners may *return to* **you**.

¹⁶Rescue me from bloodshed, *O* **God**,
God of *my* **salvation**,
and then my tongue shall ring *out your* **justice**.

¹⁷O LORD, open *my* **lips**
and my mouth shall proclaim *your* **praise**.

¹⁸For in sacrifice you take no *delight*;
burnt offering from me would *not please* **you**.

¹⁹My sacrifice to God, a *broken spirit*: [5]
a broken and *humbled heart*,
O God, you *will not spurn*.
²⁰In your good pleasure, show favor to **Sion**;
rebuild the walls of *Jerusalem*.

Psalm 50

²¹Then you will delight in right sacrifice,
burnt offerings wholly consumed.
Then you will be offered young bulls on your altar.
¹The God of *gods, the LORD*, [5]
has spoken and *summoned the earth*,
from the rising of the sun to *its setting*.
²Out of Sion, the *perfection of beauty*,
God is *shining forth*.

³Our God comes, and does *not keep silence*. [5]
Before him *fire devours*;
around him *tempest rages*.
⁴He calls on the *heavens above*,
and on the earth, to *judge his people*.

⁵“Gather my holy *ones to me*,
who made covenant with *me by sacrifice*.”
⁶The heavens proclaim *his justice*,
for he, God, is *the judge*.

⁷“Listen, my people, *I will speak*; [5]
Israel, I will *testify against* you,
for I am *God, your God*.
⁸I do not rebuke you for your *sacrifices*;
your offerings are *always before* me.

⁹I do not take more bullocks *from your farms*, [6]
nor goats from *among your herds*.

¹⁰For I own all the beasts *of the forest*,
beasts in their thousands *on my hills*.

¹¹I know all the birds on *the mountains*;
all that moves in the field *belongs to me*.

¹²Were I hungry, I *would not tell you*,
for the world and its fullness *is mine*.

¹³Do I eat the flesh *of bulls*,
or drink the *blood of goats*?

¹⁴Give your praise as a *sacrifice to God*,
and fulfill your vows to *the Most High*.

¹⁵Then call on me in the day of *distress*.
I will deliver you and you shall *honor me*.”

¹⁶But God will say *to the wicked*, [5]

“How can you recite *my commandments*,
and take my covenant *on your lips*,

¹⁷you who *despise correction*,
and cast my *words behind* you,

¹⁸You who see a thief *and befriend* him,
who throw in your lot *with adulterers*,

¹⁹who unbridle your mouth for *evil*,
and yoke your tongue *to de ceit*,

²⁰you who sit and malign *your own brother*, [5]
and slander your own *mother's son*?

²¹You do this, and should *I keep silence*?

Do you think that I *am like you*?

I accuse you, lay the *charge before* you.

²²Mark this, you who are forgetful of **God**,
lest I seize you and none *can deliver* you.

[5]

²³A sacrifice of praise *gives me honor*,
and to one whose *way is blameless*,
I will show the *salvation of God.*”

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