

## The Antiphons and Psalms for Lauds & Second Vespers of the Office of St David

From the *Life of St David* by the clerk Rhygyfarch (1056-1099):

Then Patrick arrived at length at the place which was named Vallis Rosina; and perceiving that the place was pleasant, he vowed to serve God faithfully there. But when he was revolving these things in his mind, an angel of the Lord appeared to him. "God," said he, "has not disposed this place for you, but for a son who is not yet born, nor will he be born until thirty years are past." On hearing these words Saint Patrick grieved and was confounded, but the Lord loved Patrick much, and sent to him his angel to coax him with kindly words, saying to him, "Rejoice, Patrick, for the Lord hath sent me to you that I may show you the whole of the island of Ireland. There the Lord has prepared a seat for you; there you shall shine in signs and miracles, and you shall subdue the whole people to God." At length Patrick was appeased, and he cheerfully quitted the sacred spot for holy David and sailed for Ireland.

### I. DICTUS EST PATRICIO

*Psalm 93/xcii*

*Penpont antiphonal mid-14c*

ANT I

**T** he angel said to Patrick, "One yet to come after thirty years  
have passed by, Da-vid, shall a-rise here." The Lord is King, and hath  
put on glorious appar-el: \* the Lord hath put on his apparel,  
and girded him self with strength.

2. He hath made the **róund** world **so** sure: \* that it **cannot be** moved.
3. Ever since the world began hath thy **séat** been **prepared**: \* thou art from **everlasting**.
4. The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have **líft** up **their** voice: \* the floods lift **up their** waves.
5. The waves of the sea are mighty, and **ráge** horribly: \* but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on **high, is** mightier.
6. Thy testimonies, O **Lórd**, are **very** sure: \* holiness becometh thine **house for** ever.
7. Glory be to the **Father**, and **to** the Son, \* and to the **Holy** Spirit.
8. As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ever shall** be, \* World without **end. Amen.**

And it happened that while the holy David was with the master, Paulens, that the latter lost the sight of his eyes by reason of an intense pain in them. And he summoned all his disciples in succession that they might look into his eyes and bless them, and they did as he had commanded them, and received relief from none of them. At last he invited the holy David to him, and said to him, "Holy David, examine my eyes, for they pain me much."

And the holy David answered and said, "My father, bid me not to look on thy countenance, for these ten years I have laboured at scripture with you, and so far I have not glanced at your face." And Paulens, admiring his excessive modesty, says, "As it is so, it will suffice that you bless my eyes with a touch and I shall be well." And straightway, as he touched them, they were healed in the twinkling of an eye; and when the blindness of his eyes had been expelled, the master received the light which had been removed.

## 2. INSTRUCTORIS OCULOS

*Psalm 100*

ANT II

**T**he eyes of his teacher, made dark with so much weep- ing,  
 Da- vid opened to the light with a touch of his hand.  
 O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: \* serve the Lord with gladness,  
 and come before his presence with a song. flex: ...he is God; †

2. Be ye sure that the Lord he is **God**; † it is he that hath made us, and not we **ourselves**; \* we are his people, and the **sheep of** his pásture.
3. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with **praise**; \* be thankful unto him, and speak **good of** his Name.
4. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is **everlasting**; \* and his truth endureth from generation to **gener-átion**.
5. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spir-it**, \* As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without **end**, **A-men**.