The canticles at Morning Prayer

according to

A Manual of Plainsong

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Venite, exultemus Domino
tone I 1

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us hearty-ly re-joice in the strength of our salva-tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving:

and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms3. For the Lord is a great God:

and a great King a-bove all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his al-so.

5. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land6. O come, let us worship, and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Ma-ker.

7. For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. 8. To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts:

as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wil-derness;

9. When your fa-thers tempted me: proved me, and saw my works. 10. Fort-
y years long was I grieved with this generation, and said: It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways.
11. Un-to whom I sware in my wrath: that they should not en-ter
in-to my rest. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther,
and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be:
world without end. Amen.
Venite, exultemus Domino  tone V 1

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us hearti-ly re-joice in the strength of our salva-tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving:

and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God:

and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also. 5. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land. 6. O come, let us worship, and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker. 7. For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. 8. Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts:

as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

9. When your fa-thers tempted me: proved me, and saw my works. 10. Forty years long was I grieved with this ge-ne-ra-tion, and said: It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways.
11. Unto whom I swear in my wrath: that they should not enter

into my rest. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen.
Venite, exultemus Domino  
tone VI

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us hearti-ly re-joice in the strength of our sal-"vation. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving:

and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God:

and a great King a"bove all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.

5. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

6. O come, let us worship, and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker. 7. For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep of his hand. 8. To"day if ye will hear his voice, hard-en not your hearts: as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness. When your fathers tempted me: proved me, and saw my works.

10. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said: It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways.
11. Unto whom I swear in my wrath: that they should not enter

into my rest. Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.
Venite, exultemus Domino  tone VII i

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us hearti-ly re-joice in the strength of our salvation.  2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving:

and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.  3. For the Lord is a great God:

and a great King a-bove all gods.  4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his al-so.

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ker.  7. For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.  8. To-day if ye will hear his voice, hard-en not your hearts: as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wil-

derness;  9. When your fathers tempted me: proved me, and saw my works.

10. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said: It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways.
11. Unto whom I swear in my wrath: that they should not enter into my rest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.
We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the

majesty: of thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles: praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets: praise thee. The noble army of

martyrs: praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world:

doth acknowledge thee; the Father: of an infinite majesty;

thine honourable, true: and only Son; also the Holy Ghost:

the Comforter. Thou art the King of glory: O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man:
thou didst not ab-hor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst o-ver-
come the sharpness of death: thou didst o-pen the kingdom of hea-
ven to all be-lievers. Thou sit-test at the right hand of God:
in the glo-ry of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come:
to be our judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servan-ts:
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered
with thy Saints: in glory ev-erlasting. O Lord, save thy peo-ple:
and bless thine he-ritage. Govern them: and lift them up for ever.
Day by day: we magni-fy thee; and we worship thy Name: ever world with-out
end. Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin. O Lord,
have mer-cy up-on us: have mer-cy up-on us. O Lord,
let thy mer-cy light en up-on us: as our trust is in thee. O
Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be con-founded.
Te Deum Laudamus   authentic melody

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing.

To thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the pow’rs therein.

To thee Cherubin and Se-raphin: continu-al-ly do cry, Ho-ly,

Ho-ly, Ho-ly: Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full

of the majesty: of thy glo-ry. The glorious com-pa-ny of the apostles:

praise thee. The goodly fellow-ship of the prophets: praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs: praise thee. The ho-ly Church

throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee; the Fa-ther:

of an infinite majes-ty; thine honour-able, true: and only Son;

al-so the Holy Ghost: the Comfort-er. Thou art the King of glo-

ry: O Christ. Thou art the ev-er-last-ing Son: of the Father.

When thou tookest up-on thee to de-liv-er man: thou didst not ab-
hor the Virgin’s womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death:

thou didst open the kingdom of hea-ven to all be-lievers. Thou sit-test

at the right hand of God: in the glo-ry of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come: to be our judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlast-ing.

O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage. Govern them:

and lift them up for ev-er. Day by day: we magni-fy thee;

and we worship thy Name: ev-er world with-out end. Vouchsafe,

O Lord: to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy

upon us: have mer-cy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us:

as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trust-ed:

let me never be confound-ed.
WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father ever-lasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the pow'rs therein. To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the majesty: of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles: praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets: praise thee. The noble army of martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee; the Father: of an infinite majesty; thine honourable, true: and only Son; also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter. Thou art the King of glory: O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not ab-
hor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death:

thou didst o-pen the kingdom of heaven to all bel-ievers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come: to be our judge. We

therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast re-deem-ed

with thy precious blood. Make them to be number-ed

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Day by day: we magni-fy thee; and we worship thy Name: ever world

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have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mer-

cy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I

trusted: let me never be confounded.
Benedicite, omnia opera    tone VIII 2


31. O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord: &c. 32. O Ananias, Azarias and Misael, bless ye the Lord: &c. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
Benedicite, omnia opera tonus peregrinus

O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him,

and magnify him for ever. 2. O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

&c. 3. O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord: &c. 4. O ye Waters that be a-

bove the Firmament, bless ye the Lord: &c. 5. O all ye Powers of the Lord,

bless ye the Lord: &c. 6. O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord: &c.

7. O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord: &c. 8. O ye Showers and Dew,


10. O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord: &c. 11. O ye Winter and Summer,


ye the Lord: &c. 15. O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord: &c. 16. O ye

Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord: &c. 17. O ye Lightnings and Clouds,

bless ye the Lord: &c. 18. O let the Earth bless the Lord: yea, let it praise him,
and magnify him for ever. 19. O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord:


Benedictus  
tone III 2 solemn

BLESSBe the Lord God of Israel: for he hath vi-sited and redeemed his people;  2. And hath raised up a mighty salva- tion for us: in the house of his ser- vant David;  3. As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began; 4. That we should be saved from our e-nemies: and from the hands of all that hate us;  5. To per- form the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to re-member his ho- ly co- venant;  6. To per-form the oath which he swore to our fore- father Abraham: that he would give us,  7. That we being de-livered out of the hands of our enemies: might serve him without fear,  8. In ho- liness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.  9. And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to pre-pare his ways;  10. To give knowledge of salvation un-to his people: for the re-mission of their sins;
11. Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

12. To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be: world without end. Amen.
Benedictus
tone V 3

BLESSED be the Lord God of Is-rael: for he hath visit-ed and redeemed his people; 2. And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David; 3. As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began; 4. That we should be sav-ed from our ene-mies: and from the hands of all that hate us; 5. To perform the mercy pro-mised to our forefathers: and to remember his ho-ly co-venant; 6. To perform the oath which he swore to our fore-father Abraham: that he would give us, 7. That we being de-li-vered out of the hands of our ene-mies: might serve him without fear, 8. In ho-liness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life. 9. And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; 10. To give knowledge of salvation un-to his people: for the remission of their sins;
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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
Benedictus
tone VII 5 solemn

BLESSED be the Lord God of Is-ra-el: for he hath visited and redeemed
his peo-ple; 2. And hath raised up a mighty sal-vation for us:
in the house of his servant Da-vid; 3. As he spake by the mouth
of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began; 4. That we should
be saved from our e-nemies: and from the hands of all that hate us;
5. To per-form the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember
his ho-ly co-venant; 6. To per-form the oath which he sware to our
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Benedictus  
tonus peregrinus

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in the house of his servant David; 3. As he spake by the mouth of his ho-ly Prophets: which have been since the world began;

4. That we should be saved from our e-nemies: and from the hands of all that hate us; 5. To perform the mercy promised to our forefa-thers:

and to remember his ho-ly co-ve-nant; 6. To perform the oath which he swore to our fore-father Abraham: that he would give us,

7. That we being delivered out of the hands of our e-nemies: might serve him without fear, 8. In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life. 9. And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:

for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; 10. To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the re-mission of their sins;
11. Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visit-ed us;

12. To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be: world without end. Amen.
O BE joy-ful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with glad-ness,

and come be-fore his pre-sence with a song. 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 pasture.

3. O go your way in- to his gates with thanksgiv-ing, and in- to

his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

4. For the Lord is gracious, his mer-cy is ev-er- last-ing:

and his truth endureth from generation to gen-er-a-tion. Glory be to the

Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
Quicunque vult
tone VIII 1

WHOSO-E-VER will be save-d: be-fore all things it is ne-
ces-sa-ry that he hold the Ca-tho-lick Faith. Which Faith ex-
cept e-ve-ry one do keep whole and un-de-fi-led: without
doubt he shall perish e-verlast-ingly. And the Catho-lick Faith is this:

That we wor-ship one God in Trin-i-ty, and Trini-ty in U-ni-ty;

Neither con-found-ing the Per-sons: nor di-vid-ing the Sub-stance.

For there is one Per-son of the Father, a-nother of the Son: and a-nother

of the Ho-ly Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son,

and of the Holy Ghost, is all one: the Glory e-qual, the Majesty co-e-
nal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son: and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreate, the Son un-create: and the Holy Ghost uncreate.
The Father in-comprehensi-ble, the Son in-comprehensi-ble: and the
Holy Ghost incomprehensi-ble. The Father e-ter-nal, the Son e-ter-nal:
and the Holy Ghost e-ter-nal. And yet they are not three e-ter-nals:
but one e-ter-nal. As al-so there are not three incomprehensibles, nor
three uncre-at-ed: but one uncre-at-ed, and one incom-prehensible.

So like-wise the Father is Al-mighty, the Son Al-mighty: and the
Ho-ly Ghost Al-mighty. And yet they are not three Al-might-ies:
but one Al-mighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God: and the Holy
Ghost is God. And yet they are not three Gods: but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord: and the Holy Ghost Lord.
And yet not three Lords: but one Lord. For like as we are compell-
ed by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by himself to be both

God and Lord; So are we forbidden by the Catholick Religion: to say, There be

three Gods, or three Lords. The Father is made of none: neither created,

nor begotten. The Son is of the Fa-ther alone: not made, nor cre-

ated, but begotten. The Holy Ghost is of the Fa-ther and of the Son:

neither made, nor cre-at-ed, nor be-got - ten, but proceeding. So

there is one Father, not three Fa-thers; one Son, not three Sons: one

Ho-ly Ghost, not three Ho-ly Ghosts. And in this Trini-ty none is afore,

or after o-ther: none is greater, or less than another; But the

whole three Persons are co- e-ter -nal together: and co- e -qual.

So that in all things, as is aforesaid: the U - ni-ty in Trini-ty and the

Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped. He therefore that will be saved:
must think thus of the Trinity. Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting sal-

vation: that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ,

the Son of God, is God and Man; God, of the substance of the Father,

be - got-ten be-fore the worlds: and Man of the substance of his Mo-

ther, born in the world; Per - fect God and per - fect Man: of

a rea - son-able soul and hu-man flesh subsisting. E - qual to the Father,

as touching his Godhead: and in-fe-ri - or to the Father, as touching

his manhood; Who, although he be God and Man: yet he is not two,

but one Christ; One, not by conversion of the Godhead in-to flesh:

but by tak-ing of the Manhood in-to God; One al - to-ge-ther;
not by confusion of Substance: but by unity of Person. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man: so God and Man is one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation: descended into hell,

rose again the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven,

he sitteth at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty: from whence he will come to judge the quick and the dead. At whose coming all men will rise again with their bodies: and shall give account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting: and they that have done evil into everlasting fire. This is the Catholick Faith: which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
The Easter Anthems
tone V 1

CHRIST our passover is sacrific-ed for us: therefore let us keep the feast;

Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness:

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more

dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once:

but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye all

so yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin: but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen from the dead: and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since

by man came death: by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was

in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.