

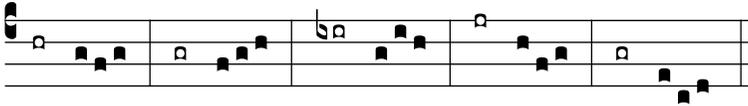
ASH WEDNESDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Misereris omnium

Wis II: 24-25, 27 · RM, GR ○

You are merciful to *all*, O Lord, / and despise nothing that *you* have made. / You overlook *peoples* sins, / to bring them to repentance, *and* you spare them, / for you are the *Lord* our God.



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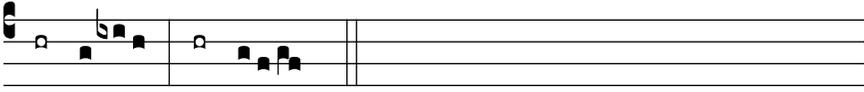
Wis II: 24-25, 27 · RM, GR ○

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nothing that you have made. You o-ver-look peo- ple's sins,
to bring them to re- pent-ance, and you spare them, for you are
the Lord our God.

Simple Response:

Cf. Wis II: 24 · RM, GR ○

I
Y OU are mer-ci- ful to all, O Lord.



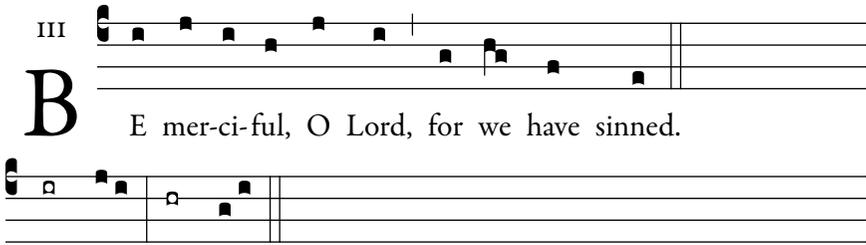
Psalm 57 (56): 2ab, 2cd, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

1. Have mercy on me, *God, have mercy*, *
for in you my soul has *taken refuge*.
2. In the shadow of your wings *I take refuge*, *
till the storms of destruction *pass by*.
3. I call to you, God *the Most High*, *
to God who *provides for me*.
4. My heart is ready, O God; †
my *heart is ready*. *
I will sing, I will *sing your praise*.
5. Awake, my soul! †
Awake, *lyre and harp*! *
I will *awake the dawn*.
6. I will praise you, LORD, *among the peoples*, *
among the nations sing *psalms to you*,
7. for your mercy reaches *to the heavens*, *
and your truth *to the skies*.
8. Be exalted, O God, *above the heavens*; *
may your glory shine on *all the earth*!
9. Glory be to the Father, and *to the Son*, *
and to the *Holy Spirit*.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall be*, *
world without *end. Amen*.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cf. Ps 51 (50): 3a

III



B E mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Psalm 51 (50): 3-4, 5-6b, 12-13, 14 and 17

1. Have mercy on me, *O God*, *
according to your *merciful love*;
according to your great *compassion*, *
blot out my *transgressions*.
Wash me completely from my *iniquity*, *
and cleanse me from *my sin*.
2. My transgressions, truly *I know* them; *
my sin is always *before* me.
Against you, you alone, have *I sinned*; *
what is evil in your sight I *have done*.
3. Create a pure heart for me, *O God*; *
renew a steadfast spirit *within* me.
Do not cast me away from *your presence*; *
take not your holy spirit *from me*.
4. Restore in me the joy of your *salvation*; *
sustain in me a *willing spirit*.
O LORD, open *my lips* *
and my mouth shall proclaim *your praise*.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

^v
G Lo-ry and praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Cf. Psalm 95 (94): 8

ⲫ. If today you hear *his* voice, *
harden *not your* hearts.

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

ANTIPHON 1

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RM, GR ○

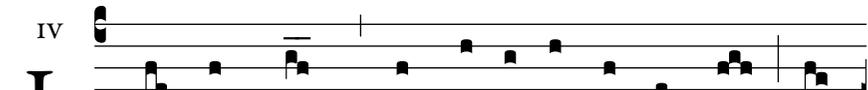
I
L ET us change our garments * to sackcloth and ash-es,
let us fast and weep be-fore the Lord, that our God, rich
in mer-cy, might for-give us our sins.

ANTIPHON 2

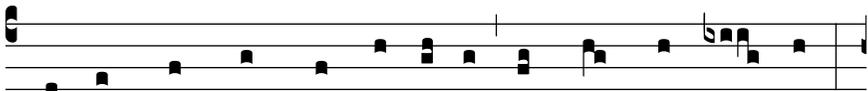
Iuxta vestibulum

Cf. Jl 2: 17, Est 4: 17 · RM, GR ○

IV



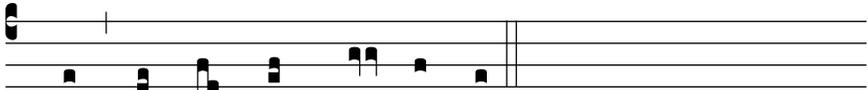
L ET the priests, * the min-is-ters of the Lord, stand



between the porch and the al-tar and weep and cry out:



Spare, O Lord, spare your peo-ple; do not close the mouths of



those who sing your praise, O Lord.

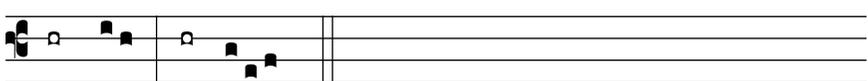
ANTIPHON 3

Cf. Ps 51 (50): 3 · RM ○

II



B Lot out my transgressions, O Lord.



Psalm 51 (50)

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according to your *merciful* love;
according to your great *compassion*, *
blot out *my transgressions*.
Wash me completely from my *iniquity*, *
and cleanse me *from my sin*.

2. My transgressions, truly *I know* them; *
my sin is *always before* me.
Against 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*.
3. O see, in guilt I *was born*, *
a sinner when my mother *conceived* me.
Yes, you delight in sincerity *of heart*; *
in secret you *teach me* wisdom.
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall *be pure*; *
wash me, and I shall be whiter *than snow*.
4. Let me hear rejoicing *and gladness*, *
that the bones you have crushed *may exult*.
Turn away your face from *my sins*, *
and blot out *all my guilt*.
5. Create a pure heart for me, *O God*; *
renew a steadfast spirit *within* me.
Do not cast me away from *your presence*; *
take not your holy spirit *from me*.
6. Restore in me the joy of your *salvation*; *
sustain in me a *willing spirit*.
I will teach transgressors *your ways*, *
that sinners may *return to you*.
7. Rescue me from bloodshed, O God, †
God of my *salvation*, *
and then my tongue shall ring *out your justice*.
O LORD, open *my lips* *
and my mouth shall *proclaim your praise*.

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

My sacrifice to God, a broken spirit: †
a broken and humbled heart, *
O God, you *will not* spurn.

9. In your good pleasure, show favor to **Sion**; *
rebuild the walls of *Jerusalem*.

Then you will delight in right sacrifice, †
burnt offerings wholly *consumed*. *
Then you will be offered young bulls *on your* altar.

RESPONSORY

Emmendemus

Cf. Bar 3: 2, Ps 79 (78): 9

II

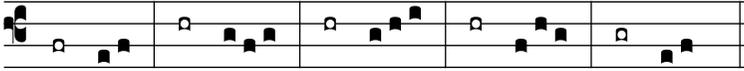
L ET us cor-rect our faults which we have commit-ted
in ig-norance, let us not be ta-ken un-a-ware by the day
of our death, looking in vain for lei-sure to re-pent. * Hear
us, O Lord, and show us your mer-cy, for we have sinned
against you. †. Help us, O God our Sav-ior; for the sake of
your name, O Lord, set us free. * Hear us, O Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Exaltabo te Domine

Ps 30 (29): 2, 3, 4 · GR ○

I will extol you, O Lord, / for you have *drawn* me up, / and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. / O Lord, I cried *out* to you, / and *you* healed me.



Full Setting:

Ps 30 (29): 2, 3 · GR ○

II
I will ex-tol you, O Lord, * for you have drawn me up,
and have not let my en- e- mies re-joice o-ver me. O Lord,
I cried out to you, and you healed me.

Simple Response:

Cf. Ps 30 (29): 3 · GR ○

II
O Lord, I cried out to you, and you healed me.

Psalm 30 (29): 4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-13

- i. O LORD, you have lifted up my soul from *the grave*, *
restored me to life from those who sink into *the pit*.

2. Sing psalms to the LORD, *you faithful ones*; *
give thanks to his *holy name*.

His anger lasts a moment; his favor all *through life*. *
At night come tears, but dawn *brings joy*.

3. I said to myself in my *good fortune*: *
“I shall never *be shaken*.”

O LORD, your favor had set me like a *mountain stronghold*. *
Then you hid your face, and I was put to *confusion*.

4. To you, O LORD, *I cried*, *
to my God I appealed *for mercy*:

“What profit is my lifeblood, my going to *the grave*? *
Can dust give you thanks, or proclaim *your faithfulness*?”

5. Hear, O LORD, and have mercy *on me*; *
be my helper, *O LORD*.

You have changed my mourning *into dancing*, *
removed my sackcloth and girded me *with joy*.

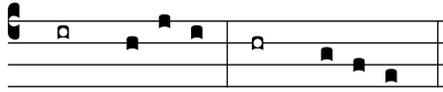
So my soul sings psalms to you, and will not *be silent*. *
O LORD my God, I will thank you *forever*.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Qui meditabitur

Ps I: 2b, 3b · RM, GR ○

He who ponders the law of the Lord *day* and night * will yield fruit *in* due season.



Full Setting:

Cf. Ps I: 2-3 · RM, GR ○

III

H E who ponders the law of the Lord day and night

will yield fruit in due sea-son.

Simple Response:

Cf. Ps I: 1

III

W E de-light in the law of the Lord.

Psalm I: 1-2, 3, 4, 5-6

1. Blessed indeed is *the man* *
who follows not the counsel of *the wicked*,
nor stands in the path *with sinners*, *
nor abides in the company *of scorners*,
but whose delight is the law of *the LORD*, *
and who ponders his law *day and night*.

2. He is like a tree that is planted †
beside the *flowing* waters, *
that yields its fruit in *due* season,
and whose leaves shall never *fade*; *
and all that he does *shall* prosper.
3. Not so are the wicked, not so! †
For they, like *winnowed* chaff, *
shall be driven away by *the* wind.
4. When the wicked are judged they shall *not* rise, *
nor shall sinners in the council of *the* just;
for the LORD knows the way of *the* just, *
but the way of the wicked *will* perish.
5. Glory be to the Father, and to *the* Son, *
and to the *Holy* Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* be, *
world without end. *Amen*.