

JUNE 24  
THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST  
*At the Mass during the Day*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Cf. Is 49: 1, 2 · GR*

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**F** Rom my moth-er's womb the Lord has called me by  
name: he made me like a chosen ar-row.

[Cf. Is 49: 1, 2]; Psalm 92 (91): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

1. [He made my mouth like a *sharp sword*. \*  
He protected me under the shelter of *his hand*.]
2. It is good to give thanks to *the LORD*, \*  
to make music to your name, O *Most High*.
3. To proclaim your loving mercy in *the morning*, \*  
and your truth in the watches of *the night*.
4. On the ten-stringed lyre and *the lute*, \*  
with the sound of song on *the harp*.
5. You have gladdened me, O LORD, by *your deeds*; \*  
for the work of your hands I shout *with joy*.
6. O LORD, how great are *your works*! \*  
How deep are your *designs*!
7. 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*.

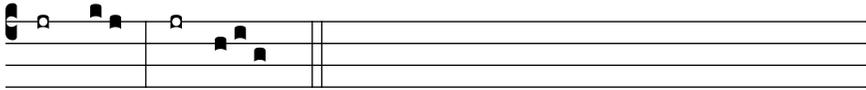
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 139 (138): 14a*



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praise you for I am wonderfully made.



**Psalm 139 (138): 1-3, 13-14, 15**

1. O LORD, you search me and you know me. †  
You yourself know my resting and *my* rising; \*  
you discern my thoughts *from afar*.  
You mark when I walk or *lie down*; \*  
you know all my ways *through and through*.
2. For it was you who formed my *inmost being*, \*  
knit me together in my *mother's womb*.  
I thank you who wonderfully made me; †  
how wonderful are *your works*, \*  
which my *soul knows well!*
3. My frame was not hidden from you, †  
when I was being fashioned *in secret* \*  
and molded in the depths *of the earth*.

## ALLELUIA

II



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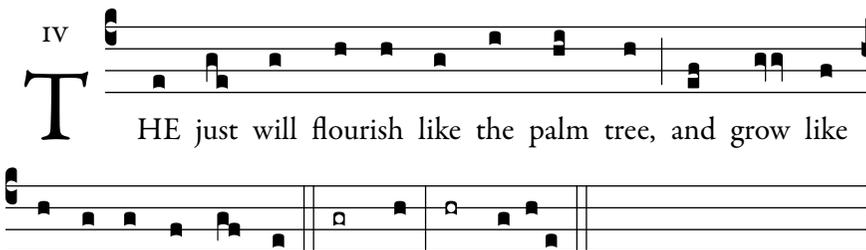
Cf. Luke 1: 76

∕. You, child, will be called the prophet of the *Most High*, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to *prepare his way*.

## OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

*Ps 92 (91): 13*

IV



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a Leb-a- non ce- dar.

**Psalm 92 (91):** 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, 10

1. It is good to give thanks to the **LORD**, \*  
to make music to your name, *O Most High*,  
to proclaim your loving mercy in the **morning**, \*  
and your truth in the watches *of the night*,  
on the ten-stringed lyre and the **lute**, \*  
with the sound of song *on the harp*.

2. You have gladdened me, O LORD, by your **deeds**; \*  
for the work of your hands I *shout with joy*.  
O LORD, how great are your **works**! \*  
How deep are *your designs*!  
The senseless cannot **know** this, \*  
and the fool cannot *understand*.
  
3. Though the wicked spring up like **grass**, \*  
and all who do *evil thrive*,  
they are doomed to be eternally **destroyed**. \*  
But you, O LORD, are eternally *on high*.
  
4. See, your enemies, O LORD, †  
see, your enemies will **perish**; \*  
all who do evil *will be scattered*.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Cf. Lk 1: 78*

II

Y OU, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most

High: you shall go be-fore the face of the Lord to prepare

his ways.

**Luke 1:** 68-69, 70-71, 72-75, 76-77, 78-79

1. Blessed be the Lord, the God *of Israel*; \*  
he has come to his people and *set them free*.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his *servant David*.

2. Through his holy prophets he promised of old †  
that he would save us from *our* enemies, \*  
from the hands of *all who hate* us.
  
3. He promised to show mercy to *our* fathers \*  
and to remember his *holy* covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our *father* Abraham; \*  
to set us free from the hands of *our* enemies,  
free to worship him without *fear*, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of *our* life.
  
4. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the *Most High*; \*  
for you will go before the Lord to *prepare his way*,  
to give his people knowledge of *salvation* \*  
by the forgiveness of *their* sins.
  
5. In the tender compassion of *our God* \*  
the dawn from on high shall *break upon* us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of *death*, \*  
and to guide our feet into the *way of peace*.
  
6. 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*.