

JUNE 24
THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
At the Vigil Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Lk 1: 15 · RM

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HE will be great in the sight of the Lord and will be
filled with the Ho-ly Spir-it.

[Lk 1: 14]; Psalm 92 (91): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16

1. [Even from his *mothers womb*; *
and many will rejoice at *his birth*.]
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. The just will flourish like *the palm tree*, *
and grow like a *Lebanon cedar*.

8. Planted in the house of *the* LORD, *
they will flourish in the courts of *our* God.
9. Still bearing fruit when they *are* old, *
still full of sap, *still* green.
10. To proclaim that the LORD *is* upright. *
In him, my rock, there is *no* wrong.
11. 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 71 (70): 6

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S Ince my moth-er's womb, you have been my strength.

Psalm 71 (70): 1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17

1. In you, O LORD, I take refuge; *
let me never be *put to* shame.
In your justice, rescue me, **free** me; *
incline your ear to *me and* save me.
2. Be my rock, my constant refuge, *
a mighty stronghold *to* save me,
for you are my rock, my **stronghold**. *
My God, free me from the hand *of* the wicked.

3. It is you, O LORD, who are my **hope**, *
my trust, O LORD, *from my youth*.
On you I have leaned from my **birth**; *
from my mother's womb, you have *been my help*.
4. My mouth will tell of your **justice**, *
and all the day long of *your salvation*,
O God, you have taught me from my **youth**, *
and I proclaim your *wonders still*.

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Cf. John 1: 7; Luke 1: 17

- ÿ. He came to testify to *the light*, *
to prepare a people fit *for the Lord*.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Ps 8: 6, 7

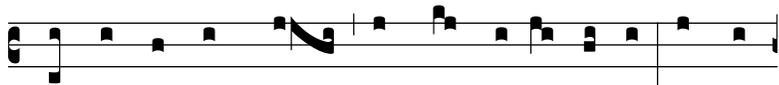
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OU have crowned him with glo-ry and hon-or;
and you have es- tab-lished him a-bove the works of your
hands, O Lord.

Psalm 8: 2, 3, 4-5, 8-10

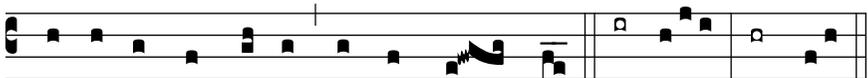
1. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic †
is your name through all *the earth!* *
Your majesty is set above *the heavens.*
2. From the mouths of children and of babes †
you fashioned praise to foil *your enemy,* *
to silence the foe and *the rebel.*
3. When I see the heavens, the work of *your fingers,* *
the moon and the stars which you *arranged,*
what is man that you should keep him *in mind,* *
the son of man that you care *for him?*
4. All of them, sheep *and oxen,* *
yes, even the cattle of *the fields,*
birds of the air, and fish of *the sea* *
that make their way through *the waters.*
O LORD, our Lord, how *majestic* *
is your name through all *the earth!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 1: 68

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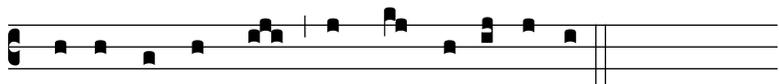
B Lessed be the Lord, the God of Is- ra- el! He has



vis- i- ted his people and redeemed them.

Simple Response:

Cf. Lk 1: 68

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B Lessed be the Lord, the God of Is- ra- el!



1. Blessed be the Lord, the *God of Israel*; *
he has come to his people and set *them* free.
2. He has raised up for us a *mighty savior*, *
born of the house of his *servant David*.
3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old †
that he would save us *from our enemies*, *
from the hands of all *who hate* us.
4. He promised to show mercy *to our fathers* *
and to remember his *holy covenant*.
5. 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*.

6. 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*.

7. 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*.

8. Glory be to the Father, and *to the Son*, *
and to the *Holy Spirit*.
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world without end. *Amen*.