

THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 26

SAINT STEPHEN

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 31 (30): 6a

II

I N- to your hands, O Lord, I commend my spir-it.

Psalm 31(30): 3bc-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 16bc and 17

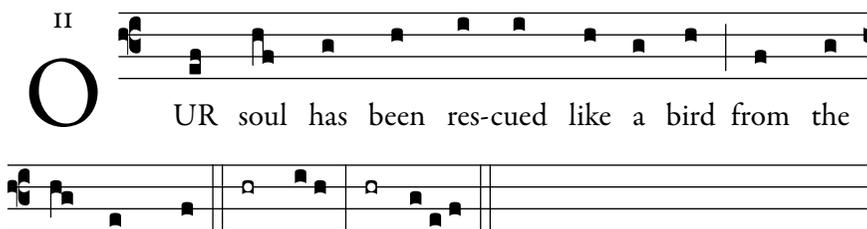
1. Be a rock of refuge for me, *
a mighty stronghold *to save me.*
For you are my rock, my **stronghold!** *
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of *your name.*
2. Into your hands I commend my **spirit.** *
You will redeem me, O LORD, O *faithful God.*
As for me, I trust in the **LORD.** *
Let me be glad and rejoice in *your mercy.*
3. Deliver me from the hands of my **enemies** *
and those who *pursue me.*
Let your face shine on your **servant.** *
Save me in your *merciful love.*

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 124 (123): 7a

II



UR soul has been res-cued like a bird from the
fow-ler's snare.

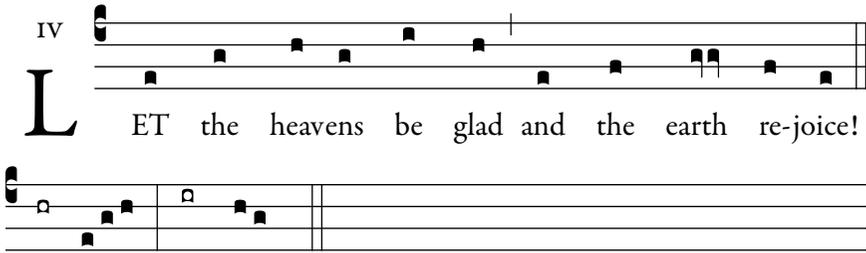
Psalm 124 (123): 2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8

1. If the LORD had not been on *our side* *
when people *rose against* us,
then would they have swallowed us *alive* *
when their *anger was kindled*.
2. Then would the waters have *engulfed* us, *
the torrent gone *over us*;
over our head would *have swept* *
the *raging* waters.
3. Indeed, the snare has *been broken*, *
and we *have escaped*.
Our help is in the name of *the LORD*, *
who made heaven *and earth*.

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Ps 96 (95): 11a

IV



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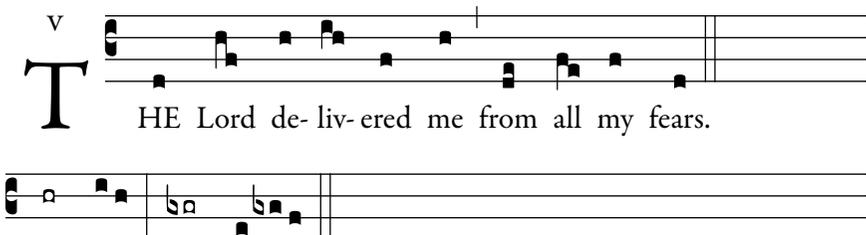
Psalm 96 (95): 1-2, 11-12, 13

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sing to the LORD, all *the earth*.
O sing to the LORD; *bless his name*. *
Proclaim his salvation day *by day*.
2. Let the heavens rejoice and *earth be glad*; *
let the sea and all within it thunder *praise*.
Let the land and all it *bears rejoice*. *
Then will all the trees of the wood shout *for joy*.
3. At the presence of the LORD, *for he comes*, *
he comes to judge *the earth*.
He will judge the *world with justice*; *
he will govern the peoples with *his truth*.

Or, Saint Thomas Becket:

Ps 34 (33): 5b

V



T HE Lord de- liv-ered me from all my fears.

Psalm 34 (33): 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1. I will bless the LORD at *all* times; *
praise of him is always *in my* mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make *its* boast; *
the humble shall hear *and be* glad.

2. Glorify the LORD *with* me; *
together let us *praise his* name.
I sought the LORD, and he *answered* me; *
from all my terrors he *set me* free.

3. Look towards him and *be* radiant; *
let your faces not *be* abashed.
This lowly one called; the LORD *heard*, *
and rescued him from all *his* distress.

4. The angel of the LORD is *encamped* *
around those who fear him, to *rescue* them.
Taste and see that the LORD *is* good. *
Blessed the man who seeks *refuge in* him.

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Or, Saint Sylvester I:

Ps 23 (22): 1

V

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Psalm 23 (22): 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

1. The LORD is *my shepherd*; *
there is nothing *I shall want*.

Fresh and green are *the pastures* *
where he gives *me repose*.

Near restful waters *he leads me*; *
he *revives my soul*.

2. He guides me along the *right path*, *
for the sake *of his name*.

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, †
no evil would I fear, for you *are with me*. *

Your crook and your staff will *give me comfort*.

3. You have prepared a table *before me* *
in the sight *of my foes*.

My head you have anointed *with oil*; *
my cup is *overflowing*.

4. Surely goodness and mercy shall *follow me* *
all the days *of my life*.

In the LORD's own house shall *I dwell* *
for length of *days unending*.

ALLELUIA

VII

A L-le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

December 26, Saint Stephen (Ps 118 (117): 26a, 27a)

☩. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD: *
the LORD is God and has given us light.

December 27, Saint John (See Te Deum)

☩. We praise you, O God, †
we acclaim you as Lord; *
the glorious company of Apostles praise you.

December 28, The Holy Innocents (See Te Deum)

☩. We praise you, O God, †
we acclaim you as Lord; *
the white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

December 29 (Lk 2: 32)

☩. A light of revelation to the Gentiles *
and glory for your people Israel.

December 29, Saint Thomas Becket (Mt 5: 6)

☩. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; *
for they will be satisfied.

December 30

☩. A holy day has dawned upon us. †
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. *
Today a great light has come upon the earth.

December 31 (Jn 1: 14a, 12a)

ψ. The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. †
To those who accepted him *
he gave power to become the children of God.

December 31, Saint Sylvester I (Mark 1: 17)

ψ. Come after me, says the Lord, *
and I will make you fishers of men.