Handout Notes for Chant Class July 7th - July 11th, 2014
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Pope Gregory the Great dictating the chant as inspired by the Holy Spirit!

## TYPES OF CHANT NOTATION

## 1. Hearing and repeating the sounded word.

The description of a book, like the Cantatorium of Monza (9th century) that is without notation, as a volume of 'musical art' is puzzling only if one forgets how well the texts of chants served as a form of musical notation by recording the syllables through which the melody sounded, and by revealing a grammatical structure that was itself a kind of musical mnemonic since the musical phrases responded to it with varying degrees of closure.

1) Speak the text as a proclamation with accents and phrasing.
2) Sing that text on a single pitch with all its accents and phrasing.
3) Sing it with the original melody using the same word rhythms.

## 2. Retracing the early neumes while singing the pitches of the chant.

Have someone who knows the melody sing it to you and then repeat it while retracing the neume designs as you sing.

## 3. Read the four-line staff, using both the $C$ clefs and the $F$ clef.

Sing the notes of the melody while using either letters or numbers for the pitches.
Sing the same melody using the word rhythms and phrasings of the text.

1. The recitation pitch (or "dominant") corresponds to the optimum pitch level.
2. Intonation patterns in chant correspond to the rising patterns used by speakers.
3. Cadence patterns in chant correspond to the dropping pitches used by speakers.

The Horizontal dimension

1. The rhythm and tempo of a phrase in chant corresponds to the rhythmic flow of speech used by a good public reader.
2. Pretonic syllables tend to flow more or less rapidly toward the tonic accent of a word or a phrase (e.g.: a-nun-tí-á-vit).
3. The Tonic accent of a word or a phrase contains all the energy and momentum for all the syllables that follow it (e.g.: Dó-mi-nus).
4. Post-Tonic syllables are carried by the energy of the preceding Tonic accent syllable (e.g.: Dó-mi-nus).
5. Final syllables dissipate the remaining energy from the Tonic accent and bring the forward momentum to a stop (e.g.: Dó-mi-nus). A common example of this phenomenon is that of letting a car coast to a stop at a stop sign.

The principles of this performance practice flow out of the polished matching of a sacred text with a gregorian melody. For that reason whoever gives attentive effort to Latin (or English!) diction in singing, by that very fact already possesses very many of the requisites for executing Gregorian chant properly (cf. the introduction to the Liber Hymnarius, 1983).

# Chant Rhythm <br> Latin and English 

## Chant rhythm begins with a full breath, then:

# SURGE to (or with) the first word accent; <br> SWING from accent to accent; <br> COAST from the last accent to the end of the word. 

Example:
SURGE SWING SWING COAST
I will SING to the LORD for E- ver and E- ver.

Begin with a simple swinging motion from side to side from one word accent to the next as you first speak and only then, sing the text. After that, you can start to retrace the neume designs with your hand as you sing the notes.

LECTOR: Whoever shall be promoted to this [clerical] grade, will have been imbued with doctrine and reading experience and will be skilled in the knowledge of words [that is to say, their pronuntiation] and [their] meaning, so that, with regard to the sense units, he will know where each sense grouping ends, where the discourse should still hang [in the air], where the final sense group closes. Thus prepared, he will maintain the [relative] strength of pronuntiation so that the minds of all [his listeners] will be able to comprehend the sense [of what they hear]. [He will do this] by expressing the proper feeling [affectus] of the sentences, now [in the form of] an indicative sentence, now sorrowing, now rebuking, now exhorting, or in other similar ways, according to the proper category [genera] of what is being proclaimed. Many things in scripture can take on an opposite meaning by the way they are pronounced! An example: "Who will accuse the elect of God? The God who justifies [Is this a statement of fact, or is it a question that demands a negative answer?]."

Furthermore, [a lector] should know the relative strength of every accent so that he will know toward which principle syllable his oral proclamation is tending. The psalmist, however, should be noted for a good voice and good training, so that by the attraction of such sweetness, he may be able to stir the souls of his hearers. His voice, however, should not be raucous or harsh, but lyric, sweet, smooth and clear. He should have the voice quality and the kind of tunes that are congruent with holy religion, not those of the tragic theater but those which show Christian simplicity in their melodic shapes. Neither should they exhibit the [qualities] of musical gesturing and the entertainment arts [the theater], but rather be such that promote compunction for those who hear his singing.
(St. Isidore's De Ecclesiasticis Officiis was written between 598 and 615 A.D., at a date some time later than the first arrival in Spain of the last parts of \{Pope] Gregory's Moralia in Job .)

## Chant Handouts

## The Agnes Def in Latin



The Agnes Deli in English (ICEL)


## The Agnus Dei XVIII in English



LAMB of God, * you take a- way the sins of the world,

have mer- cy on us. Lamb of God, * you take a- way

the sins of the world, * have mer-cy on us.


Lamb of God, * your take a- way the sins of the world,

grant us peace.
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SANCTUS XVIII


Sanctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus De-us Sá-ba-oth. Ple- ni sunt


Caeli et ter-ra glo-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-dic-tus


Qui ve-nit in no- mi- ne Do- mi- ne. Ho- sán na in ex- cél- sis.

An English language setting


Ho- ly, * ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of hosts.


Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho- san- na in the

high- est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.


Ho- san- na in the high- est.

## The ICEL setting for the new Roman Missal



# The Memorial Acclamations 

THE ICEL SETTINGS FOR THE MISSAL

Then the Priest sings:


And the people continue, acclaiming:


Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.


Mode 2


We pro-claim your death, O Lord and pro-fess your

re-sur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

## Mode 7



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we pro-claim your death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.
Mode 8


Save us, Sa-vior of the world, for by your Cross

and Re-sur-rec- tion you have set us free.

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ni-bus bonae vo-lunta-tis, Laudámus te. Be-de-di-cimus te.


Ado-rámus te. Glo-ri-fi-cámus te. Grá-ti- as a-gimus ti-bi

propter magnam glo-ri- am tu- am. Dómi-ne De- us, Rex cae-le-

stis, De- us Pa-ter omni-pot-ens. Dómi-ne Fi- li u-ni-gé-


> liv us Patris. Qui tol-lis pecel-ta mundi, mi-se-re-re no-bis.


Qui tol-lis peceá-ta mundi, sulsci-pe depre-ca-ti- o-nem no-

stram. Qui se-des ad déxte-ram Patris, mi- se-re-re no-bis.


Quó-ni- am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus


Altissimus, Ie-su Chri- ste. Cum Sancto Spi-fi-tu, in glo-

fil a De- iPa tris. A- men.



Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son,


Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,


Gloria XV
English setting (St. Meinrad tone)


Glo-ry to God in the highest, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.


We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri - fy you,

we give you thanks for your great glo - ry Lord God, heav-en-ly King,


O God, al-might-y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly-be-got-ten Son,

the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us: you take a-way the sins of the world,

re-ceive our prayer, your are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,

have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,


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Mode IV


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple

of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you,

we goo- ri- fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,


Lord God, heave- en- ty King, O God, al-might- y Fa- there.


Lord Ie- aus Christ, only- be- got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,


Son of the Fa- her, you take a- way the sins of the world, have mer-cy

on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer,

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer- my on us.


For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly


Spir- it, in the glo- ry of God the Fa- ther, A- men.

Entrance Antiphon
(1st Sunday of Advent: based on Ad te levavi)_


Cantor: I__ trust__ in you; let me ne-ver come to shame do not let my e- ne-mies


People's Refrain


Use an 8th mode psalm tone for the psalm verses.
Antiphon
Refrain
Psalm verse
Refrain
etc. until the ministers are settled in their places in the sanctuary
Conclude with the Antiphon

## Psalm Tones Set Moods

Mode 1: (Ps.144/145: 10-11) solemnity


All your creatures shall thank you, $\underline{O}$ Lord, and your friends shall re-peat their blessing They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, $\underline{\mathrm{O}}$ God.

Mode2: (Ps.129/130: 3-4) reverence and awe


If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would sur-vive?
But with you is found for-giveness;
for this we re-vere you.

Mode 3: (Ps.129/130:1-2) intense feeling, either sadness or joy


Out of the depths I cry to you, $\underline{\text { O }}$ Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
$O$ let your ears be at-tentive to the voice of my pleading.

Mode 4: (Ps.118/119:97-98) reflective, meditative


Lord, how I love your law!
It is ever in my mind.
Your command make me wiser than my foes;
for it is mine for-ever.

## Psalm Tones Set Moods (Continued)

Mode 5: (Ps.95/96:11-12) joyful, happy


Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thun-der praise, let the land and all it bears re-joice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy.

Mode 6: (Ps.115/116:12-13) calm, relaxed, contented


How can I re-pay the Lord
for his good-ness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise:
I will call on the name of the Lord.

Mode 7: (Ps.148:1-2) joyful, triumphant


Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his host.

Mode 8: (Ps.129/130:7-8) authoritative, a narrator's voice


Because with the lord there is mercy
and fullness of re-demption,
Israel indeed he will re-deem
from all its in-iquity.

The goal will be to have the psalm tone memorized. Then sing the text in a good speech rhythm, in a manner that literally "swings" from one word accent to another until it comes quietly to rest on the last accent of the line. A refrain or antiphon can be made of a liturgical text by using just the first and the last line of the psalm tone. If three lines are needed, then use the first two lines and the last line of the psalm tone.

# Eight Chant Alleluia Refrains for congregational use in the eight modes 



1. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

2. $A l-l e-l u-i a, \quad a l-l e-l u-i a, \quad a l-l e-l u-i a!$

3. $\mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{le}-\mathrm{lu}-\mathrm{ia}, \mathrm{al}-\mathrm{le}-\mathrm{lu}-\mathrm{ia}$, al-le-lu-ia!

4. Al - le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

5. $\mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{le}-\mathrm{lu}-\mathrm{ia}, \mathrm{al}-\mathrm{le}-\mathrm{lu}-\mathrm{ia}, \mathrm{al}-\mathrm{le}-\mathrm{lu}-\mathrm{ia}$ !

6. $\mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{le}-\mathrm{lu}-\mathrm{ia}, \mathrm{al}-\mathrm{le}-\mathrm{lu}-\mathrm{ia}, \mathrm{al}-\mathrm{le}-\mathrm{lu}-\mathrm{ia}$ !

7. $A l-l e-l u-i a, \quad a l-l e-l u-i a, a l-l e-l u-i a!$

8. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!

## Ambrosian Style Gloria



Glo- ry to God in the high- est and on earth peace to peo- ale of

good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a- dore you,

we glo- ri- fy you. We give you thanks for your great geo- ry,


Lord God, heav-en-ly King, Al-might-y God and Fa- there.


Lamb of God,
Son of the Fa- then, you take a-way the

sins of the world,
have mer- dy on us; you take a- way the

sins of the world, re- ceive our prayer, you are seat- ed at

the right hand of the Fa- then, have mere- dy on us.


For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a- lone are the Most High Je- sus Christ, with the


Ho- ly Spir- it, in the glo- ry of God the Fa-ther, A-
men.

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# An Antiphon based on the Prodigal Son Parable Appropriate for a Penance Service Based on the 8th mode psalm tone 


8. Dix- it Do-mi-nus Do-mi-no me- o: se- de a dex-tris me- is.

## As found in the Graduale Romanum:



This antiphon is found on page 95 of the Graduale Romanum as a Communion antiphon. It is based on the Latin psalm tone for the 8th mode. In fact, it uses the intonation and the final cadence of the psalm tone three times to produce the antiphon!


The text of both the Latin and the English versions should first be spoken with great intensity and feeling according to the meaning of each phrase (e.g.: now pleading with the elder son, now full of sorrow for what was the "death" of the younger son, now with great joy for finding him and finding him alive!). Only then should one begin to practice singing the actual melody of the antiphons. When there is more than one note on a syllable, move quickly to the last note, unless there is a sign on a note that indicates some lengthening.

The 8th mode psalm tone should be used for the psalm verses to be inserted between each repeat of the antiphon. If used during the distribution of Communion, it makes a great meditation on what our attitude should be toward the others who are also going to Communion with us! At a Penance Service it could be used to set the mood and theme for reading and homily that will be given.


THE FOUR BASIC MODES IN ONE ANTIPHON
The Communion Antiphon Comedite pinguia,
The structure pitches of the antiphon:


Co- me- di- te pin- gui- a, et bi-bi- te mul-sum,
( $6^{\text {th }}$ mode)

et mit- ti- te par- tes e- is qui non prae- pa- ra- ve- runt si- bi: ( $4^{\text {th }}$ mode )

sanc- tus e- nim di- es Do-mi- ni est, no- li- te con- tri- sta- ri: ( $1^{\text {st }}$ mode)

gau- di- um et- e-nim Do-mi- ni est for- ti- tu- do no- stra. ( $8^{\text {th }}$ mode)
The original ornamented antiphon:


Co-me- di-te pin- gui-a, et bi- bi-te mul- sum,

et mit- ti- te par-tes e- is qui non prae- pa- ra- ve- runt si- bi:

sanc- tus e- nim di- es Do-mi- ni est, no- li- te con- tri- sta- ri:

gau- di- um et- e- nim Do-mi- ni est for- ti- tu- do no- stra.

## THE ORIGINAL NOTATION


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## Communion antiphon Comedite pinguia, in E 121

## THE NOTATION IN THE GRADUALE TRIPLEX



Communion antiphon Comedite, in Graduale Triplex, p. 268

AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE SETTING
Comedite pinguia
(Cf. Gradual triplex, p. 268)

8. O come and eat rich foods and drink sweet wine.

and send a share to those who have pre-pared noth-ing

for them- selves. For this day is sac- red to the Lord our


God, do not give way to sad- ness, for the joy of the


Lord is our strength.

## A SIMPLE VERSION



O come and eat rich foods and drink sweet wine.

and send a share to those who have pre-pared noth- ing

for them-selves. For this day is sac-red to the Lord

our God. Do not give way to sad-ness, for the joy of the


Lord is our strength.
Congregational refrain:


Come and eat, for the joy of the Lord is our strength!


English Antiphon from the new Roman Missal Mt 21:9


HO-SAN-NA to the Son of Da-vid! * Bless-ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord, The King of Is- ra- el: Ho-san-na

in the high- est.

## In paradisum (Latin \& English)



- advéntu susci-pi- ant te Marty-res, et perdú-cant te in

ci-vi-tá-tem sanctam Je-rú-sa-lem. Cho-rus Ange-lórum te

nam há-be- as requi- em.

may the mar-tyrs come to wel-come you on your way,

and lead you in-to the ho-ly cit-y, Je - ru-sa-lem. May

the choir of an-gels wel-come you, and with La-za-rus

who once was poor, may you have ev-er-last-ing rest.


## COMMUNION

## Lux aeterna


8. May e- ter- nal light shine u -pon them, O Lord, in

the com- pan- $y$ of your saints for e-ter-ni-ty, for

you are full of goodness.

PUER NATUS EST NOBIS
Introit for the Third Mass of Christmas
GT 47-48
The Structure Pitches


Pu- er na- tus est no-bis et fi- li- us da-tus est no-bis:

cu- ius im-per- i- um su-per hu-me-rum e- ius:

et vo-ca-bi- tur no-men e- ius


Magn- i con- si- li- i An- ge- hus.
Embellishments for the word ecus:

é- rus

(nómen) é- us

(húmerum) é-
jus

The greater embellishment is used for the ecus (his) of the more important word humerum (his shoulder). This little infant carries the entire universe on his [little] shoulder!

## Purr natus est (GT 47-48)



Dómi-no cánti-cum nô-vum: quill a mi-ra-bi- li- a fe" citam


## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Entrance Antiphon



To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trust- ed;

let me not be put to shame. Nor let my e- ne-mies ex-ult o-ver me;

and let none who hope in you be put to shame.
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## The Latin original as found in the Graduate Triplex, page 15

The neumes above the staff are from the Manuscript Lain 239 (circa 920 AD) The neume below the staff are from the Manuscript Einsiedieln 121 (circa 970 Ad)


The square notes on the staff give us the exact pitches and basic grouping of the notes of the melody. The neume designs above and below the staff show us rhythmic nuances of the forward flow of the melody as might be indicated by a conductor's hand gestures for the singers to follow.


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O you, O Lord I lift up my soul
O my God
I put

my trust in you. Make me know your ways and teach me to walk

in your truth, O Lord my God, I wait and hope for you alone

do not con-found me in my ex-pec-ta- ion.

The Communion Antiphon for the Christmas Midnight Mass


Speak the text with great energy and a sense of excitement: "i-----N aspen- dor - $\boldsymbol{i}$ - bu-----s etc. Then sing the melody with the same rhythm and expression.
The neumes above and below the staff are a director's gestures to get you to sing it that way!



Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in__ the high - est.

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