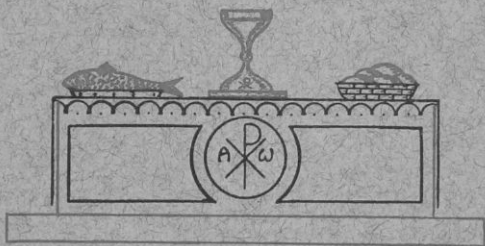
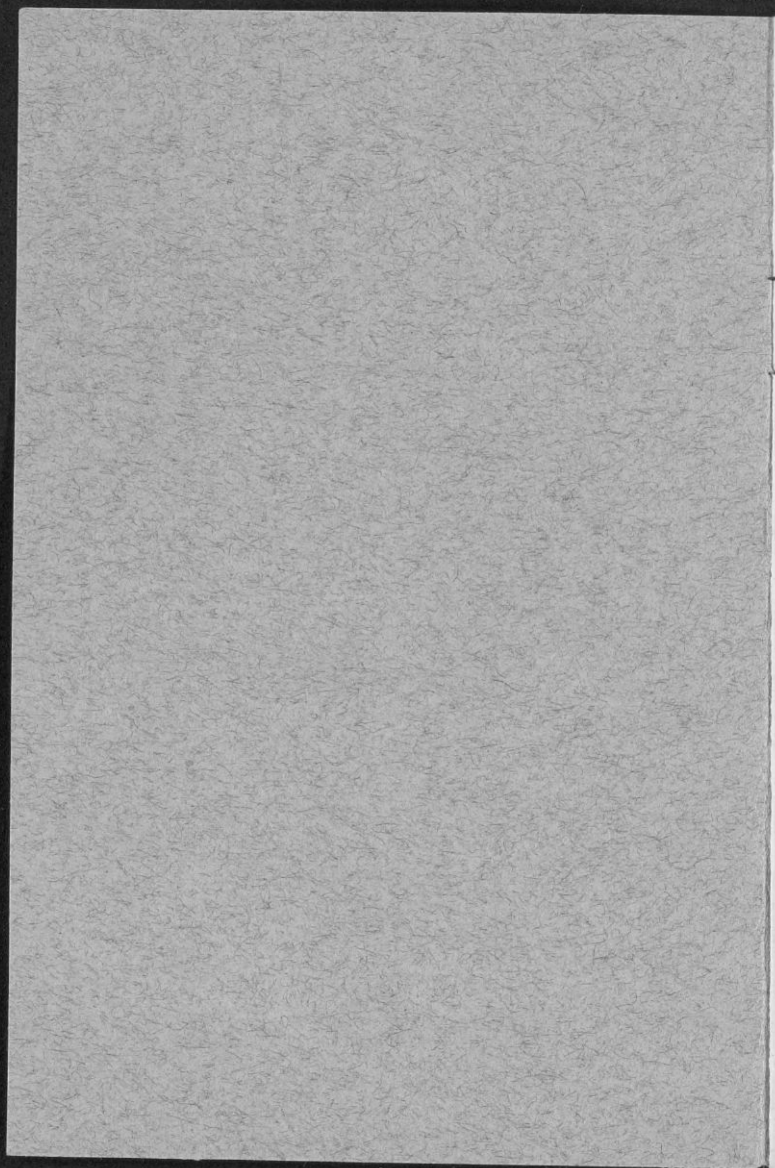


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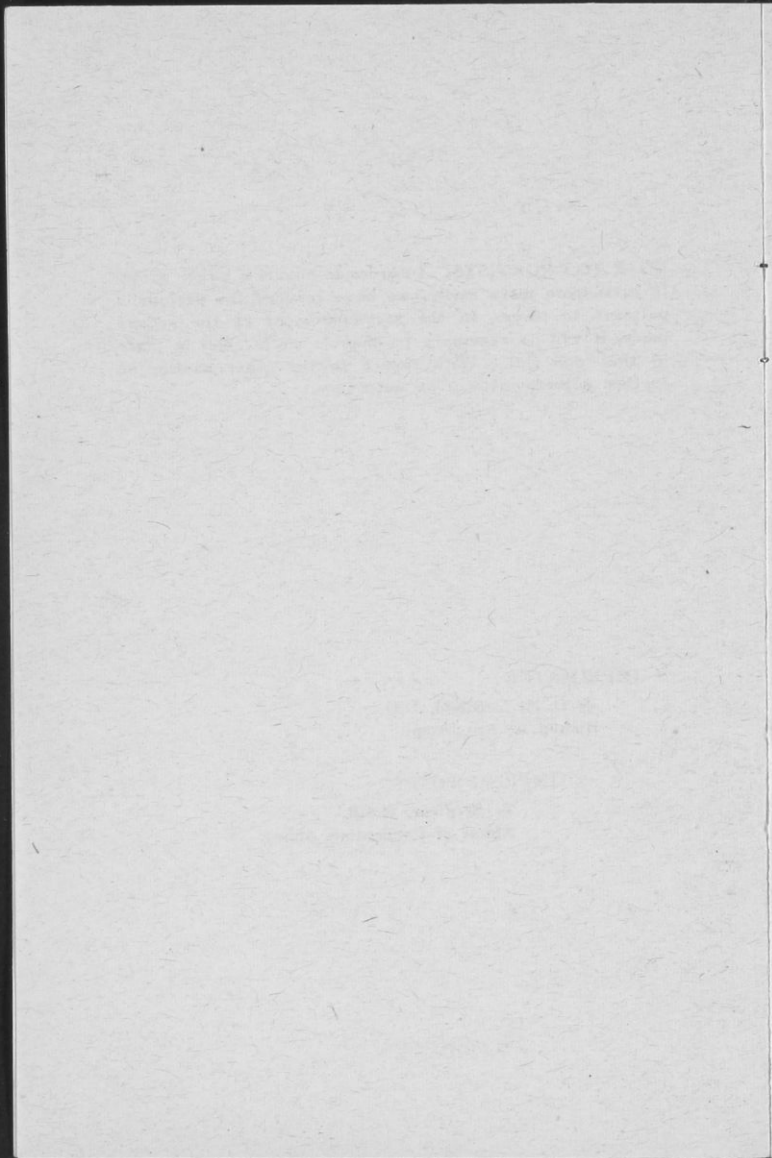
**NOTE TO ORGANISTS:** In order to enable a larger group to participate more easily, we have reduced the psalmodic patterns to three. In the accompaniment of the second mode, it will be necessary to imagine a "fa" clef in place of the "do" clef. With regard to the other modes, no further adjustment will be necessary.

**IMPRIMATUR**

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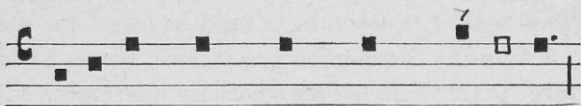




This booklet is designed to serve as a text for song during the communion procession. Verses of the three psalms selected may be sung alternately with the communion antiphon. In each case the mode of the antiphon will determine the psalm to be used.

The Eucharist is the plan conceived by the Son of God Himself to unite us with God and with each other. Individualism, individualism in our devotion, individualism even in our attitude toward the Eucharist, the symbol and bond of our unity in the one Mystical Body, too often thwarts its full effect. The joy and solidarity of eucharistic unity, which finds its highest expression in common song, is in turn deepened and strengthened by common song. The psalms are the most treasured songs of the Church, Gregorian chants her most treasured melodies. Hence this little booklet. We hope that it may make some contribution to the realization of the earnest plea of our Holy Father "that at last men should allow the Eucharist to work, particularly as root and principle of unity, recalling all to their obligation of loving each other, of uniting as brothers, insofar as they wish to appear before the same Altar, offer the same Offering, drink from the same Chalice, eat of the same Bread, and adore in common prayer: 'My Sacrifice and yours.'"

Modes 2, 3, 5, and 8:



## PSALM 33

(first half of verse)

**B**ENEDICAM Dominum in omni TEMpore

Blessing God with song unceasing,

**In Domino** laudabitur anima MEa

I invite all loving spirits

**Magnificate Dominum** MECum

Our good Lord with me exalting,

**Exquisivi Dominum, et exauD**ivit me

When I call in tribulation,

**Accedite ad eum et illumiN**Amini

Come to Him and be illumined,

**Iste pauper clamavit et Dominus exaudivit Eum**

Poor we are, but He has heard us,

**Immittet Angelus Domini in circuitu timentium**

Round His loved ones angels rally,

**Eum**

**Gustate et videte, quoniam suavis est D**ominus

Taste and see God's unmatched sweetness,

**Timete Dominum omnes sancti E**jus

All those hands you raise in worship

**Divites eguerunt et esuriE**runt

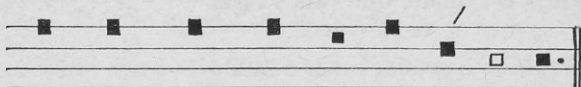
Pride from Him shall go forth empty,

**Venite filii, auD**ite me

Come, my sons, to Me and hear Me,



Modes 2, 3, 5, and 8:



### PSALM 33

(second half of verse)

**semper laus ejus in Ore MEo.**

Mid all change of time and weather,

**audiant mansueti ET laeTENTur.**

Let no chain our gladness tether:

**et exaltemus nomen ejus IN idIPsum.**

Let us all praise Him together.

**et ex omnibus tribulationibus meis eRipuIT me.**

Me He frees without delusion;

**et facies vestrae non CONFUNDENTur.**

From your faces drive confusion:

**et de omnibus tribulationibus ejus salVAVit**

Foes are strong, but He will catch them; **Eum**

**et eriPIet Eos.**

Bright with sword from foes to snatch them.

**beatus vir, qui speRAT in Eo.**

All His sons with trust surrounding;

**quoniam non est inopia timentIBus Eum.**

He will fill with good abounding:

**inquirentes autem Dominum non minuentur**

To the humble wealth redounding. **OMni BONO.**

**timorem DomiNI doCEbo vos.**

How to love Me I will teach you;

**PSALM 33 cont'd**

**Quis est homo, qui vult Vitam**

How by goodness death escaping

**Prohibe linguam tuam a MALo**

Let thy tongue speak naught of evil

**Diverte a malo, et fac BONum**

Turn from evil, live in goodness,

**Oculi Domini super JUSTos**

Mine eyes gaze down on just in goodness

**Vultus autem Domini super facientes MALa**

My frown on those whose joy is evil,

**Clamaverunt justi, et Dominus exaudivit Eos**

The just cry out, and God e'er hears them,

**Juxta est Dominus iis, qui tribulato sunt CORde**

The Lord is nigh when hearts are troubled,

**Multae tribulationes juSTORum**

Many the trials of those who live in goodness,

**Custodit Dominus omnia ossa eORum**

The Lord stands guard when loved ones are in danger,

**Mors peccatorum PESSima**

How wretched is the death-hour of the wicked,

**Redimet Dominus animas servorum suORum**

From such dire stroke God keeps His faithful servants,

**Gloria Patri et Filio**

To Father and to Son be glory,

**Sicut erat in principio et nunc et SEMper**

As in the beginning, so now, and in eternal ages.

PSALM 33 cont'd

**diligit dies vidERE BONos?**

Ripe and good old age may reach you:

**et labia tua ne loQUANTur DOLum.**

Lips that lie shall surely rue it,

**inquire pacem, et perseQUERE Eam.**

Follow peace, and close pursue it.

**et aures ejus in preCES eORum.**

Their cry ne'er finds Mine ears disdainng:

**ut perdat de terra memoriAM eORum.**

Of them no memory on earth remaining:

**et ex omnibus tribulationibus eorum libeRAvit**

From Him in need comes liberation;

**Eos.**

**et humiles spiriTU salVAbit.**

No humble soul can miss salvation.

**et de omnibus his liberabit Eos DOMinus.**

In God they ever find commiseration.

**unum ex his non CONTeREtur.**

No bone of theirs shall e'er be broken:

**et qui oderunt juSTUM, deLINquent.**

God's wrath sends evil end as token:

**et non delinquent omnes qui speRANT in Eo.**

Of them shall ne'er the fatal word be spoken.

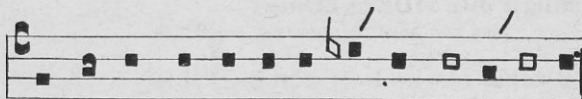
**et SpiriTUi SANCTo**

And to the Holy Spirit

**et in saecula saecuLORum. Amen.**

World without end. Amen.

Modes 1, 4, and 6.



## PSALM 112

### **L**AUDATE PUeri DOMinum

Sing to the Lord, ye children,

### Sit nomen Domini **B**ENEDICTum

Sing to His name all blessed

### **A** solis ortu usque **A**D ocCAsum

From sunrise unto sunset

### **Exc**elsus super omnes **G**ENTes **D**OMinus

On high above all nations

### **Q**uis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui in **A**LTis **H**ABitat

Who like this God, our Master, who dwells above  
the heavens:

### **S**uscitans a **T**ERRa **I**Nopem

Beggar He lifts from dustheap

### **U**t collocet eum **C**UM prinCipibus

To seat him with His princes,

### **Q**ui habitare facit steri**L**EM in **D**OMo

And she, once barren mother,

### **G**loria **P**ATri et **F**ILio

To Father and to Son be glory,

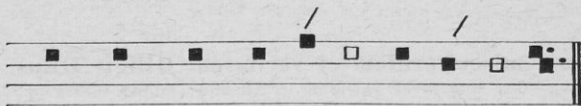
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Mode 7:



## PSALM 83

**concupiscit et deficit anima mea in Atria  
Domi.**

How loves my longing soul Thy courts life-giving;

**exultaverunt in DEum VIvum.**

Leap up in song to God the ever living:

**et turtur nidum sibi, ubi ponat PULlos SUos.**

Like turtle-dove a nest for her brood thronging;

**Rex meus et DEus MEus.**

O King forever mine, God of my longing.

**in saecula saecuLorum lauDAbunt te.**

Who sing Thy songs forever and forever:

**in Loco quem POSuit.**

From vale of tears to God of his endeavor.

**videbitur Deus deOrum in Sion.**

Until at Sion's gates he sees the vision:

**auribus percipe DEus JACob.**

O God of Jacob, hear and make provision.

**et respice in faciem CHRisti TUI.**

Look here upon the face of Thine Anointed:

**SUper MILlia.**

Than thousand days elsewhere in world appointed.

**Elegi abjectus esse in domo DEi MEi**

In God's dear house to be the least I've chosen,

**Quia misericordiam et veritatem Diligit DEus**

Our God loves shielding truth and shining mercy,

**Non privabit bonis eos qui ambulant in  
INnoCENTia**

No grace He them denies who walk in goodness,

**Gloria PATri et FILio**

To Father and to Son be glory,

**Sicut erat in principio et NUNC et SEMper**

As in the beginning, so now, and in eternal ages.



**magis quam habitare in tabernaculis  
PECcATORum.**

Than there where sinners dwell e'er disappointed.

**gratiam et gloriam Dabit Dominus.**

Glory streams forth from Him and grace abiding.

**Domine virtutum beatus homo, qui SPERat IN te.**

Blessed the man with heart in Thee confiding.

**et SpiRItui SANcTo**

and to the Holy Spirit

**et in saecula saecuLORum. Amen.**

World without end. Amen.

