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Jesuits - Servants of Joy

29th of October 2016

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GC 36 - Rowing into the deep

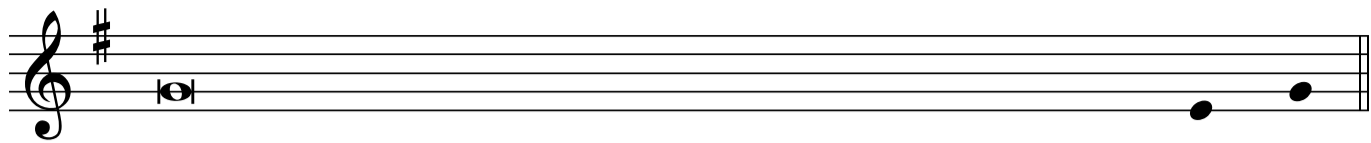
INVITATORY

The king-dom of God is jus-tice and peace and
joy in the Ho-ly Spi-rit. Come, Lord, and
o-pen in us the gates of your king-dom. The

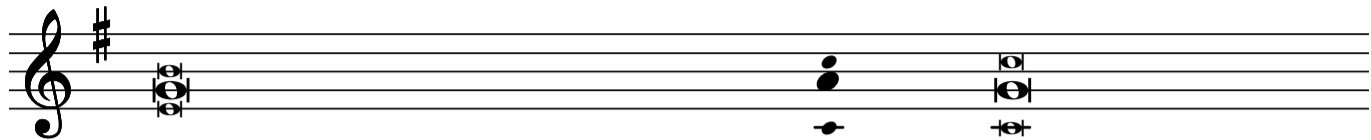
Chords: Em, C, Am, D, G, D, C, C⁶, D, G, C, Em, Am, G/H, D, Hm, Em, C⁶, D, G

Cant: O God, come to my as - si - stance.

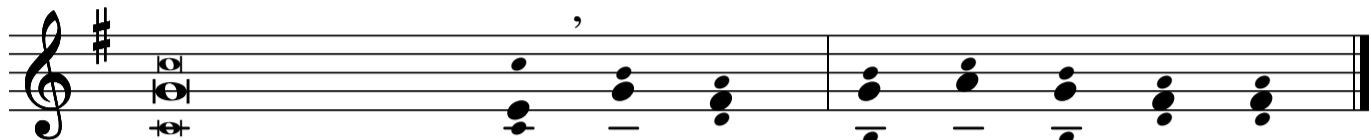
All: O Lord, make haste to help us.



Cant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spirit.



All: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:



world without end. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia.

PSALM 30



All: Al-le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Cele: I praise you, LORD, for you raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

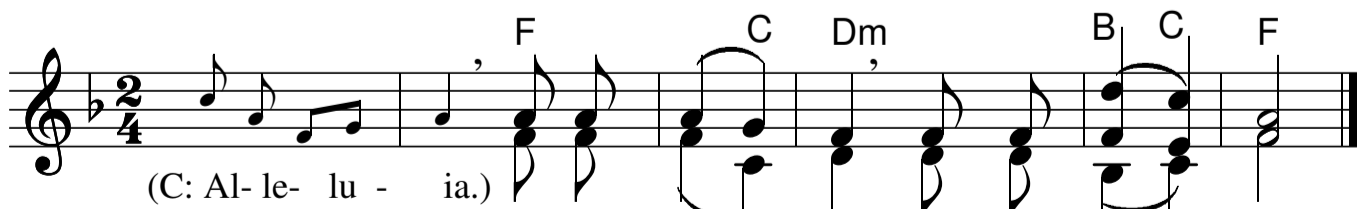
All: O LORD, my God, I cried out to you for help and you healed me.

Cele: LORD, you brought my soul up from Sheol; you let me live, from going down to the pit.

All: Sing praise to the LORD, you faithful; give thanks to his holy memory.

Cele: For his anger lasts but a moment; his favor a lifetime.

All: At dusk weeping comes for the night; but at dawn there is rejoicing.



All: Al-le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Cele: Complacent, I once said, "I shall never be shaken."
All: LORD, you showed me favor, established for me mountains of virtue.
Cele: But when you hid your face I was struck with terror.
All: To you, LORD, I cried out; with the Lord I pleaded for mercy:
Cele: "What gain is there from my lifeblood, from my going down to the grave?
All: Does dust give you thanks or declare your faithfulness?
Cele: Hear, O LORD, have mercy on me; LORD, be my helper."
All: You changed my mourning into dancing; you took off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.
Cele: So that my glory may praise you and not be silent. O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

(C: Al-le-lu-ia.)
All: Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

IGNATIANA

Pope Francis said to us at the beginning of this week: "The Jesuit is a servant of the joy of the Gospel." and "The Good News ought not to be given with a sad face, but rather, with joy!" Furthermore he said: "Joy is not only decorative, it is also a clear indicator of grace, it shows that love is active, working and present." But how do we find this deep Joy?

Pope Francis explains it in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, where he emphasizes that the source of joy is only the perpetual encounter with the living God:

"Thanks solely to this encounter - or renewed encounter - with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being. Here we find the source and inspiration of all our efforts at evangelization."

Evangelii Gaudium, 8.

So we need to contemplate on the joy God has first for all for us.

SCRIPTURE

“Do not fear, Zion, do not be discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior, who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, who will sing joyfully because of you.”

Zeph 3:16-17

SILENCE

Contemplate on the joy God has for you.

SONG

*First Cantor
Than All
Than in Groups as Canon*

1. G C D⁷ G 2.

Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat

3.

a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num. Ma - gni - fi - cat,

4.

ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Cele: Let us pray together

All: God of all Consolation and Source of all true life, we praise you for you gave us everything in the coming of Jesus Christ, he, your incarnate mercy!

Save us from narrowness and self-absorption.

Grant us the grace

of the discernment of Spirits to discover the difference between long lasting joys and transient joys.

Grant us us the grace

of love, broadmindedness and magnanimity.

Grant us the grace

of consolation and joy.

So that we may be true and faithful Servants of your gospel with a heart filled with your love and with a face radiating the joy of your resurrection.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

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