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Saint Alphonsus Rodríguez

For our Brothers

31st of October 2016

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GC 36 - Rowing into the deep

INVITATORY



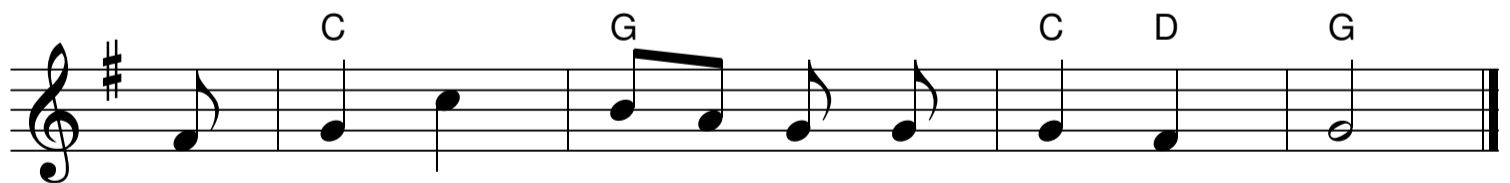
Cant: Tous les peu-ples, cé - lé - brez le Sei-gneur,
Cant: Cher-chez Dieu et trou-vez - le en tou-te chose,
Cant: A - van - cez a - vec la force des fra - giles,
Secre.-S: Par - ta - gez la joie de croire et de vivre,
Gene.-S: Choi - sis - sez d'ai-mer les Pauvres et les pe - tits,
All: Pro - cla - mez les mer - veilles du Sei-gneur,



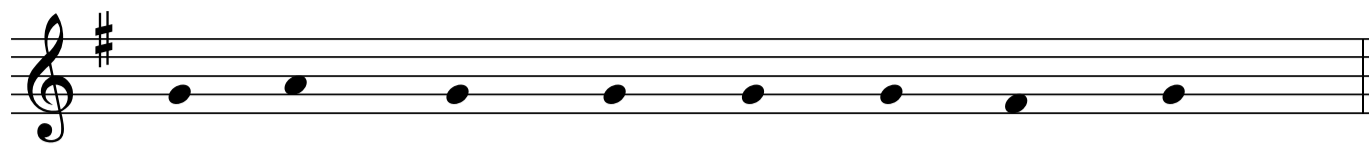
All: ad ma - jo - rem De - i glo - ri - am.



Cant: Tous les peu - ples, chan - tez sa lou - ange,
Cant: Cher-chez Dieu et ser - vez - le par - mi vos frères,
Cant: A - van - cez sur le che - min de l'É - van - gile,
Secre.-S: Par - ta - gez la vé - ri - té qui vous rend libre,
Gene.-S: Choi - sis - sez d'ouv - rir vos coeurs à l'in - fi - ni,
All: Pro - cla - mez ses ap - pels au bon - heur,



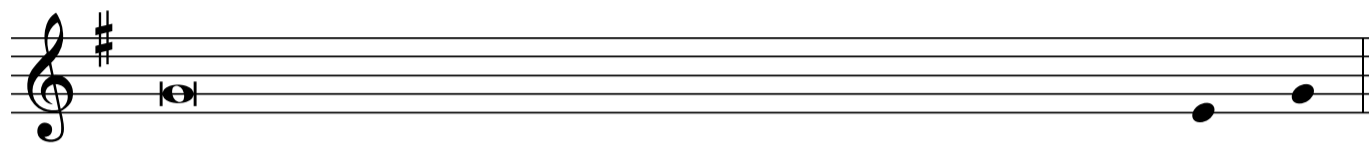
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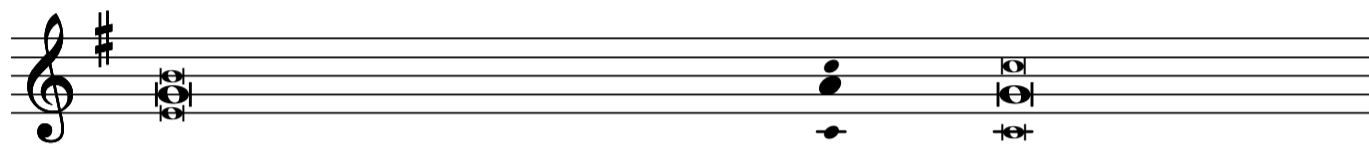
Cant: O God, come to my as - si - stance.



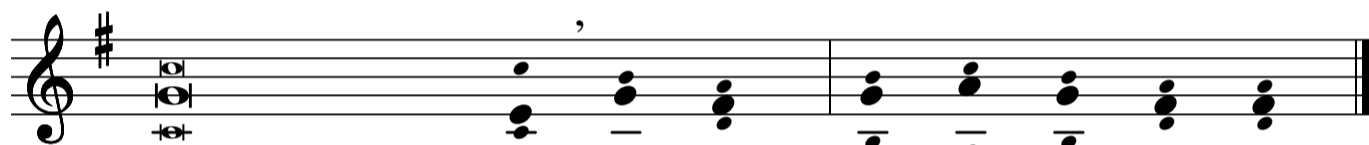
All: O Lord, make haste to help us.



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.

IGNATIANA

From the beginnings the Society had conceived of itself as a universal “body”. This Pauline metaphor *cf. 1 Cor. 12,12ff*, much loved by Saint Ignatius and used frequently in the Constitutions to refer to the entire Society, expressed his idea of our vocation as both one and diverse. *GC 34, D 7, 4*

On the Feast of our Saint Brother Alphonsus Ródríguez we pray especially for our Brothers. “The Society needs the brothers, first of all for themselves and then for their labours, for the sake of both its communities and its apostolates. They share in the same religious commitment and take on work that is complementary to that characteristic of priests, thus effectively helping the Society to achieve its one and only goal. Being all members of the same body, we complete and enrich one another so that we can imitate the way of life offered by the Son of God to the disciples who followed him.” *GC 33, D 1, 17*

PRAYER

Cele: Our Brothers, as members of the same body of the Society, enrich our common mission in the greater service of God and for the universal good. Let us praise to Lord as we sing:

All: Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num

om - nes gen - tes Al - le - lu - ja. Al - le - lu - ja.

Cele: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. *1 Cor 12,12-13* Let us praise the Lord:

All: **Laudate Dominum**

Cele: Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? *1 Cor 12,14-17* Let us praise the Lord:

All: **Laudate Dominum**

Cele: But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Now, you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. *1 Cor 12,18-21.27* Let us praise the Lord:

All: **Laudate Dominum**

Cele: Let us pray together:

All: We beg you, Lord, to always enrich our Society with the gift of our brothers. Today, everywhere in the world, they serve in our ministries and perform multiple tasks, which show the complementarity and diversity that characterizes our apostolic mission. Give us grace to live a true communion among all of us, members of the same body, and not to forget that „the most effective help to achieve this end comes from the interior law of charity and love that the Holy Spirit writes and imprints upon hearts.“ *Const., 134* We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENCE

SONG

C/A Ref: U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra:
 De - us i - bi est. De - us i - bi est.
Cant: The love of Christ joins us to - ge - ther. Let
 us re - joice in him, and in our love and
 care for all now love God in re - turn.

All: In true communion let us gather. / May all divisions cease / and in their place be Christ the Lord, / our risen Prince of Peace. **Ref. All:**

Cant: May we who gather at this table / to share the bread of life / become a sacrament of love, / your healing touch, O Christ. **Ref. All:**

All: For those in need make us your mercy, / for those oppressed, your might. / Make us, your Church, a holy sign / of justice and new life.

Ref. All:

All: May we one day behold your glory / and see you face to face, / rejoicing with the saints of God / to sing eternal praise. **Ref. All:**

Cele: Holy Mary, Mother of the Society of Jesus

All: pray for us

Cele: Father Ignatius

All: pray for us

Cele: Saint Alphonso Rodríguez

All: pray for us

Blessing

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