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Blessed Rupert Mayer

**Boldness - a fruit of deep
trust in the will of God**

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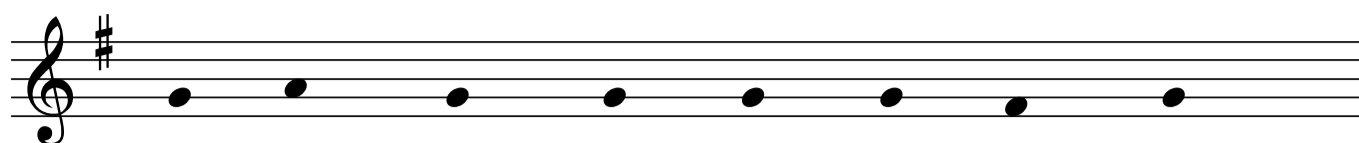
GC 36 - Rowing into the deep

INVITATORY

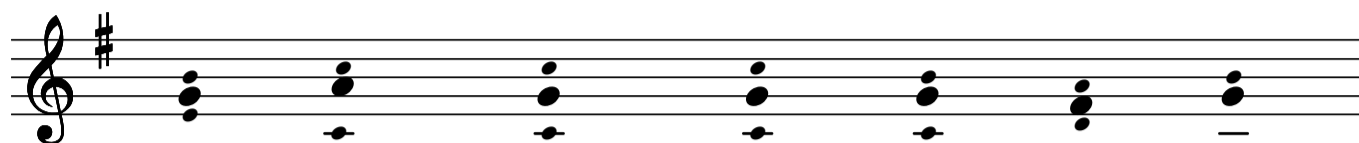
1. To see You more clear-ly, to love you more
2. ma-gis no-vis-se, te ma-gis a-

dearly to fol-low You more near-ly, we ask You, o
ma-re, et ma-gis te

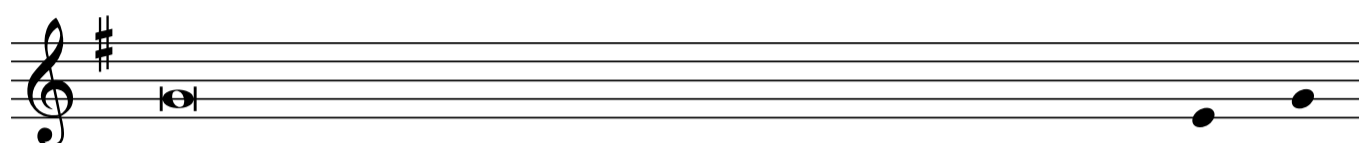
Lord.
2. Te se-qui, te Chris-te ro-ga-mus!



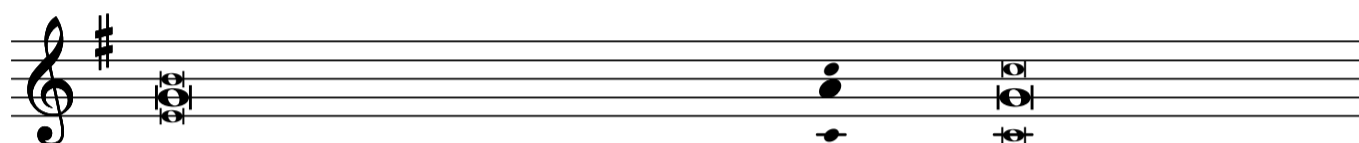
Cant: O God, come to my as - si - stance.



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

Today we celebrate Blessed Rupert Mayer, a German Jesuit who lived and worked mainly in Munich. In his town he was well known as helper of the poor, as a brave preacher against the Regime of the Nazis and as a defender of the freedom of the Church. For this he was arrested and imprisoned by the Gestapo, and then sent to a concentration camp. Later he was transferred to a benedictine monastery and placed under house arrest.

His boldness especially attracted men who came in huge crowds to listen to his sermons and to go to confession. After the war, in 1945, he resumed his work and while preaching at the Mass of All Saints, he suffered a stroke. Because he had a wooden leg (he lost one leg in the First World War) he did not fall. Later, people started to say: "Even death could not bring down Father Mayer!"

He is an example of courageous faith, deep hope and abundant love for the truth and for the people.

SCRIPTURE

In front of the leaders, elders, scribes and the high priest of Jerusalem, Peter said: "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

Observing the boldness of Peter and John and perceiving them to be uneducated, ordinary men, they were amazed, and they recognized them as the *companions of Jesus*.

Acts 4,12-13

PRAYER

Cele: Let us meditate on the favorite prayer of Father Rupert Mayer, the source of the same boldness with which Peter spoke:

Lord, what You will let it be so
Where You will there we will go
What is Your will help us to know

All: Because You will it, it is best
Because You will it, we are blest
Till in Your hands our hearts find rest

Cele: Lord, when You will the time is right
In You there's joy in strife
For Your will I'll give my life

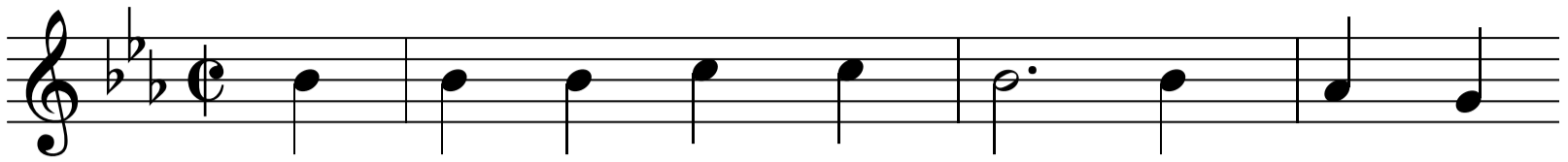
All: Because You will it, it is best
Because You will it, we are blest
Till in Your hands our hearts find rest

Cele: To ease Your burden brings no pain
To forego all for You is gain
As long as I in You remain

All: Because You will it, it is best
Because You will it, we are blest
Till in Your hands our hearts find rest

SILENCE

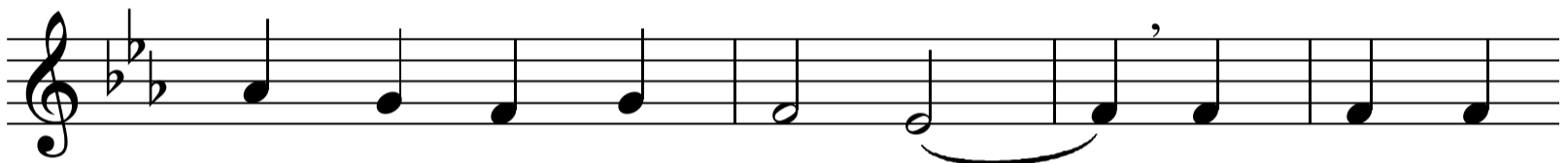
HYMN



General-S: Now thank we all our God with hearts and
Secret-S: O may this boun-teous God through all our
All: All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in



hands and voi - ces, who won-drous things has done, in
 life be near us, with ev - er joy - ful hearts and
 high - est heav-en, to Fa - ther and to Son and



whom his world re - joi - ces; who, from our
 bless - ed peace to cheer us; and keep us
 Spi - rit now be giv - en: the one e -



moth - er's arms has blessed us on our way with
 in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed, and
 ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore, the



count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Cele: Let us pray together

All: O God,
you made your priest Blessed Rupert
a steadfast confessor of the faith and a servant of the poor.
Through his intercession,
raise up in your Church fearless heralds of the Gospel,
and give us all a heart open to the needs of others.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

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