# GENERAL CONGREGATION 36 rome // 2016

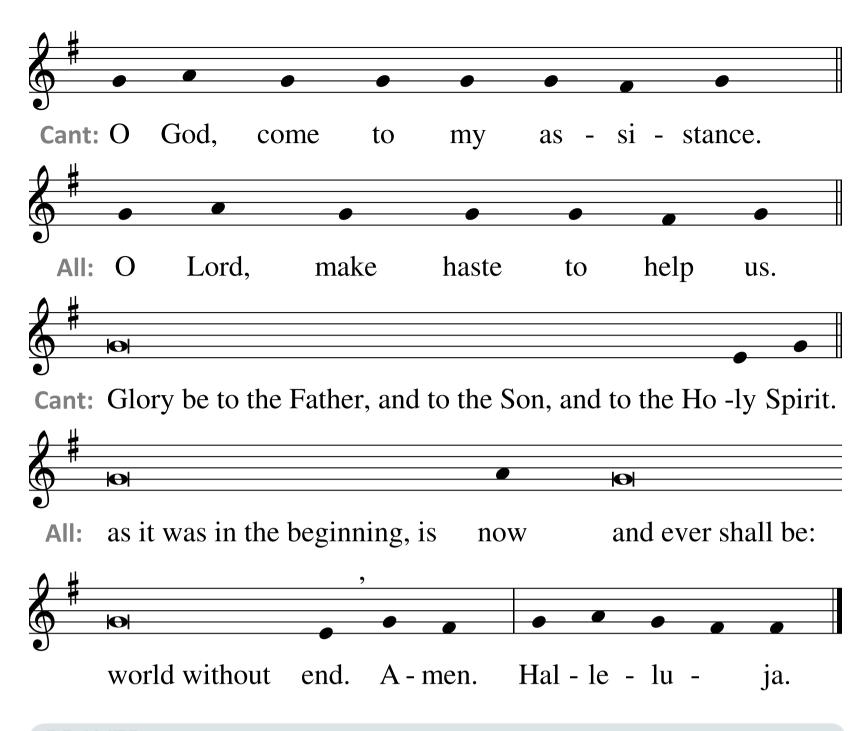




GC 36 - Rowing into the deep

# **INVITATORY**





# **PRAYER**

#### **Celebrant:**

Father, in the Holy Spirit, inflame the hearts of all your sons in the Society of Jesus with the fire that our three founding fathers, Ignatius, Francis Xavier and Peter Faber, drew from the Heart of Jesus, your Son, Our Lord, Saviour and King.

### All:

Give us, Lord, the wisdom of our **Father Ignatius** so that we may recognise - and respond to - the call of the Spirit in our lives, and his active presence in the vital and ever new challenges of your Kingdom and of your Church. Give each one of us Iñigo's vision and skill of inspiring and encouraging all involved in our apostolic mission.

#### Celebrant:

Give us, Lord, the ardent zeal of **Francis Xavier**, his readiness to take on ever new risks and challenges to spread the love of your Son Jesus, and bring the light of the Gospel on new shores, in new situations. May we also kindle it at the heart of our people's struggle in the face of injustice, poverty and exploitation.

#### All:

Give us, Lord, **Peter Faber's** fine sense of your ways in the hearts of all those we encounter. Give us his sensitive openness to friendship and gift of conversation with those of all languages, cultures and faiths, and even with those we might regard as opposed to us. As true Friends in the Lord, bind us together with bonds of acceptance, affection, encouragement and team spirit rooted in you.

#### **Celebrant:**

Mary, tender Mother and Queen of our three early companions and our Mother, too, spread the mantle of your love and mercy over each one of us, your sinful sons, our communities, all the friends who work by our side, and all those entrusted to us in any way.

#### All:

Mary, place us with your Son. Give us strength when we feel tempted to cowardice and mediocrity. Inspire us to ever more ardent generosity in our mission for God's people.

Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE**

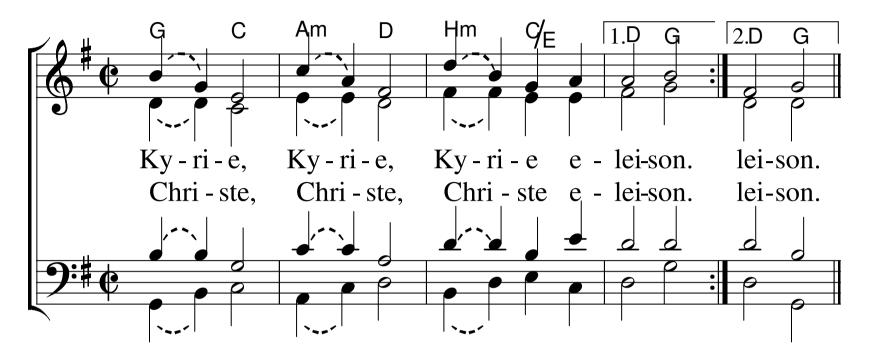
"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body." Col 3, 12-15

### **SILENCE**

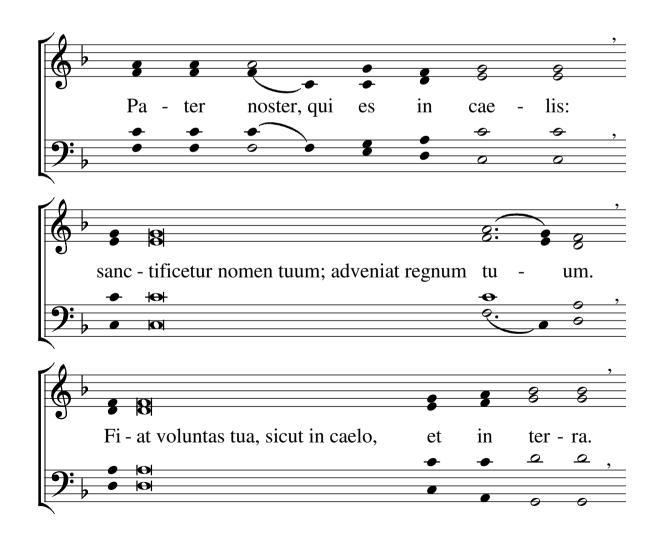
Let God move your heart.

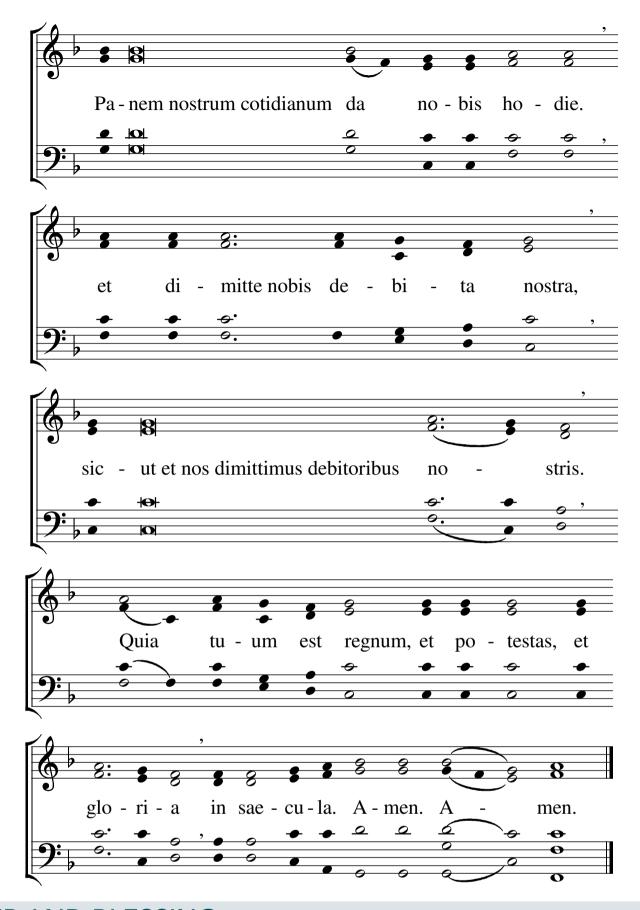
# **INTERCESSION**

Whoever wishes is invited to say in his mother tongue a **short** intercession. After each prayer we will sing:



# **OUR FATHER**





# PRAYER AND BLESSING

Celebrant: Holy Mary, Mother of the Society of Jesus All: pray for us

Father Ignatius

Saint Francis Xavier

Saint Peter Faber

#### **Celebrant:**

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has shown us such love, and whose grace has given us such unfailing encouragement and such bright hope, still encourage and fortify us in every good deed and word.

All: Amen.

# **Blessing**

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