When the stripping is finished, the verse of the psalm that the congregation is chanting is completed, and then the Celebrant chants the closing antiphon.

Antiphon



P: THEY DI- || vide My garments a- | mong | them, *
P: And for My clothing | they | cast | lots.

Silent Prayer

Leave in Silence

After everyone has left, or at a convenient time before Good Friday Divine Service, the altar, pulpit and lectern are washed by the clergy.

The Rite of Stripping of the Altar

The Service concludes with the Benedicamus, there is no Benediction, then the Celebrant chants the Antiphon and the first half of the first verse of Psalm 22, then the congregation continues the chanting of the rest of the psalm.

The Celebrant strips the Altar. The communion vessels are removed first, followed by the altar cross, missal stand, altar candles, altar paraments, pulpit and lectern paraments, chancel candles and candle stands, chancel banners, chancel flowers, and any other items of liturgical use or adornment remaining in the chancel.

If the psalm ends before the stripping of the Altar is finished, the psalm is repeated until the stripping is finished.

When the stripping is finished, the verse of the psalm that the congregation is chanting is completed, and then the Celebrant chants the closing antiphon.

Afterwards, everyone leaves in silence.

Antiphon



P: THEY DI- || vide My garments a- | mong | them, *
P: And for My clothing | they | cast | lots.

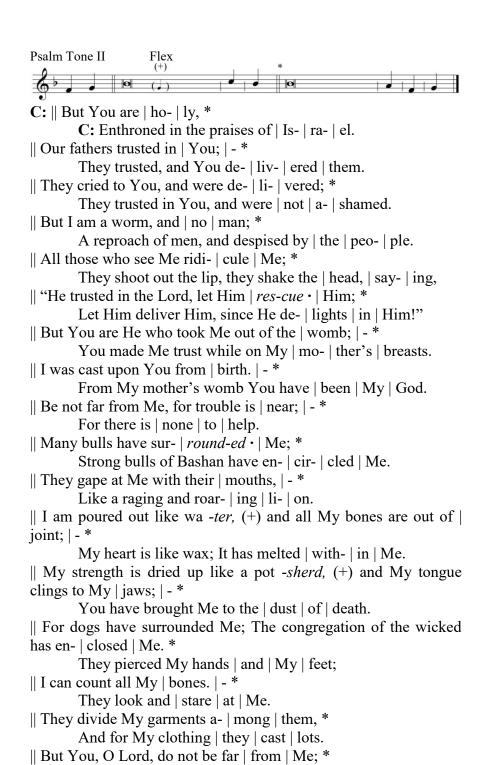
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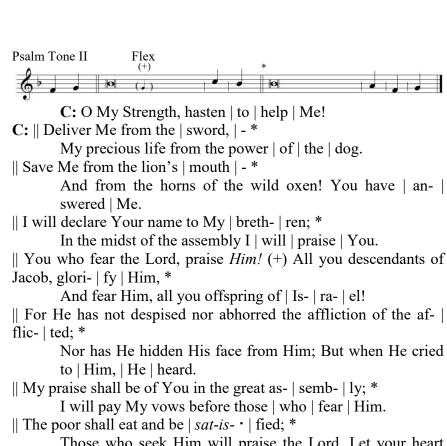


P: || My God, My God, why have You for- | sa-ken · | Me? *

C: Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of | My | groan- | ing?

C: || O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not | hear; | - * C: And in the night season, and am | not | si- | lent.





Those who seek Him will praise the Lord. Let your heart live | for- | ev- | er!

 \parallel All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the \mid Lord, \mid - *

And all the families of the nations shall worship | be- | fore | You.

 \parallel For the kingdom is the \mid Lord's, \mid - *

And He rules over | the | na- | tions.

|| All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and | wor- | ship; *

All those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep him- | self | a- | live.

|| A posterity shall | serve | Him. *

It will be recounted of the Lord to the next gen- | er- | a- | tion,

 \parallel They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be \mid born, \mid - *

That He | has | done | this.

Repeat Psalm as many times as is necessary