PROCESSIO IN FESTO NOMINIS IESU

PROCESSION FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS ACCORDING TO THE USE OF SALISBURY

FULL TEXT



ST TEILO'S CHURCH 13-15 SEPTEMBER, 2011

Before the Procession, the following items are prepared

Holy Water Bucket with holy water and sprinkler Processional cross Two portable candles Thurible with incense boat Missal

Participants and robes

Sexton (or assistant) with Virge

Crucifer with cross

Cassock and surplice

Cassocks and surplices

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Alb and amice

Clerk (bearing the Missal)

Alb, amice, tunicle

Alb, amice and cope

Singers Cassocks and surplices

The singers assemble in the chancel

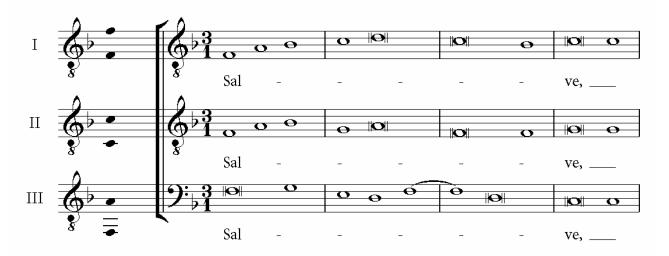
The clergy and assistants assemble in the Gronow chapel, and enter the chancel in the order above, moving to the western end, near the singers. They turn to the east and face the altar.

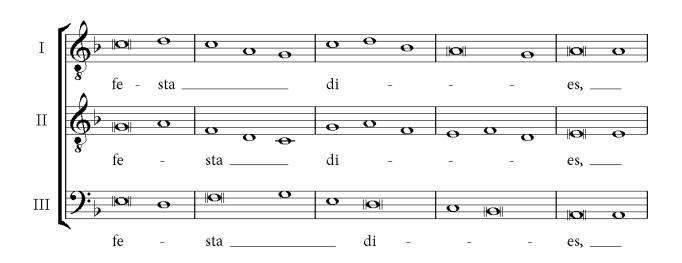
The thurifer goes to the priest, who stokes the thurible, and blesses the incense. The thurifer then resumes his place in the procession.

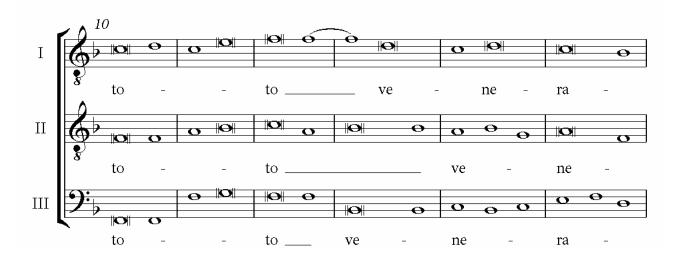
The singers face east, and begin the polyphonic refrain of the processional prose. All remain facing east until the polyphony in finished.

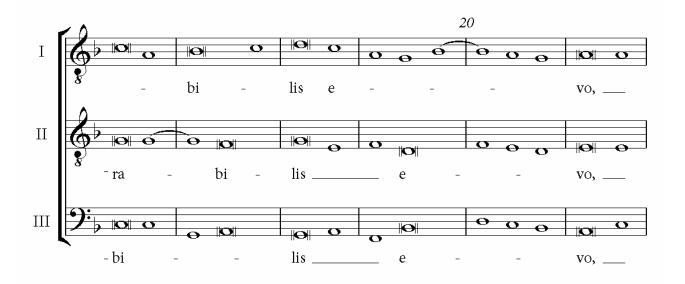
Salve Festa Dies (Ritson MS, f.122)

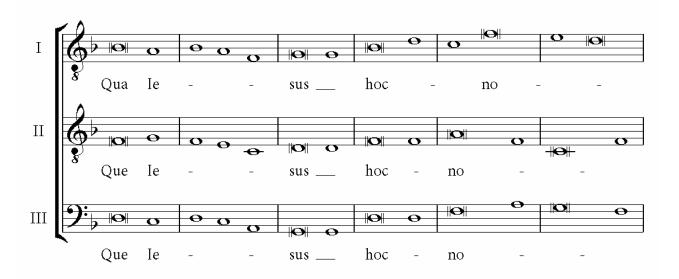
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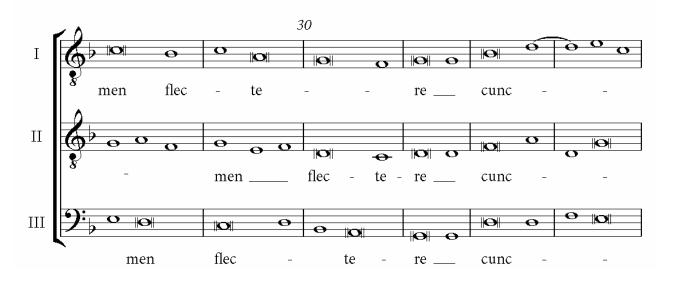


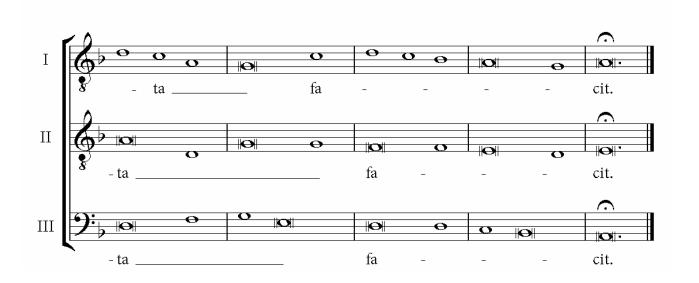








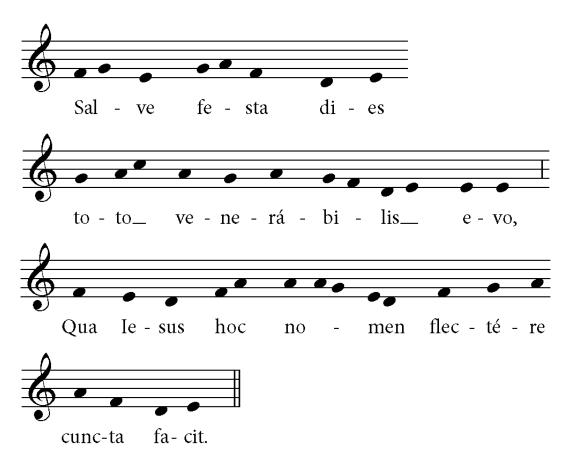


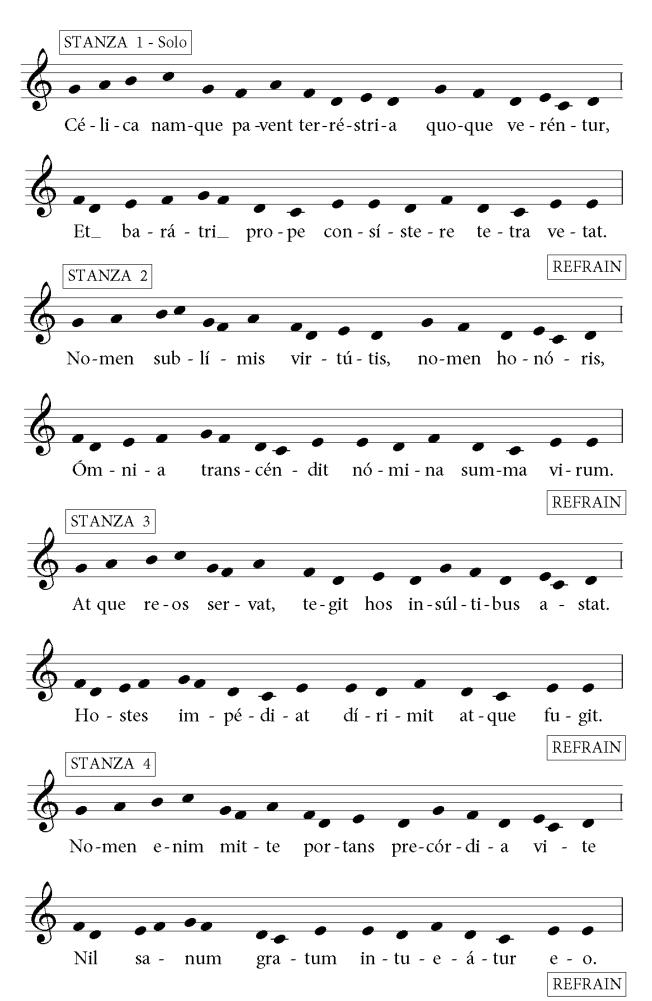


When the polyphony is finished, the plainchant melody of the prose is sung. This is the signal for the beginning of the procession.

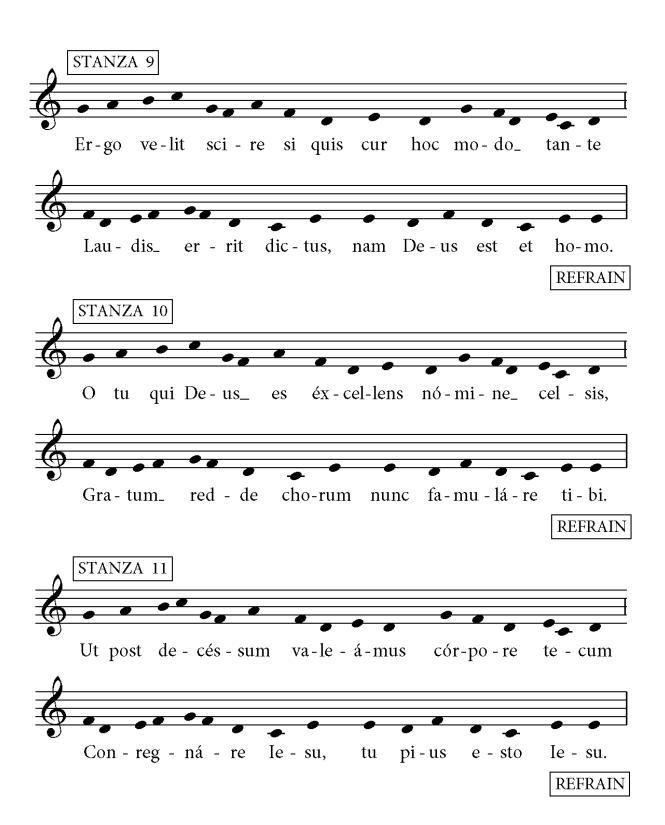
All bow to the altar (except those with cross or candles), and turn to the west. The procession leaves the chancel, turns first into the south aisle, and then into the nave. The procession halts before the rood screen, until the prose is finished.

Processional prose: refrain



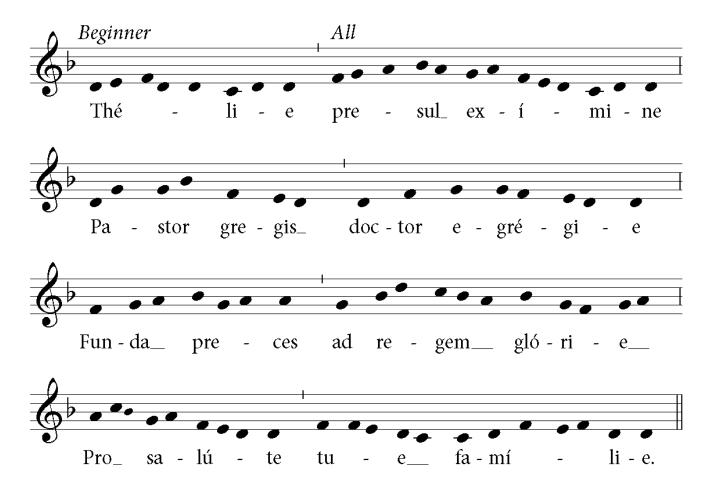






After the prose, the singers begin the Antiphon in honour of the patron saint of the church, St Teilo. As it is sung, the procession moves into the chancel.

Antiphon in honour of St Teilo



On entering the chancel,

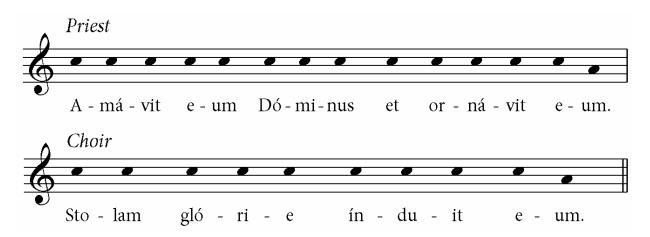
the verger and the water boy go to the left side, near the altar step; the crucifer goes to the right side, near the altar step; the taperers stand one on each side, behind and inside those above; the thurifer goes to the left side, behind the taperer on that side; the clerk takes the Missal to the altar, sets it down on the right side, and opens it at this page, then steps back and stands on the right side.

The priest goes to the right side of the altar to sing the versicle and collect.

The singers go to their places, as before.

When the antiphon is finished, and all are in their places, the priest continues:

Versicle and Response



Collect

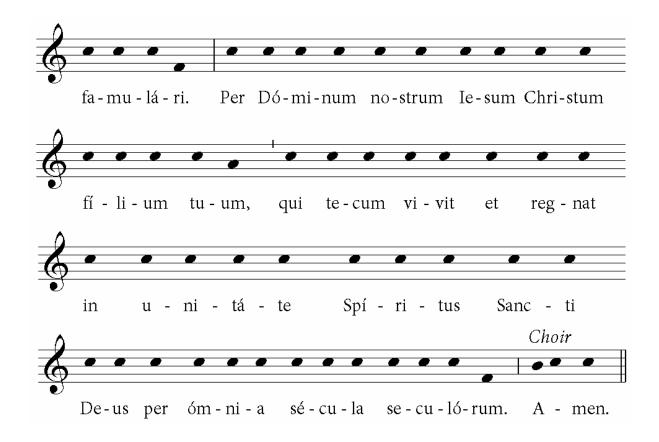
The priest turns to the people and sings:



The priest turns back to face east for the collect.



Deus, qui beátum Théliam confessórem tuum precípuum, cathóliceque fídei predicatórem elígere dignátus es: presta quésumus ut ipso pro nobis intercedénte peccatórum nostrórum malis mereámus éxui et tibi Dómino sincéris méntibus →



The priest closes the Missal, moves to the centre of the altar, and all bow with him.

The verger and water boy lead the way back into the Gronow chapel, followed by crucifer, taperers, thurifer, clerk and priest.

The clerk and the priest prepare for the Mass.

The other assistants put away the bucket, cross, candles and thurible, and remove their robes in readiness for the Mass.

The singers remove their robes and prepare for the Mass.

About the Procession

This procession for the Feast of the Holy Name follows the order set down for double feasts falling on a weekday in the Use of Salisbury. There is therefore no blessing of salt and water, no aspersion of the altars or the people, and no bidding prayers before the rood: these are all rites for Sunday. As in so many churches it is impossible either to staff the procession as it would have been at Salisbury or to follow the original route around the church and cloisters. This procession at St Teilo's is therefore simpler on both counts.

Although the Use of Salisbury specifies an antiphon of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the end of the procession, such an antiphon should properly be of the patron saint of the church (and Salisbury Cathedral is dedicated to St Mary). Here, therefore, the antiphon, versicle and collect are those of St Teilo.

The words of the antiphon 'Thelie presul eximine', versicle 'Amavit' and collect 'Deus qui beatum Theliam' are found in John of Tynemouth's fourteenth-century *Sanctilogium Angliae*, *Walliae*, *Scotiae*, *et Hiberniae* (earliest copy, British Library, MS Cotton Tiberius E.1). The collect appears to be closely related to that for St Basil (for comparison, see Procter and Wordsworth, *Breviarum ad Usum Sarum*, vol 2, Cambridge, 1886, cols. 321-322).

No melody for the antiphon for St Teilo survives. This is therefore adapted (and abbreviated) from 'Salve Thoma virga iustitie', the Magnificat antiphon at Vespers in the Office of St Thomas of Canterbury, as found in the fourteenth-century Penpont Antiphonal (Aberystwyth, National Library of Wales, MS 20541 E). Comparable adaptations from this Office were made for St David in the same manuscript, and for St Thomas Cantilupe in the Use of Hereford.

This edition of the processional prose 'Salve festa dies' is based on the reading in *Processionale ad Usum Sarum* printed in Paris by Wolfgang Hopyl, and sold in London by Francis Byrckman, 1519. The polyphonic setting of the refrain comes from the Ritson MS (British Library, Add. MS 5665), probably compiled in Devon, and containing repertory from the second half of the fifteenth century to the early sixteenth century.