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POINING OF THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory | be • to the | Father, ■
and to the Son, | and • to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it | was in • the be|ginning, ■
is now and ever shall be, | world with • out | end. A | men.
or
Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ■
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, ■
and shall be for | ever. | A | men.

In the pointed canticles † indicates that the verse should be sung to the second part of an Anglican double chant.
1 VENITE  Psalm 95
1 O come let us sing out to the Lord; let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his face with thanksgiving and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth and the peaks of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his and he made it, his hands moulded dry land.
6 Come let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our maker.
7 For he is the Lord our God; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
8 Today if only you would hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the wilderness;
9 When your forebears tested me, put me to the proof though they had seen my works.
10 Forty years long I loathed that generation and said, It is a people who err in their hearts, for they do not know my ways;
11 Of whom I swore though my wrath, They shall not enter my rest.

Glory......

2 VENITE  Psalm 95  Traditional
1 O come let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth and the strength of the hills is also.  
5† The sea is his and he made it, and his hands prepared the dry land.  
6 O come let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
7 For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.  
8 Today if ye will hear his voice: harden not your hearts, as in the provocation and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;  
9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me and saw my works.  
10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways;  
11 Unto whom I sworn in my wrath, that they should not enter into my rest.  

3 JUBILATE Psalm 100  
1 O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.  
2 Know that the Lord he is God; it is he who has made us and we are his we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and bless his holy name.  
4 For the Lord is good his loving mercy is for ever, his faithfulness throughout all generations.  

Glory …
1 O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.

4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory.....

5 THE EASTER ANTHEMS

1 Corinthians 5: 7,8 Romans 6: 9-11 1 Corinthians 15: 20-22

1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us, therefore let us celebrate the feast,

2 Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

3 Christ, once raised from the dead dies no more; death has no more dominion over him.

4 In dying, he died to sin once for all; in living, he lives to God.

5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin; and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

6 Christ has been raised from the dead: the firstfruits of those who sleep.

7 For as by man came death, by man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

8 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Glory ...
6 THE EASTER ANTHEMS  

Traditional

1 Christ our passover is | sacrificed | for us, ■
therefore | let us | keep the | feast,

2 Not with the old leaven
    nor with the leaven of | malice • and | wickedness: ■
    but with the unleavened bread | of sincerity • and | truth.

3 Christ being raised from the dead | dieth • no | more;
    death hath no | more dominion | over him.

4 For in that he died, he died unto | sin | once;
    but in that he liveth, he | liveth | unto | God.

5 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed | unto | sin;
    but alive unto God through | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.

6 Christ is | risen • from the | dead:
    and become the | first-fruits • of | them that | slept.

7 For since by | man came | death, ■
    by man came also the resurrection | of the | dead.

8 For as in Adam | all | die, ■
    even so in Christ shall | all be | made alive.
    Glory …

7 BENEDICTUS  The Song of Zechariah  Luke 1: 68-79  ELLC

1 Blessèd be the Lord the | God of | Israel, ■
    who has come to his | people • and | set them | free.

2 The Lord has raised up for us a | mighty | saviour, ■
    born of the | house of • his | servant | David.

3 Through the holy prophets God | promised • of | old ■
    to save us from our enemies,
    from the | hands of | those who | hate us,

4 to show | mercy • to our | forebears, ■
    and to remember • his | holy | covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our | father | Abraham: ■
    to set us | free • from the | hand of • our | enemies.

6 Free to worship him with out | fear, ■
    holy and righteous before him | all the | days of • our | life.
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory …

8 BENEDICTUS The Song of Zechariah Luke 1: 68-79 Traditional

1 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

2 And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

3 As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets which have been since the world began;

4 That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hands of all that hate us,

5 To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

6 To perform the oath which he swore to our father Abraham:

7 That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him with out fear,

8 In holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.

9 And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

10 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, for the remission of their sins,

11 Through the tender mercy of our God whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us,

12 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory …

The Canticles
BENEDICITE  The Song of the Three 35-65

1 Bless the Lord | all created things: ■
   sing his | praise · and ex | alt him · for | ever.
2 Bless the | Lord you | heavens: ■
   sing his | praise · and ex | alt him · for | ever.
3 Bless the Lord you | angels · of the | Lord: ■
   bless the | Lord all | you his | hosts.
4 Bless the Lord you waters above the | heavens: ■
   sing his | praise · and ex | alt him · for | ever.
5 Bless the Lord | sun and | moon: ■
   bless the | Lord you | stars of | heaven.
6 Bless the Lord all | rain and | dew: ■
   sing his | praise · and ex | alt him · for | ever.
7 Bless the Lord all | winds that | blow: ■
   bless the | Lord you | fire and | heat.
8 Bless the Lord scorching wind and | bitter | cold: ■
   sing his | praise · and ex | alt him · for | ever.
9 Bless the Lord dews and | falling | snows: ■
   bless the | Lord you | nights and | days.
10 Bless the Lord | light and | darkness: ■
   sing his | praise · and ex | alt him · for | ever.
11 Bless the Lord | frost and | cold: ■
   bless the | Lord you | ice and | snow.
12 Bless the Lord | lightnings · and | clouds: ■
   sing his | praise · and ex | alt him · for | ever.
13 O let the earth | bless the | Lord; ■
   bless the | Lord you | mountains · and | hills.
14 Bless the Lord all that | grows · in the | ground: ■
   sing his | praise · and ex | alt him · for | ever.
15 Bless the | Lord you | springs: ■
   bless the | Lord you | seas and | rivers.
16 Bless the Lord you whales and all that | swim · in the | waters: ■
   sing his | praise · and ex | alt him · for | ever.
17 Bless the Lord all | birds · of the | air: ■
   bless the | Lord you | beasts and | cattle.

The Canticles  123
18 Bless the Lord all men on the earth:
   sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
19 O people of God bless the Lord:
bless the Lord you priests of the Lord.
20 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
21 Bless the Lord all men of upright spirit:
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.
22 Bless the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

10 BENEDICITE The Song of the Three 35-65 Traditional
1 O all ye works of the Lord bless ye the Lord:
   praise him and magnify him for ever.
2 O ye Angels of the Lord bless ye the Lord:
   O ye Heavens bless ye the Lord.
3 O ye Waters that be above the Firmament bless ye the Lord.
   O all ye Powers of the Lord bless ye the Lord.
4 O ye Sun and Moon bless ye the Lord:
   O ye Stars of Heaven bless ye the Lord.
5 O ye Showers and Dew bless ye the Lord:
   O ye Winds of God bless ye the Lord.
6 O ye Fire and Heat bless ye the Lord:
   O ye Winter and Summer bless ye the Lord.
7 O ye Dews and Frosts bless ye the Lord:
   O ye Frost and Cold bless ye the Lord.
8 O ye Ice and Snow bless ye the Lord:
   O ye Nights and Days bless ye the Lord.
9† O ye Light and Darkness bless ye the Lord:
   O ye Lightnings and Clouds bless ye the Lord.
10 O let the Earth bless the Lord:
yea let it praise him and magnify him for ever.
11 O ye Mountains and Hills bless ye the Lord:
   O all ye Green Things upon the Earth bless ye the Lord.

The Canticles
12 O ye Wells bless ye the Lord:
O ye Seas and Floods bless ye the Lord.

13 O ye Whales and all that move in the Waters bless ye the Lord:
O all ye Fowls of the Air bless ye the Lord.

14† O all ye Beasts and Cattle bless ye the Lord:
O ye Children of Men bless ye the Lord.

15 O let Israel bless the Lord:
praise him and magnify him for ever.

16 O ye Priests of the Lord bless ye the Lord:
O ye Servants of the Lord bless ye the Lord.

17 O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous bless ye the Lord:
O ye holy and humble Men of heart bless ye the Lord.

18 O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael bless ye the Lord:
praise him and magnify him for ever.

Glory …

11 TE DEUM  ELLC
Part 1

1 We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.

2 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

3 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

4 The glorious company of apostles praise you;
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

5 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you;
throughout the world, the holy Church acclaims you:

6 Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

The Canticles 125
Part 2
7 You, Christ, are the King of glory, you humbly chose the Virgin’s womb.
8 When you took our flesh to set us free, you humbly chose the Virgin’s womb.
9 You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
10 You are seated at God’s right hand in glory: we believe that you will come to be our judge.
11 Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, to glory everlasting.
12 and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

Part 3
13 Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance: govern and uphold them now and always.
14 Day by day we bless you: we praise your name for ever.
15 Keep us today, Lord, from all sin: have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
16 Lord, show us your love and mercy, for we put our trust in you.
17† In you, Lord, is our hope, let us never be put to shame.

12 TE DEUM  Traditional

Part 1
1 We praise thee O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
2 All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
3 To thee all angels cry aloud the heavens and all the powers therein, to thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
4 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth: heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The Canticles
5 The glorious company of the apostles praise thee; the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

6 The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

7 The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;

8 The Father of an infinite majesty, thine honourable, true, and only Son, also the Holy Spirit the Comforter.

Part 2

9 Thou art the King of glory O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

10 When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

11† When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

12 Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

13 We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

14 We therefore pray thee help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

15 Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

Part 3

16 O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage; govern them and lift them up for ever.

17 Day by day we magnify thee: and we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

18 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

19 O Lord, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

20 O Lord, let thy mercy lighten up on us, as our trust is in thee.

21 O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

The Canticles 127
13 MAGNIFICAT  The Song of the Virgin Mary  Luke 1: 46-55  ELLC

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
2 who has looked with favour on his lowly servant;
from this day all generations will call me blessed;
3† the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

4 God has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
5 The Lord has shown strength with his arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
6 casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
7 God has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
8 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel
to remember the promise of mercy,
9 The promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory …

14 MAGNIFICAT  The Song of the Virgin Mary  Luke 1: 46-55  Traditional

1 My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
2 For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
3 For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
5† And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
6 He hath showèd strength with his arm,
he hath scattered the proud, in the imagination of their hearts.
7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek.
8 He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty a way.
9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory …

15 NUNC DIMITTIS  The Song of Simeon  Luke 2: 29-32  ELLC
1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.
2 My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people.
3 A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory …

16 NUNC DIMITTIS  The Song of Simeon  Luke 2: 29-32
Traditional
1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
2 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
3 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory …

17 GREAT AND WONDERFUL  Revelation 15: 3,4 and 5: 13b
1 Great and wonderful are your deeds Lord God, the Almighty: just and true are your ways O King of the nations.
2 Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord? for you alone are holy.
3 All nations shall come and worship in your presence: for your just dealings have been revealed.
4 To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Canticles 129
18 URBS FORTITUDINIS  Isaiah 26: 1-4,7,8

1 We have a strong city:
   salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

2 Open ye the gates:
   that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee:
   because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the Lord for ever:
   for our rock of ages is the Lord.

5 The way of the just is uprightness;
   thou that art upright dost direct the path of the just.

6 Yea in the way of thy judgments O Lord have we waited for thee:
   the desire of our soul is to thy Name,
   and to the remembrance of thee.

Glory …

19 SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD

Suitable for use in penitential seasons

1 Jesus, Saviour of the world,
   come to us in your mercy:
   we look to you to save and help us.

2 By your cross and your life laid down
   you set your people free:
   we look to you to save and help us.

3 When they were ready to perish you saved your disciples:
   we look to you to come to our help.

4 In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our chains,
   forgive the sins of all your people.

5† Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty Deliverer;
   save and help us that we may praise you.

6 Come now and dwell with us Lord Christ Jesus:
   hear our prayer and be with us always.

7 And when you come in your glory:
   make us to be one with you
   and to share the life of your kingdom. Amen.

The Canticles
20 BLESS THE LORD  The Song of the Three 29-34
1 Bless the Lord the God of our forebears, sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
2 Bless his holy and glorious name, sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
3 Bless him in his holy and glorious temple, sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
4 Bless him who beholds the depths, sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
5 Bless him seated between the cherubim, sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
6 Bless him on the throne of his kingdom, sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
7 Bless him in the heights of heaven, sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
8 Bless the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

21 GLORY AND HONOUR  Revelation 4: 11 and 5: 9, 10, 13b
1 Glory and honour and power are yours by right O Lord our God.
2 For you created all things and by your will they have their being.
3 Glory and honour and power are yours by right O Lamb for us slain;
4 For by your blood you ransomed us for God from every race and language
   from every people and nation.
5 To make us a kingdom of priests, to stand and serve before our God.
6 To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.
22 THE SONG OF CHRIST’S GLORY  Philippians 2: 6-11
1 Christ Jesus was in the form of God, but he did not cling to equality with God.
2 He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in our human likeness.
3 And being found in human form he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
4 Therefore God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name above every name.
5 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth;
6 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

23 THE SONG OF ISAIAH  Isaiah 12: 2-6
1 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid.
2 for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:
   Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
4 Make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.
5 Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.
6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
   Glory …

24 THE SONG OF WISDOM  Wisdom 7: 26 - 8: 1
1 Wisdom is the brightness of eternal light, the spotless mirror of God’s power at work, the image of God’s goodness.
2 Wisdom is but one, yet she can do all things; herself unchanging, she makes all things new.
3 Age after age, she enters holy souls
  and makes them friends of God, and prophets, beloved of God as her companions.
4 Wisdom is more beautiful than the sun, surpassing every constellation of the stars.
5 Her radiance is greater than the light of day; for day’s light is followed by the night.
6 Against wisdom no evil can prevail; she reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and orders all things well.

Glory …

25 ECCE NUNC Psalm 134
1 Come bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord: you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.
2 Lift up your hands toward the holy place and bless the Lord: may the Lord bless you from Zion, the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Glory …

26 CANTATE DOMINO Psalm 98
1 O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things.
2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm hath he gotten himself the victory.
3 The Lord declared his salvation; his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.
4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth towards the house of Israel, and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
5 Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: sing, rejoice and give thanks.
6 Praise the Lord up on the harp: sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
7 With trumpets also and shawms, O show yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

The Canticles 133
8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that | therein | is; ■
the round world, and | they that | dwell there | in.

9 Let the floods clap their hands,
   and let the hills be joyful together be | fore the | Lord; ■
   for he | cometh to | judge the | earth.

10 With righteousness shall he | judge the | world, ■
   and the | people | with | equity.

Glory …

27 DEUS MISEREATUR Psalm 67

1 God be merciful unto | us and | bless us; ■
   and shew us the light of his countenance, and be | merci • ful | unto | us

2 That thy way may be | known up • on | earth, ■
   thy saving | health a • mong | all | nations.

3 Let the people | praise thee • O | God, ■
   yea let | all the | people | praise thee.

4 O let the nations re • joice • and be | glad; ■
   for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
   and govern the | nations • up • on | earth.

5 Let the people | praise thee • O | God, ■
   yea, let | all the | people | praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring | forth her | increase, ■
   and God, even our own God, shall | give us | his | blessing.

7 God | shall | bless us; ■
   and all the | ends • of the | world shall | fear him.

Glory …
28 A SONG OF THE LIGHT

1 Hail, gladdening light, of his pure glory poured,
   Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
   Holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Now we are come to the sun’s hour of rest.
   The lights of evening round us shine:
   We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.

3 Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
   With undefiled tongue.
   Son of our God, giver of life, alone:
   Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.