

Introduction to Organ Playing Part III Chant-based Accompaniment

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What we will learn today

- Introduction to chant
- How to accompany chant
- Other chant-based accompaniment



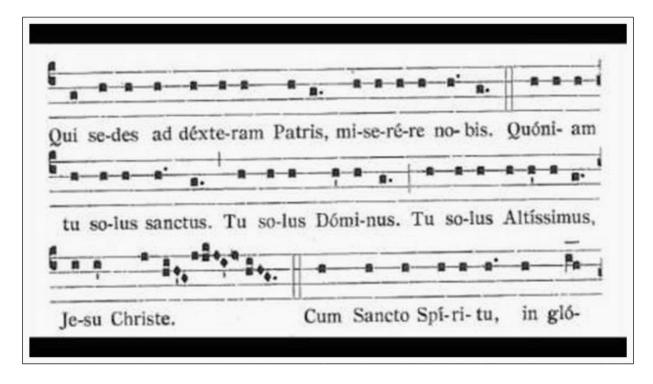
Examples of types of chant

- Ambrosian chant
- Gregorian chant
- Sarum rite
- Anglican chant
- Byzantine chant



Ambrosian chant

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Gregorian chant

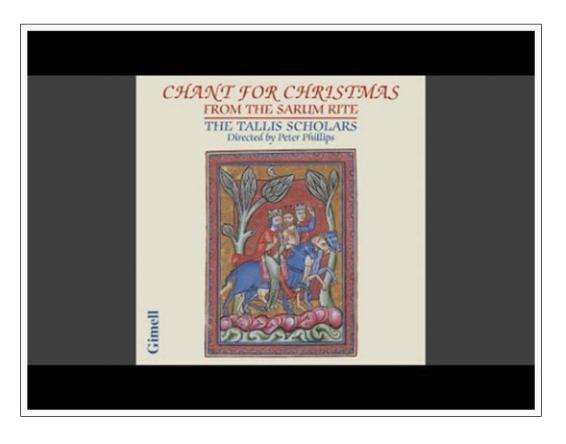
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Sarum rite

https://youtu.be/caLpJZTyMYo



Anglican chant

https://youtu.be/2MDCaPYg9GA





Byzantine chant

https://youtu.be/4Q8i0CYs-CM





What is Gregorian chant?

- Tradition of the early Western church
- developed in the 9th and 10th centuries
- text in Latin, sometimes Greek
- was sung in both unison and pure harmony
- without accompaniment or instruments
- free rhythm, without meter or time signature
- in the ~16th century, major and minor keys were introduced
- this forced tonality on chant melodies and rhythm, changing its nature



When is Gregorian chant used today?

In the context of Roman rite worship:

- the Propers antiphons, psalms, etc.
- the Ordinaries Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, etc.
- liturgical hymns Veni Creator Spiritus



Role of the organ in accompanying chant

- to support the cantor(s)
- to lead the congregation



Priorities

- 1. Text
- 2. Melody
- 3. Accompaniment



Examples of registrations

- Cantors: soft Flutes or Strings, weak 8' Principals
- Choir: stronger 8' Flutes, Strings, Principals
- Congregation: add 4' or even 2' if necessary



Things to consider when registering

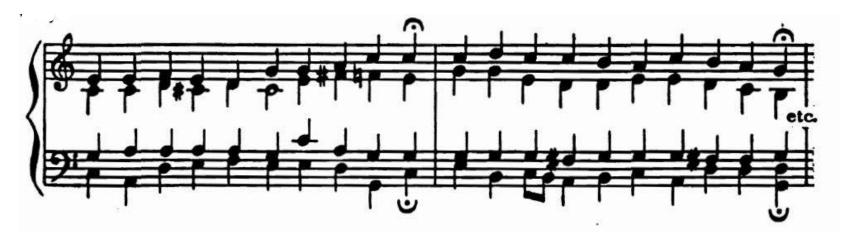
- Weak choir needs more support; melody may have to be played
- Well-trained singers only accompaniment needed
- Other factors the no. of singers, size of congregation, size and properties of the building



• Use only diatonic chords

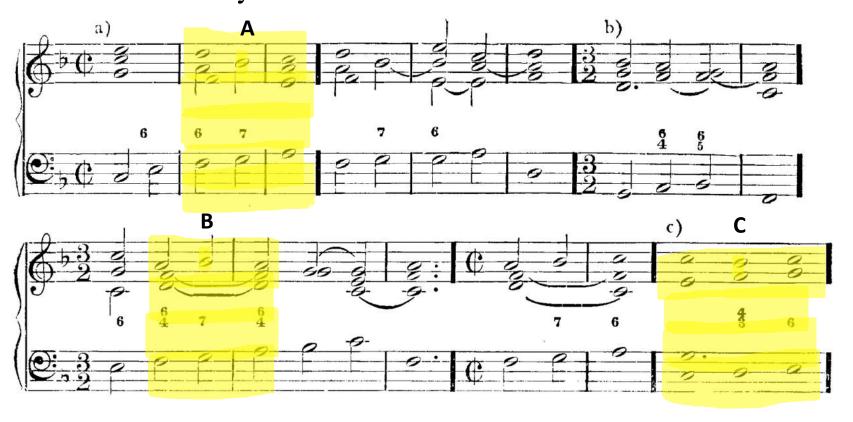


Avoid chromatic chords





Secondary sevenths harmonies





- Should not contradict rhythm
- Avoid restricting the free style and expression of chanters



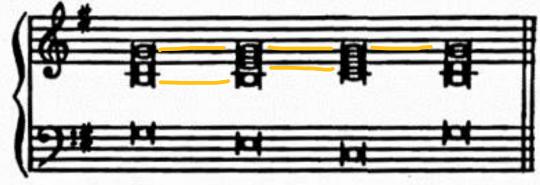


• Use triads and their inversions



• Use common tones







• Different parts should not be too far apart





• Pedal point





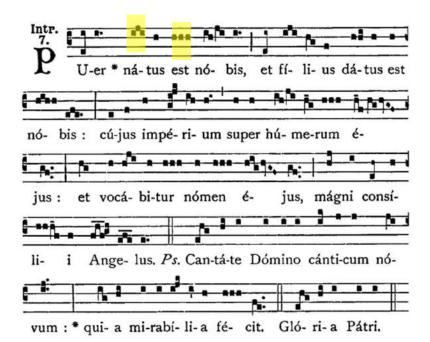
Accompanying Propers

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Puer natus est nobis

(Introit for Christmas Day)







https://youtu.be/Zt5wJ8vTMqY?t=1367



Accompanying Ordinaries

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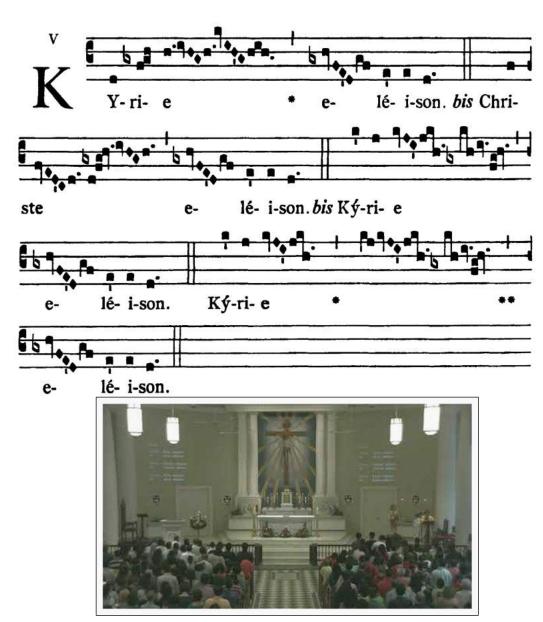


organ-point on the tonic

double organ-point – playing the tonic and dominant together. This should be used with soft stops

Tonic is succeeded by the dominant.
The dominant introduces the cadence





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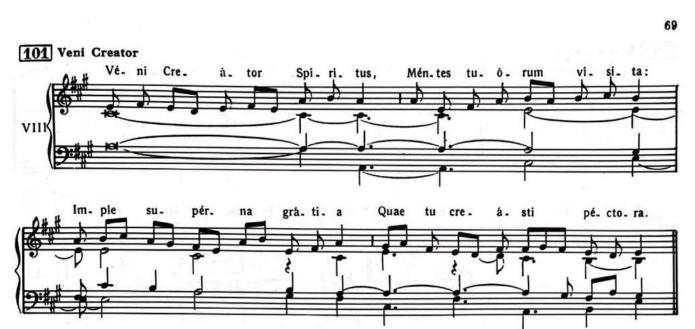
Mass VIII (de Angelis)





Accompanying Liturgical Hymns







https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKtXhfxEgpg



Psalms



Types of psalms

- Gregorian psalm tones
- Modern psalm tones

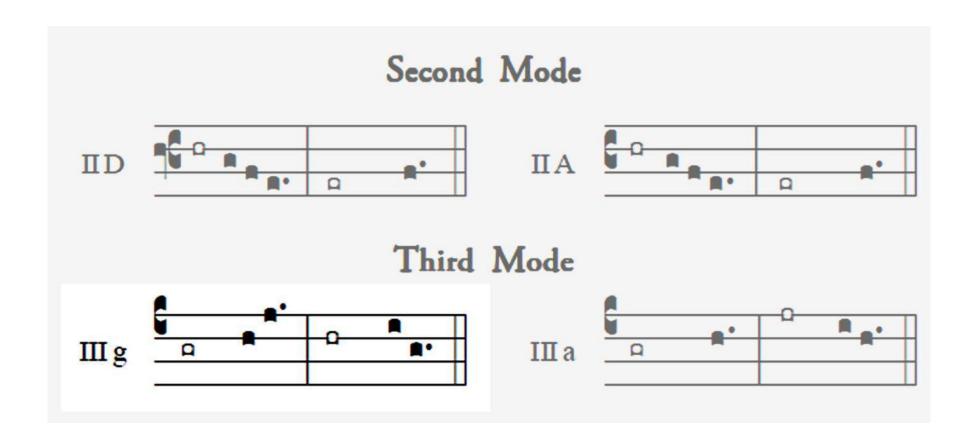


Characteristics of psalm tones

- similar to Gregorian chant
- free rhythm
- repeated melodic ideas
- Gregorian modes
- two measures, but sometimes more



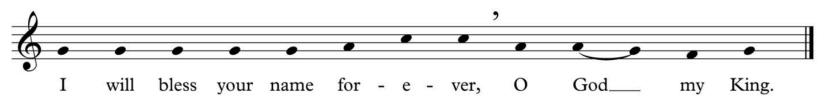
Examples of 2-measure psalm tones





Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Response



Psalm Tone



G , G G A C I will give you glory, O God my King, A B GG I will bless your name for ever. G G G A C I will bless you day after day A B G G and praise your name for ever.





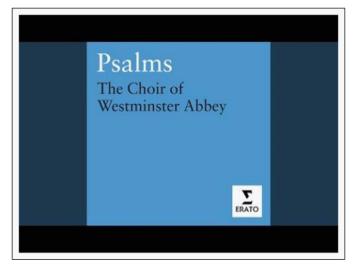




Omnes gentes, plaudite

O CLAP your hands together, all ye people : O Sing unto God with the voice of melody.

2 For the Lord is high, and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth.



https://youtu.be/AflosZ4j9eQ



Gelineau tones

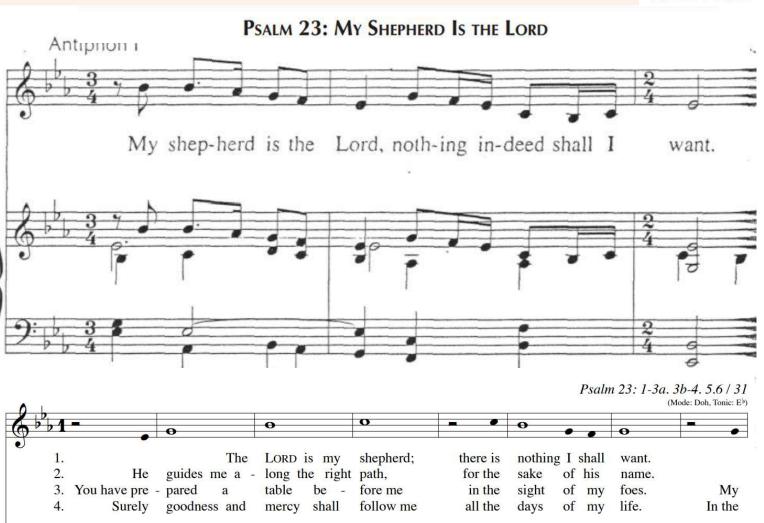
- responsorial structure
- the verses have a regular metre

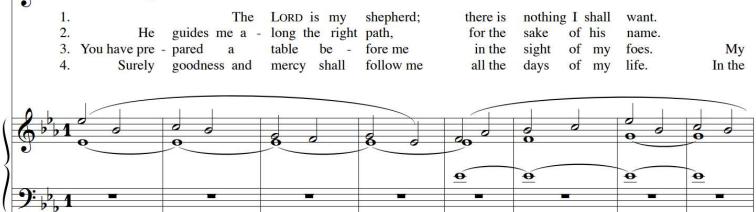
Accompanying Gelineau





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Taizé

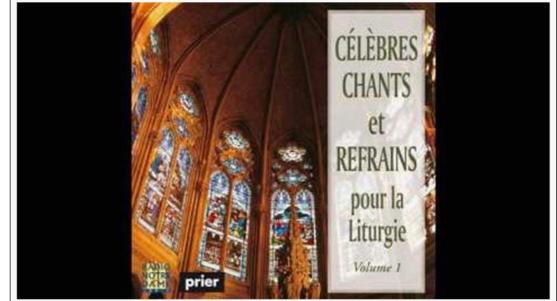
- similar to Gregorian chant antiphons
- has rhythm and meter
- has choral harmony
- has instrumental accompaniment



Alleluia di Taizé

(bicordi dx e sx a parti strette)





Taizé Halleluja



https://youtu.be/az4jBmvd3mc

Accompanying Taizé



Laudate Dominum

Keyboard, Guitar / Clavier, Guitare / Orgel, Gitarre (arpeggio)









https://youtu.be/Qt9keI9ws1Q?t=67

https://youtu.be/08J9K80-qHY



Acknowledgements

Music:

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Responsorial Psalm

Alleluia (Taizé)

Gloria de Angelis

Kyrie de Angelis

Laudate Dominum (Taize)

Puer Natus Est

Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd

Scores (Gregorian chant accompaniment)

<u>Hymnary.org</u> – A comprehensive index of Hymns and Hymnals

IMSLP - Public Domain Music Scores

Musescore.com – Free sheet music catalog

Books

Breaking Bread, Oregon Catholic Press

Kyriale

Songs from Taizé: Instrumental Parts

The Anglican Psalter

The Catholic Hymn Book by Gracewing



In case you missed it... Past Webinars and Online Teaching Videos

INTRODUCTION TO THE KING OF INSTRUMENTS -- Evelyn Lim

Slides: https://tinyurl.com/The-King-of-Instruments

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGICAL YEAR – Evelyn Lim

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EASY ORGAN MUSIC FOR THE SUNDAY ACCOMPANIST (ADVENT TO EPIPHANY) - Isaac Lee

Slides: https://tinyurl.com/Easy-Organ-Music-Part-I-S / Recording: https://youtu.be/Hp4POAkHrjs

EASY ORGAN MUSIC FOR THE SUNDAY ACCOMPANIST(LENT TO PENTECOST) – Isaac Lee

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INTRODUCTION TO ORGAN PLAYING (PT 1) - Angela Lim

Slides: https://tinyurl.com/Intro-to-Organ-Playing-S / Recording: https://youtu.be/sfYir_zZ2nk

INTRODUCTION TO ORGAN PLAYING (PT 2a) Hymn-Leading Basics - Evelyn Lim

Slides: https://tinyurl.com/Hymn-Leading-Basics / Recording: https://youtu.be/z_m7zlmSe3c

INTRODUCTION TO ORGAN PLAYING (PT 2b) Hymn styles & Introductions - Evelyn Lim

Slides: https://tinyurl.com/Hymn-styles-and-Intro / Recording: https://youtu.be/9a5SlxP-Lj0

HOW TO DO IMPROVISATION – Isaac Lee

https://www.facebook.com/MethodistSchoolOfMusicMSM/videos/244921293545241/

How to improvise Part 2-Hymn Introductions

Presented by Isaac Lee

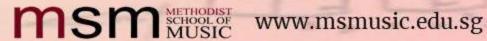
This free webinar explores improvisation techniques that support creative hymn playing. Learn to create concise and interesting introductions that enliven the worship experience.

Date: Saturday, 21st November 2020

Time: 2:30-3:30 pm

Registration link: https://forms.gle/7s7RexDqHRgrRA1B6

Closing date to register: Friday, 20th November 2020, 7:30 pm









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