

NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, JUNE 24th

VIGIL

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Lk 1: 13- 15*

Ne timeas Zacharia

Fear not, Zechariah, your prayer has been answered;
Elizabeth, your wife, will bear you a son,
and you shall call his name John;

He will be great in the sight of the Lord
and will be filled with the Holy Spirit,
even from his mother's womb;
and many will rejoice at his birth.

← Roman Gradual Antiphon
Starts Here and includes next
paragraph.

← Roman Missal Antiphon is
shorter, and starts here.

∿ In your strength shall the king rejoice, O Lord, and in your salvation shall he greatly exult. (Ps21)

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- **The antiphons (introit) has been arranged as a hymn!**
- **Pick a tune from the box, or use the one provided in the organ score!**
- **Copy and paste the text below into your worship aid, or use the melody PDF/PNG provided.**
- **Consider pasting original antiphon as well. Not to sing, but so people understand what's going on!**

VIGIL Introit Hymn, Option 1

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
Announcing to the Temple priest while incense blazed,
A birth that brings rejoicing, Gloria!

2. "Behold, O Zechariah, do not fear,
Your prayers to have a child, the Lord did hear.
Elizabeth shall bear a son, John is his name.
He will be great and holy," Gloria!

3. "For even from his mother's womb within,
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him,
He will be great before the Lord, His light foretell."
O Prophet of the Most High, Gloria!

4. But Zechariah doubted Gabriel's word,
"Until he's born, your voice will not be heard.
Yet you'll be glad and many will rejoice and praise,
A birth so great and holy," Gloria!

This poetic hymn intentionally mirrors the wonderful carol **Gabriel's Message**, the Basque Carol, wherein the story is told of Gabriel's appearance to Mary. In this introit, Gabriel appears to Zechariah. Thus, the hymn opens with the same lines.

*Text: Lk 1: 11-15,20, Ne timeas Zacharia,
Introit Vigil of Nativity of John the Baptist
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Tune: BASQUE CAROL*

VIGIL Introit Hymn Option 2 CMD 8686

1. O Zechariah do not fear,
your prayer has answered been,
Elizabeth shall bear a son
and John shall be his name.
He will be great before the Lord,
filled with God's Spirit be
e'en from the womb, and all rejoice
at his nativity.

Pick one tune for Introit Hymn Option 2 CMD :
KINGSFOLD: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
FOREST GREEN: Canticle of Zachary
ELLECOMBE: *I Sing the Mighty Pow'r of God*

2. In you and in your strength, O Lord,
the king shall now rejoice;
And in your saving pow'r, O Lord,
Will he lift up his voice.
Now praise we all our sov'reign God,
The Blessed Trinity;
The Father, Son, and Spirit, One,
For all eternity.

← This verse is based on the appointed Psalm 21
and contains the doxology. Repeat vs 1 if time
allows.

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Tune: ELLECOMBE 8686D*

DAY

ROMAN MISSAL ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Jn 1: 6-7, Luke 1: 17*

A man was sent from God, whose name was John.
He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

A man was sent from God on High
Whose name was John, to testify
Unto to the light, that we may be
A people fit, O Lord, for Thee.

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ROMAN GRADUAL

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Is 49:1,2, Ps 92*

De ventre matris meæ

From my mothers womb the Lord called me by my name; He made my mouth like a sharp edged sword; he protected me in the shadow of his hand, and he made me as his chosen arrow.

∇. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to praise your name, O Most High.

Introit Hymn **DAY** OPTION 3

BOTH ANTIPHONS COMBINED!

VS 1 Roman Missal Antiphon

VS 2 Roman Gradual Antiphon

VS 3 Roman Gradual Verse and Doxology.

1. A man was sent from God on High,
Unto the light to testify.
His name was John, who came that we
A people fit for God may be.

2. "From in the womb, called by the Lord;
He made my mouth a sharpened sword;
His chosen arrow, yet concealed,
His mighty hand has been my shield."

3. How good it is to thank the Lord,
All praise and laud his name afford.
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
We bless with all the angel host.

Pick one tune for Introit Hymn: 8888

OLD HUNDRETH: Praise God from Whom All Blessings
Flow

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM: Creator of the Stars,

DUKE STREET: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

WINCHESTER NEW: *On Jordan's Bank*

ERHALT UNS, HERR The Glory of these 40 Days

DUGUET: O Saving Victim

O WALY WALY: The Gift of Love

JESU DULCIS: Jesus the very thought is sweet

Vs. 1: Introit Nativity of John the Baptist, Mass During the Day, Roman Missal

Vs. 2/3: Is 49:1,2, Ps 92, De ventre matris meæ, Introit, Nativity of John the Baptist, Mass During the Day, Roman Gradual

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