

Antiphon for Vespers

"In Nativitate Domini"

Cum esset* Desponsata mater

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The musical score consists of five staves, each representing a different voice:

- DISCANTUS:** The top staff, written in soprano clef. It contains the lyrics "Desponsata".
- CONTRATENOR:** The second staff from the top, written in alto clef. It contains the lyrics "Desponsata".
- TENOR:** The third staff from the top, written in tenor clef. It contains the lyrics "Desponsata".
- BASSUS:** The fourth staff from the top, written in bass clef. It contains the lyrics "Desponsata".
- Desponsata:** The bottom staff, written in soprano clef. It contains the lyrics "De - spon - sa - ta ma - ter I - he - su".

The music is written in common time. The vocal parts sing in unison. The lyrics are divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The notes are represented by square neumes on four-line staves. Measure numbers 6 and 14 are indicated on the left side of the score.

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20

ve - ni - rent in - ven - ta
 ni - rent in - ven - ta est, in -
 con - ve - ni - rent in - ven - ta est, in -

26

est in u - te - ro ha - bens quod
 ven - ta est in u - te - ro ha - bens
 ven - ta est in u - te - ro ha - bens

32

ha - bens quod e - nim in ea
 e - nim in ea, in ea
 bens quod e - nim in ea

quod e - nim in ea

38

na - tum est de spi - ri - tu

na - tum [est] de spi - ri - tu

na - tum est de spi - ri -

44

sanc - to est. Al -

sanc-to est Al -

- tu sanc - to est Al -

to est. Al -

50

le - lu - ia.

le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The Antiphon in a chant version very close to the cantus prius factus used by Senfl.

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fol. 173r-173v

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um es - set de - spon -
sa - ta ma - ter ihe - su ma - ri - a
Io - seph an - te - quam con -
ve - ni - rent in - ven - ta est
in u - te - ro ha - bens quod
e - nim in ea na - tum est
de spi - ri - tu sanc - to est
al - lelu - i - a e - u - o - u - a - e

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