

For the Dedication of a Church:

Laudémus nunc Dóminum
in cánticis et modulatiónibus sonórís,
quóniam hódie sálus húic dómui fácta est.
Númquid non Dávid
stáre fécit cantóres ánte altáre
et in sóno eórum dúlces fécit módos,
ut laudárent nómen Dómini sanctum
et amplificárent máne Déi sanctitátem?
Psallámus ígitur sínguli:
sint óculi túi, Dómine, súper dómum hanc
quam aedificávimus tíbi
et exáudias deprecationem pópuli túi
sacrificia et holocáusta
súper altáre túum offeréntis. Allelúa.
Cantus firmus [Genesis 28:17]:
*Non est hic áliud
nisi dómus Déi et pórta caéli.*

Cantémus Dómino cáanticum nótum,
laus éjus in ecclésia sanctórum. Allelúa.
Númquid non pátres nóstri Nóe, Abraham,
Aáron, Dávid et Jésus Jósedech
in diébus suis
aedificáverunt altária Dómino
et nómen Dómini invocátes
exaltáverunt témplum sánctum Dómino
parátum in glória sempitérna?
Laudémus ígitur Dóminum,
quóniam hódie sálus
húic dómui a Déo fácta est.
Allelúa.

Cantus firmi [Genesis 28:12,17-18]:
Vídit Jácob scálam,
súmitas éjus caélos tangébat
et descendéntes ángeles et díxit:
Vére lócus íste sánctus est. Allelúa.
Eréxit Jácob lápidem in títulum,
fúndens óleum desúper. Allelúa.

Let us now praise the Lord
in songs and rhythmic sounds,
for today salvation has come to this house.

Did not David
have singers stand before the high altar
and in their sound make sweet rhythms,
that they might praise the holy name of the Lord
and enlarge in the morning the holiness of God?
So let each of us strike the harp:
may your eyes, O Lord, be upon this house
which we have built for you
and may you hear the prayer of your people
as sacrifices and burnt offerings
upon your altar they offer. Alleluia.

*This is none other than
the house of God and gate of heaven.*

Let us sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the church of saints. Alleluia.
Did not our fathers Noah, Abraham,
Aaron, David and Jesus the son of Joseph
in their day
build altars to the Lord
and, invoking the name of the Lord,
exalt the holy temple to the Lord
prepared in everlasting glory?
Therefore let us praise the Lord,
for today salvation
has been brought to this house from God.
Alleluia.

*Jacob saw a ladder,
its top touching heaven
and angels descending, and he said:
"Truly this place is holy." Alleluia.
Jacob set the stone up as a pillar,
pouring oil on top of it. Alleluia.*

Laudemus nunc Dominum

Jacob Obrecht

(South Netherlandish; c.1458–1505)

in songs

Let us now praise the Lord

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in cánticis et

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*and rhythmic sounds,**for today salvation*

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mo-du-la-ti-ó-ni - busso - nō - - ris, quó-ni-am hó-di-e
 mo-du-la-ti-ó-ni - bus so - nō - ris, quó-ni - am hó-di-e
 - . - .
 8 mo-du-la-ti-ó-ni - busso-nó - - - ris, quó-ni-am hó-di -
 mo-du-la-ti-ó-ni - busso-nó - - - ris, quó-ni-am

has come to this house.

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sá-lus hú - ic dó - - mu - i fá - - - -
 - . - . - . - . - . - . - .
 8 - e sá-lus hú - ic dó - - mu - i fá - - - -
 hó - di - e sá-lus hú - ic dó - - mu - - i

(This is none other)

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- - - - cta est, fá - - - - cta est, fá -
 fá - cta est, fá - - - - cta est.
 Non
 - cta est, fá - - cta est, fá - - - cta est.
 fá - cta est, fá - - cta

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Let us now praise the Lord in songs

17

-- cta est. Lau-dé - - mus nunc Dó - - - mi-

Lau - dé - mus nunc Dó - - - mi - - num in

est. hic.

8. Lau-dé-mus nunc Dó - - - mi-num, Dó - - - - - mi - -

est. Lau - dé - mus nunc Dó - - - - - mi-num

and rhythmic sounds,

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-num in cán - - - - ti-cis et mo - du-

cán-ti-cis et mo - du - la - ti - ó - - - - nibus

á - - - - - li - - - - ud

8. - num in cán - ti - - cis et mo - du - la - ti - -

in cán - ti - cis et mo - - du - - - - la - ti -

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-la - - ti - ó - ni - bus so - - - - - - - -

so - - - - - - - - - - ris

8. - - ni-bus so - - - - - - - - - - ris, so-nó - - -

-ó - - - - - - - - - ni - bus so - - - - - - - - - - nō - - -

(than the house of God and gate of heaven.)
for today salvation has come to this house.

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*Did not David**have singers stand*

34

Núm - quid non Dá - - vid stá-re fé - cit cantó-res án-te
cta est. Númquid non Dá - - vid stá-re fé-cit cantó-res án -
cta est...
cta est...

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*before the high altar
and in their sound**make sweet*

38

al - tá - re et in só - no e - ó - rum
al - tá - re et in só - no e - ó - rum
dúl - cesf é - cit mó -
dúl - cesf é - cit mó -

40

*rhythms,**that they might praise the holy*

41

dos, ut lau-dá-rent nó - men Dó - mi - ni san -
dos, ut lau-dá-rent nó - men Dó - mi - ni san -
ut lau-dá-rent nó - men Dó - mi - ni san -
ut lau-dá-rent nó - men Dó - mi - ni san -

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name of the Lord

44

and enlarge in the morning

Musical score for 'name of the Lord' and 'and enlarge in the morning'. The score consists of two staves. The first staff begins with 'name of the Lord' and has measure numbers 44 and 46. The second staff begins with 'and enlarge in the morning' and also has measure numbers 44 and 46. The lyrics 'ctum' appear in both staves at various points.

the holiness of God?

47

so let each of us strike

49

Musical score for 'the holiness of God?' and 'so let each of us strike'. The score consists of two staves. The first staff begins with 'the holiness of God?' and has measure number 47. The second staff begins with 'so let each of us strike' and has measure number 49. The lyrics 'ctitá tem? Psallá - mus í-gitur sín-gu - li:' appear in both staves.

*the harp: may your eyes, O Lord, be upon this house
which we*

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Musical score for 'the harp: may your eyes, O Lord, be upon this house which we'. The score consists of two staves. The first staff begins with 'the harp: may your eyes, O Lord, be upon this house' and has measure number 50. The second staff begins with 'which we' and has measure number 53. The lyrics 'sint ó-cu-li tú-i, Dó-mi-ne, súper dómum hanc quam ae-di -' appear in both staves.

have built for you and may you hear the prayer of

54 -fi-cá - vimus tí - bi et ex - áu-di-as de - pre-ca-ti - ó-nem pó -
 -fi-cá - vi - mus tí - bi et ex - áu-di-as de-pre - ca-ti - ó-nem pó -
 -fi-cá - vi - mus tí - bi et ex - áu-di-as de-pre - ca-ti - ó-nem pó -
 -fi-cá - vi - mus tí - bi et ex - áu-di-as de-pre - ca-ti - ó-nem pó -

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your people as sacrifices and burnt offerings

58 -pu - li tú - i sa - - - cri - fí - ci - a et ho - lo -
 -pu - li tú - i sa - - - cri - fí - - - ci - - - a et
 -pu - li tú - i ...
 -pu - li tú - i sa - cri - fí - ci - a et ho - lo - cáu - sta

60

upon your altar they offer.

61 -cáu - - sta sú - per al - tá - re tú - - um of - - - fe - - -
 ho - lo - cáu - sta sú - per al - tá - re tú - - um of - - - fe - - -
 sú - per al - tá - re tú - um of - - fe - rén - - - - -
 sú - per al - tá - re tú - um of - fe - rén - - tis. Al - -

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*Alleluia.**(This is none other)*

64

-ré - - - tis. Al - le - - lú - - ia, al - - -

-ré - - - - tis. Al - le - - lú - - - - -

Non - est hic á - - li -

tis - . Al - - - le - lú - - - -

-le - - - lú - - ia, al - - - le - - lú - - - - ia,

(than the house of God and gate of heaven.)

67

-le-lú - - - ia, al-le-lú - - ia, al - le - lú - ia, al -

-ia, al - - - le - - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia, al -

-ud ní - si dó - mus Dé - - - et

-ia, al - - - le - - lú - - ia, al - le - - - -

al - - le-lú - ia, al - le - lú - - - - ia, al - - le -

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- - le - - - lú - ia, al - le - - lú - - ia.

-le - - - - lú - ia, al - le - - lú - ia.

pór - ta caé - - - li

-lú - ia, al - le - - - - lú - - - - ia.

- lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia, al - le - - lú - ia.

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Secunda pars:

*Let us sing to the Lord a new song,
(Jacob saw a ladder,)*

75 Can - - - té - - - mus Dó - - - - - - - - -

76 Can - - - té - - - mus Dó - - - - - - - - -

77 Ví - - - - dit Já - - - cob scá - - - - - - -

78 Can - - té - - - - - mus ...

79 Can - - - - - - - - - té - - - - - mus

(its top touching heaven)

(THE SPANNING MOTION)

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*his praise
(and angels descending,)*

90

-ti --- cum nó --- vum, laus
_____ laus
gé --- bat et de ---
laus é --- jus, laus
é --- jus, laus

in

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é --- jus, laus
é --- jus in
-scen --- dén --- tes án ---
é --- jus

the church of saints.

(and he said:)

100

é --- jus
ec --- clé --- si --- a san --- ctó --- rum,
-ge --- los et dí ---
-jus in ec ---
in ec ---

("Truly this place is holy.")

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114

Alleluia.

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118

Did not our

123

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- lú - - - ia. Núm - quid non

- le - - - lú - - - ia. Núm - -

- le - - - lú - - - ia.

⁸ al - - le - - lú - - - ia ...

Núm - quid non pá - tres... Noah

fathers

Noah,

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pá - tres nó - - - - stri Nó - -

-quid non pá - tres nó - stri Nó - - - - - - - -

Nó - - e, A - bra -

No - - e, A-bra -

Abraham,
120

Aaron,

David

and Jesus

133

the son of Joseph

134

et Jé - - sus Jó-sedech

sus Jó - se - dech

et Jé - - - sus

sus Jó - se - dech

in their day

139

in di - é - bus sú - - is

in di - - é -

in di - - - -

build

144

-é - bus sú - is

ae - - di - fi - - - ca - - - -

ae - - bus sú - - is

ae - - di - - fi - - ca - - vé - - - -

ae - - - -

vé - - - -

147

altars to the Lord

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157

and, invoking the name of the Lord,

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exalt the holy temple to the Lord

164

ex - al - ta - vé - runt tém-plum sán-ctum Dó - mi -
ex - al - ta - vé - runt tém-plum sán-ctum Dó - mi -
ex - al - ta - vé - runt tém-plum sán-ctum Dó - mi -
ex - al - ta - vé - runt tém-plum sán-ctum Dó - mi -

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prepared in everlasting glory?

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-no pa-rá - tum in gló-ri - a sem - pi - té -
-no pa-rá - tum in gló-ri - a sem - - pi - té -
-no pa-rá - tum in gló-ri - a sem - pi - - - -
-no pa-rá - tum in gló-ri - a sem - pi - - - -

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(Jacob set the stone up) Therefore let us praise the

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- - - na? Lau - dé - mus í - - - gi - tur Dó -
- - - na ? Lau - dé - mus_ í - gi - tur Dó -
E - - - ré - - - xit Já - - - -
-té - - - na ? Lau - - - dé - - - mus ...
-té - - - na ? Lau - dé - -

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Lord,

182

for today salvation

185

- mi - num, Dó mi - num, quó - niam hó - di - -
- - - - mi - num , quó - ni - am hó - - - - -
- cob lá pi dem
Dó mi
- - - - mus í - - - - gi-tur

(as a pillar,

186

to this

189

e sá - - - - - lus hú - - - - -
di e sá-lus hú - - ic
in tí tu - - - - -
num, quó - ni - - am hó - di - e - sá -
Dó mi - num, quó - ni - am

*house**(pouring oil on top of it)
from God*

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ic dó - mu - i a
dó - mu - i a Dé
-lum, fún - - - dens
-lus

hó - di - - e
sá-lus
hú - ic
dó-mu - i
a

has been brought.

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fá - - - cta est.
fá - cta est, fá - - - cta
le - - - um
Dé - - o
a Dé - o fá - - - cta est. Al -
fá - - cta est. Al -

Alleluia.

200

Al - - - le - - - lú - - - ia,
est. Al - - - le - - - lú - - - ia,
al - - - le - - - lú - - - ia,
per. Al - - - le - - - lú - - - ia,
al - - - le - - - lú - - - ia,

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lú - - - ia, al - - - le - - - lú - - - ia,
le - - - lú - - - ia, al - - - le - - - lú - - - ia,
lú - - - ia, al - - - le - - - lú - - - ia,
lú - - - ia, al - - - le - - - lú - - - ia,