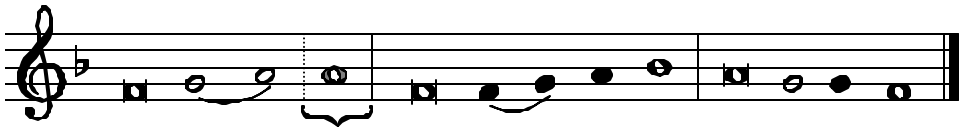
Psalm 2

Psalm Tone: Greek Chant tone1: Adapted by S. Rolando, (from the Russian *Obikhod Notnago Penia*)



① See note [1.] ② ③

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The Messiah, king and conqueror
The rulers of the earth joined forces to overthrew
Jesus, your anointed son (Acts 4:27).

Why this tumult among nations,
among peoples this useless *mur*-muring?
They arise, the kings of the earth,
princes plot against the Lord and *his* Anointed.
"Come, let us break their fetters,
come, let us cast *off* their yoke."

He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord is laughing them to *scorn*.
Then he will speak in his anger,
his rage will strike *them* with terror.
"It is I who have set up my king
on Zion, my *ho*-ly mountain."

I will an-*nounce* ① the decree *of* the Lord: ③

The Lord said to me: "You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this *day*.
Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations,
put the ends of the earth in *your* possession.
With a rod of iron you will break them,
shatter them like a *pot*-ter's jar."

Now, O kings, understand,
take warning, rulers of the *earth*;
serve the Lord with awe
and trembling, pay *him* your homage
lest he be angry and you perish;
for suddenly his an-*ger* will blaze.

Blessed are *they* ① who put their *trust* in God. ③

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy *Spi*-rit.
As it was in *the* beginning,
is now, and will be for *ev*-er. A - men.

Grail Psalmody

Psalm 2 used: Office of Readings Sun. WkI & Good Friday.
[1.] Note on measure one of tone. Use this note only if the syllable that is pointed (*highlighted*) is not the last syllable in the line.