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## The responsories of the Old Hispanic Night Office and their sources

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ABSTRACT. Despite their paucity, the surviving sources for the Old Hispanic Rite make possible the identification of the earliest kernel of responsories for the Night Office. They show how this first group of responsories, assigned to the Ferial Office, was subsequently distributed over the Sundays of Lent. Comparison of the notation for these responsories, both refrains and verses, across the several sources enables a more solid geographical grouping of the manuscripts than do the palaeographical studies of the verbal texts that have hitherto prevailed.

The sources for the Old Hispanic Rite are striking for their paucity. The Third Council of Toledo, meeting in 589, was attended by about seventy bishops or their representatives from all across the Spanish peninsula and southern France. The Fourth Council of Toledo, meeting in 633, provided that 'when presbyters are ordained in the parishes they should receive from their bishop an official book so that they may go to their churches instructed and not give offence in the divine sacraments through ignorance'. The existence in *c*.600 of seventy bishoprics and an indeterminate number of dependent parishes with books implies the existence of a great many manuscripts widely distributed. We cannot be certain what these books might have been like or in what kind of detail they might have presented the liturgy. Since the goal, however, was to ensure uniformity of liturgical practice across a broad region, there was surely considerable detail rather than simply an outline upon which to improvise. In any case, by *c*.700 and the date of the *Oracional visigótico* (the Veronal Orational), the liturgy certainly existed in a form like the one preserved in the first notated sources of the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For a list with references to current literature on provenance and dating, see Emma Hornby and Rebecca Maloy, 'Melodic Dialects in Old Hispanic Chant', *Plainsong and Medieval Music*, 25/1 (2016), 37–72. In what follows, nine manuscripts will be discussed with the following sigla: AL (Antiphoner of León; León Cathedral Archive, MS 8), Sal (Salamanca University Library, MS 2668), Sant (Santiago de Compostela University Library, MS 609), BM45 (London, British Library, MS Add. 30845), BM46 (London, British Library, MS Add. 30846), BM51 (London, British Library, MS Add. 30851), S7 (Santo Domingo de Silos, MS 7), T3 (Toledo Cathedral Library, 35.3) and T6 (Toledo Cathedral Library, 35.6). All these manuscripts have either been published in facsimile or put on line and in some cases both. See later for a discussion of the relation of some of these sources to one another and their likely provenance.

provenance.

<sup>2</sup> 'Quando presbyteres in parrochiis ordinantur, libellum officiale a sacerdote suo accipiant, ut ad ecclesias sibi deputatas instructi succedant, ne per ignorantiam etiam in ipsis divinis sacramentis offendant.'

Concilios visigóticos e hispano-romanos, ed. José Vives (Barcelona-Madrid, 1963), 202.

tenth century, complete with texts for the antiphons and responsories of the office for much of the liturgical year.<sup>3</sup> Yet what remains are a few dozen sources, many incomplete, and from a limited number of locations. The part of the peninsula south of Toledo is not represented at all by anything like a complete source. Both the provenance and the dating of many of the surviving sources remain in considerable doubt furthermore.

As far back as the First Council of Braga in 561 it was ordered that monastic practice should be kept separate from public worship, which included the Mass and the offices of matins and vespers. A recently published volume edited by Emma Hornby and others, entitled Understanding the Old Hispanic Office: Texts, Melodies, and Devotion in Early Medieval Iberia, distinguishes between 'public' worship and 'cloistered' worship and gives an excellent summary of what we know about the office, taking account of the substantial bibliography on the topic, which I will not rehearse here. But what we know does not add up to a complete picture. There are significant voids, and what we do have in the small number of relevant sources does not present a picture of uniformity or even the strict distinction between public and cloistered liturgy that the Hornby volume sets out. The manuscripts BM51 and S7, for example, do include the public services of matins and vespers for the commemoration of general classes of saints (e.g., virgins, bishops, confessors) as well as cloistered services. And AL, the pre-eminent source for public worship, includes music for some of the cloistered services. A few nuggets can be gleaned, however, that cast light on (1) the formation of the liturgy and (2) the relationship among the sources that provide elements of the office.

What follows in addressing these two points limits itself to the study of responsories for those parts of the Night Office that are termed *ad medium noctis* and *ad noctur-nos*. Hornby's book lists all the cloistered services and the manuscripts that preserve them. There are only five, BM51, Sant, Sal, S7 and T3, and no single manuscript preserves them all. Typical of the inconsistencies among sources, AL, which is a source for public worship, nevertheless includes some of the responsories for some of these services. Table 1 lists the responsories occurring in AL, Sant, Sal and BM51.<sup>5</sup> T3 does not include the services that I will discuss, and S7 includes only some of them, which are listed in Table 2 with their responsories. Furthermore, S7 does not provide notation for most of its pieces and thus cannot be brought to bear on the arguments for grouping the manuscripts on notational grounds.

To begin with the responsories sung *ad medium noctis*, the lists in Sal, Sant and BM51 have a good deal in common, but Sant and BM51 have two or three unica each, Sal specifies that most of its pieces are assigned to Lent, and BM51 assigns its pieces to various seasons and the common of saints. One might say that Sal and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> On this point, see my 'Leander, Isidore, and Gregory', *The Journal of Musiclogy*, 36 (2019), 500–24, esp. fn. 33, and the works by Louis Brou and Kenneth Levy cited there.

Emma Hornby, Kati Ihnat, Rebecca Maloy and Raquel Rojo Camillo, eds., Understanding the Old Hispanic Office: Texts, Melodies, and Devotion in Early Medieval Iberia (Cambridge, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In order to facilitate the comparison of the manuscripts, I have indicated in parentheses next to the column for Sal the other manuscripts with which each piece is shared.

Table 1. Responsories ad medium noctis and ad nocturnos in AL, Sant, Sal and BM51

	Sal	Sant	BM51
	Med noct Dom	Med noct	Med noct
(Sant, BM51)	Per diem clamavi et nocte (Ps 87:2-3) VR Media nocte surgebam (Ps 118:62)	Per diem clamavi et nocte (Ps 87:2-3) VR Media nocte surgebam (Ps 118:62)	Media nocte clamor factus est (Mt 25:6) VR Oleum recondite in vasis (Mt 25:4?)
	Med noct Xlmae		
(Sant BM51)	Vigilate et orate dicit Dominus (Mc 13:35-36; Lc 18:1)	Vigilate et orate dicit Dominus (Mc 13:35-36; Lc 18:1)	Vigila Domine super oves (Io 10:10)
	VR Domminus Ihesus Christus locutus est (Mt 26:41)	VR Domminus Ihesus Christus locutus est (Mt 26:41)	VR Custodi nos Domine ut pupillam (Ps 16:
			De una virgine
(BM51)	Acceperunt prudentes oleum (Mt 25:4,6) VR Oleum recondite in vasis (Mt 25:4?)	Vigilate et orate ne intretis (Mt 26:41) VR Videte ne quando adgraventur (Lc 21:34)	Simile est regnum (Mt 25:1) VR Media nocte clamor factus est (Mt 25:6) <i>De virginibus</i>
(BM51)	Clamor factus est (Mt 25:6)	Anima mea desiderat te Deus (Is 26:9)	Acceperunt prudentes oleum (Mt 25:4,6)
,	VR Oleum recondite in vasis (Mt 25:4?) Gloria et honor patri	VR Sicut cervus desiderat (Ps 41:2)	VR Date nomini eius magnificentia (Eccli 39:2
(Sant, BM51)	Meditatus sum nocte (Ps 76:7-8)	Vigila Domine super oves (Io 10:10)	Clamor factus est (Mt 25:6)
	VR Timor et tremor venerunt (Ps 54:6)	VRCustodi nos Domine ut pupillam (Ps 16:8)	VR Oleum recondite in vasis (Mt 25:4?)  De sanctis
(Sant, BM51)	Vigila Domine super oves (Io 10:10) VRCustodi nos Domine ut pupillam (Ps 16:8)	Domine Deus ad te levavi oculos (Ps 122:1) VR De profundis clamavi (Ps 129:1-2)	Servi Dei benedicite (Dan 3:85; Lc 18:1)
		, ,	Dom XLmae
(Sant)	Vigilate et orate ne intretis (Mt 26:41) VR Videte ne quando adgraventur (Lc 21:34)	Meditatus sum nocte (Ps 76:7-8) VR Timor et tremor venerunt (Ps 54:6)	Meditatus sum nocte (Ps 76:7-8) VR Timorr et tremor venerunt (Ps 54:6)
(BM51)	Simile est regnum (Mt 25:1)	Anima mea cessa iam peccare (?)	Vigilate et orate dicit Dominus (Mc 13:35-36; 18:1)
	VR Media nocte clamor factus est (Mt 25:6)	VR Quare tristis es anima mea (Ps 41:6)	VR Domminus Ihesus Christus locutus est (N 26:41)
			Per dies Dominicis
	Ora Dominum ante lucem (?)	Ora Dominum ante lucem (?) VR Si simplex fueris (Iob 1:1)	Per diem clamavi et nocte (Ps 87:2-3)

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Ad noct Dom	Noct Dom	Noct Dom	De noct Dom
Alleluia deduc me (Ps 118:35) VR Legem pone mihi (Ps 118:33)	Alleluia deduc me (Ps 118:35) VR Legem pone mihi (Ps 118:33)	Alleluia deduc me (Ps 118:35) VR Legem pone mihi (Ps 118:33)	Alleluia deduc me (Ps 118:35) VR Legem pone mihi (Ps 118:33)
Repleatur os meum (Ps 70:8) VR Vide humilitatem (Ps 24:18)	Repleatur os meum (Ps 70:8) VR Vide humilitatem (Ps 24:18)	Repleatur os meum (Ps 70:8) VR Vide humilitatem (Ps 24:18)	Ne memor fueris (Ps 78:8) (1) VR Ne irascaris (Is 64:9)
Alleluia vide humilitatem (Ps 24:18) VR Viam iniquitatis (Ps 118:29)	Alleluia vide humilitatem (Ps 24:18) VR Viam iniquitatis (Ps 118:29)	Alleluia vide humilitatem (Ps 24:18) VR Viam iniquitatis (Ps 118:29)	Alleluia misericordia mea (Ps 143:2) VR Diligam te Domine (Ps 17:2-3)
Congrega Domine dispersionem (II Mach 1:27)	Congrega Domine dispersionem (II Mach 1:27)	Congrega Domine dispersionem (II Mach 1:27)	Alleluia vide humilitatem (Ps 24:18)
VR Qui das salutem regibus (Ps 143:10)	VR Qui das salutem regibus (Ps 143:10)	VR Qui das salutem regibus (Ps 143:10)	VR Viam iniquitatis amove (Ps 118:29)
Alleluia misericordia mea (Ps 143:2)	Alleluia misericordia mea (Ps 143:2)	Magnus Dominus noster (Ps 146:5-6) (8)	Congrega Domine dispersionem (II Mach 1:27)
VR Diligam te Domine (Ps 17:2-3)	VR Diligam te Domine (Ps 17:2-3)	VR Et sapientiae eius (Ps 146:5)	VR Qui das salutem regibus (Ps 143:10)
Letor ego super eloquia (Ps 118:162)	Letor ego super eloquia (Ps 118:162)	Benedictus Dominus in aeternum (Ps 88:53)	Omnibus querentibus gratiam (?) (2)
VR Iniquos odio abui (Ps118:113)	VR Iniquos odio abui (Ps118:113)	VR Sit nomen Domini (Ps 112:2)	VR Omnia enim qui petit (Mt. 7:8)
Assignments in AL:  (1) De defunctis generalis mat			Benedictus Dominus in aeternum (Ps 88:53) (3) VR Sit nomen Domini (Ps 112:2) In omni loco oculi Dei (Prov 15:3-4)
(2) De avatilione Demonst			VR Verbum dulce (Eccli 6:5)
(2) De quotidiano Dom mat			Misericoriam et iudicium cantabo (Ps 100:1) (4)
(3) De quotidiano Dom mat			VR Perambulabam in innocentiam (Ps 100:2)
(4) De quotidiano Dom noct et mat sive in ora diei	1		Alleluia iudicia iudicium (Ps 118:154)
(5) VR Deus in nomine tuo salvos (Ps			VR Vide humilitatem (Ps 24:18)
53:3)  De quotidiano Dom noct et mat sive in ora diei			Adiuva Domine sperantes in te (?)
(6) De quotidiano Dom mat			VR Adiuva no Deus (Ps 78:9; 64:6) (5)
(c) 20 quotimino Dont min			Funes peccatorum circumplexi (Ps 118:61, 97) (6)

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	ora diei							

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(8) De	auotidiano	Dom	mat

	VR Quomodo dilexi legem tuam (Ps 118:97)
	Letor ego super eloquia (Ps 118:162) VR Magnificat anima mea (Lc 1:46)
	Auxilium meum a Domino (Ps 120:2) (7) VR Levavi oculos meos (Ps 120:1)
	Repleatur os meumut possim (Ps 70:8) VR Vide humilitatem (Ps 24:18)
Post noct	Noct Dom XLmae
Suspiro ego et gemeo (Iob 3:24-26) VR Ve misero mici (Ier 45:3)	Suspiro ego et gemeo (Iob 3:24-26) VR Ve misero mici (Ier 45:3)
Quis mihi det (Iob 6:8,6) VR Quis mihi tribuat (Iob 6:8-10)	Scio Domine quia nihil in terra (Iob 5:6-7) VR Ego vero deprecabor (Iob 5:8)
Scio Domine quia nihil in terra (Iob 5:6-7)	Si apenderentur peccata mea (Iob 6:2-3)
VR Ego vero deprecabor (Iob 5:8)	VR Quia sagittae Domini (Iob 6:4)
Si apenderentur peccata mea (Iob 6:2-3)	Quae est enim Domine fortitudo (Iob 6:11)
VR Quia sagittae Domini (Iob 6:4)	VR Nec fortitudo lapidum (Iob 6:12)
Quae est enim Domine fortitudo (Iob 6:11)	Quis mihi det (Iob 6:8,6)
VR Nec fortitudo lapidum (Iob 6:12)	VR Quis mihi tribuat (Iob 6:8-10)
Ecce ego plorans (Thr 1:16) VR Deducant oculi mei lacrimas (Ier 14:17)	Ecce ego plorans (Thr 1:16) VR Deducant oculi mei lacrimas (Ier 14:17)

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Sal Additional assignments:		Noct feria II	Noct feria II	Noct feria II
Noct Dom [I] XLmae	(1)	In lege Domini meditemur (Ps 1:2) VR Venite filii audite me (Ps 33:12)	In lege Domini meditemur (Ps 1:2) VR Venite filii audite me (Ps 33:12)	In lege Domini meditemur (Ps 1:2) VR Venite filii audite me (Ps 33:12)
Noct Dom II XLmae	(2)	Adprehendite disciplinam nequando (Ps 2:12) VR Servite Domino in timore (Ps 2:11)	Adprehendite disciplinam nequando (Ps 2:12) VR Servite Domino in timore (Ps 2:11)	Adprehendite disciplinam nequando (Ps 2:12) VR Servite Domino in timore (Ps 2:11)
Noct Dom de Med	(3)	Tu Domine susceptor meus es (Ps 3:4) VR Misericordia mea et refugium (Ps 143:2)	Tu Domine susceptor meus es (Ps 3:4) VR Misericordia mea et refugium (Ps 143:2)	Tu Domine susceptor meus es (Ps 3:4) VR Misericordia mea et refugium (Ps 143:2)
Noct in Lazaro	(4)	Miserere mei Domine et exaudi (Ps 4:2) VR Inclina Domine aurem tuam (Ps 16:6)	Miserere mei Domine et exaudi (Ps 4:2) VR Inclina Domine aurem tuam (Ps 16:6)	Miserere mei Domine et exaudi (Ps 4:2) VR Inclina Domine aurem tuam (Ps 16:6)
		Noct feria III	Noct feria III	Noct feria III
Noct Dom [I] XLmae	(5)	Intellige clamorem meum Deus (Ps 5:2) VR Intende voci orationis meae (Ps 5:3)	Intellige clamorem meum Deus (Ps 5:2) VR Intende voci orationis meae (Ps 5:3)	Intellige clamorem meum Deus (Ps 5:2) VR Intende voci orationis meae (Ps 5:3)
Noct Dom II XLmae	(6)	Infirmus sum sana me Domine (Ps 6:3) VR Quoniam turbata sunt ossa (Ps 6:3-4)	Infirmus sum sana me Domine (Ps 6:3) VR Quoniam turbata sunt ossa (Ps 6:3-4)	Infirmus sum sana me Domine (Ps 6:3) VR Quoniam turbata sunt ossa (Ps 6:3-4)
Noct Dom de Med	(7)	Confitebor Domino qui salvos (Ps 7:18, 11) VR Et psallam nomini Domini (Ps 7:18)	Confitebor Domino qui salvos (Ps 7:18, 11) VR Et psallam nomini Domini (Ps 7:18)	Confitebor Domino qui salvos (Ps 7:18, 11) VR Et psallam nomini Domini (Ps 7:18)
Noct in Lazaro	(8)	Quam admirabile est nomen tuum (Ps 8:2) VR Ex ore infantium et lactantium (Ps16:7)	Quam admirabile est nomen tuum (Ps 8:2) VR Ex ore infantium et lactantium (Ps16:7)	Quam admirabile est nomen tuum (Ps 8:2) VR Ex ore infantium et lactantium (Ps16:7)
		Noct feria IV	Noct feria IV	Noct feria IV
Noct Dom [I] XLmae	(9)	Mirifica Domine misericordias tuas (Ps 16:7) VR Custodi nos Domine ut pupillam (Ps 16:8)	Mirifica Domine misericordias tuas (Ps 16:7) VR Custodi nos Domine ut pupillam (Ps 16:8)	Mirifica Domine misericordias tuas (Ps 16:7) VR Custodi nos Domine ut pupillam (Ps 16:8)
Noct Dom II XLmae	(10)	Non timebo mala Domine (Ps 22:4) VR Virga tua et baculus (Ps 22:14)	Non timebo mala Domine (Ps 22:4) VR Virga tua et baculus (Ps 22:14)	Non timebo mala Domine (Ps 22:4) VR Virga tua et baculus (Ps 22:14)
Noct Dom de Med	(11)	Benedicam Domino in omni tempore (Ps 33:2) VR In Domino laudabitur (Ps 33:3)	Benedicam Domino in omni tempore (Ps 33:2) VR In Domino laudabitur (Ps 33:3)	Benedicam Domino in omni tempore (Ps 33:2) VR In Domino laudabitur (Ps 33:3)
Noct in Lazaro	(12)	Adiutor et liberator meus (Ps 39:18) VR Exaudi orationem meam (Ps 38:13)	Adiutor et liberator meus (Ps 39:18) VR Exaudi orationem meam (Ps 38:13)	Adiutor et liberator meus (Ps 39:18) VR Exaudi orationem meam (Ps 38:13)

		Noct feria V	Noct feria V	Noct feria V
Noct Dom [I] XLmae	(13)	Cor mundum crea in me Deus (Ps 50:12) VR Spiritum rectum innova (Ps 50:12)	Cor mundum crea in me Deus (Ps 50:12) VR Spiritum rectum innova (Ps 50:12)	Cor mundum crea in me Deus (Ps 50:12) VR Spiritum rectum innova (Ps 50:12)
Noct Dom II XLmae	(14)	Benigne fac Domine (Ps 50:20) VR Ut aedificentur muri (Ps 50:20)	Benigne fac Domine (Ps 50:20) VR Ut aedificentur muri (Ps 50:20)	Benigne fac Domine (Ps 50:20) VR Ut aedificentur muri (Ps 50:20)
Noct Dom de Med	(15)	In te confidet anima mea (Ps 56:2) VR Et in umbra alarum tuarum (Ps 56:2)	In te confidet anima mea (Ps 56:2) VR Et in umbra alarum tuarum (Ps 56:2)	In te confidet anima mea (Ps 56:2) VR Et in umbra alarum tuarum (Ps 56:2)
Noct in Lazaro	(16)	Spes nostra in Deo est (Ps 61:8) VR Sperate in eum (Ps 61:9)	Spes nostra in Deo est (Ps 61:8) VR Sperate in eum (Ps 61:9)	Spes nostra in Deo est (Ps 61:8) VR Sperate in eum (Ps 61:9)
		Noct feria VI	Noct feria VI	Noct feria VI
Noct Dom [I] XLmae	(17)	Misereatur nobis et benedicat nos (Ps 66:2) VR Inluminet Dominus vultum (Ps 66:2)	Misereatur nobis et benedicat nos (Ps 66:2) VR Inluminet Dominus vultum (Ps 66:2)	Misereatur nobis et benedicat nos (Ps 66:2) VR Inluminet Dominus vultum (Ps 66:2)
Noct Dom II XLmae	(18)	De die in die benedictrus (Ps 67:36) VR Deus Israhel ipse dabit (Ps 67:36)	De die in die benedictrus (Ps 67:36) VR Deus Israhel ipse dabit (Ps 67:36)	De die in die benedictrus (Ps 67:36) VR Deus Israhel ipse dabit (Ps 67:36)
Noct Dom de Med	(19)	Exaudi me Domine quoniam benigna (Ps 68:17) VR Secundum multitudinem (Ps 68:17)	Exaudi me Domine quoniam benigna (Ps 68:17) VR Secundum multitudinem (Ps 68:17)	Exaudi me Domine quoniam benigna (Ps 68:17) VR Secundum multitudinem (Ps 68:17)
Noct in Lazaro	(20)	Ad adiuvandum me festina (Ps 69:2,6) VR Deus in adiutorium meum (Ps 69:2)	Ad adiuvandum me festina (Ps 69:2,6) VR Deus in adiutorium meum (Ps 69:2)	Ad adiuvandum me festina (Ps 69:2,6) VR Deus in adiutorium meum (Ps 69:2)
		Noct sabbato	[Noct sabbato]	Noct sabbato
Noct Dom [I] XLmae	(21)	Domine Deus virtutum beatus (Ps 83:13) VR Quam amabilia sunt tabernacula (Ps 83:2)	Domine Deus virtutum beatus (Ps 83:13) VR Quam amabilia sunt tabernacula (Ps 83:2)	Domine Deus virtutum beatus (Ps 83:13) VR Quam amabilia sunt tabernacula (Ps 83:2)
Noct Dom II XLmae	(22)	Qui respicit in terra (Ps 103:32) VR Peccavimus cum patribus (Ps 105:6)	Qui respicit in terra (Ps 103:32) VR Peccavimus cum patribus (Ps 105:6)	Qui respicit in terra (Ps 103:32) VR Ad te levamus (Ps 122:1)
Noct Dom de Med	(23)	Vivit anima mea Deus (Ps 118:175) VR Erravi sicut ovis (Ps 118:176)	Vivit anima mea Deus (Ps 118:175) VR Erravi sicut ovis (Ps 118:176)	Vivit anima mea Deus (Ps 118:175) VR Erravi sicut ovis (Ps 118:176)
Noct in Lazaro	(24)	Adiutorium nostrum in nomine Domini (Ps 123:8) VR Laqueus contritus est (Ps 123:7) Gloria et honor patri	Adiutorium nostrum in nomine Domini (Ps 123:8) VR Laqueus contritus est (Ps 123:7) Gloria et honor patri	Adiutorium nostrum in nomine Domini (Ps 123:8) VR Laqueus contritus est (Ps 123:7) Gloria et honor patri

Table 2. Responsories ad nocturnos dominicales in S7

Repleatur os meum (Ps 70:8)	134
VR Vide humilitatem (Ps 24:18) Alleluia deduc me (Ps 118:35) VR Laccure (Ps 118:32)	134
VR Legem pone mici (Ps 118:33) Ne memor fueris (Ps 78:8)	134
VR Ne irascaris Domine (Is 64:9) Alleluia misericordia mea (Ps 143:2)	134
VR Diligam te Domine (Ps 17:2–3) Alleluia vide humilitatem (Ps 24:18)	134v
VR Viam inituitatis amobe (Ps 118:29) Alleluia laudabo te Domine semper (?) VR Exaltabo te Domine rex (Ps 144:1)	136
Alias responsurias de nocturnos dominicales Benedictus Dominus in eternum (Ps 88:53) VR Sit nomen Domini (Ps 112:2)	140v
Misericordiam et iudicium cantabo (Ps 100:1) VR Perambulabam in innocentiam (Ps 100:2)	140v
Magnus Dominus [noster] alleluia (Ps 146:5–6) VR Et sapientia eius (Ps 146:5)	140v
VR Dispiritud (18 17 18:162) Letor ego super eloquia (Ps 118:162) VR Magnificat anima mea (Lc 1:46)	140v
Funes peccatorum circumplexi (Ps 118:61, 97) VRQuomodo dilexi legem tuam (Ps 118:97)	141
Viri sancti germinate (Eccli 24:19?) VR Florete flores quasi lilium (Eccli 39:19)	141
De sanctis Si Deus pro nobis (Rom 8:31)  WILL The flow of the common illa (De (1:0))	141v
[VR] Et effundite coram illo (Ps 61:9) Dabo sanctis meis primam (IV Esdras 2:23, 25) VR Etdeshurk intricut valender (Pan 12:2)	141v
VR Fulgebunt iusti sicut splendor (Dan 12:3) (I)sti sunt sancti qui pro testamento (I Mach 2:50)  VR Fullebunt cancti in glorio (Po 140:5)	142
VR Exultabunt sancti in gloria (Ps 149:5) Sanctis ab altissimo conceditur (Ezra 24:33?) VR Et adduvit acc in montom (Ps 77:54)	142
VR Et adduxit eos in montem (Ps 77:54) Omnes iusti regem in decore (Is 33:17; 65:14) VR Omnes iusti hereditabunt (Is 33:20)	142
De unius iusti Beatus ille servus dicit Dominus (Mt 24:45, 47)	142v
VR Beatus servus ille (Mt 24:46) Iste homo supplicabat (Eccli 23:4, 3)	142v (MS ends)

Sant are more closely related to one another than either is to BM51, but the picture is decidedly mixed.

For responsories to be sung *ad nocturnos* on Sundays, AL provides a list of six that is identical to the list in Sal. In Sant, the first four are identical in order to the first four in AL and Sal and are followed by two unica. BM51 includes four that are shared among the other manuscripts, but not in the same order, and two unica. Most important here is that AL and Sal are identical and closely related to Sant, whereas BM51 stands somewhat apart from the others.

BM51 then continues with nine further responsories *ad nocturnos* on Sundays that are not found in Sal or Sant but that do appear in AL assigned variously to matins on ordinary Sundays, to the commemoration of the dead and to nominally

cloistered services. What follows is a set of six pieces shared between BM51 and Sant but not in the same order and assigned in Sant to *post nocturnos* and in BM51 to *ad nocturnos* for the Sundays in Lent. This is the closest correspondence between BM51 and any of the other sources, though once again there are considerable differences in the order in which the pieces appear and the places in the liturgy to which they are assigned.

Sal, Sant and BM51 then provide pieces to be sung ad nocturnos for weekdays, and here a very different picture emerges. There are four pieces for each day, and thus a total of twenty-four, and they are identical in all three sources in the order in which they are presented (Table 3). Especially striking is that they are all psalmic, and they proceed through the psalms in order. Furthermore, BM51 takes this list and assigns its pieces in a systematic way to the Sundays in Lent. Here each of the four Sundays in Lent has six responsories. The four pieces for Monday are distributed across the four Sundays as the first in the series of six. The four pieces for Tuesday are distributed across the four Sundays as the second in the series of six. And so forth, as described in Table 4, where the numbers are the order-numbers in the psalmically arranged list of the twenty-four assigned to weekdays. This arrangement suggests strongly that the list for the weekdays precedes the arrangement for Sundays, which evidently derives from it, since it is very difficult to imagine that the arrangement for Sundays in Lent in BM51, which obscures or at least complicates the orderly progression through the Psalms, can have been the source for the very straightforward distribution of these pieces across the weekdays in all three manuscripts.

From all of this we can conclude that our four sources have common roots and share a loose collection of responsories for the Night Office but that this collection was also employed in some degree in public worship. The list of pieces for the Ferial Office, because of the way in which it uses the psalms and the fact that it appears identically in Sal, Sant and BM51, must antedate the shared loose collection and the divergences of these sources from one another. This list must therefore be part of the oldest surviving core of the Night Office. The evolution of the Night Office thus began with a set of pieces for the Ferial Office, drawn from the psalms in order and all closely related in appealing to God to listen and to have mercy. Only later were pieces assigned to or composed for Sundays and other occasions, by which time the traditions embodied in these manuscripts (as defined especially by their musical notation, as we will see) had begun to diverge. The systematic distribution of pieces for the Ferial Office across the Sundays in Lent speaks to the ways in which the structure of Lenten worship evolved, for other sources suggest that the two halves of Lent emerged separately, whereas BM51 distributes the list of psalmic responsories across the whole of Lent as a single structure.<sup>6</sup> In particular, this list must antedate the separation between BM51, on the one hand, and AL, Sal and Sant, on the other, that has been

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The structure of Lent is treated at length and with ample reference to earlier scholarship on the subject in Emma Hornby and Rebecca Maloy, *Music and Meaning in Old Hispanic Lenten Chants* (Woodbridge, 2013), esp. in chapter 1.

Feria						
II	III	IV	V	VI	Sabb	
1	5	9	13	17	21	
2	6	10	14	18	22	
3	7	11	15	19	23	
4	8	12	16	20	24	

Table 3. Order of Reponsories ad nocturnos for weekdays in Sal, Sant and BM51

Table 4. Order of Responsories ad nocturnos for Sundays in Sal, Sant and BM51

Sundays in Lent				
I	II	Med.	Lazaro	
1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	

hinted at in several ways in what we have seen so far. To this separation we now turn in examining the musical notation of these responsories.

Figure 1 transcribes in parallel and in alphabetical order all the responsories shared among AL, Sant, Sal and BM51. In my earlier study of the responsorial psalm tones, I showed how AL, Sant and Sal share a version of these tones that differs from the version in BM51 and related manuscripts. I called these the León and Rioja traditions, respectively. Figure 1 makes possible a comparison of versions of the whole of each piece and not just the verse. The responsory refrains are, of course, much more elaborate than the verses and employ a much wider array of notational symbols. It is nevertheless clear that AL, Sant and Sal form a consistently similar group that regularly differs from BM51 in notational detail, even though there is no doubt that all four manuscripts give versions of the same melodies and surely have a common ancestor. For example, *Alleluia deduc me*, the second piece in Figure 1 and the first piece that is present in all four sources, sets the word 'Alleluia' at the opening in BM51 with a series of puncta and podatus. AL, Sant and Sal, on the other hand, set this word with a much more elaborate melody and are virtually identical to one another. Careful comparison of the richer notation of the refrains thus shows how the refrains

It will be recalled from Table 1 that many of the pieces in AL are assigned to occasions for public worship. In Figures 1, 2 and 3 I have myself transcribed the neumes from the sources so as to align them. Although these transcriptions render accurately individual neume shapes, they do not capture in every case the vertical placement of neumes in relation to one another, nor are the sources perfectly aligned in every case because of the constraints of horizontal spacing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Don Michael Randel, The Responsorial Psalm Tones for the Mozarabic Office (Princeton, 1969).

	AL	Sal	Sant
Acceperunt prudentes oleum (Mt 25:4, 6)			
VR Oleum recondite in vasis (Mt?)	220v Iust, Ru	f 150v med noo	et
Alleluia deduc me per semitam (Ps 118:35)			
VR Legem pone mihi Domine (Ps 118:33)	295 noct Don	1.165	216
Alleluia misericordia mea alleluia (Ps 143:2)			
VR Diligam te Domine virtus mea (Ps 17:2)	295 noct Don	166	
Alleluia vide humilitatem mean (Ps 24:18)			
VR Viam iniquitatis amobe a me (Ps 118:29)	295 noct Dom	165v	216
Benedictus Dominus in eternum (Ps 88:53)			
VR Sit nomen Domini benedictum (Ps 112:2)	294 noct Dom	1	216v
Clamor factus est (Mt 25:6)			
VR Audite me divini fructus (Eccli 39:17)	221 Iust, Ruf		
II Gloria et honor Patri		150v med noc	t
Congrega Domine disperionem nostram (II Mach 1:27)			
VR Qui das salutem regibus (Ps 143:10)	295 noct Dom	166	216
Laetor ego super eloquia (Ps 118:162)			
VR Iniquos odio abui (Ps 118:113)	295v noct Do	m166v	
Magnus Dominus noster alleluia (Ps 146:5-6)			
VR Et sapientie eius (Ps 146:5)	291v noct Do	m	216v
Repleatur os meum Deus (Ps 70:8)			
VR Vide humilitatem (Ps 24:18)	295 noct Dom	165v	216

Figure 1. Responsories shared between AL, Sant, Sal and BM51 in alphabetical order.

too confirm the grouping of the manuscripts made on the basis of their verse formulas.

Figure 2 similarly transcribes in parallel and in the order in which they appear in the manuscripts the twenty-four responsories assigned to the Ferial Office. AL does not include these pieces, and Sal gives each one twice – once for the Ferial Office and once for the Sundays in Lent. Here, again, Sal and Sant clearly form a pair that differs in detail from BM51 while nevertheless presenting the same melodies. That Sal gives each piece

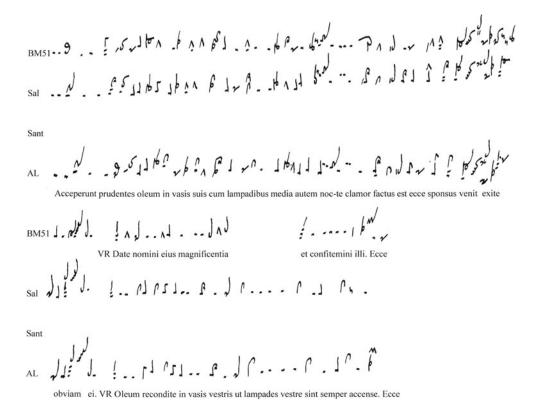


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twice offers a unique opportunity to study this notation as employed by a single scribe and thus to learn something about the variability and lack of it between two examples of the same piece. In general, the notation within Sal and between Sal and Sant is remarkably consistent. They were both, like AL and BM51, copied from well-established written traditions in which scribes did not exercise any significant individual freedoms.

Much remains to be learned about the provenance and dating of Old Hispanic sources, and even the manuscripts studied here have occasioned differing views. Indeed, there is not a unanimous view about any of the manuscripts under study here. The following summary account relies on the list of sources given in the appendix to Hornby and Maloy's 'Melodic Dialects in Old Hispanic Chant' (see fn. 1).

AL has been dated in both the tenth and the eleventh centuries, and its provenance has been most often said to be in or near León but perhaps copied from a model from as far away as Toledo or the southern part of the peninsula. One item in this manuscript

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Carmen Julia Gutiérrez, 'Librum de auratum conspice pinctum. Sobre la datación y la procedencia del Antifonario de León', Revista de musicología, 43 (2020), 19–76, is of fundamental importance and brings to bear art historical evidence in new ways. She dates it 950–60. She links the style of the illuminations to

VR Legem pone mihi domine viam iustitie tue et exquiram eam semper. Quo(niam)

Figure 1. Continued.

has not yet been satisfactorily explained, however, and that is the appearance at the end of the Mass for St Leocadia (fol. 49v) of two pieces with the rubric *Ad sepulcrum*. St Leocadia was from Toledo, and there are early references to her sepulchre as a site of devotion there. It is not clear why a manuscript copied anywhere else but Toledo should include such a rubric, even if it was being copied from a model that did indeed come from Toledo.

that of Florencio of Valeránica and notes the close relationship between Valeránica, Silos, and San Millan. On AL as well as Sant, see her 'Melodías del canto hispánico en el repertorio litúrgico de la Edad Media y el Renacimiento', in *El canto mozárabe y su entorno: Estudios sobre la música de la liturgia Viejo hispánica* (Madrid, 2013), 547–75, esp. 572–5.

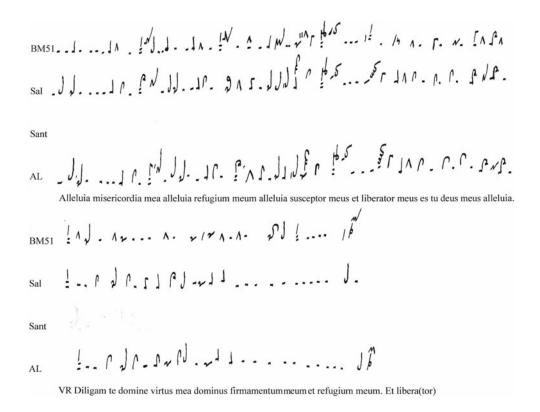


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Miguel Vivancos views Sal, on the basis of writing and decoration, as similar to the products of Silos and reports that it was copied by Cristóbal in 1059. Similarly, the scribe of Sant, one Pedro, is described by Manuel C. Díaz y Díaz as having finished his work on the manuscript in León in 1055 but to display clear evidence of training in or near Silos and to display a debt to the style of Florencio of Valeránica. He notes that Sal could be thought of as a 'twin' of Sant but for its quality. Of Pedro he says that 'at no time can he be considered to be from León on the basis of his writing'. BM51 is most often said to be from Silos, but some have expressed doubts. 12

The musical notation of these sources does, nevertheless, offer some evidence that is clearer than arguments based on the palaeography of the texts and leads to conclusions different from those just cited. The comparison of manuscripts based on the handwriting of the texts ultimately rests on questions of style. To

Miguel C. Vivancos Gómez, OSB, Glosas y notas marginales de los mauscritos visigóticos del monasterio de Santo Domingo de Silos, Studia silensia 19 (Abadia de Silos, 1996) 57.

Manuel C. Díaz y Díaz, 'Some Incidental Notes on the Music Manuscripts', in *Hispania vetus*, ed. Susana Zapke (Bilbao, 2007), 93–111, esp. 104–5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Zapke, ed., *Hispania vetus*, cites relevant bibliography for this and virtually all Old Hispanic sources.

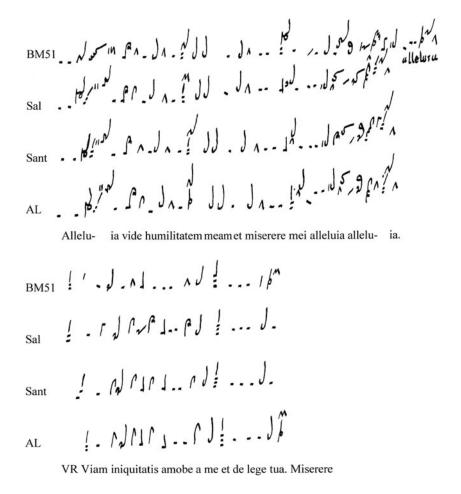


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compare them based on their musical notation, however, rests in the first instance on whether they use the same or different neumes in any given position. Different scribes might of course write one and the same neume in slightly different ways. But in comparing two manuscripts on the basis of their neumes, one can determine the frequency with which the two do or do not use the same neume in the same place. This is not a matter of style, about which distinguished palaeographers might disagree, but rather the sum of a series of questions to which the answer is either yes or no.

What is clearest is that Sant and BM51 cannot be from the same place. The dominant opinion about BM51 is that it is from Silos. If Pedro, the copyist of Sant, shows palaeographical signs of being from Silos or nearby, though he was active in León, then he must not have copied the music, for this music unequivocally belongs in the

BM51 - 
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 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

VR Sit nomen domini benedictum ex hoc nunc et usque in seculum. p. Fiat fiat alle(luia).

Figure 1. Continued.

same family as Sal and AL and not in the family of BM51 and other manuscripts from Silos and nearby. Similarly Sal cannot be from Silos and must instead be from León or wherever AL and Sant were copied.

AL, Sal and Sant clearly belong together somewhere, and that is not in Silos. Where then? The one thing of which we can be surest is that Sant is from León, for it was commissioned for King Ferdinand I by his wife, Queen Sancha. Hence, on the basis of the musical notation, AL and Sal must be from somewhere in the Leonese orbit. BM51 clearly belongs somewhere else. That somewhere else may well be Silos, but it is certainly somewhere to the east of León, given its relationship (in regard to the responsorial psalm tones) with other manuscripts thought to be from Silos and the Rioja.

Sant

VR Oleum recondite in vasis vestris ut lampades vestre sint accense. ecce

Sal

II Gloria et honor patri et filio et spiritui sancto in secula seculorum amen. exite oviam ei

Sant

VR Audite me divini fructus et quasi rosa plantata s[uper

Figure 1. Continued.

What then of the origins of AL?<sup>13</sup> Beja, to the west, and a hypothetical manuscript from 806, has been proposed, as have Toledo and the southern part of the peninsula, from which refugees would have brought manuscripts to the north. The rubric *ad sepulcrum* at the feast of St Leocadia in AL points to Toledo, but there is no other manuscript from Toledo that is anything like it. To is perhaps a partial exception. Although its musical texts were clearly intended to receive notation, only a few texts were

Díaz y Díaz, 'Some Incidental Notes on the Music Manuscripts', reports his own views on AL and Sant, citing with bibliography a variety of opinions. See also Gutiérrez, 'Librum de auratum conspice pinctum. Sobre la datación y la procedencia del Antifonario de León'.

BM51 
$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} +$$

VR Qui das salutem regibus et liberas David servum tuum de gladio maligno. L(i)b(era)

Figure 1. Continued.

actually so supplied. This notation is in at least three different hands and is of the type described as northern – that is, the type of notation found in AL and related sources and in the manuscripts from Silos and the Rioja. One of these hands bears a strong resemblance to those of the León group and to the hand of BM51. The notation of these manuscripts is in general more upright and could be said to be more elegant than the other northern notations in T6 and in BM45, a manuscript thought to be from Silos. The first part of Figure 3 enables a comparison between AL and one of the hands in T6 and shows their notation for these pieces to be virtually identical. The following pages of Figure 3 enable a comparison of AL, T6 and BM45. Here again, AL and T6 are quite close, and BM45 clearly stands apart in its choice of

Figure 1. Continued.

notational symbols, though one could reasonably conclude that all three manuscripts transmit versions of the same melodies. BM45, furthermore, is instantly recognizable as the work of a different and rather cruder hand, like one of the other hands in T6 and the hand of the few examples of notation in BM46, also usually thought to be from Silos. Unfortunately, the melodies shared by AL, T6 and BM45 are not found in any other manuscripts. Hence, one cannot bring other witnesses to bear on whether the hand of the shared pieces in T6 is more like, say, BM51 than like AL. Furthermore, the shared pieces do not include any responsory verses, which could point clearly in one direction or another.

From the southern part of the peninsula, that is from south of Toledo, we have no sources of consequence at all. <sup>14</sup> Do the similarities between AL and T6 suggest a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See the map in Zapke, Hispania vetus, 249.

**BM51** 

Magnus dominus noster alleluia et magna virtus eius alleluia a(ll)e(l)uia.

**BM51** 

VR Et sapientie eius non est numerus. All(elui)a.

Figure 1. Continued.

relationship of AL to Toledo? That would require a belief that T6 is from Toledo, as has usually been thought. But the unusual character of T6, with its several 'northern' hands and its sparsity of notation, suggests that its origins need to be rethought. At the same time, the origins of all the manuscripts usually labelled as being from Silos should probably be rethought, as there are at least two quite different styles of notation present in them – one represented by BM51 (if indeed it is from Silos) and one by BM45. Perhaps the best we can do, then, is to say that given its strong similarity to Sant, which we know to be from León, AL is likely to be from the north and in a region around León or to the west and not to the east, where we enter the terrain of BM51. This could include Beja, but we have no examples of musical notation from there.

Since there is the possibility that AL was copied from a model that came from somewhere other than León, we might ask what this model could have been like. It would surely have been an antiphoner, like AL, with texts and musical notation. Such a

Repleatur os meum deus laude tua ut possim cantare gloriam tuam alle- luia

BM51 
$$= -\sqrt{2}$$
  $= -\sqrt{2}$   $= -\sqrt{2}$  Sant  $= -\sqrt{2}$   $= -\sqrt$ 

VR Vide humilitatem meam et laborem meum et dimitte omnia peccata mea. Ut p(ossim).

Figure 1. Continued.

collection of texts must have existed by the time of the *Oracional visigótico* (before 711), but AL includes material not present in the *Oracional*, and its model must therefore be from well after the beginning of the eighth century. <sup>15</sup> Can we imagine an antiphoner with the elaborate set of texts implied by the *Oracional* and expanded upon in AL without musical notation?

I find this hard to imagine. AL and other sources preserve an elaborate and intricate liturgical structure in which the relationships of text to melody, both within individual pieces and among related pieces, was carefully thought out. It is hard to imagine that text and melody were not worked out simultaneously. It is almost as hard to imagine that the elaborate structure of the texts, having been conceived in relation to melodies that would set them, circulated for very long before someone thought to find a way to write down the melodies and the texts together. One might object that the *Sextuplex* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See my 'Leander, Isidore, and Gregory'.

Figure 2. Responsories for the Ferial Office in Sal, Sant and BM51.

manuscripts in the Gregorian tradition provide a counter-argument in that they are the earliest sources, and they leave no physical space for notation. But missals and breviaries with complete texts and no notation have existed down to the present. The absence of notation in these early manuscripts, then, cannot be thought to mean that there was no notation at the time of their copying.

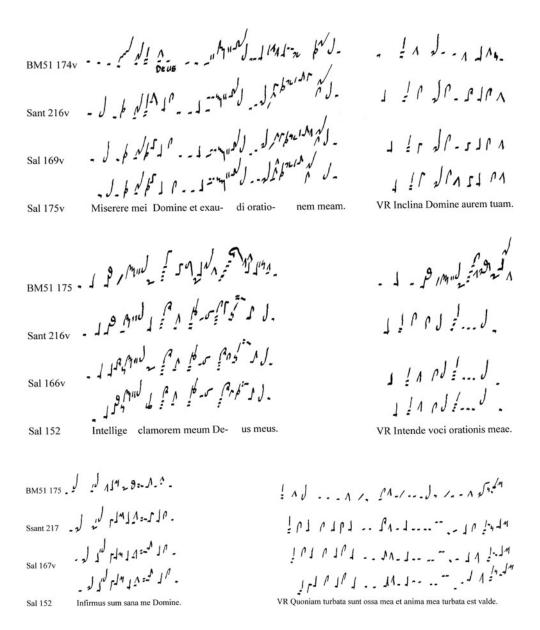
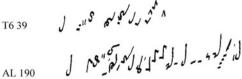


Figure 2. Continued.

Only one conclusion is certain. We know very little about the dates and provenance of the Old Hispanic sources, and the whole complex requires renewed study. One of the most promising tools for establishing relationships among these sources, however, has not yet been fully exploited. That is musical notation. Exploiting it requires the tedious work of copying all the pieces in all the sources in parallel and comparing

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PSLM E- go dormibi et qui- ebi et resurrexi . . . .

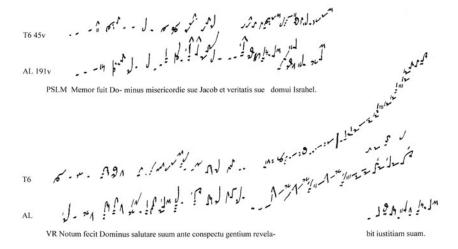


Figure 3. Pieces shared between T6, BM45 and AL.

SNO Doce nos Domine facere volumtatem tuam alleluia quia tu es Deus noster ae- uia

II Spiritus tuus bonus deducat nos in viam rectam.

ANT Munda nos Domine ab iniquitatibus nostris et cor mundum crea in nobis et spiritum rectum in visceribus nostris.

ALL Davo vobis cor nobum dicit Dominus et spiritum meum ponam in medio vestri alleluia alleluia alle-

PRLG Dum conplerentur dies Pentecosten erant omnes apostoli simul in unum et factus est e ce-

Figure 3. Continued.

PSLM Re- dde mici laetitiam saluta- ris tui . . . .

VR Iura- bi et statui custodire.

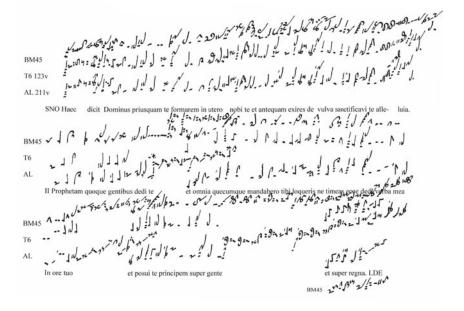


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ANT Ne timeas Zaccarias quoniam exaudita est oratio tua ecce nascetur tibi filius Johannes est nomen eius.

ALL Angelus Domini dixit Zaccarie alle- luia ecce Elisabet in utero accipiet alleluia et pariet filium

Figure 3. Continued.

PSLD Ponam te in exultatione eterna dicit Dominus alleluia et erit gaudium tuum

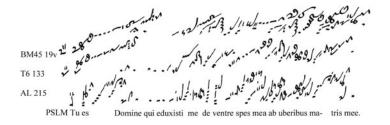
PRLG Floruit terra alleluia maturitas messis advenit alleluia

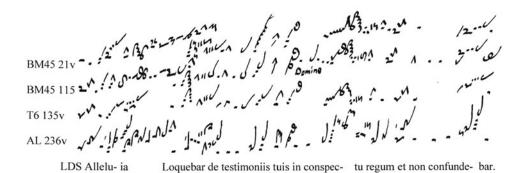
ANT Gloria mea Deus et exaltans caput meum.

BM45 
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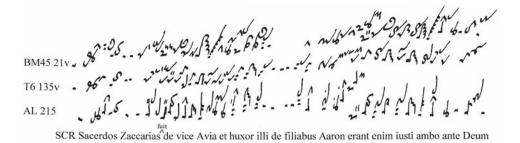


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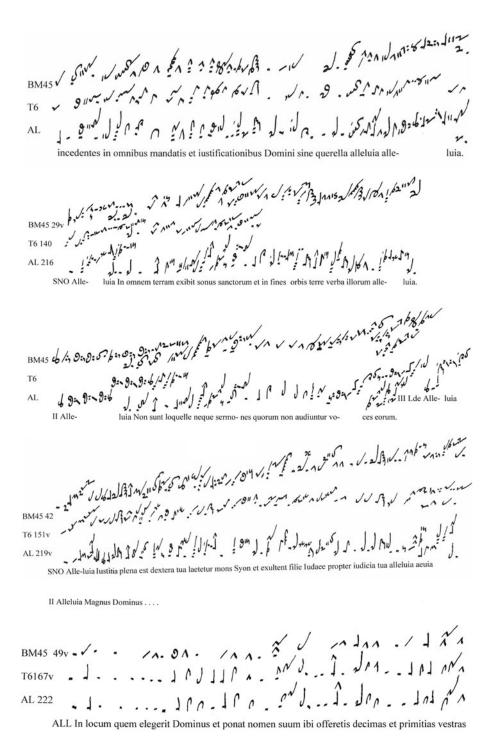
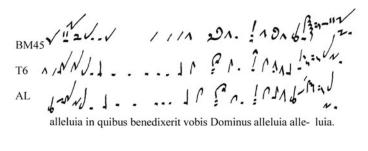
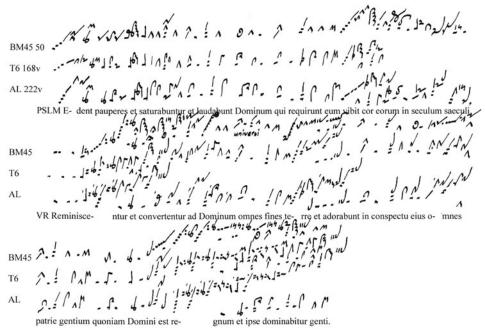


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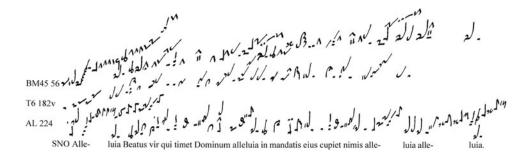


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II Gloria et divitie in domo eius et iustitia eius manet in seculum se- culi alle- I

ALL Felix qui ex abundantia sua cibos ponit in visceribus pauperum de opere suo recipiet fructum laboris alle-

ANT Felix qui non habuit animi sui tristitiam et non excidit ab spe sua iucunditate et exultatio- ne

thesaurizabit super eum Dominus et nomine eterno heredita- bit illum.

Figure 3. Continued.

ALL Felix qui potuit transgredi et non est transgressus et facere mala et non fecit ideo stabilita sunt

VPR Praeceptum Domini lucidum inluminans oculos sapientia pre- stans parvulis

VR Lex Domini inreprehensivilis convertens animas testimonium Dei fidele.

Figure 3. Continued.

them symbol by symbol. For example, there are several different forms of the *scandicus* that are clearly distinguishable from one another to a much greater degree than different versions of the letters of the alphabet. This notation thus provides a much more concrete basis for judging similarities and differences among sources than does palaeographic study of the texts.