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Alex. Watford

Having waited for my Sister to go to Church on the Morning of the first Sunday in Advent, my Prayer Book happened to open, and the Collect for the day met my eye. The elegance of the Matter contained in it, and the near approach to Verse, struck my Mind at the time. I endeavoured to put it into regular shape and soon succeeded. On the second Sunday morning I did the same with the second Collect; and it became an object in my Mind to effect the whole, as I had observed the great difficulty that Children in general experienced to get the Collects as a religious exercise: whereas little or none would take place when presented to the Youthful Mind in their present Form.

Decr 31st 1830

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June 30th 1840

Alex Watford

# First Sunday in Advent.

Great God! to us thy grace impart,
To cast away the works of ill;
With Light, thine Armour, fence the Heart,
Whilst Christ thy mission doth fulfil; —
That at the last tremendous day,
When He shall judge the World aright,
A Life immortal, may display
The glories of His wondrous might.

# Second Sunday in Advent

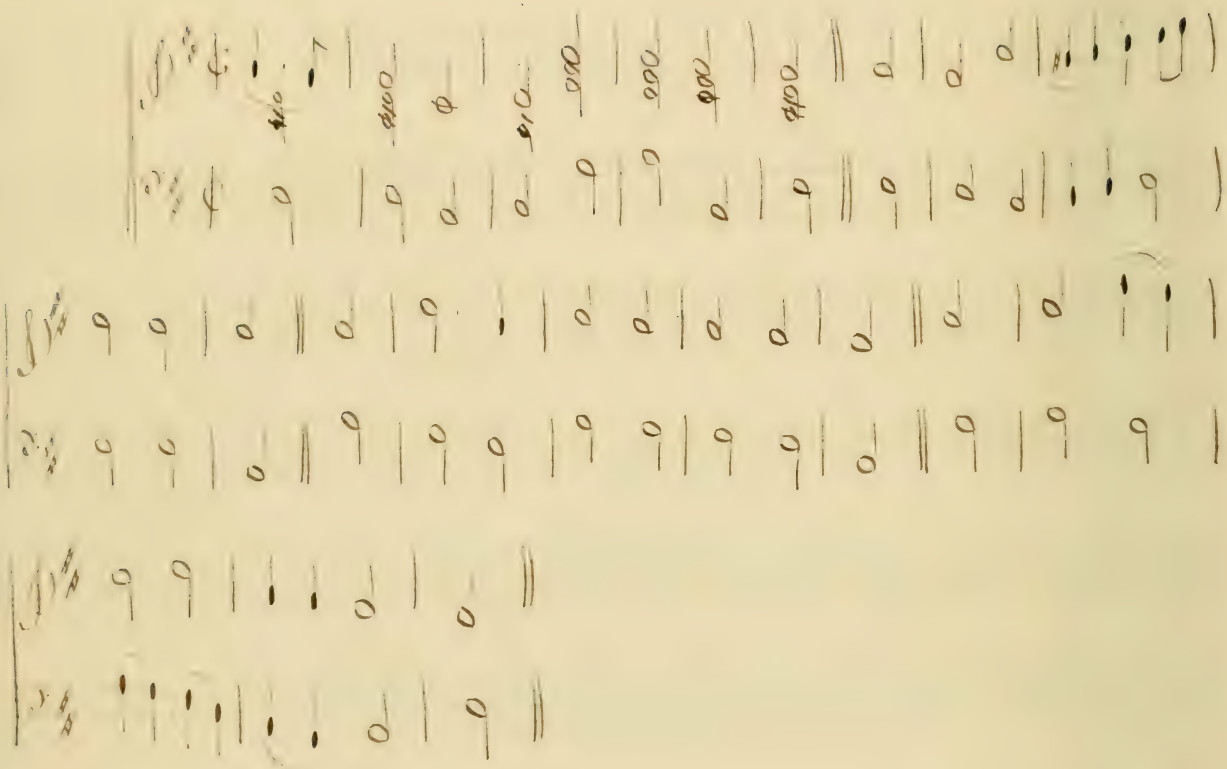
Blessed Lord! who gavest all holy writ
To profit mortals here below;
Grant that we may with patience sit
Thy judgments learn, digest and know;
Thy truth embrace, and ever hold fast
The comfort of thy holy word;
The blessed hope, that, at the last,
We may be saved, through Christ our Lord.

Flöte (Bündle)

# Third Sunday in Advent.

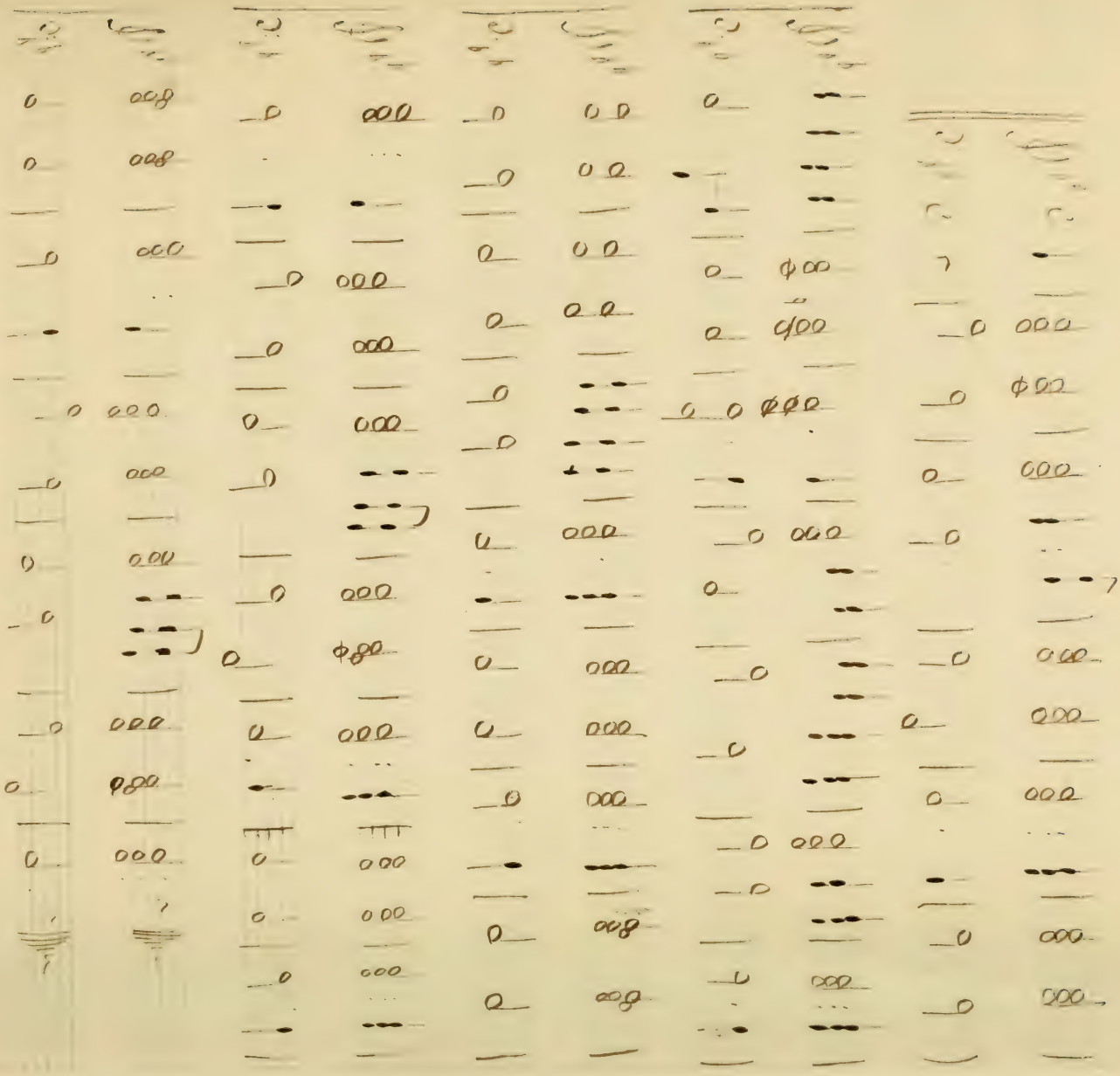
Christ Jesu! who, to pave thy way,
Thy Messenger before didst send,
Grant that thy mystic Stewards may
Thy paths prepare, our hearts amend:—
So turn our hearts, so guide our feet,
To Wisdom's just and sacred way,
That thou may'st find us fitting-meet-
To hail thee on the judgment day;
When we, accepted, stand by thee,
The ever living, reigning, Word;
One God, one Tri-une Deity,
The Father-Spirit-Saviour Lord.

Lampe



# Fourth Sunday in Advent

O Lord! raise up, we pray, thy pow'r,
And come and succour us with grace:
For we, in this our trying hour,
By sin are hinder'd in our race;
O let thy bounteous grace begin,
To give deliv'rance by thy Word,
Through Him, who satisfied for sin,
Through Jesus Christ, our only Lord.



# Christmas Day.

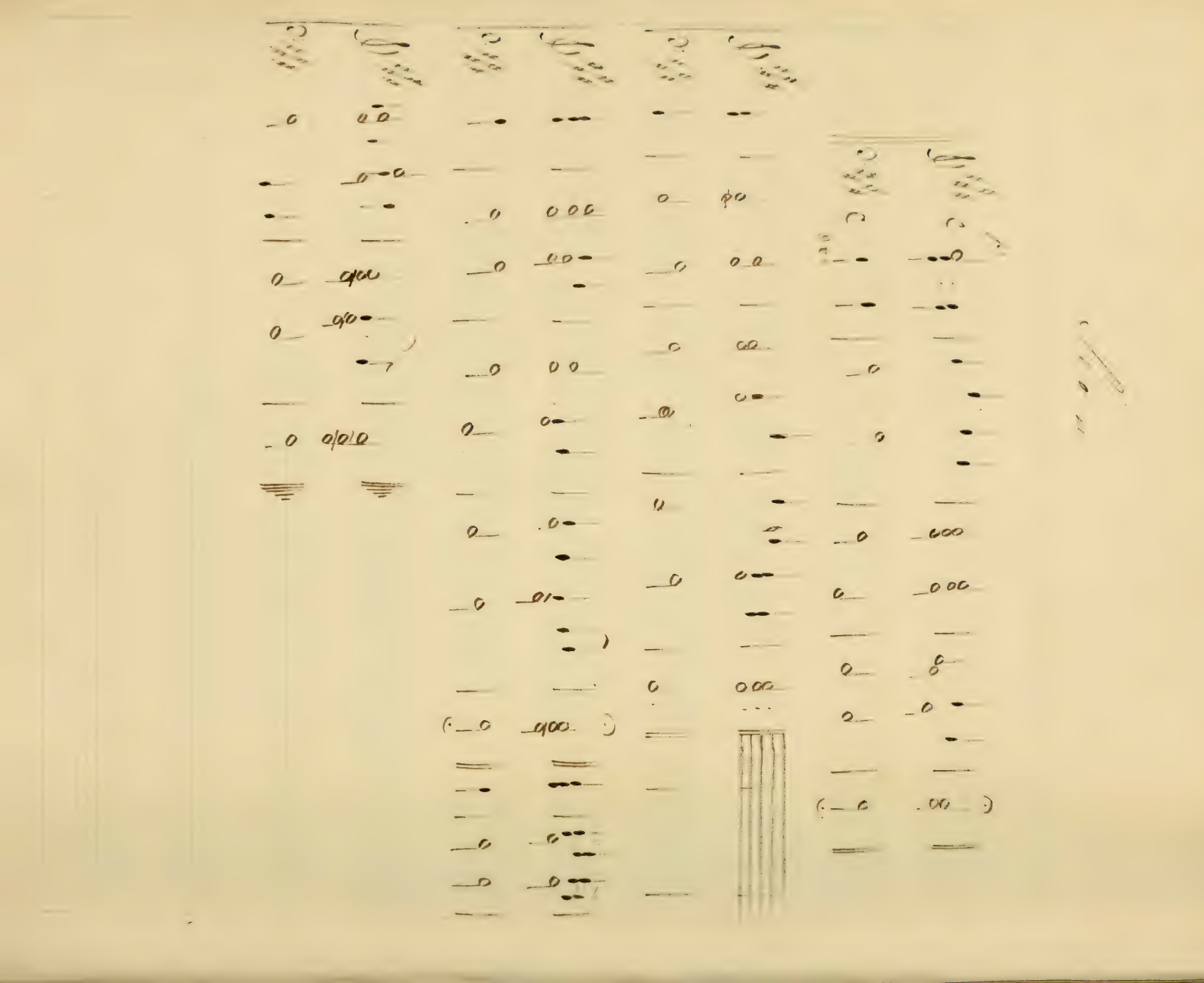
God, who thine only Son did'st give,
On him our worthless state to take;
And sent'st him on this earth to live,
Born of a Virgin, for our sake:
O grant that we, regenerate, may
His Children be, through grace divine
And turn'd from darkness unto day,
May with the Lord in glory shine.

# Saint Stephen's Day

Grant, gracious Lord, whilst here below,
For truth we suffer, and to heav'n
Direct our stedfast gaze, to know
The glory that shall there be giv'n:
Fill'd with the Holy Ghost, may we
For all our persecutors pray;
As Stephen prayed, Great God, to thee
For those who took his life away.

## Saint John the Evangelist

Source of all mercy, Lord, we pray,
That thou wouldst on thy Church bestow,
That heavenly light, and purer day,
Which John th'Apostle's doctrines shew;
That walking in thy truth and light,
The light of life eternal may
Chase the dull shades of earth and night,
And bless us with eternal day.



# Innocents Day.

Almighty God, who by the word
Of babes and sucklings, hast ordained
That deaths of Infants should record
The glories of thy Son unstained;
With grace so fortify each mind,
That vice be killed at once in all,
And Innocence and Faith may find
Their sure reward at Jesus' call.

## Sunday after Christmas Day

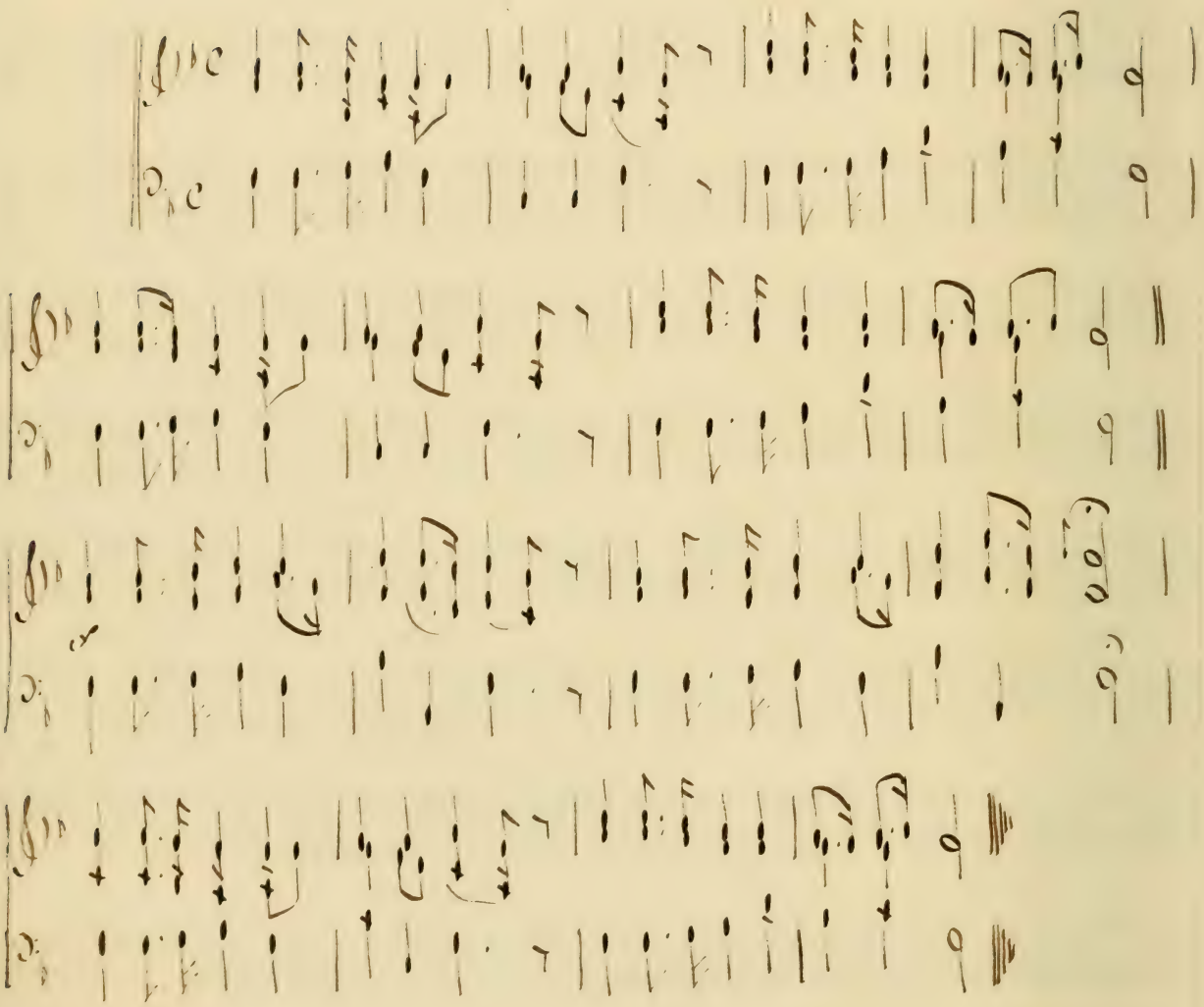
Almighty God! who gav'st thy Son
To bear our Nature's curse and scorn;
And, that thy bidding might be done,
Proclaim'd him as the "Virgin-Born";
O grant that we, regenerate, be
Thy children made, by heavenly grace,
Adopted in thy family,
Through Christ, our Saviour's, love and grace.

Retford

# The Circumcision of Christ

Thou madst thy Son Almighty Lord,
Obedient to the Law for Man;
Grant us that we with one accord,
Be circumcised on that blessed plan;
Which makes our members - all our parts -
To shun the vain World's carnal ways;
And teaches us, with all our hearts,
Obedience to thy will and ways.

# Rousseau's Dream



## The Epiphany.

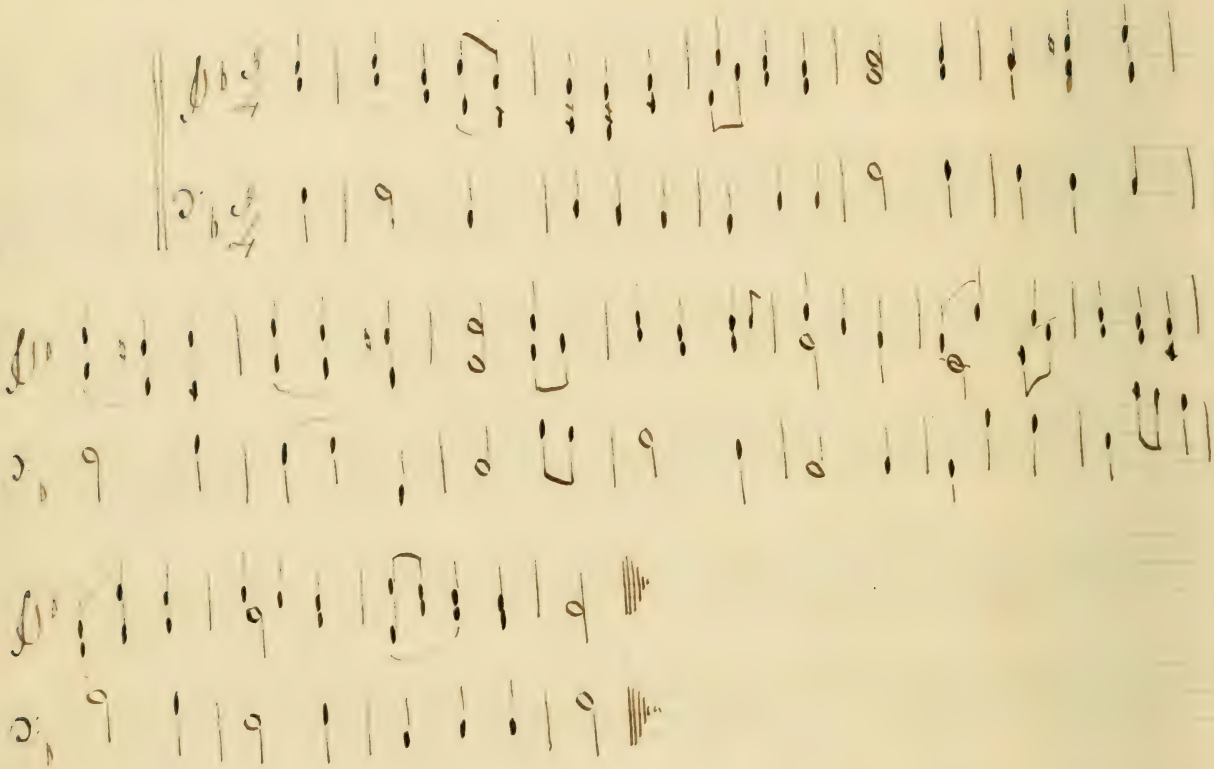
O God! who by a leading star,
Didst manifest thy glory bright -
Shine only Son - and wide and far,
Dispel the gloom of Gentile night -
In mercy grant, that we, who know
Thee, now, by faith, when life is dex,
May all the fruits of mercy shew,
And share thy glories evermore.

Handel

## First Sunday after the Epiphany.

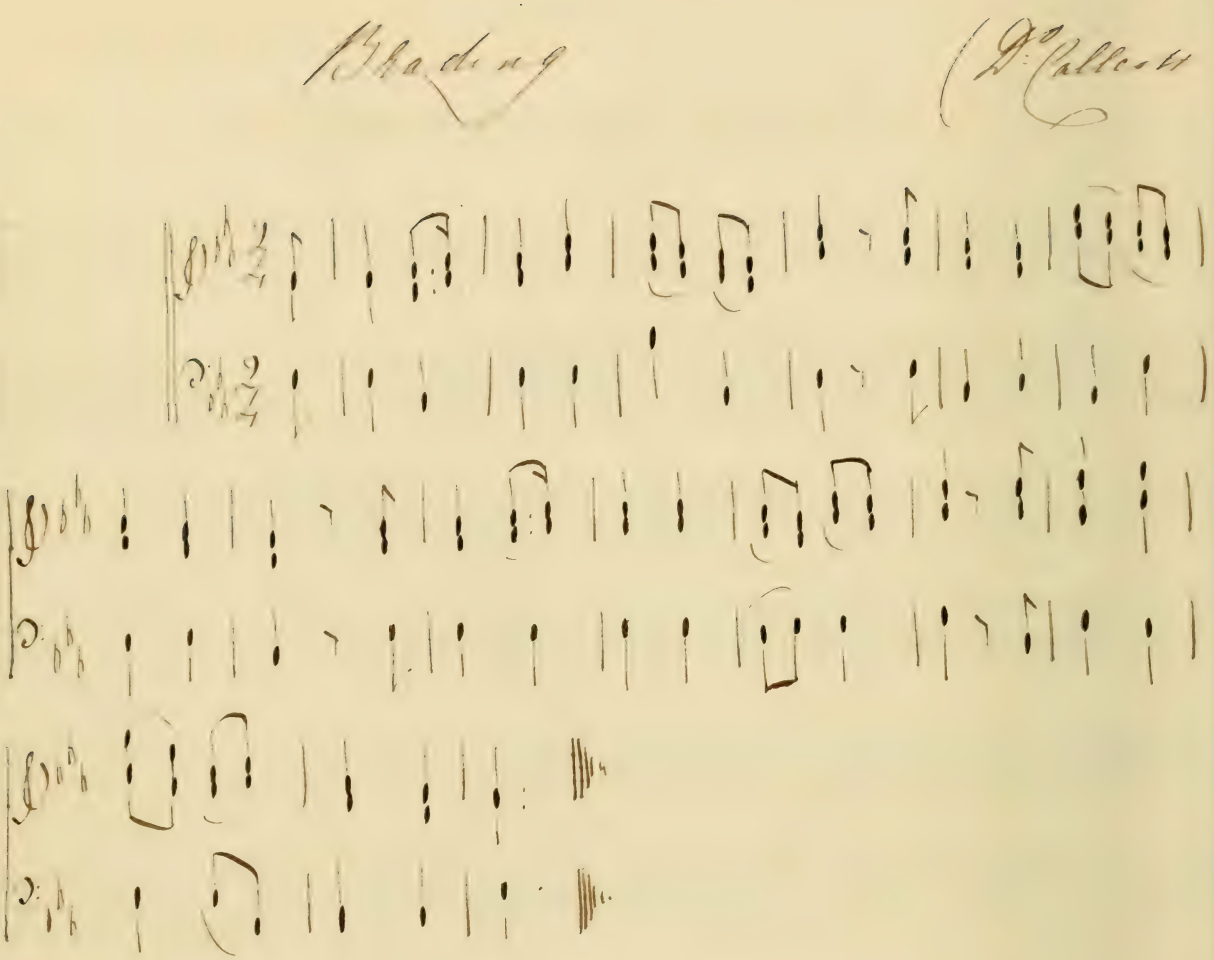
O Lord! we pray thee to receive
The prayers of those, who call on thee;
That they may know and well believe
How great their duties are; and see
What things they ought to do; thy name
Invoke; and ever may find grace,
To bring to good effect the same;
Through Christ, the Saviour of our Race.

Brunswick. Sir G. Smart



## Second Sunday after the Epiphany.

Almighty Father, Ruler, Lord!
Who govern'st all things here below,
And art by th' Angelic host ador'd,
To thee our contrite hearts we bow:
Hear thou, with mercy, our requests,
Thy people's supplications hear;
Grant us thy Peace, and fill our breasts
With heavenly love and filial fear.



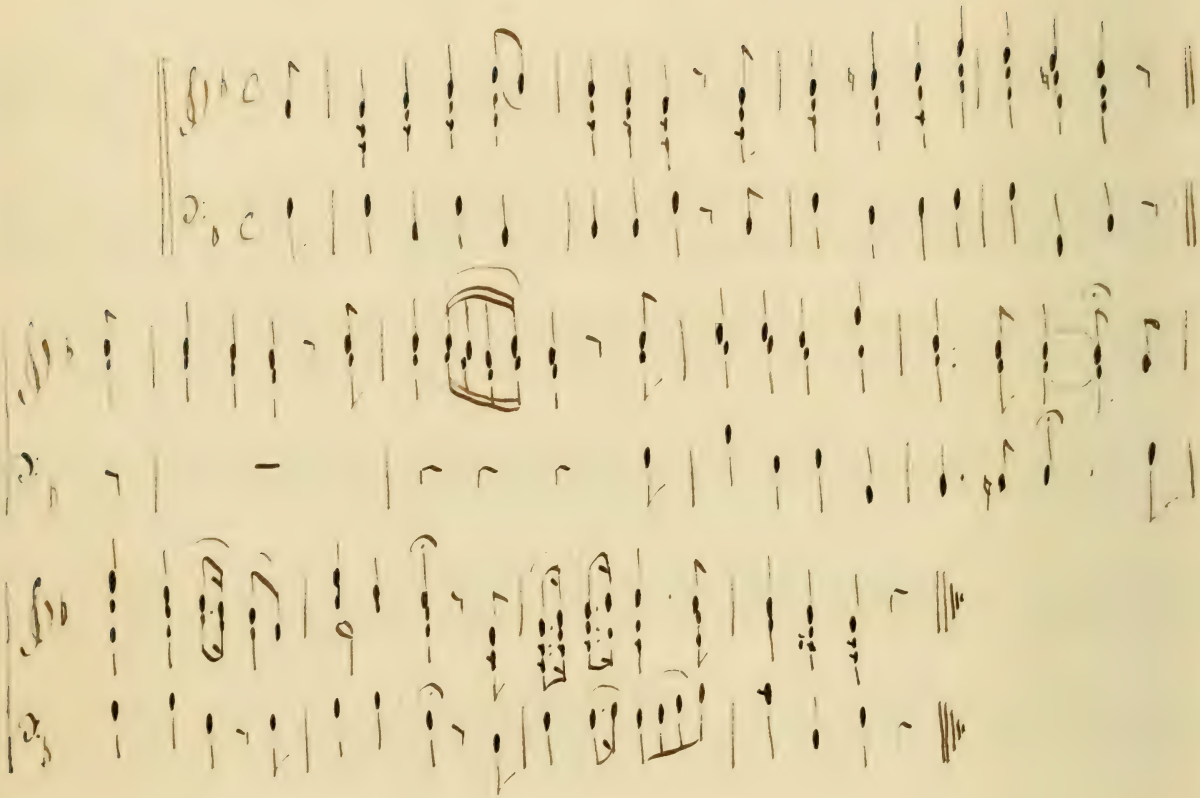
## Third Sunday after the Epiphany.

Almighty and eternal God,
Look down, with mercy, on our faults;
In all our dangers let thy rod
Point out our perils and assaults;
Let thy right hand its influence shew,
Thy helpless creatures to defend;
To help and save us here below;—
Our God, our Saviour, and our Friend.

## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O God, who know'st us to be press'd
With many strong besetting snares,
And which our nature do infest,
Despite of all our anxious cares:
Grant us thy strength and succour pure,
That we all dangers may defy;
And through Temptations travel sure,
Through Christ, our Lord, to worlds on high.

Patou



## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O Lord! thy Church and Household keep
In true Religion's holy way;
And let thine eyes, which never sleep,
Continually her paths survey;
That they, who lean and lean alone
On hope, through grace, defended be;
Thy mighty power adore and own,
Through Christ, to all Eternity.

Tenor

## Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O God! who sentst thy blessed Son,
The works of Satan to destroy;
That we might sons of God become –
Heirs of Eternal Life and Joy:
Grant us, to whom this hope is givn,
Pure to become, as he is pure;
That when he comes, on clouds, from heavn,
We may be like him, and secure
(Near his eternal, glorious throne,)
The kingdom of that holy race,
Who feel their pardon sure, and own
The everlasting Spirit's grace

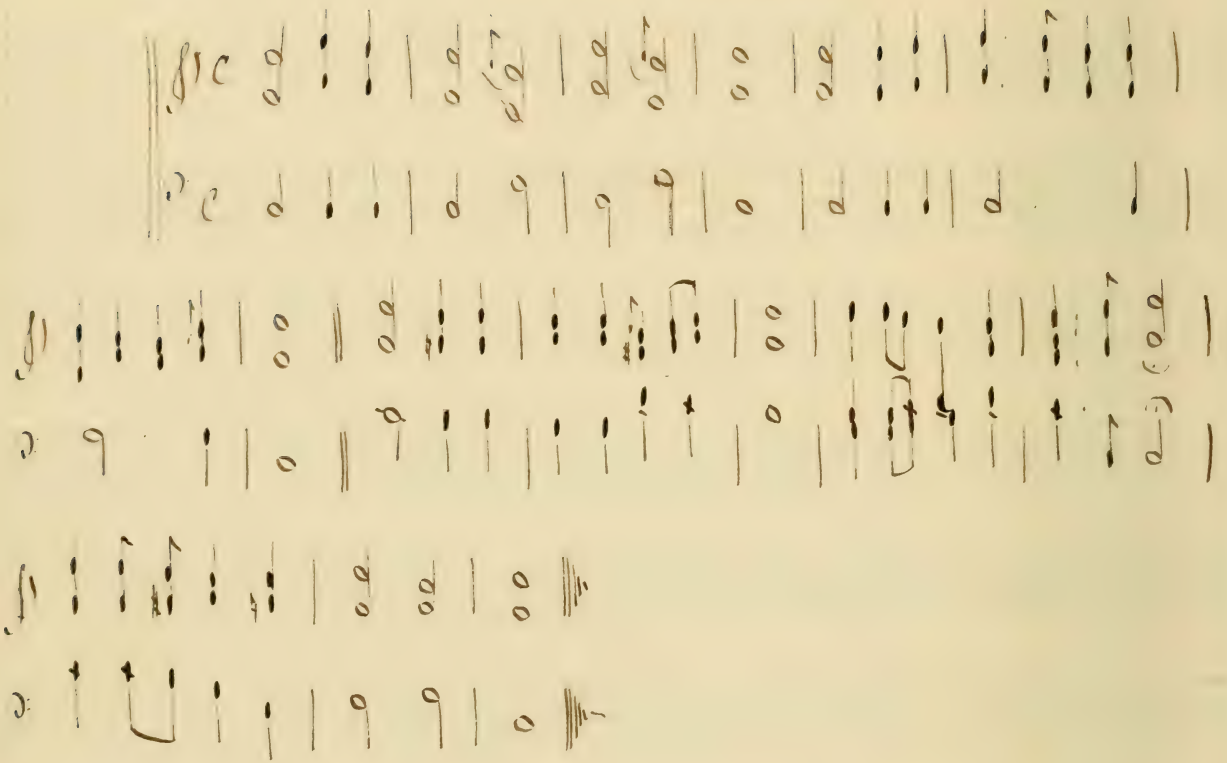
Allegro

Andante

# Septuagesima Sunday.

Lord! we beseech thee, hear the prayers
Of all thy people here below;
That we, though caught in sinful snares,
May through thy goodness pardon know;
And, at the last, thy mercy gain,
Aided by Christ, our righteous king;
Who still maintains his endless reign,
Where angels and archangels sing. —

Derby, (Symonds



## Sexagesima Sunday.

O Lord, our God, who see'st we place
No trust in any thing we do;
O let thy mercy, power, and grace,
Succour, defend, and save us, too.

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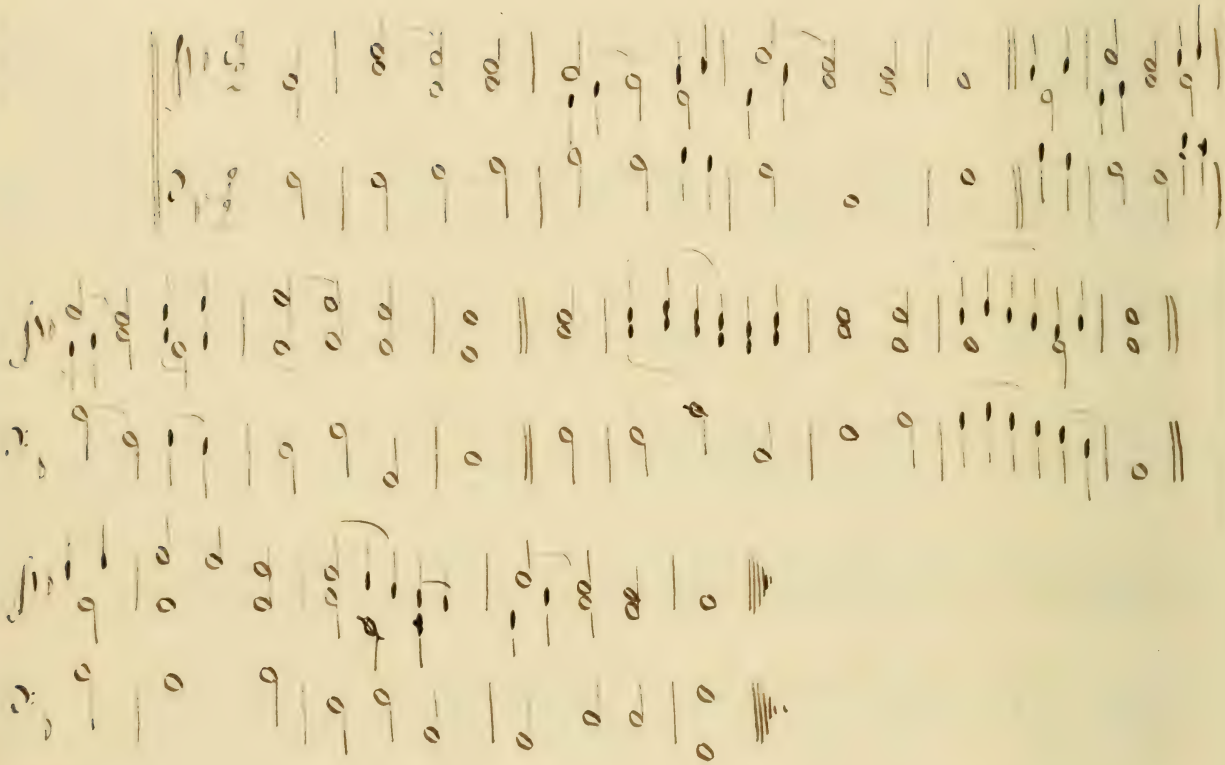


# Quinquagesima Sunday.

O Lord, our God! we learn from thee,
That all our deeds are nothing worth
Without the gift of Charity, —
O send thy holy Spirit forth!
Pour in our hearts that gift divine,
Of virtuous peace the fountain head;
Deprived of which we life resign,
And be, whilst living, counted dead.

German.

A. M.

# Ash Wednesday.

Almighty, everlasting God!
Who hatest nought that thou hast made,
And pardon'st all that kiss the rod; -
Let deep contrition be display'd
By hearts that all their sins confess,
Created new and contrite now;
That we, who own our wretchedness,
May humbly at thy footstool bow;
And ask thee, God of boundless love,
Remission perfect, pardon pure,
Through Christ, who died for us to prove
How much his mercy could endure.

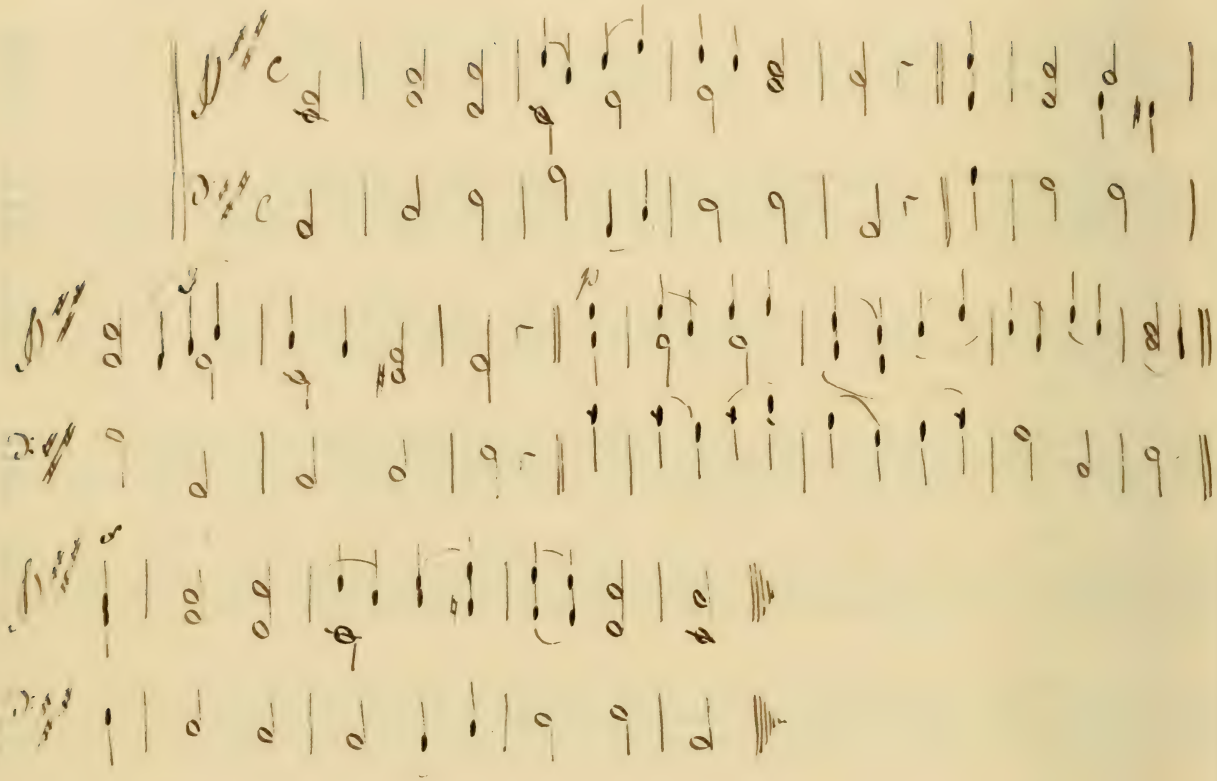
Fuso

2° Balney

## First Sunday in Lent

Lord! who for sinful Man didst fast
Forty long days and forty nights;
Grant us thy grace, at once to cast
Away intemperate delights.
Our lusts subdued, we may obey
Thy godly motions, and true will,
Who livest and reignest in endless day,
One Lord and God and Spirit still.

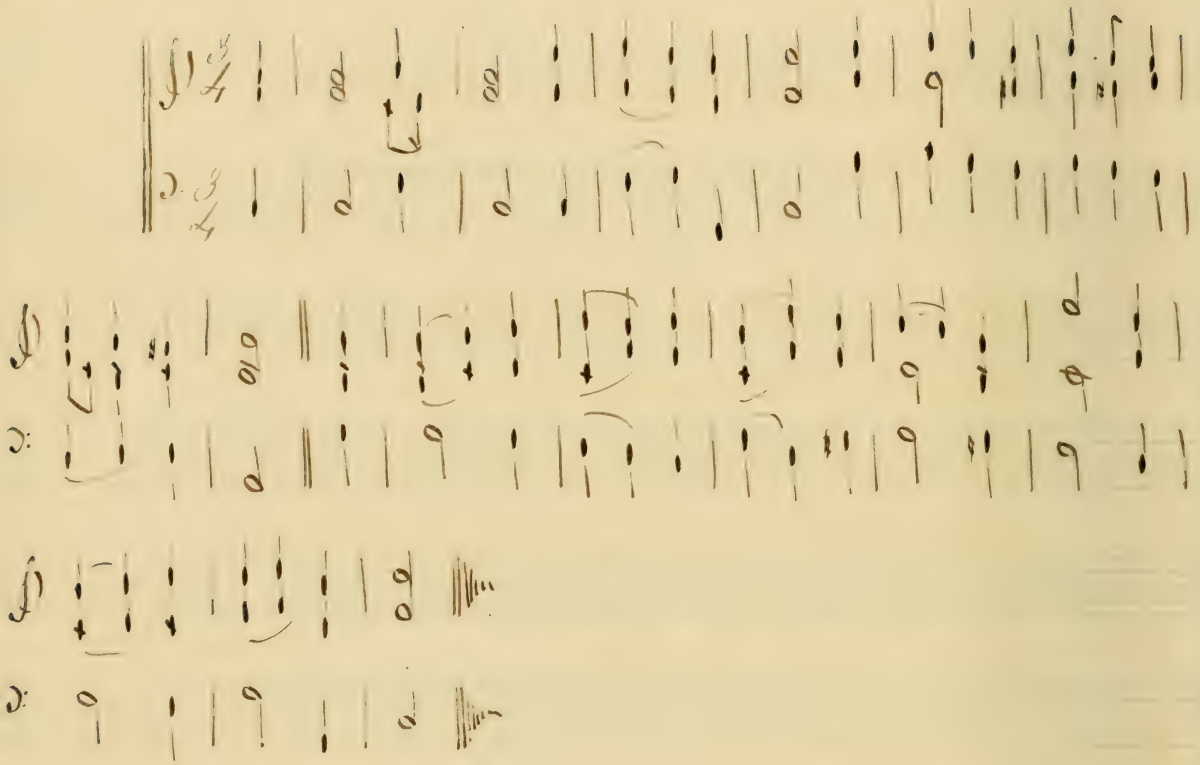
Portugal



## Second Sunday in Lent.

Almighty God! whose searching eye,
Sees us bereft of every power
To help ourselves when danger's nigh,
Or guard the soul in trial's hour:—
Preserve us by thy mild control,
Keep our frail bodies safe from harm,
Defend th' immortal part, the soul,
And save us with thy mighty arm.

# Josephus



## Third Sunday in Lent

Almighty God! we thee beseech
To look upon thy Servants here;
Thy hand extend within our reach,
And guard us safe from every snare.

Antigonick

## *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*Grant, we beseech thee, mighty God!*
*That we, who, for our want of grace,*
*Deserve to feel thy chastning rod,*
*May meet the smiles of Jesus' face.*

Hallelujah

Hallelujah

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

Thee we beseech, almighty Lord!
To look with mercy on us here;
That, through thy grace, our lives accord,
In strictness with a soul sincere.

New Sabbath (Phillips

## Sunday next before Easter.

Thou mighty, everlasting, God!
Who all things here with ease didst scan;
Didst send thy Son, to feel the rod,
And suffer death for sinful Man:
May we, by his example led,
His patience set before our eyes;
Be made partakers of that Bread,
That reassures us we shall rise.

German Hymn

(Pleyel

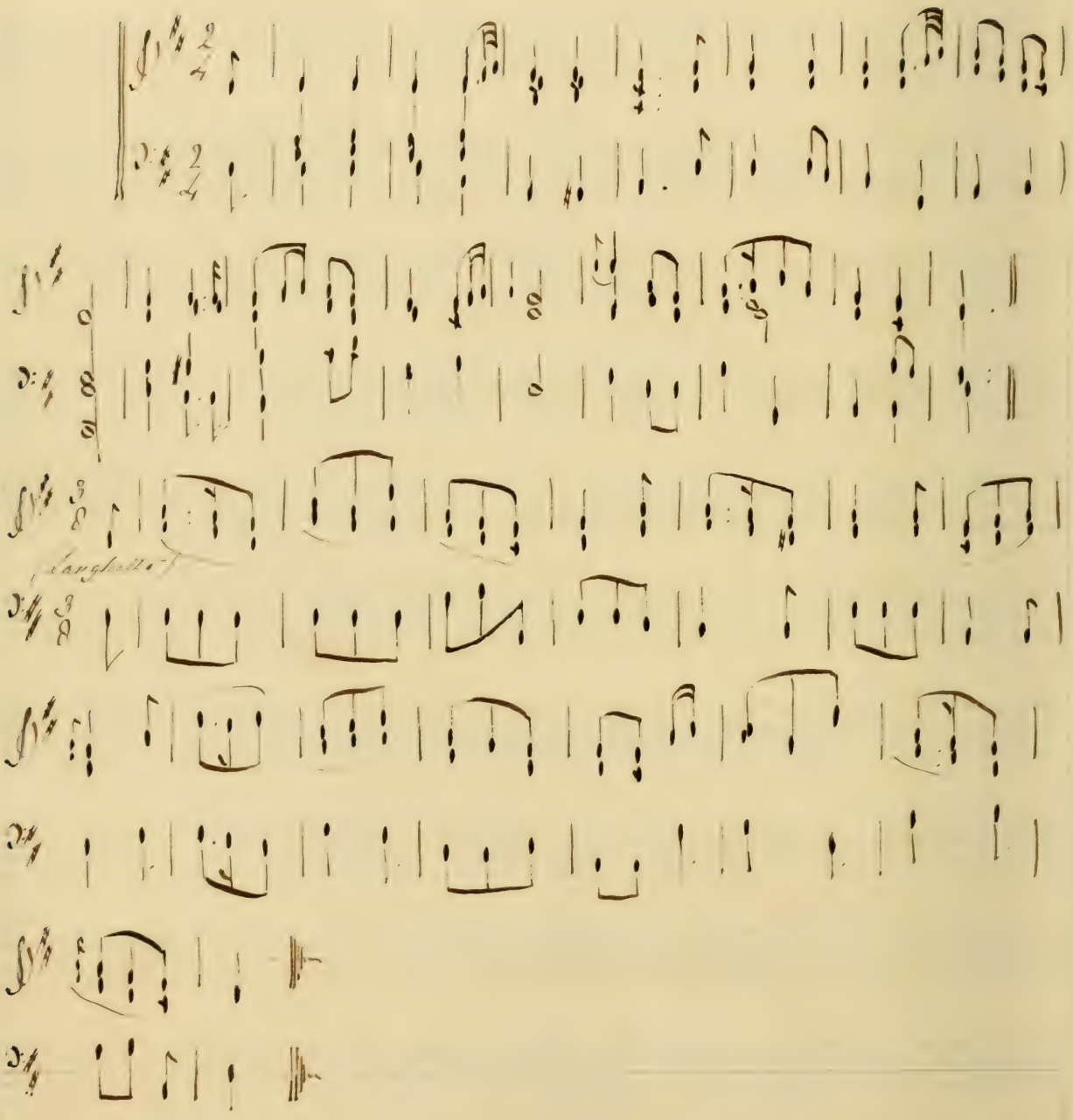
# Good Friday: 1st Collect.

Almighty God! we thee entreat
To look with mercy on mankind,
For whom our Lord came down to meet
Ingratitude, with treason join'd;
Was first betray'd, and then was given
Into the hands of wicked men;
And lifted up 'twixt earth and heav'n;—
Died once for all—now dies again.

# Good Friday: 2d Collect.

Almighty God! whose word doth direct
The body of thy church below;
Receive our supplications here,
That all mankind in grace may grow:
That every member of the same,
In his vocation serve thee true;
And magnify thy glorious name,
To whom all prayer and praise are due.

# Dramath



# Good Friday: 3d Collect

O God! who hatest nought thou'st made,
Nor wouldest that the Sinner die,
But rather, that he, by thine aid,
Repent, and find thy mercy nigh;
Upon all Jews, have mercy Lord,
Upon all Infidels and Turks;
May Heretics revere thy word,
And praise thee, in thy wondrous works.
All hardness of the heart destroy;
All hatred of thy sacred word;
O fetch them home, great God, with joy!
O save them in thy mercy, Lord!
Like Israel's remnant, sav'd of old,
May they come in, with Judah's race,
One Shepherd rate them to his fold,
One flock, their Saviour's arms embrace.

## Easter Even

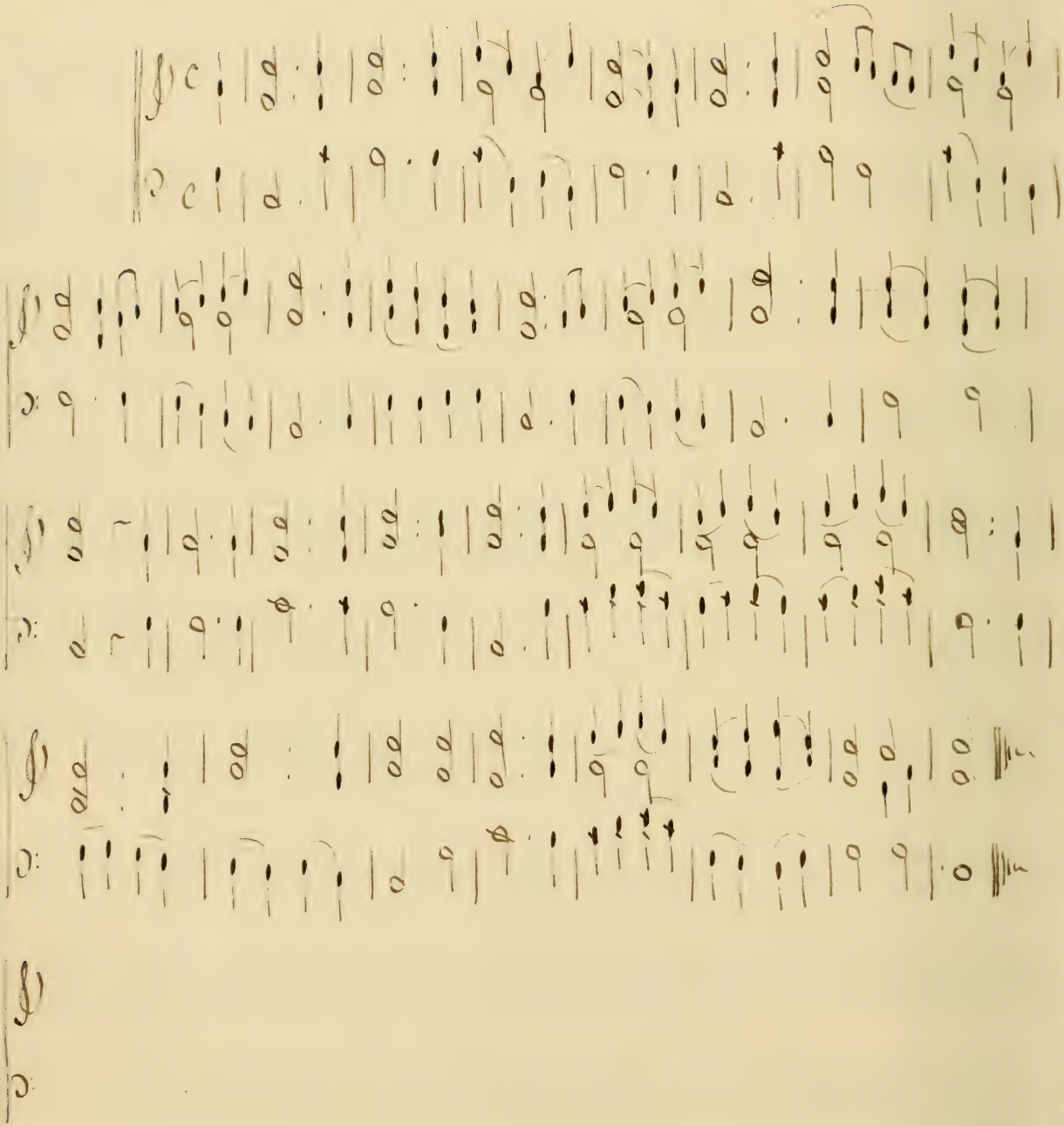
Grant, Lord, that as we are baptiz'd
Into the death of thy dear Son,
Our passions may be so chastiz'd,
That we may gain what he has won:
That being buried with him, we,
May, through the Grave and Gate of Death,
Rise to a blest Eternity,
As he, for us, resign'd his breath.

Portuguese Adeste Fideles

# Easter Day.

Almighty God! who, through thy Son,
Hast overcome the second death;
A blest inheritance hast won,
And gain'd for us a heavenly wreath;
We humbly ask thee for thy grace,
(Preventing us in all our ways,)
That good desires may flow apace,
Upheld by grateful notes of praise:
So that by thy continual aid,
To good effect the same we bring,
Through Him, by whom our peace was made,
Our Saviour, our eternal King.

Creation. (Haydn



## Monday in Easter Week.

Almighty God! who, through thy Son,
Hast open'd wide the Gates of Heav'n;
And shewn us how to overcome
The world and all its baser leav'n:
Thee we beseech, that, by thy grace,
Preventing Mortals here below,
We freely by our deeds retrace
That bright ensample which we know.

Pagina.

## First Sunday after Easter

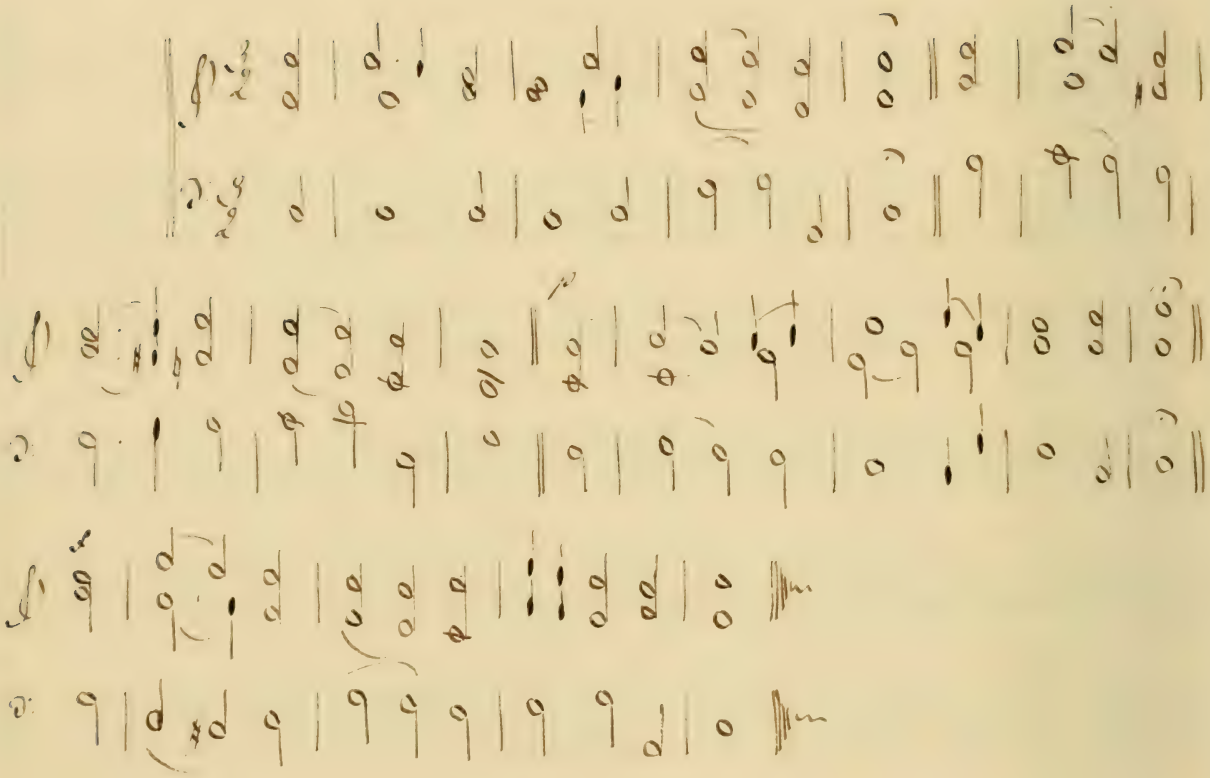
Almighty Father! who hast given
Thine only Son, to die for Sin,
And hast exalted him to heaven
To justify us: – O begin
Thy work of grace; and put away
Malice and wickedness; that we
In purity and truth may stay
And by obedience honour thee.

Fuchsia

## Second Sunday after Easter.

Almighty God! who gav'st thy Son
To be a Sacrifice for Sin;
A pattern too, for those who come
With humble hearts and pure within:
Give us thy grace, that we may take,
With thankful hearts the offer'd prize;
And daily strive our deeds to make
Accepted in thy purer Eyes.

Warcham (Knapp



## Third Sunday after Easter.

Almighty God! who shewst to them,
Who are in error, thy true light;
That they their wicked thoughts may stem,
And keep the path of life in sight:
O grant that they may deeply mourn
Their lack of faith, their lack of grace;
And may they speedily return
Into the paths of righteousness.

# Sabbath

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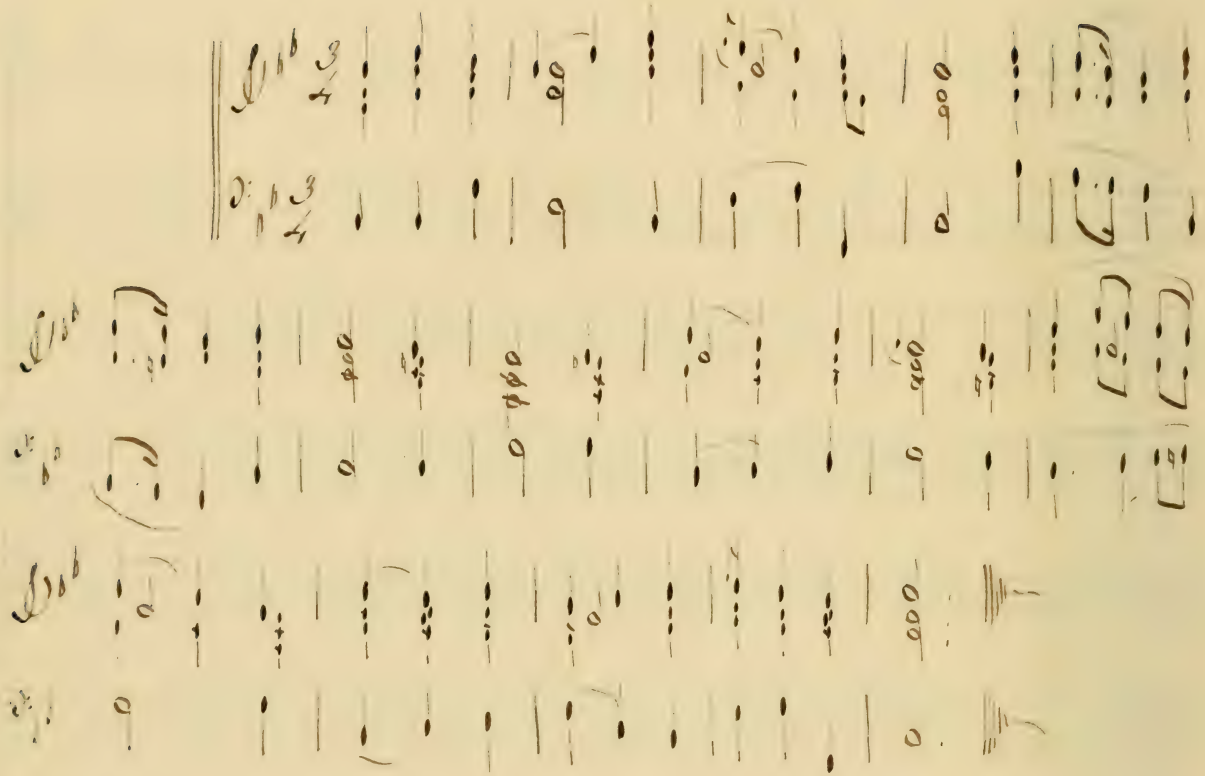

## Fourth Sunday after Easter

Almighty God! whose sovereign pow'r
Alone can guid our erring will;
Grant us to love, in trial's hour,
The thing that thou commandest still.
And let our anxious hopes be bent
On that which thou dost promise: so
Amidst the boundless, wide extent
Of chance and change, things undergo
Our hearts may surely there be placed,
Where everlasting joys abound;
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord: and graced
With bliss that ever there is found.

Surrey or Yarmouth

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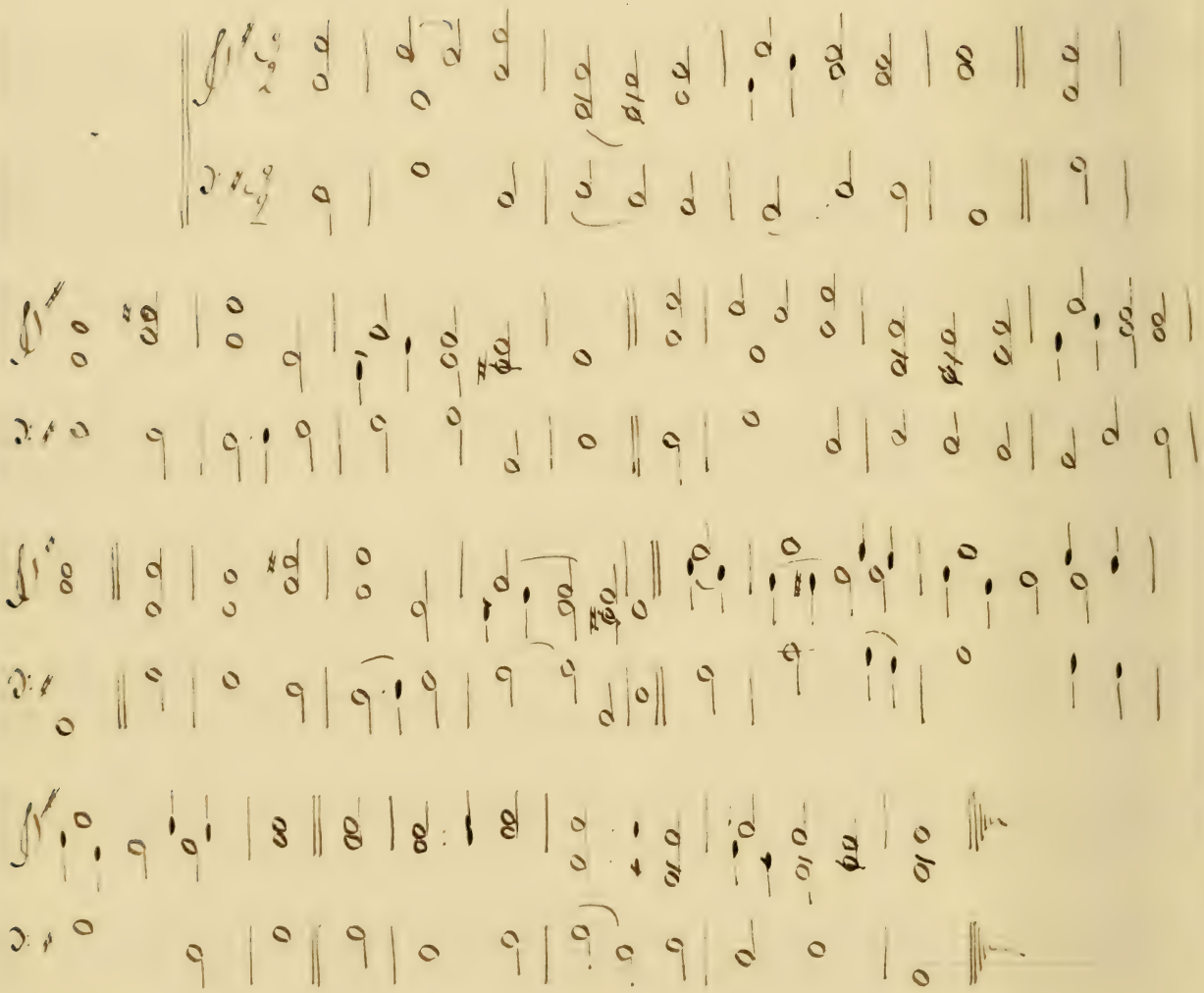
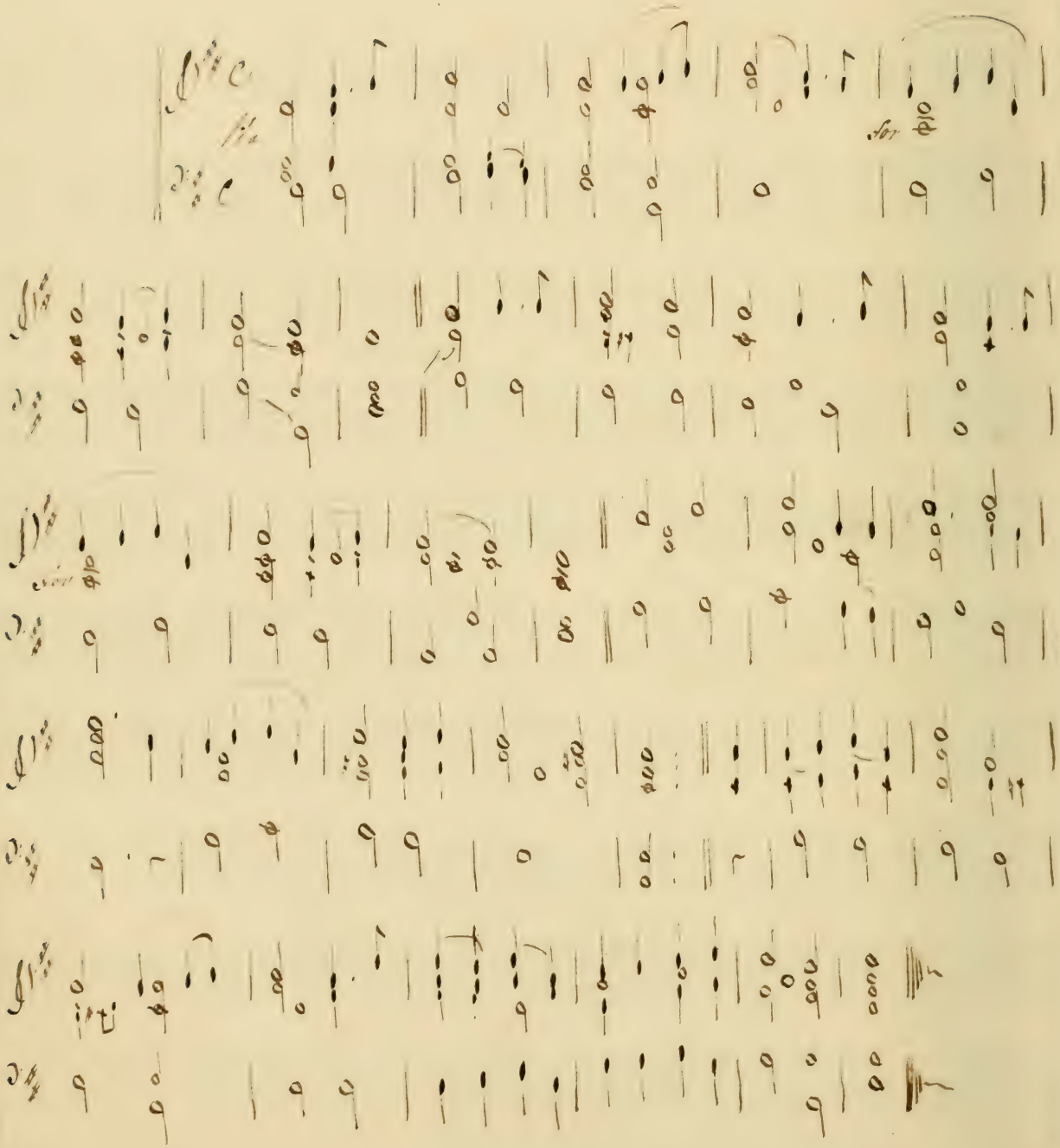


## Fifth Sunday after Easter

O Lord! from whom all good things come,
Grant us thy humble servants pow'r,
To read thy Word - and bring it home
To all our hearts from hour to hour.

Paster Hymn



## Ascension Day

Grant, we beseech thee, gracious Lord,
To whom all power and might are given;
That as our Saviour, by his word,
Is reascended into Heaven;
So may we, with our hearts made free,
Thither ascend, and ever dwell,
With him, who lives and reigns with thee,
Freed from the bitter pains of Hell.

## Sunday after Ascension

O God! the King of Glory! who
Thine only Son hast raised to Heaven,
With triumph great: upon us shew
The comfort by thy mercy given!
Leave us not comfortless, but send
Thy Holy Ghost our hearts to cheer,
And let our pinions heavenward wend,
Where Christ in glory shall appear.

# Whitsunday.

O God! who, at this time didst teach,
By spirit pure, thy faithful few;
Endued'st them with the power to preach,
In diff'rent tongues thy covenant new:
Grant, by that spirit, we may know
To judge aright in all things good;
And evermore rejoice to shew
Thy goodness and our gratitude.

Hd 104 Psalm Handel

# Trinity Sunday.

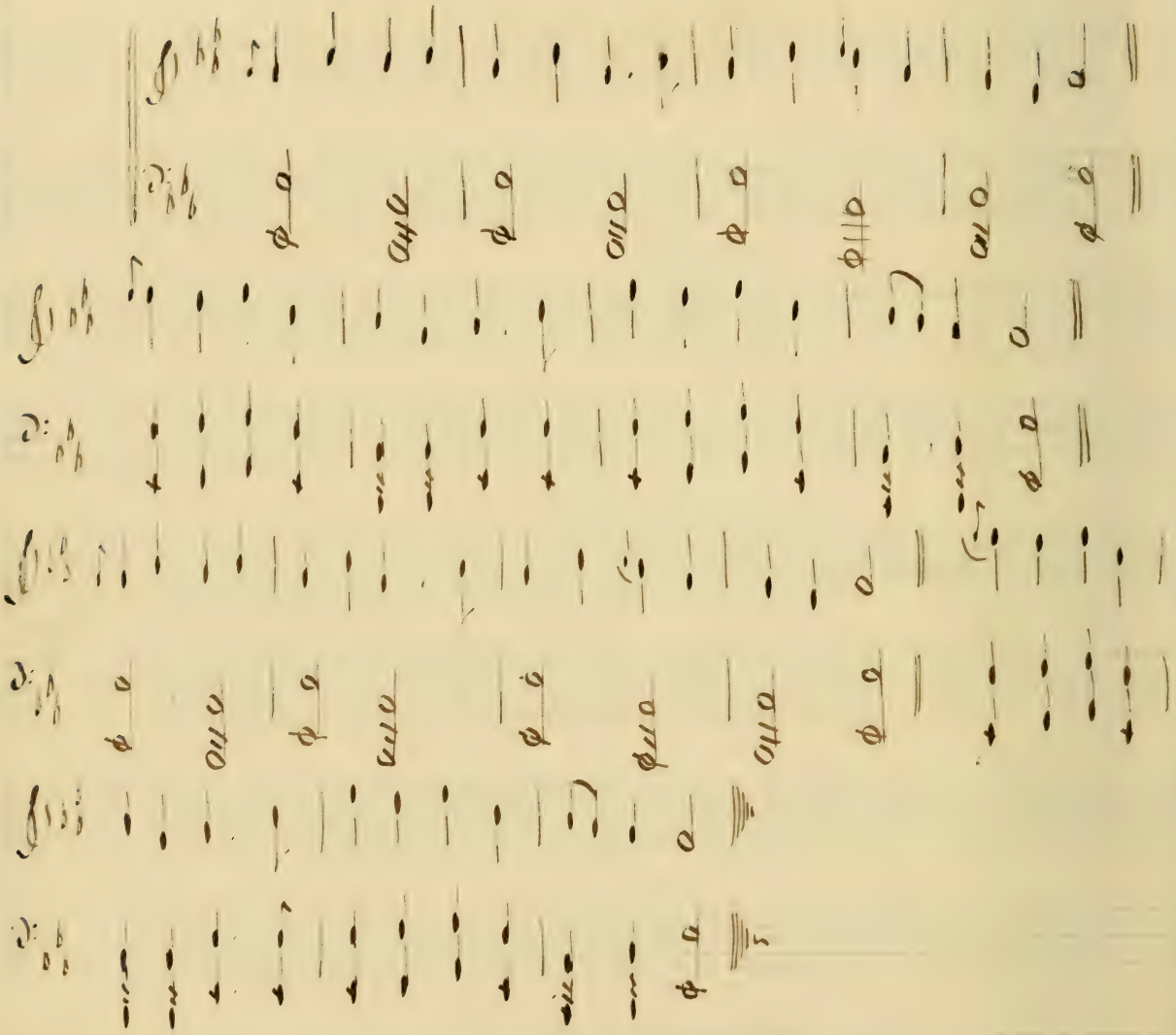
Almighty and eternal Lord!
Who givst to us, thy servants, grace
By true confession of thy word,
The Tri-une Glory to embrace;
And, in the power of heavenly might,
In Unity to worship Thee:
Grant us to walk in this true light,
And save us from Adversity.

Welford

## First Sunday after Trinity.

O God! the strength of all that place
Their trust in thine eternal power;
Let fervent prayers mount up through grace,
Where mercy reigns for evermore.
As, through the weakness of our frame,
No good we do, deprived of thee,
Grant us the help of thy great name,
To obey and please thee worthily.

# Moscow



## Second Sunday after Trinity

O Lord! who never failst to guide
The feet of those who trust in thee;
Of those who in thy faith abide,
Who fear and love thee stedfastly;
Keep us, we pray thee, safe from harm;
Protect us with a Father's care;
Arm us with that just alarm,
Which guides us safe through every snare.

# Norfolk

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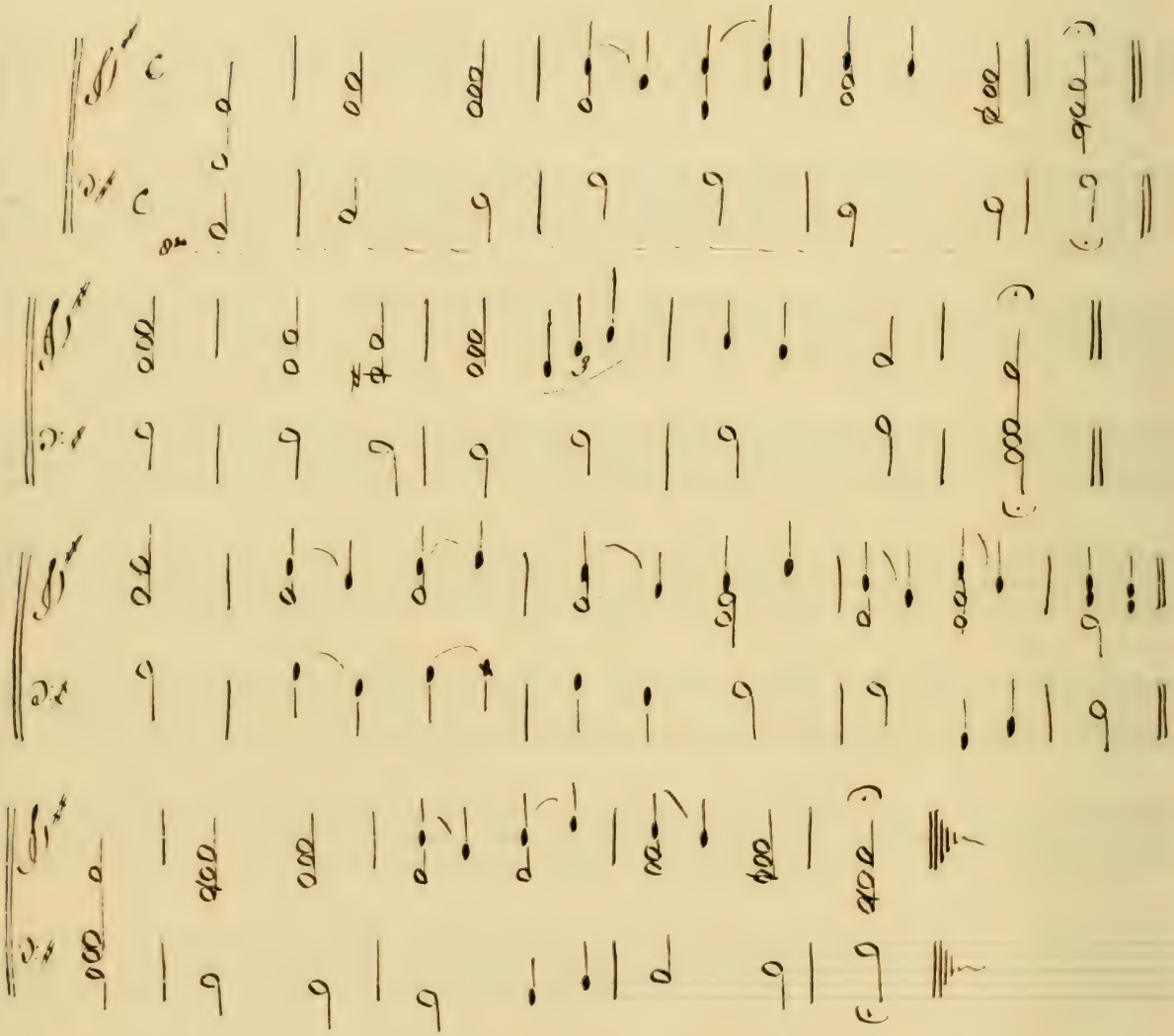
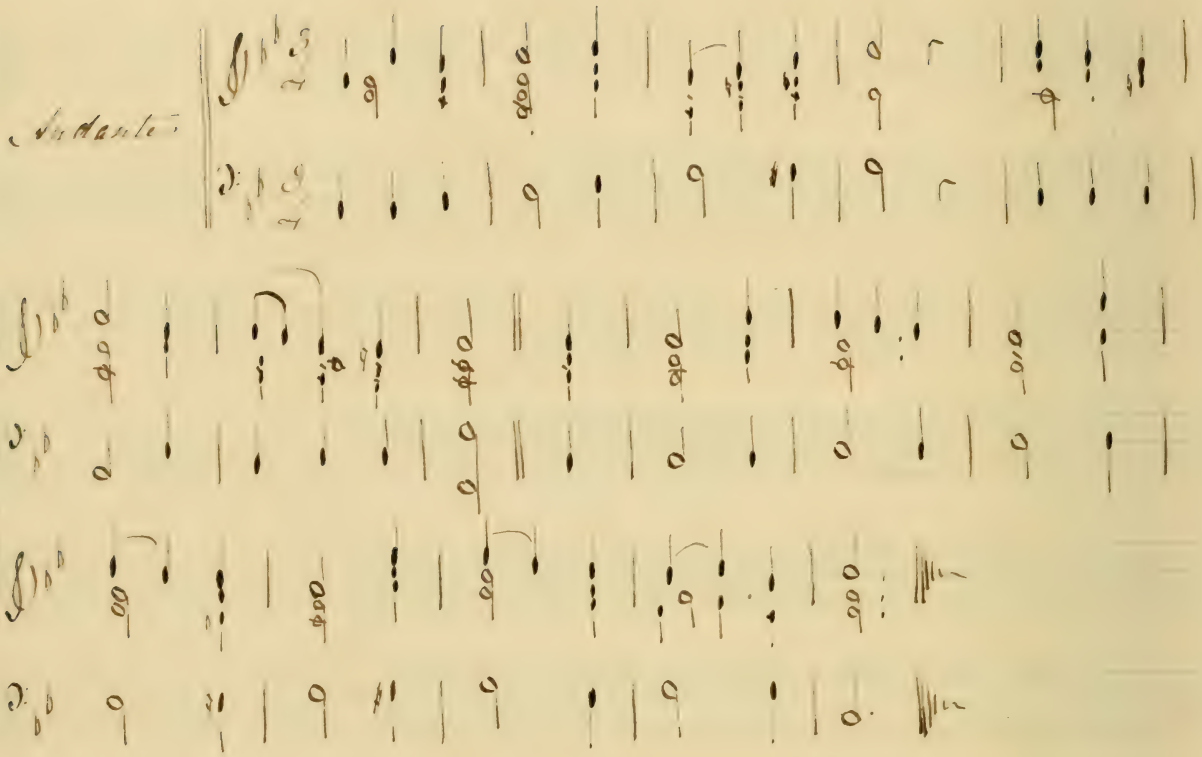


## Third Sunday after Trinity.

Lord, we beseech thee, lend thine ear,
And grant that we, to whom is given
The wish to pray, may find thee near,
To help, and shew the way to heaven.
In all our dangers and distress,
May we obtain thy powerful aid;
Be our defence, our guide; and bless
The beings whom thy hands have made.

Vienna

Beethoven



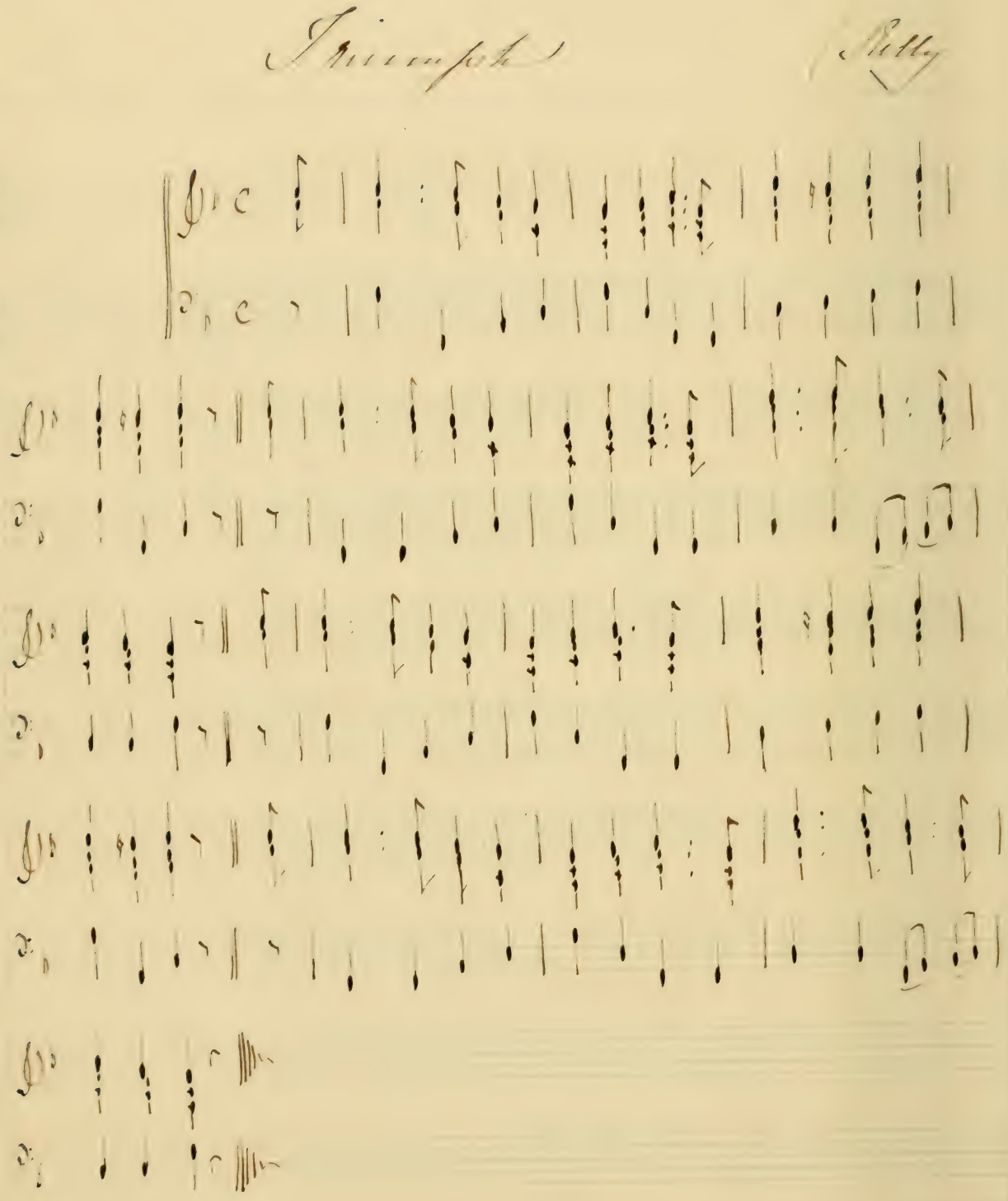
## Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God! the guide of all who seek
To put their trust in thy dread name;
Without whose aid the strong are weak,
And all our boasted works the same:-
Extend to us thy mercy, straight,
Be thou our guide and ruler too;
So lead us through this temporal state,
That we eternal things pursue.

Sonata I.

## Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Grant, gracious Lord! we thee beseech,
That all the world may govern'd be,
So - that thy joyful Church may reach
The heights of peace and purity.


Trumpets
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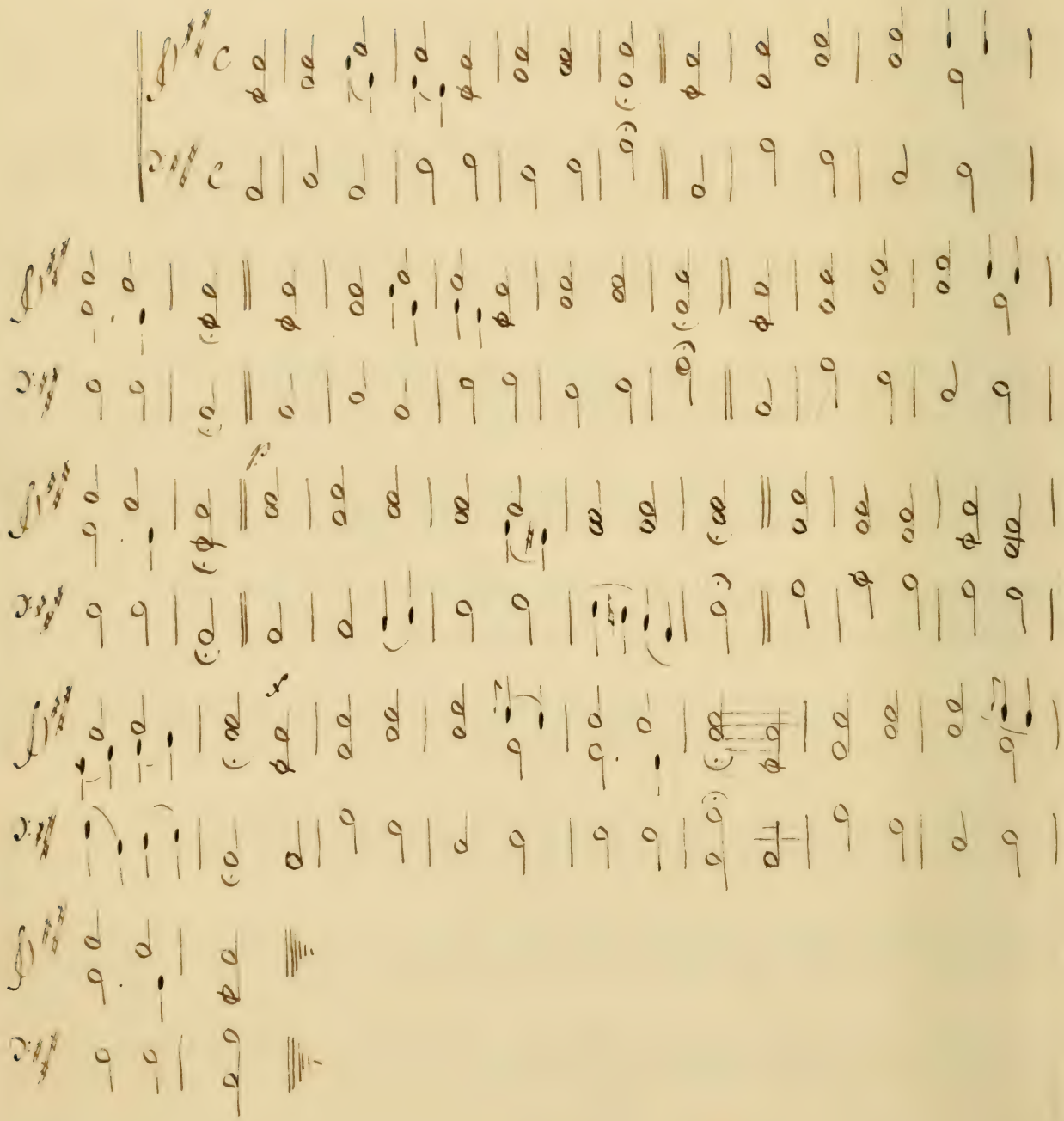
## Sixth Sunday after Trinity

O God! whose mercy hath prepared
For those who love thee, all things good;
Exceeding in thy rich reward
Our comprehensive gratitude;
Pour in our hearts, such love towards thee,
That through that love we may acquire
Thy promises, which, always free,
Exceed whate'er we can desire.

Luther



## Seventh Sunday after Trinity

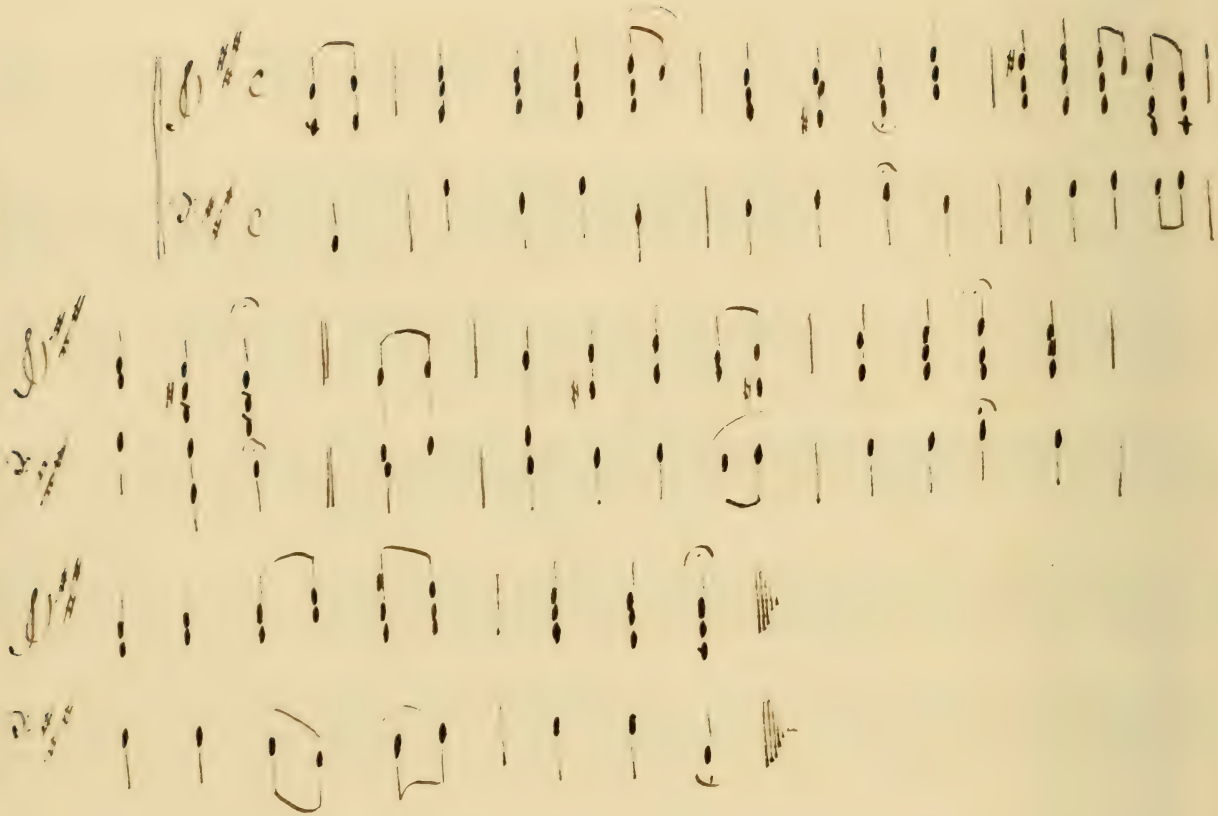
Lord of all power and might, supreme!
Author of all the good we feel,
O teach our hearts to love thy name,
Increase religious, holy zeal,
And let thy all-sustaining hand
Nourish with good our feeble frame;
And thy pure mercy's mild command
For ever keep us in the same.

Manchester

## *Eighth Sunday after Trinity*

O God! whose never failing love
Order'th both heaven and earth:— we pray
All hurtful things thou would'st remove;
All good things, to our souls, convey.

*Jubilo*



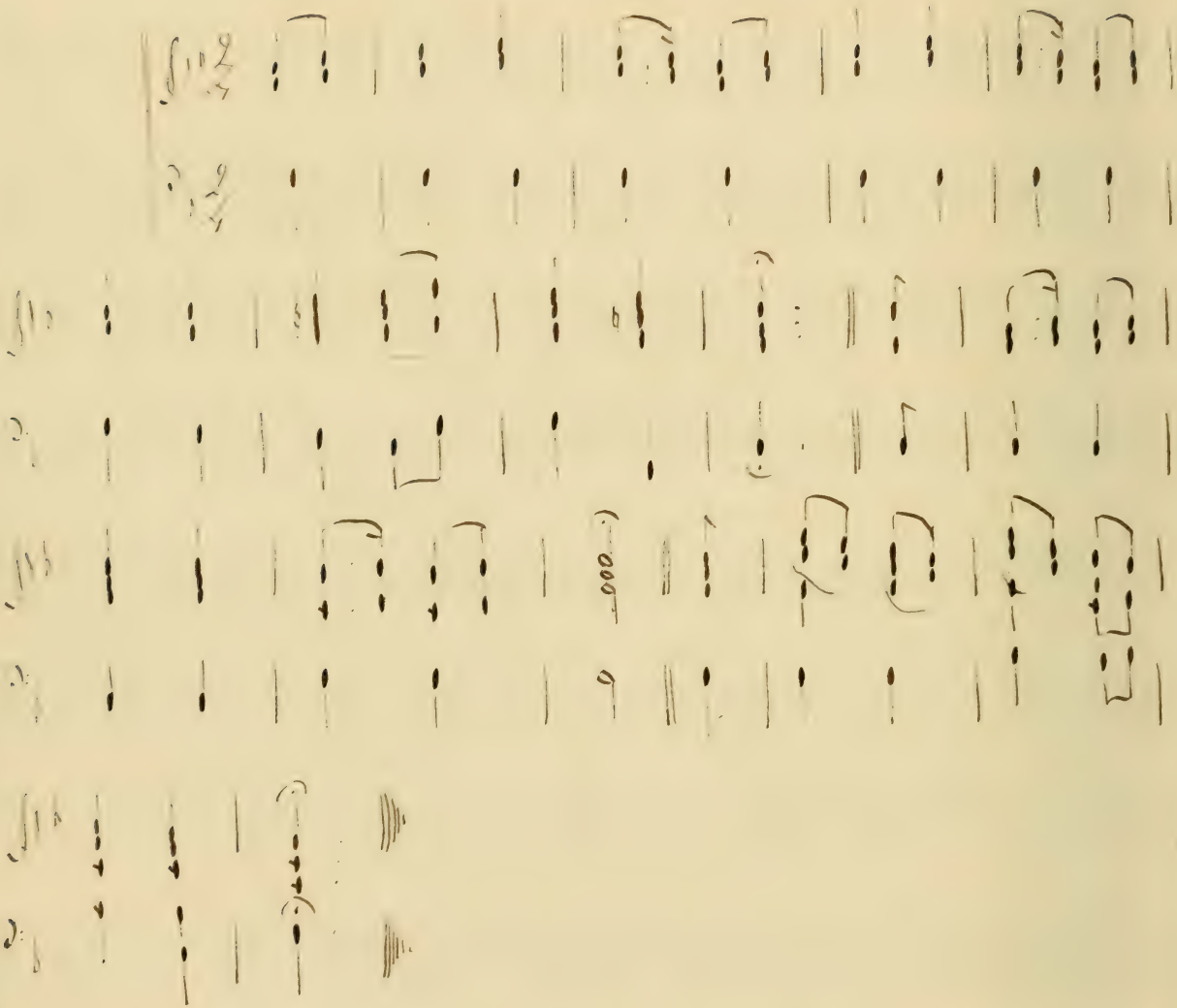
## Ninth Sunday after Trinity.

Grant us thy Spirit, gracious Lord!
The spirit both to think and do
The rightful precepts of thy word,
That we, who cannot good pursue,
Nor follow what is pure and right
Without thee, Lord! may by thee still
Be found obedient in thy sight,
And live according to thy will.

## Tenth Sunday after Trinity.

O let thy gracious ears be fain
To hear all those who bend the knee,
And hope, through mercy, to obtain
Such things, O Lord! as shall please thee.

Sanctissima.



## Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

God! who declar'st thy mighty power,
Most chiefly in thine acts of grace;
Thy mercy and thy pity shower
On us, who run th'obedient race
Of thy commandments: - May we strive
Thy gracious promise to obtain, -
Thy heavenly treasure claim, - and live
Through Christ - and never sin again.

Anmerkungen

## Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.

Almighty and eternal Sire!
More ready thou to hear, than we
To pray - and more than we desire
Art wont to give - we cry to thee:
Pour down thy mercy on us, Lord!
Forgive the sins our conscience dreads;
Give us those good things, which thy word
Pours out in mercy on our heads:
Those things for which we dare not pray,
And are unworthy to obtain,
But for His merits - day by day,
Accord to our eternal gain.

## Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Great God of mercy and of might!
Who dost to us the gift impart,
To be accepted in thy sight,
Through faith and purity of heart:—
Grant that our lives so faithful prove,
In thy true service, that we may
Attain the promise of thy love,
And share thy joys in heavenly day.

Manchuria

## Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Grant us, almighty God, to obtain
Increase of Faith, Hope, Charity;
And that thy promise we may gain,
To obey the laws which flow from thee.

Cromer or Allesbury

## Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Keep, we beseech thee, Lord of all!
Thy Church with thy perpetual care;
And as our frailty can't but fall,
If thou preserve not from the snare;
O let thy saving help be given
To keep us from all hurtful things;
Lead us to all things good - to heaven -
Through Jesus Christ, the King of Kings.

## Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord! we beseech thee cleanse thy Church,
In pity rear the strong defence;
Nor let the wicked madly search
To take away her recompence:
Grant that she still may stand secure,
Beneath thy strong and mighty arm;
And stedfast to the end endure,
Safe from disorder and alarm.

## *Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

*O Lord! we pray thee, still prevent*
*And follow us with heavenly grace;*
*And may our souls be always bent*
*To all good works in every place.*

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## Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord! give thy people strength and grace,
The world, the flesh, and sin to flee;
and with pure hearts and minds to trace
the glorious path, and follow thee.

## Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Without thy aid, to please thee, Lord!
We know we are devoid of power;
Grant that thy Spirit may afford
Light to direct us every hour.

## Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Keep us, Almighty God! control
Our hearts, each heedless snare to shun;
That we be ready – body – soul –
To do those things thou would'st have done.

## Twenty first Sunday after Trinity

Lord! we beseech thee, give thy peace
And pardon, to thy people here;
That all from Sin may have release,
And serve thee with a mind sincere.

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## Twenty second Sunday after Trinity.

Thy household, Lord, we pray thee, keep,
Thy Church – in sacred love of thee;
That through thy mercy it may reap
Freedom from all adversity;
And ever be devoutly given,
In all good works, to serve thee here;
And glorify thy name in heaven,
Through Christ, our Lord, and Saviour dear.

## Twenty third Sunday after Trinity

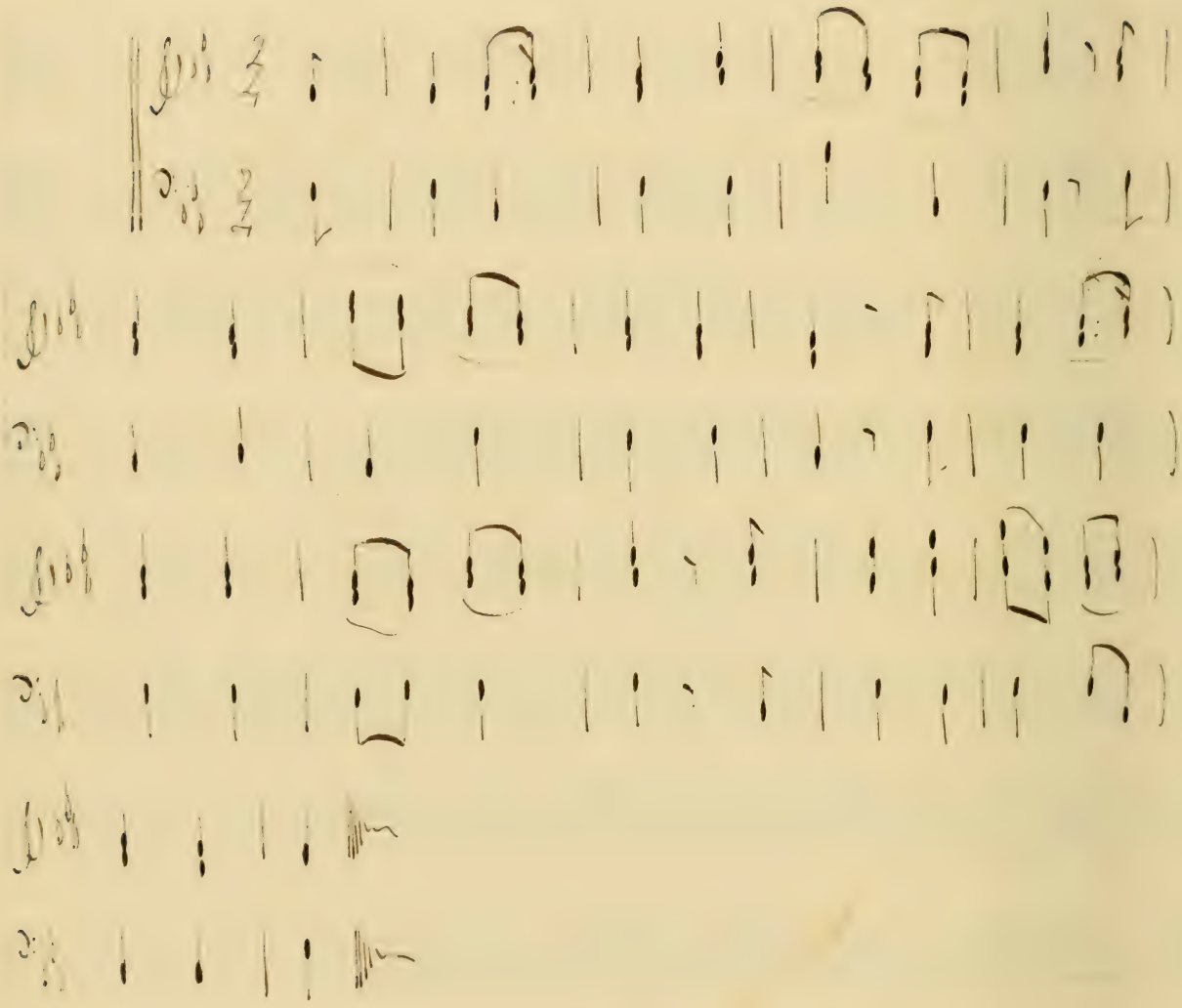
O God! our refuge and our strength,
The author of all good below;
We beg that thou wouldst hear at length
Thy Church's prayer and humble vow;
And grant that those things which we ask
In faithfulness, we may obtain;
And deem thy worship no vain task,
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Referenzen

# Twenty fourth Sunday after Trinity.

Absolve thy people, Lord, we pray,
From their offences, that, through grace,
And bounteous mercy, all men may,
(Sav'd from the bonds of sin & efface
Their nature's frailty. Grant thy word
May be effectual, and may make
Our hearts and souls assured, O Lord!
For Christ our Lord and Saviour's sake.

Reading



## Twenty fifth Sunday after Trinity.

Stir up, O Lord! thy people's will,
That fruits of good, they forth may bring –
Look for their great reward – and still
Trust to thy mercy's plenteous spring.

Arlington

# Saint Andrew's Day.

Almighty God! whose power and grace,
The holy Andrew did display;
Who, when he saw his Saviour's face,
Obey'd his call without delay:
Grant unto us, that we, when called,
May forthwith give ourselves to thee;
And leave our hearts no more enthralled,
Than suiteth thy divine decree.

## Saint Thomas the Apostle

Lord! to confirm our faith and love,
Who fill'dst with doubt, and fear, and pain,
The heart of Thomas – so to prove
That Christ, indeed, was risen again:
Confirm our faith – our doubts remove –
Let us believe in Jesus, Lord!
That thou our faith may'st not reprove,
But find us faithful in thy word
Hear! hear us Lord! through thy dear Son,
To whom, with thee, and th' Holy Ghost,
Be glory's brightest honours shewn,
For ever, by the Heavenly Host.

## The Conversion of Saint Paul

O God! who through the word divine,
Of Paul, Christ's blest Apostle here,
Hast caused thy heavenly light to shine
Throughout the world with radiance clear:
Grant, we beseech thee, that we may
His wonderful conversion see,
And follow his most holy way,
And shew our thankfulness to thee.

Warcham

## *Purification of the Virgin Mary.*

*Almighty God! we thee beseech,*
*That, as thy son did, on this day,*
*The threshold of thy Temple reach,*
*And in our flesh himself display:*
*So grant that we presented be*
*Before thy just and righteous throne;*
*With hearts instill'd with purity,*
*By Jesus Christ, thy son, alone.*

## Saint Matthias' Day

Almighty God! who in the place
Of treacherous Judas, didst select
Matthias just, to run his race,
And number'd him with the elect;
Grant that thy Church may always be,
Preserved from false Apostle's snare,
Ordered and guided still by thee,
And thy true Pastor's faithful care.

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## The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary.

Lord! we beseech thee, pour thy grace
Into our hearts, that as we know
By heaven's own Messenger, our race
Was saved by th' God-incarnate - So
His cross and passion may avail,
To bring us to the light of heaven;
And we, his glorious rising, hail,
By whom our sins are all forgiven.

## Saint Mark's Day.

O Lord Almighty! who hast taught
Thy holy Church, the doctrine pure
Of blessed Mark: let us be taught
With grace, which may our souls secure;
That not, like children, borne away
With every blast of doctrine vain,
We may be firm in faith, and pray
That in the truth we may remain.

## Saint Philip and Saint James' Day.

To know thee, Lord, to know thee true,
Is everlasting life and joy;
To pay thy Son all honours due,
May well our lives and tongues employ!
Thus owning Christ, our sovereign lord,
To be the truth, the life, the way;—
And following, both in deed, and word,
Saint Philip and Saint James;—our day
May brighten, as we onward wend,
And stedfastly the way pursue
To life and joys, that never shall end;—
Through Christ;—to whom be honour due.

Nottingham

## Saint Barnabas, the Apostle

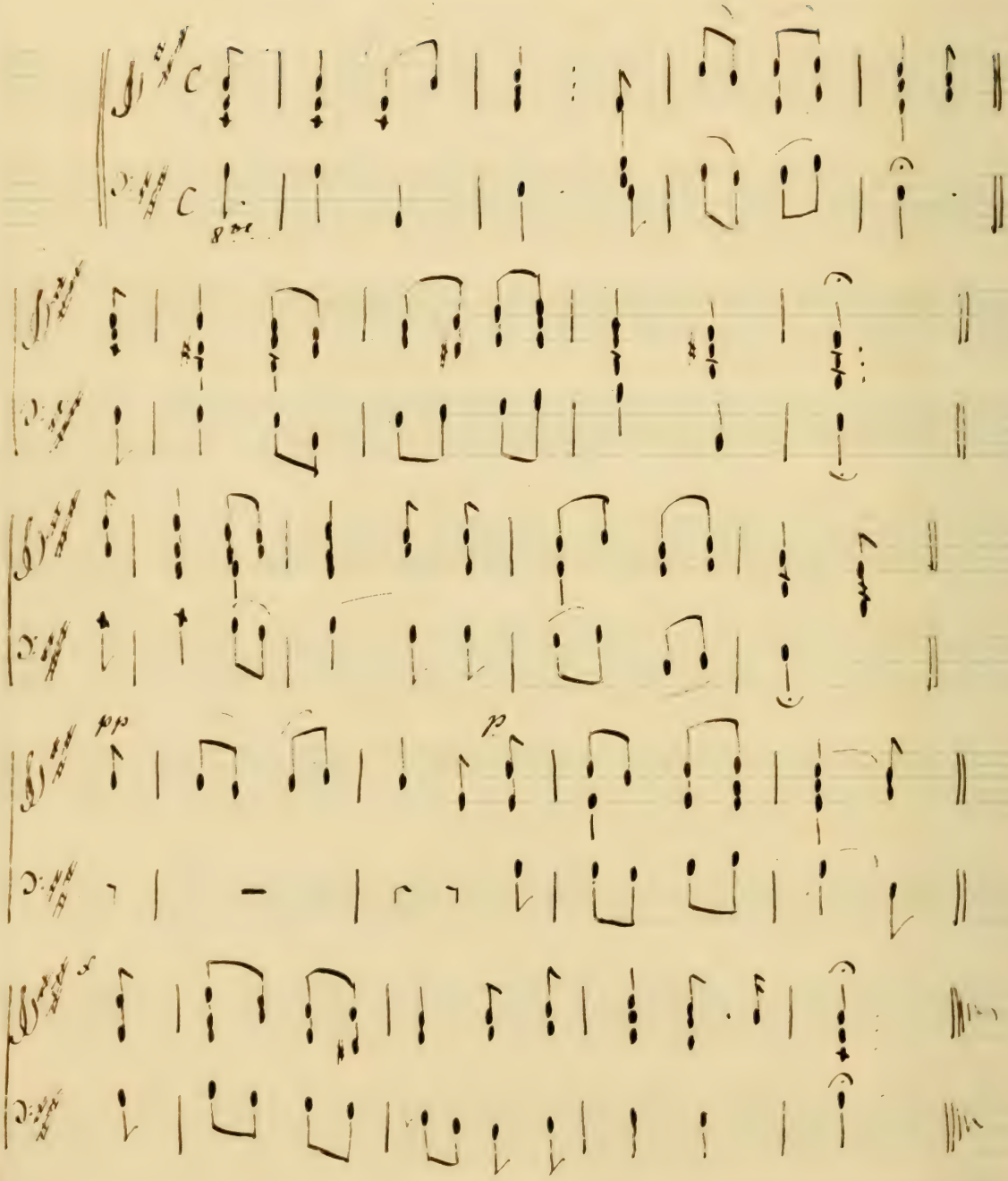
Lord God, Almighty! who didst show,
In all thy saints, thy sing'lar power;
And on Saint Barnabas, like dew,
Thy holy spirit's gift didst shower:
Leave us not destitute, we pray,
Of gifts, so manifold, and free;
Nor yet of grace, to use alway,
These gifts, to praise and honour thee.

Sinfonia.

## Saint John the Baptist's Day.

Almighty God! by whose kind care,
Thy servant, John, born out of time,
Was sent, thy Kingdom to prepare,
And teach repentance – Truth sublime!
Make us to follow and pursue
His doctrine; and his holy way:
That we, repenting deep, and true,
According to his preaching, may
Speak truth with constancy; – be bold
The erring ways of Sin to shame,
And suffer for the truth, when told,
In Christ, our Saviour's, holy name.

# Portuguese



## Saint Peter's Day.

Almighty God! who, by thy Son,
On Peter's head, thy gifts didst shower;
And that dear flock, Christ's blood had won,
To feed and nourish, gavst him power:
O give thy Pastors heavenly grace,
To preach with zeal thy holy Word!
And let thy Bishops, in their place,
Preach their dear Master, Christ the Lord!
And to thy people faithful found;
Obedient to thy word and thee;
With glory, grant, they may be crowned,
And reign with Christ eternally.

## Saint James the Apostle

Grant, gracious Lord! as James, thy Saint,
Obedient to his Saviour's will,
Left all he had, without complaint,
And followed him through every ill:
So may we, leaving carnal ways,
Be ready ever to pursue
Thy holy laws – and to thy praise,
Through Jesus Christ, pay reverence due.

St. Stephen

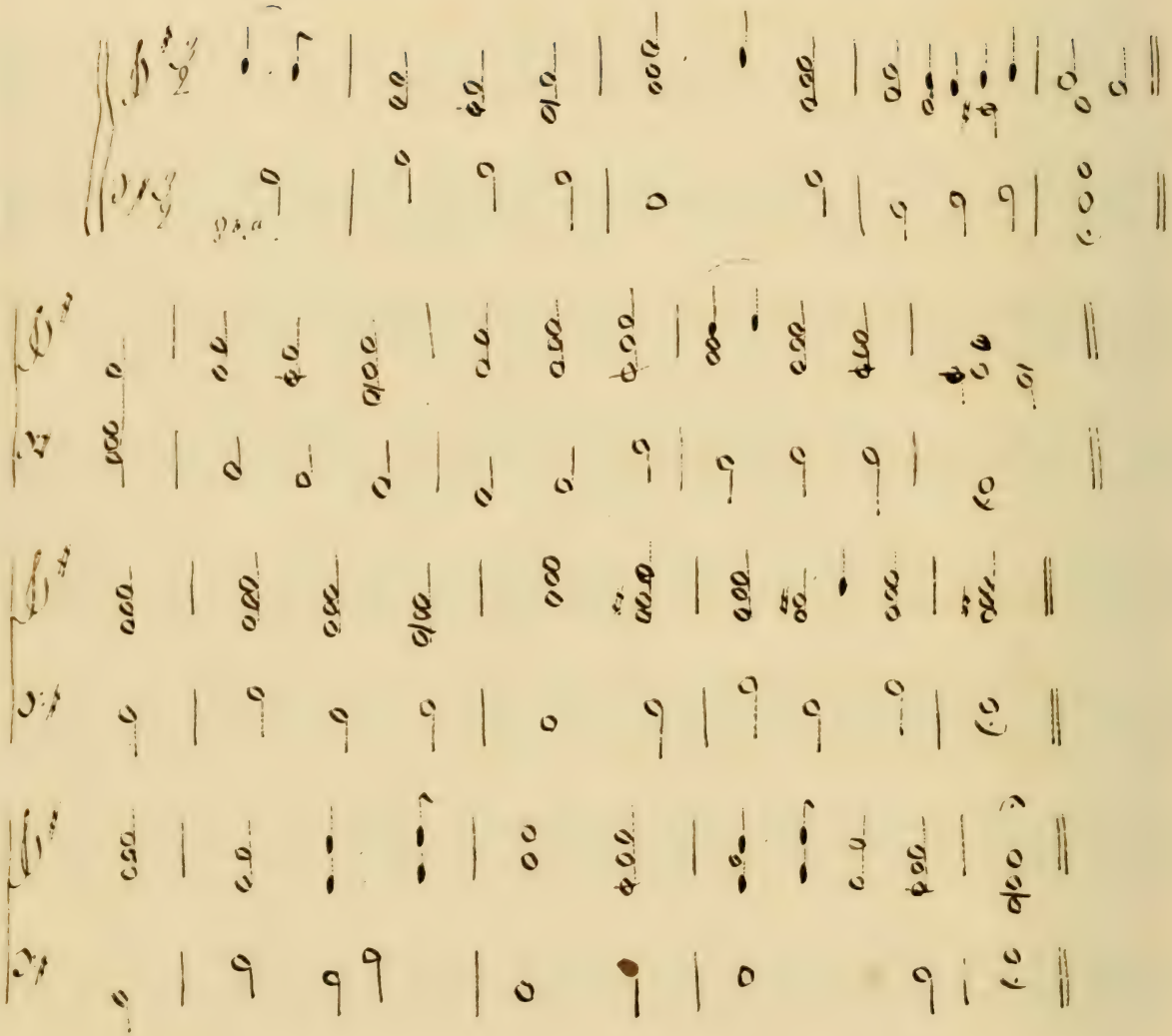
## Saint Bartholomew, the Apostle.

Almighty God! who didst endue
Thy saint, Bartholomew, with grace,
Both to receive and preach, as true,
Thy saving word, in every place:
Grant, we beseech thee, to thy Church,
To love that word, which he believed;
And make, by preaching and research,
That gracious word, in faith received.

## Saint Matthew, the Apostle

Almighty God! who, by thy Son,
Didst Matthew from his office call,
To preach the kingdoms, Christ hath won,
And tell the wondrous truth to all:-
From us, O Lord! grant us to shake
Inordinate desire of wealth;
That we may follow him and take
The same, thy Son, for our souls sake.

# Haarlem



## Saint Michael and all Angels.

Almighty God! who hast ordained
The services of Angels bright;
And by thy wondrous power hast trained
Rebellious Man to do thee right:
In mercy grant, that, as thy Saints
Obedient service do thee Lord!
By thy command, they hear our plaints,
And succour and defence afford.

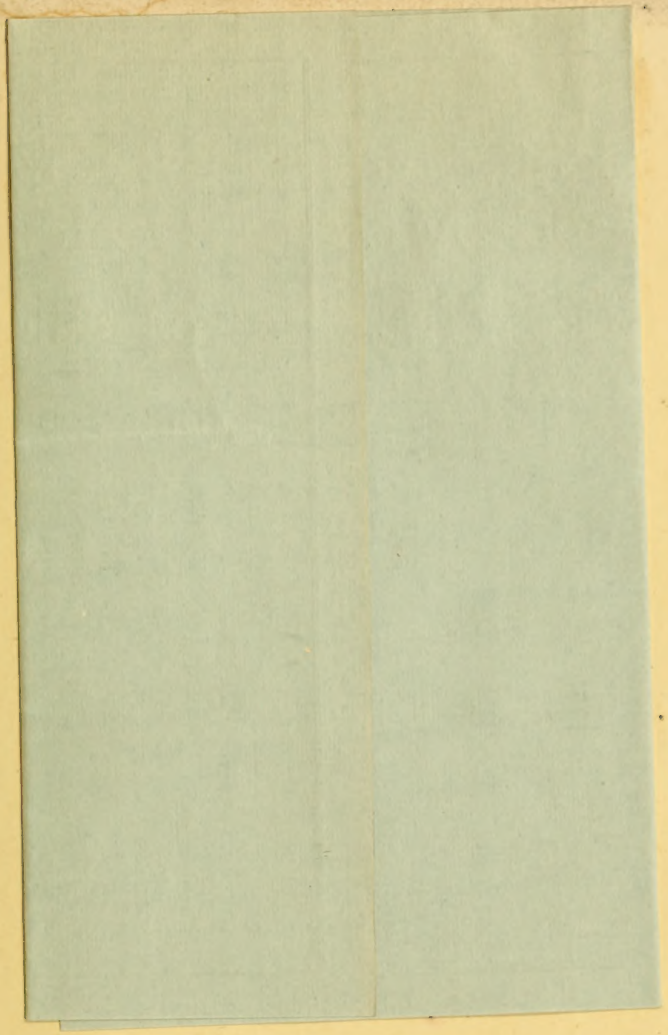
Washington or St Luke -

## Saint Luke, the Evangelist.

Almighty God! whose mild conhoul,
Called to thy gospel's praise and train,
Luke, the Physician of the soul,
To purge it from all earthly stain:
Mayst thou be pleased, that, through the aid
Of doctrine pure, from him received,
The Medicine may our souls pervade,
And death be of it's sting bereaved.

## Saint Simon and Saint Jude.

O God! who, through thy Prophets' aid,
Hast caused thy Church to stand alone,
And deep hast her foundations laid,
Christ being made the corner Stone:-
Grant us to be so built and joined,
In the pure Spirit's Unity,
That we, partaking of their Mind,
May be a Temple fit for thee.

# All Saints Day.

O God! who hast together knit
In fellowship the chosen few;
And in communion close to sit,
Christ's mystic body e'er to view:—
Grant us thy grace to follow still
Thy blessed Saints, in godly ways,
That we may always do thy will;
And come, when Death shall end our days,
To those vast joys, unspeakable,
To which in mercy are preferr'd
All those who love and serve thee well,
Through Jesus Christ, their God and Lord.