

Psalm 2

Psalm Tone: Greek Chant tone 1: Adapted by S. Rolando, (from the Russian *Obikhod Notnago Penia*)



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The Messiah, king and conqueror
*The rulers of the earth joined forces to overthrow
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.

¹Note on measure one of tone. Use this note only if the syllable that is pointed (highlighted) is not the last syllable in the line.