

A Vine From Egypt

Responsorial Song from Psalm 80 for Sunday 27A

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The image shows the first line of musical notation on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of several measures of music, including quarter notes, eighth notes, and a half note, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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You have chosen a vine out of Egypt,
which you brought to this land that is the desert.
And from its borders you drove out the nations,
you cleared the ground, filled the soil with its growth.

It took root there and spread through the land,
covering mountain and cedar with growth.
It stretched its branches as far as the sea,
and its great leaves ever yielded its fruit.

So then why do you break down its fences,
to be plundered by all who pass by?

See how the wild beasts of pasture and forest
have torn it down, they have trampled it into the dust.

Turn again, and remember your people,
and look kindly on those you have chosen.
In your compassion restore us to fortune,
drive from your sight all who pillage the earth.

May we never forsake you again.
May we live and proclaim your abundance!
In your good pleasure come now and reclaim us,
and let your face shine on us, come and save us!

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