



Post Septuagesima[m]

20 Alleluia. Ave Maria. Alleluia. Virga Jesse

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The Alleluias for the Feast of the Annunciation; they replace the Gradual and Tract when the feast falls after Easter. Their position here suggests that they were envisaged as the Alleluias of the votive Mass of the B.V.M. in Paschal Time, but the verses are in reverse order for that purpose. '*Virga Jesse . . . Alleluia*' (bars 34 to the end) also serves as the Alleluia verse for Lady Mass after the Purification but before Septuagesima, following on the conclusion of the Gradual verse *Virgo Dei genitrix* (8). The title 'Post Septuagesima[m]' in the running head is wrong on all counts: a shortened form of the rubric heralding a Tract, it more properly belongs to the next piece in the volume (which would more logically precede than follow this one and which may have been exchanged with it at some late stage). The more likely heading for the present piece would have been 'Post Pascha [dimissis Graduali et Tractu dicitur Alleluia]'.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu -

Al - le - lu

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu -

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

Al - le - lu -