

Periods of Music History

476-1450: The Middle Ages

- **Plainchant** was the main genre of sacred music.
- **Gregorian chant** revived the liturgy of the Catholic church.
- Plainchant was the first musical revival of notation system since the Greeks. The staff is made of four lines and **nuemes**.

In q̄ sibi laus est eterna.

*Ad summa missas Sequi.
bñ notkeri modū sancti
galli dpositou sequinae*



Ante secula dei filius missi
bilis interminis **P**er quē

firmata celi et terre maris et in his degen

ti **P**er quē dies et hore labāt et se iterū r

aprocant **Q**uē angeli in arte poli voce cō

sona semp canūt **H**ic corpus assūpsit

fragile sine labe originalis criminis de carne







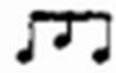

marie virginis quo primi patris culpā euect

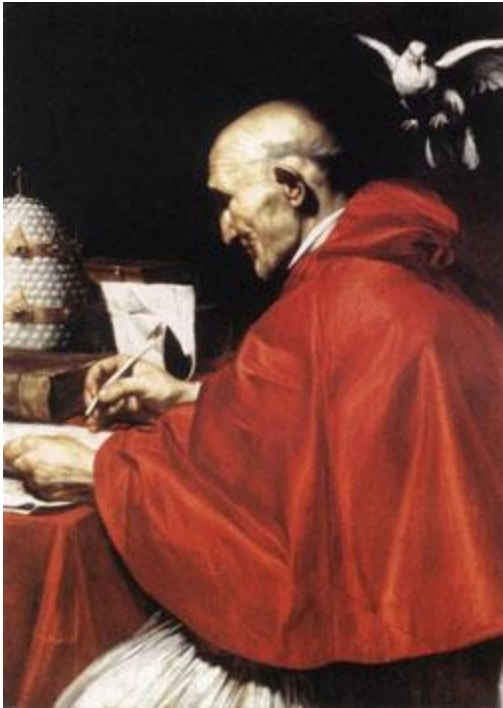
lasciua terget **H**oc presens dicula loq̄

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Evolution of Music notation

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punctum	.	■	●	●	■	
virga	/	┐	↑		┐	
podatus (pes)	✓✓!	■ ■	● ●	↗	■ ■	
clivis (flexa)	∧/!	┐	● ●	↘	┐	
scandicus	↗✓!	■ ■ ■	● ● ●	↗↗↗	■ ■ ■	
climacus	∧∧/!	┐	● ● ●	↘↘↘	┐	
torculus	∪	■ ■	● ●	↗↘	■ ■	
porrectus	∪	■ ■	● ●	↗↘	■ ■	



Pope Gregory the Great

- Born 540, died March 12 604. Buried at St. Peters Basilica.
- He is one of the patron saints of teachers.
- He is known for his contributions to the reformation of the Liturgy of the Mass and the Divine Office.
- Always depicted with a dove.

Pope Gregory the Great

- A dove is his attribute



from the well-known story recorded by his friend Peter the Deacon: "When the pope was dictating his homilies on Ezechiel a curtain was drawn between his secretary and himself. As, however, the pope remained silent for long periods at a time, the servant made a hole in the curtain and, looking through, beheld a dove seated upon Gregory's head with its beak between his lips. When the dove withdrew its beak the pope spoke and the secretary took down his words; but when he became silent the servant again applied his eye to the hole and saw the dove had replaced its beak between his lips." In most representations, the dove is shown whispering in Gregory's ear for a clearer composition.

Order of the Mass

There are two separate sections of the mass, from which Pope Gregory reformed: the **Ordinary** and the **Proper**.

- **The Ordinary:** parts of the mass that are invariable; they remain unchanged throughout the Liturgical year.
- **The Proper:** follow the Liturgical calendar, and change with the feasts and seasons.

Parts of the Mass

Ordinary

- Kyrie eleison
- Gloria
- [Credo](#)
- Sanctus
- Agnus Dei

Proper

- [Introit](#)
- [Gradual](#)
- [Alleluia](#) or [Tract](#)
- [Sequence](#)
- Offertory
- Communion

- New Age music trend in the 1980's started seeing a resurgence of chant like music.
- Most notable [theme song](#) that incorporates Gregorian chant.
- German band "Gregorian" sing pop songs in the tradition of medieval chant.

[Green Day](#)

[Phil Collins](#)

[U2](#)

[Evanescence](#)

Influences of Gregorian Chant
on Modern Music