Antiphone to the second Psalm in first vespers

Ista est spetiosa* inter filias Jerusalem

Psalm 145. Laudate, anima mea, Dominum

from Ms without title 72 sacred songs - BSB Mus.ms. 52

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in cubibus libus et

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tum
Psalm 145. Laudate, anima mea, Dominum

Intonation adapted from:
Johannes Cochlaeus: Musica [printed c. 1507] [fol. 9r]
De psalmarum intonatione
[Second tone]

[2] Lauda, anima mea, Dominum. Laudabo Dominum in vita mea;

psallam De-o me-o quamdiu fu-e-ro.

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second tone formula from Mus.ms 52

[2] Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia e-jus,
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Laudabo Dominum in vita mea;
psallam Deo meo quamdiu fuero.

Nolite confidere in principibus,

in illa die peribunt omnes cogitationes eorum.

[5] Beatus cujus Deus Jacob adjutor ejus,
spes ejus in Domino Deo ipsius :

[7] Qui custodit veritatem in saeculum;
facit judicium injuriam patientibus; dat escam esurientibus.

Dominus solvit compeditos,

Dominus erigit elisos;
Dominus diliget justos.

[9] Dominus custodit adversas;
pupillum et viduam suscipiet,
et vias peccatorum disperdet.

[10] Regnabit Dominus in saecula; Deus tuus, Sion,
in generationem et generationem.

Gloria Patri et filio et Spiritui Sancto,
Sicut erat in principio est nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.
Transcription of the psalm

[2] Laud-a, anima me-a, Do-mi-num. Lau-dabo Dominum in vi-ta me-a;

psal-lam Deo meo quamdiu fu-e-vero.


in illa die peribunt omnes cogitatio-nes e-o-rum.

[5] Be-atus cujus Deus Jacob adju-tor e-jus, spes ejus in Domino De-o ip-si-us:


[7] Qui custodit veritatem in sae-cu-lum;
facit judicium injuriam patientibus; dat escam esuriensibus.


Do minus erigit esinos; Do minus diliget justos.


[10] Regnabit Dominus in saecula; Deus tuus, Sion, in generationem et generationem.

Gloria Patri et filio et Spiritu sancto,

Sicut erat in principio est nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.
Commentary:
The Antiphon is unascribed in Ms. according to the Senflonline database (http://www.senflonline.com/) it is proposed as a setting by Senfl by M. BENTE in Neue Wege der Quellenkritik und die Biographie Ludwig Senfls. Ein Beitrag zur Musikgeschichte des Reformationszeitalters(Wiesbaden,1968).
The Senflonline database lists the setting as an Antiphone In festo Assumptionis BMV. According to the Cantus database (http://cantus.uwaterloo.ca/chant/507548) this text figures in some of the sources as such but also as an Antiphone common for Virgins saints. Two of the sources have melodies closely corresponding to the Intonation in this setting (but in d-dorian mode not in a-minor). One of these also links this Antiphon to a specific psalm (Ps. 62: 2b in the Vulgata Ps. 63 in the Hebraica numbering).

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An[tiphon.]

Ps[alm.]

In the Brevier of the diocese of Freising, to which Munich belonged, the Antiphon is assigned to the second psalm in the first vespers of the feast Assumptionis Beatae Mariae Virginis.
The diocese of Freising in early 16-th century still adhered to the praxis in most Bavarian dioceses during the middle ages of singing the Laudate Psalms (Psalms 112, 116, 145, 146 and 147) at major feasts. The printed Brevier for the Diocese of Freising: Scannalia secundum ritum ac ordinem ecclesie et diocesis Frisingensis, Venetia 1520, fol 166v specify Laudate for the psalms at first vespers at Assumptionis Beatae Mariae Virginis. Following the rule, ordo, of the diocese of Freising the Psalm used here is Psalm 145 of Versio Vulgata, Laudate, anima mea, Dominum. Only later, in the late 16-th or early 17-th century, did the diocese of Freising change its praxis to conform with the Roman praxis of using the first five Vesper psalms (starting with Psalm 109 Dixit Dominus) for this feast.
The polyphon second tone formula in Falsobordone style used for the psalm is one of several in the same manuscript as the polyphonic setting of the Antiphon. The Mus.Ms 52 manuscript actuali gives 3 series of falsobordone settings to the psalm tones. The series all use the same monodic formula melodys as cantus prius factus but assigns it to different voices.
The Psalm tone given in the Copenhagen Hymnarium corresponds closely to the tenor in the four-part Second tone formula for psalms in the same Ms. as Senfls Antiphon setting. This four-part formula is used in this edition to the text of Psalm 62 but transposed down to fit in with the Antiphon. The psalm is set alternatim with a group of chanters (Scola) singing odd verses and the coir responding with the even verses.