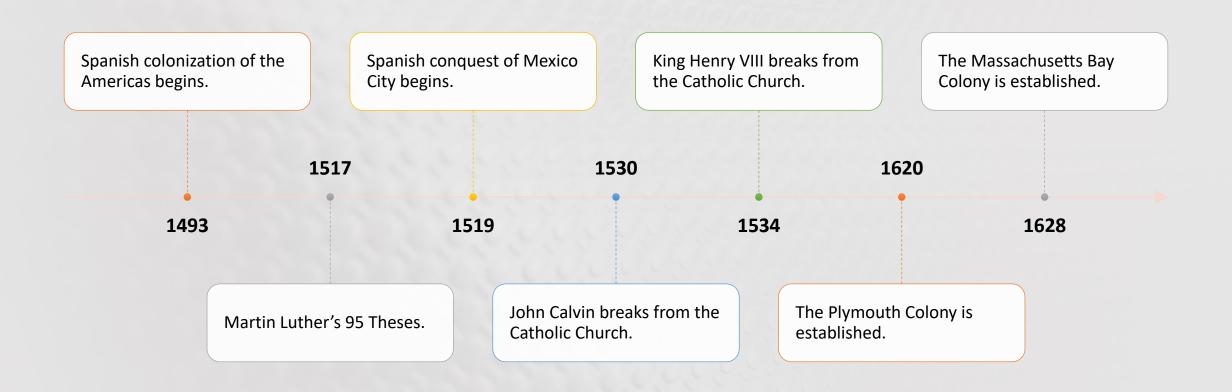
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How did it all begin?





Traits of Native American Music

Monophonic

Use of instruments (mostly acc.)

Forms are highly repetitive

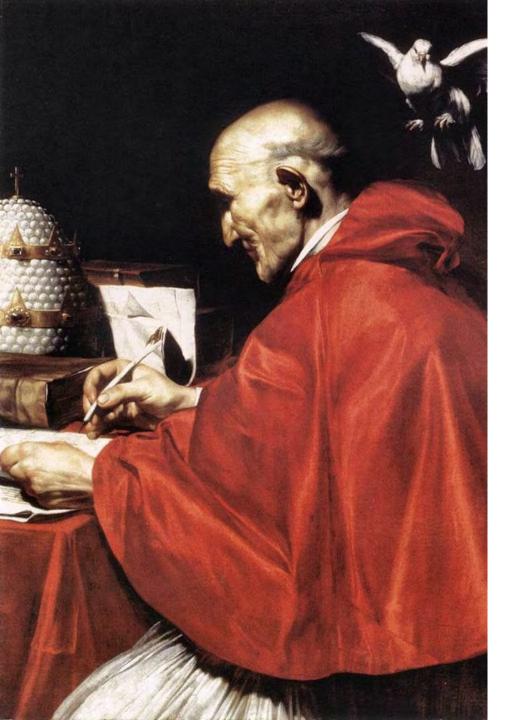
Different scale systems than most Western music

Use of vocables

High degree of vocal tension

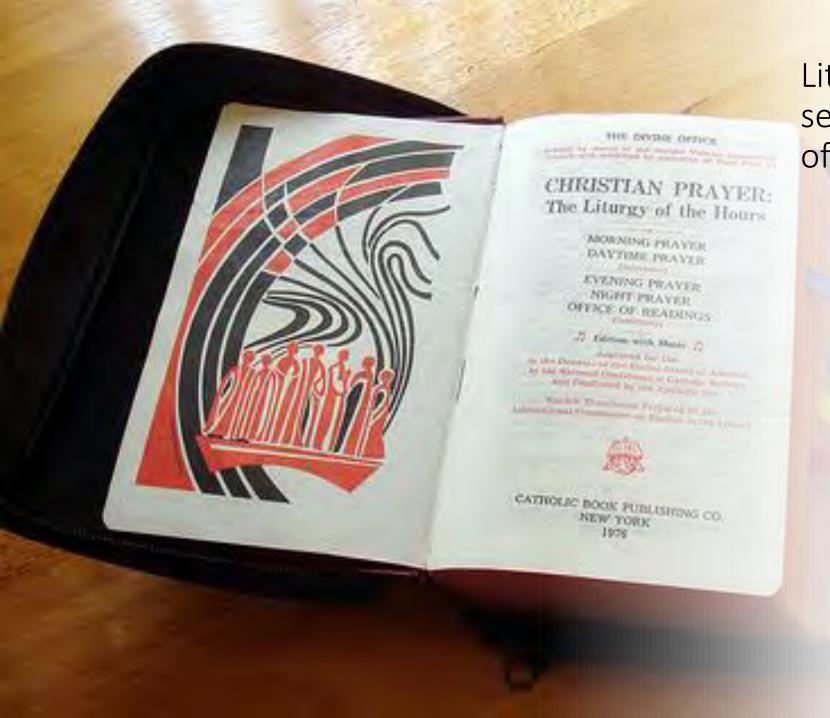
Music serves specific function.

Music is not notated.



Plainchant = Gregorian Chant

- Nearly 3000, mostly all anonymous, in part shaped by Greek, Hebrew and Syrian influences
- You will often hear the term Gregorian Chant because it was during the papacy of Pope Gregory the Great (r. 590-604) that chant was codified.



Liturgy—the set order of service and the structure of each service

The Mass set of prayers and statements of faith all sung in Latin until the mid-1960s

Ordinary (text remains constant)

- Kyrie
- Gloria
- Credo
- Sanctus
- Agnus dei

Proper (text changes daily)

- Introit
- Gradual
- Alleluia
- Offertory
- communion

1517 Martin Luther posts his 95 Theses



How does this affect music?

- There is now congregational singing.
- This singing occurs in the participants own language.



Protestant Categories

- Liturgical
 - Lutherans: Germanspeaking protestants led Martin Luther
 - Anglicans (Church of England): formed after King Henry VIII broke with Rome

- Non-Liturgical
 - Calvinists: led by John Calvin (groups in Switzerland, France and Netherlands)
 - Puritans: a group in England that wanted to reform the Anglican Church by adopting Calvinist principles

Calvinist View on Music

- Opposed musical professionalism
 - Music-making is assigned to the congregation itself (as opposed to a professional choir and musical director)
 - No instruments
 - No part singing; in otherwords, melody only, not harmonized
 - The only texts to be sung were the Psalms (a Biblical text)
 - This practice is called psalmody

Why is sacred music of the New England colonists so plain?

- Because these colonists were coming in part to escape religious persecution as they broke away from the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches
- Example: The Puritans
- The Puritans adopted Calvinist beliefs and broke away from the Anglican Church
- They brought with them the *Ainsworth Psalter*

Ainsworth Psalter (1612)

Translated by Rev. Henry Ainsworth, published in Amsterdam 1612

Used by Pilgrims arriving in Plymouth, MA in 1620

Contained 39 tunes and 150 texts

- Because the texts were written in metrical verse, each tune could be sung to any tune with that same meter
 - Requires only a few tunes be learned
 - there is no text painting
 - Music is secondary to the text

Terms to know:

- Metrical Psalms: Psalms translated into rhyming English
 - usually in simple verse structure
 - Usually 4-line stanzas
 - Strophic form (meaning same music for each verse of text)
- Psalter: a book of metrical psalms
- "Old Hundred" is an example of a psalm tune that appears in several psalters and is still sung by many denominations today. (see listening list)

Common meters of metrical psalms

Common Meter 8.6.8.6.

Long Meter 8.8.8.8.

Short Meter 6.6.8.6.

The numbers refer to the number of syllables in each line of text. There are four numbers, each corresponding to one line of a 4-line stanza.

"Auld Lang Syne" and "America the Beautiful" are both in Common Meter.

"Old Hundreth" is also in Common Meter.

Psalm 23

KING JAMES VERSION VERSIFIED BAY PSALM BOOK

The Lord is my shepherd The Lord to me a shepherd is

I shall not want Want therefore shall not I

He maketh me to lie down in He in the folds of tender grass

Green pastures Doth make me down to lie.

The Bay Area Psalm Book (1651)

A group of about 30 clergymen from Massachusetts Bay Colony, unsatisfied with the texts in the Ainsworth Psalter, created their own.

The goal was to present versified Psalms that kept the integrity of the original scriptures.

This was the first full-length book published in the colonies.

Main Points

See/hear the difference between the Roman Catholic Mass and the Protestant practice of congregational singing of metrical Psalms.

Understand the possible effect of versifying on the meaning of the text. (Is this any more or less concerning than the text getting lost in polyphony?)

Notice that this is also an issue of freedom of individual congregations to make decisions regarding their worship practices.

Lining Out

- What: A lead singer, reading from a psalter, sings the Psalm one line at a time and the congregation sings it back. (call and response)
- When: This is happening by the mid-17th century
- Why:
 - Not all the worshipers could read
 - not enough people could afford the psalter
 - Congregants didn't read musical notation or sing the tunes as written

Impact of lining out on psalmody

Slowed the pace of singing

Kept the repertoire small

• Because tunes had to be chosen from those the people already knew

Music was entrusted to the lead singer

- This person may not read music
- This person might not sing the tune as notated

Members of the group may embellish the sung response

SUMMARY

- There were already communities with thriving cultures on this continent when colonizers arrived.
- There are many different religions each with unique approach towards sacred music.
- Studying the multi-faceted development of sacred music is one lens through which we can look at history.
- All of this helps us better understand ourselves and each other—our shared humanity.