

## Vocabulary

Acappella – is an adjective that means ‘unaccompanied singing.’

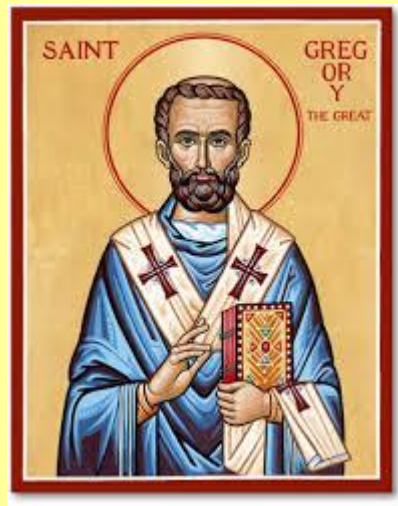
Timbre – different sounds the instruments make

Texture – how many sounds

Dynamics – loud or quiet

Structure – how a piece is organised

Tempo – fast/slow



**Pope Gregory the Great**  
540AD – 605AD



**Medieval Harp**

## Music from the Middle Ages



**Gregorian Monks**



**Hurdy-Gurdy**

A **hurdy gurdy** is a stringed musical instrument played by a rosin-covered wheel. ... The **hurdy gurdy** can create three types of sounds. The melody is played on melody strings by pressing keys on the side of the instrument.

### **Medieval Lute**

The **lute** is a kind of musical instrument with strings. ... Early **lutes** had four strings or eight sets of two strings. Beneath these strings, there were strings tied to the neck, where the player pressed down to make the notes. These strings were called frets