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can·til·late  (kăn tĭ-ăt')

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tr. & intr.v. **can·ti·lat·ed**, **can·ti·lat·ing**, **can·ti·lates**

To chant or recite (a liturgical text) in a musical monotone.

[Latin *cantilāre*, *cantilāt-*, to sing, from *cantāre*, to sing; see **kan-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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