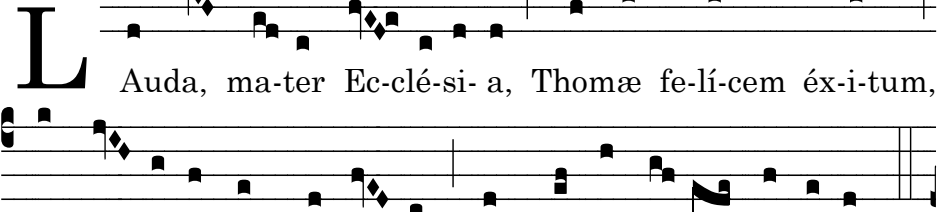


HYMN : LAUDA MATER ECCLESIA

Lauds hymn for the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas

Hymnus

1.



Lauda, ma-ter Ec-clé-si-a, Thomæ fe-lí-cem éx-i-tum,

Qui pervé-nit ad gáudi-a Per Verbi vi-tæ mé-ri-tum.



2. Fossa Nova tunc súscipit Thecam thesáuri gra-ti-æ, Cum



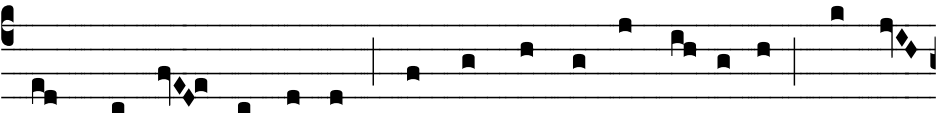
Christus Thomam éffi-cit Heré-dem regni gló-ri-æ. 3. Ma-



nens doctrínæ vé-ri-tas, Et fúne-ris inté-gri-tas, Mira



fragens su-á-vi-tas, Ægris collá-ta sáni-tas. 4. Monstrat



hunc dignum láudi-bus Terræ, ponto, et súde-ris; Nos ju-



vet su-is pré-ci-bus, De-o commé-det mé-ri-tis. 5. Laus



Patri sit, ac Gé-ni-to Simúlque sancto Flámi-ni, Qui

sancti Thomæ mé-ri-to Nos Cæli jungat ágmi-ni. Amen.

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1. Dear Church, our mother! the happy death of thy Thomas deserves a hymn of praise. By the merits of him that is the Word of life, he is now in endless joy.

2. It was at Fossa Nova that the rich treasury of grace was welcomed as a guest. It was there that he received from Christ the inheritance of eternal glory.

3. He has left us the fruits of truth; he has left us his glorious relics which breathe forth a heavenly fragrance, and work cures for the suffering sick.

4. Right well, then, is honour his due: earth, and sea, and heaven, all may give him praise. May his prayers and merits intercede for us with God.

5. Praise, then, be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. And may our God, by the intercession and merits of his saint, admit us into the choir of the blessed in heaven. Amen.