

SEQUENCE : VICTIMÆ PASCALE LAUDES

Easter Sequence

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I.

Victimæ paschá-li láudes * ímmo-lent Christi-áni.
 Agnus redémit oves: Christus ínno-cens Patri re-conci-
 li-ávit pecca-tó-res. Mors et vi-ta du-éllo confluxé-re mi-
 rándo: dux vitæ mórtu-us, regnat vivus. Dic nobis Marí-
 a, quid vi-dísti in vi-a? Sepúlcrum Christi vivéntis, et
 gló-ri-am vi-di resurgéntis: Angé-li-cos testes, sudá-ri-um,
 et vestes. Surréxit Christus spes me-a: præcédet su-os in
 Ga-li-læ-am. Credéndum est magis so-li Ma-rí-æ verá-ci

quam Judæ-ó-rum turbæ fallá-ci Scimus Christum surre-
 xísse a mortu-is vere: tu nobis, victor Rex, mi-se-ré-
 re. [Amen. Allelú-ia.]

N.B. This is the original text of the Sequence, the section beginning "Credendum est., was omitted in the 1570 missal, which also replaced 'præcedet suos (his own)' with 'præcedet vos (you)', and added the 'Amen. Alleluia'.

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Ascribed by tradition to Wipo, chaplain to Conrad II and tutor of Henry III. He died about 1048.

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Let Christians offer to the Paschal Victim the sacrifice of praise.

The Lamb hath redeemed the sheep: the innocent Jesus hath reconciled sinners to his Father.

Death and life fought against each other, and wondrous was the duel: the King of life was put to death; yet now he lives and reigns.

Tell us, O Mary! what sawest thou on the way?

I saw the sepulchre of the living Christ; I saw the glory of him that had risen.

I saw the Angels that were the witnesses; I saw the winding-sheet and the cloth.

Christ. my hope, hath risen! He shall go before you into Galilee.

It behoves us to believe the single testimony of the truthful Mary, rather than the whole host of wicked Jews.

We know that Christ hath truly risen from the dead. Do thou, O conqueror and King! have mercy upon us. Amen. Alleluia.