

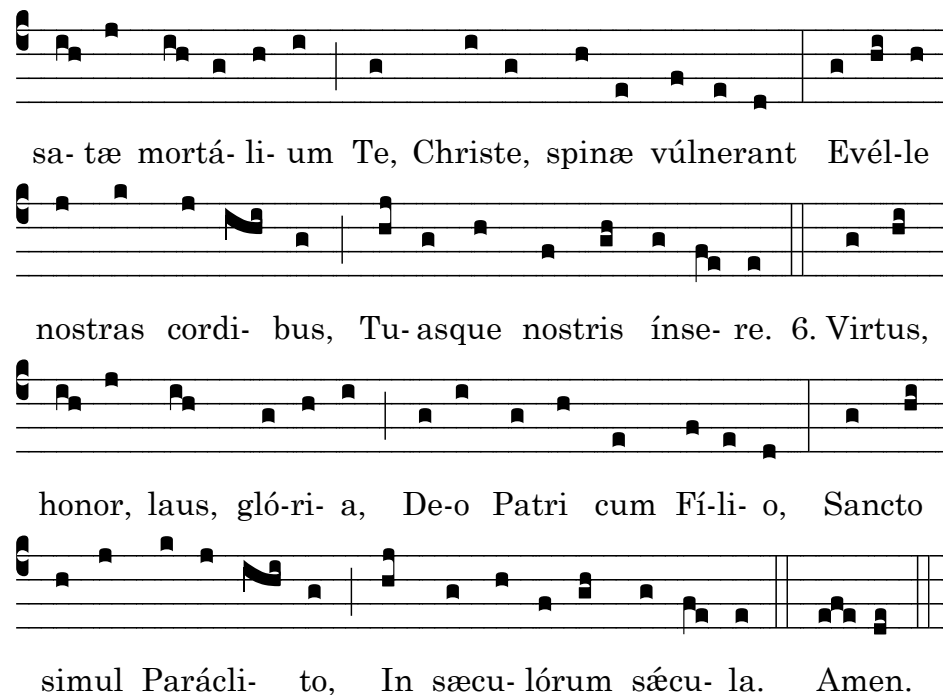
## HYMN : EXITE, SION FILLÆ

Vespers and matins hymn for the feast of The Most Holy Crown of Thorns

III.



**E**X- i-te Si- on fí-li- æ, Regis pudícæ vírgines, Chri-  
sti Corónam céрни- te, Quam mater ipsa téxu- it. 2. Hor-  
ret re-vúl-sis crí-nibus Spinis cru-entátum caput : Et vul-  
tus ille déco- lor Mortem propínquam réspi- cit. 3. Quæ  
terra sulcis ínvi- a, Dumis rigens et séntibus, Lugúbre  
munus prótu- lit. Quæ sæva méssu- it manus? 4. Christi  
ru- béscens sángine Acú- le- os mutat ro- sis, Palmámque  
vincens frúcti- bus Spina est tri- úmphis ápti- or. 5. Culpis



sa- tæ mortá- li- um Te, Christe, spinæ vúlnerant Evél- le  
nostras cordi- bus, Tu- asque nostris ínse- re. 6. Virtus,  
honor, laus, gló- ri- a, De- o Patri cum Fí- li- o, Sancto  
simul Parácli- to, In sæcu- lórum sæcu- la. Amen.

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| 1. O DAUGHTERS of Jerusalem,<br>Chaste virgins of the royal throne,<br>Go forth and see the diadem<br>That Sion weaves for Christ, her Son.               | 4. The thorns empurpled by the blood<br>More fair than roses grow to be ;<br>The crown, touched by the sacred flood,<br>Becomes a wreath of victory.                |
| 2. Behold the blood upon his hair,<br>His tender forehead rent and torn,<br>The thorny crown that he must wear,<br>While death is on his face forlorn.    | 5. The barbs that rend thee, Christ, to-day<br>Are the sharp thorns of human sin ;<br>O pluck them from our breasts, we pray,<br>And plant thy living love therein. |
| 3. O hard and harsh the soil that gave<br>So foul a crop of thorns severe ;<br>More hard and harsh the cruel slave<br>That forced them on a head so dear. | 6. Praise, honour, power and glory be<br>To God the Father and the Son,<br>And Holy Paraclete, to thee<br>Forever reigning, three in one. Amen.                     |