

# HYMN : HYMNUM DICAMUS DOMINO

*Vespers and Matins Hymn for Passion Sunday*

Hymnus

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ymnum dica-mus Domino Laudes De-o cum can-

ti- co, Qui nos crucis pati-bu-lo Su-o redemit sanguine

2. Di- e decur-so ad vesperum, Qua Christus morti tradi-

tur, Ad cenam ve-nit impi- us, Qui e- rat Christi pro-di-

tor. 3. Jesus futu- ra nunti- at Cenanti-bus disci- pu- lis :

Unus ex discumbentibus Ipse me tra-di-tu-rus est. 4. Ju-

das, merca- tor pessimus, Oscu-lo petit Domi- num ; Ille,

ut agnus innocens, Non ne-gat Judæ oscu-lum. 5. Dena-

ri- o- rum numero Christus Judæ- is tradi- tur Innocens

et inno-xi- us, Quem Judas tradit impi- us. 6. Præ-ses Pi-

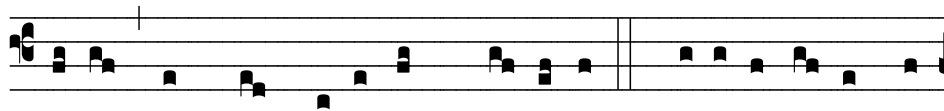
la- tus proclamat : Nullam culpam inve-ni- o ; ablu-tis

aqua manibus Christum Judæ- is tradi- dit. 7. Fallaces Ju-

dæ- a impi- a Latronem petunt vive- re, Christum accu-

sant gravi-ter : Cruci- fi-gatur, re- us est. 8. Et Ba-rabbas

dimitti-tur, Qui re-us mortis fu- e- rat ; Vi-ta mundi suspen-



ditur, Per quem resurgunt mortu- i. 9. Glori- a ti- bi Do-



mine Glo-ri- a Uni-ge- ni- to, Una cum Sancto Spi-ri-tu



In sempi-terna sæ-cu-la. Amen.

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*This Hymn is attributed to St. Ambrose, it was used as a Hymn for Passion Sunday and also as the Vespers and Lauds Hymn for Feasts of the Holy Cross.*

*N.B. This version has been modified in verses 2 and 7 to add the elisions.*

*Translation from 'Early Christian hymns, Donahoe, 1911'.*

1. COME, join in hymns and praises,  
Exalt the sacred name  
Of Christ our King, who by his blood  
Redeemed us out of shame.
2. The night was now descending,  
And Jesus at the board  
Sat with the twelve ; and Judas came,  
A traitor to his Lord.
3. The Master knew the treason,  
And thus to them did say ;  
“One of you seated at this meal,  
To-night will me betray.”
4. The wicked dealer, Judas,  
Betrayed him with a kiss ;  
And Christ, a lamb all innocent,  
Denied not even this.

5. For thirty silver pieces  
Was the base bargain made ;  
So Judas hath the Guiltless One  
Unto the Jews betrayed.

6. Then out spake Pilate, Governor,  
“ No fault in him I see;”  
But taking water, washed his hands ;  
“ The guilt is yours,” said he.

7. And blind with fraud and malice,  
“ Free Barabbas,” they cried ;  
“ The blood of Christ be on our heads :  
Let him be crucified.”

8. So Barabbas, the robber  
Was freed before all eyes ;  
And Christ the life of earth was slain,  
Through whom the dead arise.

9. Glory to God the Father,  
To Christ the sole-born Son,  
And glory to the Holy Ghost,  
While endless ages run.