

HIC EST DIES VERUS DEI

Ambrosian Vespers Hymn for Easter

HYMNUS

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ic est di- es ve-rus De- i, Sancto se-ré-nus lúmi-

ne, Quo dí-lu- it sanguis sa- cer Probró-sa mundi crími-

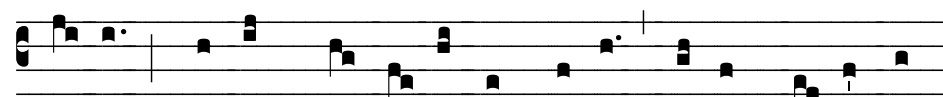
na. 2. Fi-dem re- fúndens pérdi- tis, Cœcósque visu il-lúmi-

nans, Quem non gra-vi solvit me-tu Latró-nis abso-lú-ti-

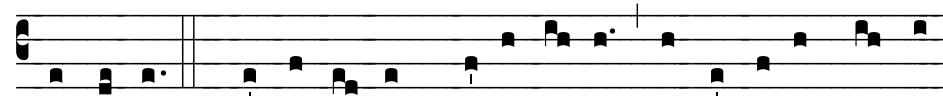
o? 3. Qui præmi- um mu-tans cruce, Jesum brevi quæsiit

fi- de, Justósque præ-vi- o gra-du Prævé-nit in regnum

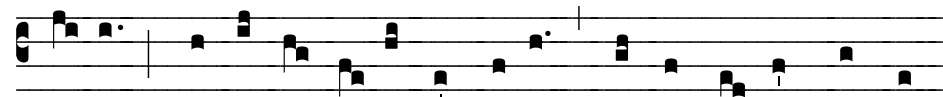
De- i. 4. Opus stupent et Ange- li Pœnam vi-déntes cór-



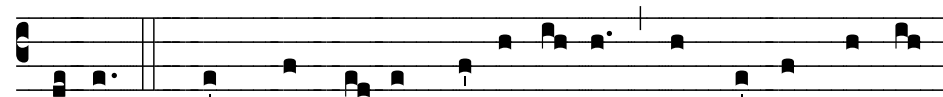
po- ris, Christóque adhæ-réntem re- um Vi-tam be- á- tam



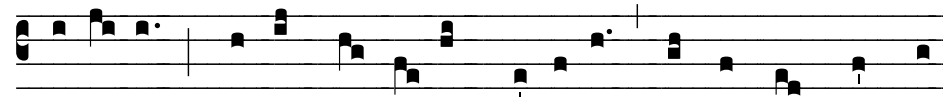
cárpe-re. 5. Mysté- ri- um mi-rá-bi- le! Ut áblu- at mundi



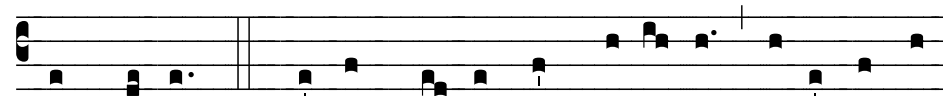
lu- em, Peccá- ta tol-lat ómni- um, Carnis ví- tia mundans



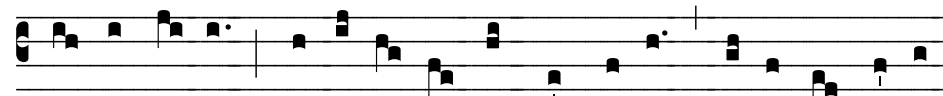
ca-ro. 6. Quid hoc potest sublími- us Ut culpa quærat



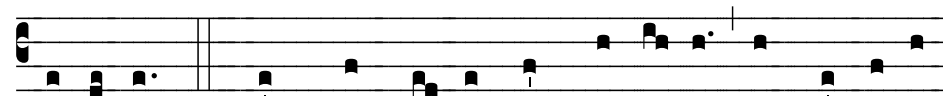
grá-ti- am? Metúmque solvat chá-ri-tas, Reddátque mors vi-



tam novam? 7. Hamum si- bi mors dévo- ret, Su- ísque se



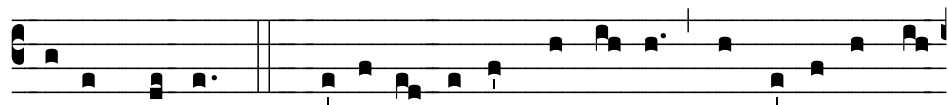
no- dis li- get: Mo-ri- á- tur vita ómni- um, Resúrgat vi-ta



hómi-num. 8. Cum mors per omnes tránse- at, Omnes resúr-



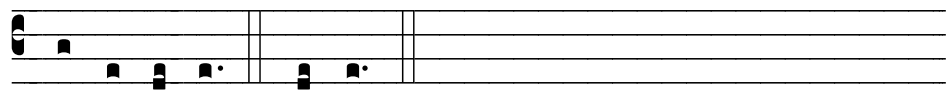
gant mórtu- i: Consúmpta mors ictu su- o Perís-se se



solam gemat? 9. Gló-ri- a ti-bi, Dómi- ne, Qui surrexísti a



mórtu- is, Cum Patre et almo Spí-ri- tu, In sempi- tér-



na sé-cu- la. Amen.

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1. This is indeed God's own Day, holy with its unclouded light, whereon the Sacred Blood washed away the world's infamous crimes.
2. It re-animates to confidence them that were lost in despair : it gives sight to the blind. Oh ! who would not cease to despair, that thought of the pardon given to the Thief ?
3. His cross was changed into a crown ; he gained Jesus by a brief act of faith : and, being justified, was the first to enter into the kingdom of God.
4. The very Angels are bewildered at the change : they behold the criminal suffering bodily tortures, yet, united with Christ, and culling the flower of life everlasting.
5. O wondrous Mystery ! Jesus takes upon himself the sins of the world, that he may cleanse it from its filth : Flesh washes away the sins of flesh.

6. What more sublime than this?— sin seeking for grace? love expelling fear? and death giving a new life ?

7. Let Death swallow the hook he throws out to others; let him be caught in his own net ! Let Him but die, who is the Life of all, and all will rise to life.

8. All men pass through death, and all the dead rise again to life : Death's blow falls on himself, and none die but he.

9. Glory be to thee, O Lord, who didst rise again from the dead ! and to the Father, and to the Holy Ghost, for everlasting ages. Amen.