

# HIC EST DIES VERUS DEI

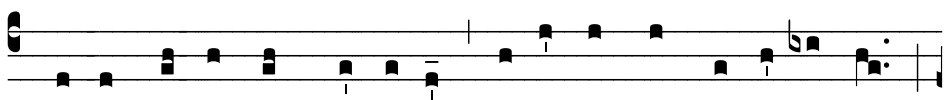
*Vespers Hymn for Easter*

HYMN.  
VI.

**H**ic est di-es verus De-i, Sancto se-rénus lími-ne,



Quo dí-lu-it sanguis sacer Probró-sa mundi crími-na.



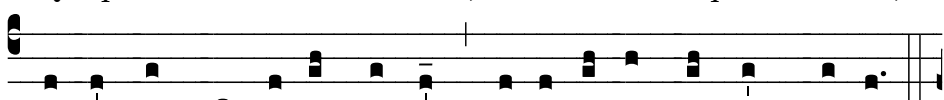
2. Fidem re-fúndens pér-di-tis, Cœcósque visu il-lúmi-nans,



Quem non gra-vi solvit me-tu Latró-nis abso-lú-ti-o?



3. Qui præ-mi-um mutans cruce, Je-sum brevi quæsít fi-de,



Justósque præ-vi-o gra-du Prævé-nit in regnum De-i.



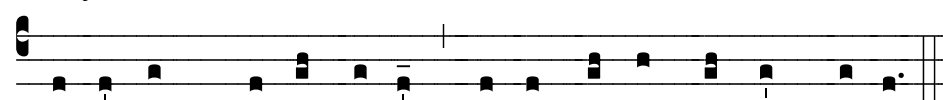
4. Opus stupent et Ange-li Pœnam vi-déntes cór-po-ris,



Christóque adhæ-réntem re- um Vi-tam be- á-tam cár-pe-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.



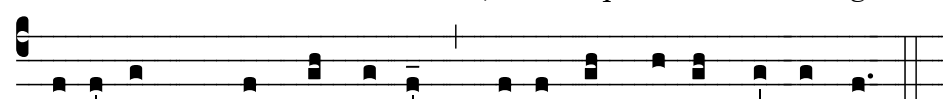
6. Quid hoc potest sublí-mi-us Ut culpa quærat grá-ti-am?



Metúmque sol-vat chári-tas, Reddátque mors vi-tam novam?



7. Hamum si-bi mors dévo-ret, Su-ísque se no-dis li-get:



Mo-ri-á-tur ví-ta ómni-um, Resúrgat ví-ta hó-mi-num.



8. Cum mors per omnes trán-se-at, Omnes resúrgant mórtu-



i: Consúmpta mors ictu su-o Pérís-se se solam gemat?



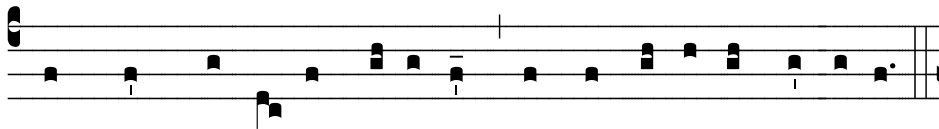
9. Quæsumus, Auctor ómni-um, In hoc Paschá-li gáudi-



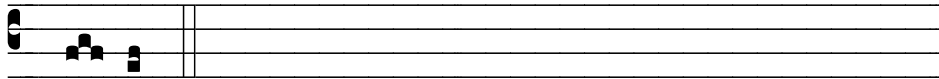
o Ab omni mor-tis ímpetu Tu-um defénde pópu-lum.



10. Gló-ri- a ti-bi, Dómi- ne, Qui surrex-ísti a mór-tu- is,



Cum Patre et almo Spí-ri-tu, In sempi-térna sá-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. Author of all, be Thou our guide, In this our joy of Eastertide; Whenever the assaults of death impend, Thy people strengthen and defend.*

10. 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.