

HYMN : SALVE FESTA DIES

Ancient Processional Hymn for Easter

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Al-ve festa di-es, to-to ve-ne-rá-bi-lis æ-vo, Qua

De-us inférnum vincit, et astra tenet.

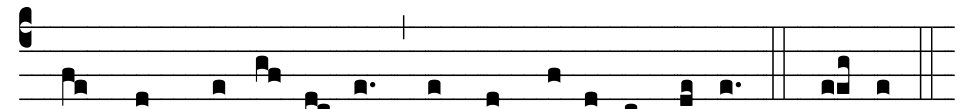
1. Ecce renascén-tis testá-tur grá-ti-a mundi, Omni-a

cum Dómi-no dona re-dísse su-o. Sal-ve.

2. Namque tri-umphánti post trísti-a tártá-ra Chri-sto,

Undique fronde nemus, grámi-na flore favent.. Sal-ve.

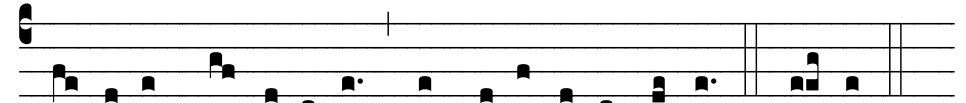
3. Qui cru-ci-fíxus e-rat De-us, ecce per ómni-a regnat ;



Dantque Cre-a-tó-ri cuncta cre-á-ta precem. Sal-ve.



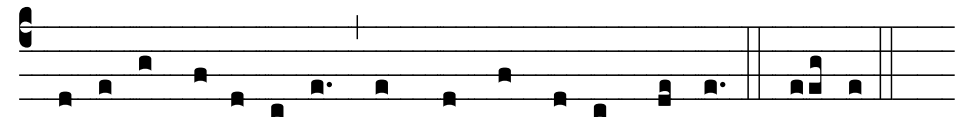
4. Christe sa-lus re-rum, bone Cón-di-tor, atque Redémptor ;



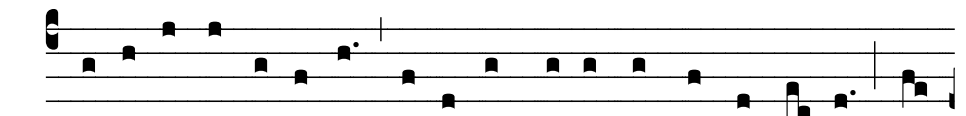
U-ni-ca pro-gé-ni-es ex De-i-tá-te Patris. Sal-ve.



5. Qui genus humá-num cernens mersísse pro-fúndo, Ut



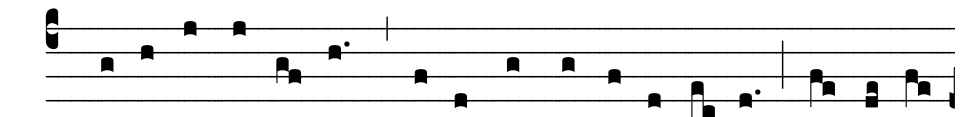
hominem e-ri-peres, es quoque factus homo. Sal-ve.



6. Fúne-ris exséqui-as pá-te-ris, vi-tæ auctor et or-bis, In-



tras mortis i-ter, dando salú-tis opem. Sal-ve.



7. Trísti-a cessé-runt inférnæ víncu-la le-gis Expa-vít-

que cha- os lúmi-nis o-re premi. Sal-ve.

8. Pollí-ci-tam sed redde fi-dem, precor, alma poté-stas :

Tér-ti-a lux ré-di-it, surge sepúl-te me-us. Sal-ve.

9. Non decet, et húmi-li túmu-lo tu-a membra tegántur,

Non pré-ti-um mundi ví-li-a saxa premant. Sal-ve.

10. Solve catená-tes inférni cárce-ris umbræ, Et révo-ca

sursum, quidquid ad imá-ru-it. Sal-ve.

11. Redde tu-am fá-ci-em, ví-de-ant ut sácu-la lu-men

Redde di-em, qui nos, te mori-énte, fugit.. Sal-ve.

12. Inferus insa-turabí-li-ter cava gúttura pandens, Qui

rápu-it semper, fit tu-a præda, De-us. Sal-ve.

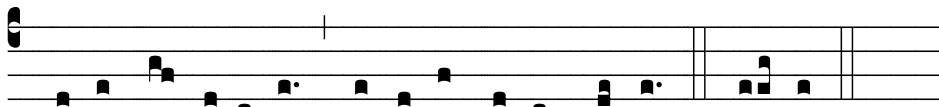
13. Rex sacer, ecce tu-i rádi-at pars magna tri-úmphi,

Cum puras ánimas sacra lavácra be-ant. Sal-ve.

14. Cándidus egré-di-tur ní-ti-dis ex-érci-tus undis, Atque

vetus ví-ti-um purgat in amne no-vo. Sal-ve.

15. Fulgéntes ánimas vestis quoque cándi-da signat, Et



gre-ge de nive- o gáudi- a pastor habet. Sal-ve.

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Hail, thou festive, ever venerable day! whereon hell is conquered and heaven is won by Christ. (Repeat after each verse)

1. Lo! our earth is in her spring, bearing thus her witness that, with her Lord, she has all her gifts restored.
2. For now the woods with their leaves and the meadows with their flowers, pay homage to Jesus' triumph over the gloomy tomb.
3. The crucified God now reigns over all things; and every creature to its Creator tells a prayer.
4. O Jesus! Saviour of the world! Loving Creator and Redeemer! Onlybegotten Son of God the Father!
5. Seeing the human race was sunk in misery deep, thou west made Man, that thou mightest rescue man.
6. Thou, the author of life and of all creation, west buried in the tomb, treading the path of death, to give us salvation.
7. The gloomful bonds of hell were broken; the abyss shook with fear, as the light shone upon its brink.
8. But redeem thy promise, I beseech thee, merciful King! This is the third day; arise, my buried Jesus!
9. Tis not meet that thy Body lie in the lowly tomb, or that a sepulchral stone should keep imprisoned the ransom of the world.
10. Set free the spirits that are shackled in limbo's prison. Raise up all fallen things.
11. Show us once more thy face, that all ages may see the light! Bring back the day which fled when thou didst die.

12. The greedy monster, whose huge throat had swallowed all mankind, is now thy prey, O God!

13. O King divine! lo! here a bright ray of thy triumph- the souls made pure by the holy font.

14. The white robed troop comes from the limpid waters; and the old iniquity is cleansed in the new stream.

15. The white garments symbolize unspotted souls, and the Shepherd rejoices in his snowlike flock.