

# OPTATUS ORBIS GAUDIO

*Ambrosian Hymn for the Ascension*

HYMNUS



-Ptá-tus orbis gáudi-o Sacrá-tus il-lú-xit di-es,

Quo nostra Christus spes De-us Ovans ad-í-vit æthe-ra.

2. Ad astra Christus dum re-dit, Sedem re-vi-sit propri-am;

Cæ-li tri-úmphant cárdi-nes, Quod vic-tor intrat sí-de-ra.

3. Magni tri-úmphum præ-li-i! Mundi perémpto prínci-pe,

Offert cru-éntæ nó-bi-lem Carnis Pa-rénti gló-ri-am.

4. Ad Patris inde déxte-ram Se-det Re-dém-tor ómni-um,

Portas reclú-dens cæ-li-cas, Quas Pro-toplástus cláuse-rat.

5. O grande cunctis gáudi-um! Cum Na-tus almæ Vírgi-

nis Post sputa, flagra, post crucem, Se-dem pa-térnam pós-

si-det. 6. A-gá-mus ergo grá-ti-as De-o sa-lú-tis vindi-

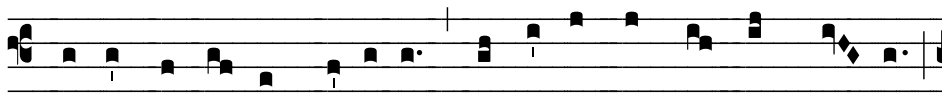
ci, Nostrum po-li mi-cánti-bus Corpus quod astris íntu-

lit. 7. Sit cæ-li-tum læ-tánti-bus Commúne terris gáudi-

um: Ut astra vultu récre-at Je-sus, nec orbem dé-se-rit.

8. Nunc provo-cá-tis ácti-bus Christum opperí-ri nos de-cet,

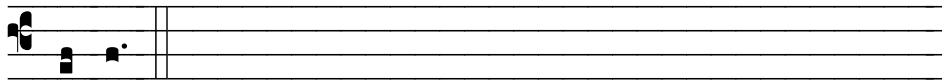
Vi-táque ta-li ví-ve-re, Quæ pos-sit a-xem scánde-re.



9. Je-su, ti-bi sit gló-ri-a, Qui victor in cæ-lum re-dis,



Cum Patre et Almo Spí-ri-tu In sempi-térna sǣ-cu-la.



Amen.

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*"It is St. Ambrose who is to help us to-day, by the following beautiful hymn, to celebrate the mystery of the triumph of our human nature in Jesus. The hymn is inserted in the breviary of Milan."*

1. The sacred day, longed for by us all, hath shone upon us: the day whereon Christ our God, the hope of the world, ascended to the highest heavens.
2. When our Lord ascended on high, returning to his rightful throne, the kingdom of heaven rejoiced, for it was the return of the Only-begotten of the Father.
3. O triumph of the great battle! Having defeated the prince of this world, Jesus presents to his Father the Flesh that had won the glorious victory.
4. He was raised up on a cloud, and opening the gate of heaven, which our first parent had closed against us, he inspired believers with hope.
5. What a joy was this to all mankind, that the Son of our Virgin-Mother, after being spit upon, and scourged, and crucified, was placed upon his Father's throne.
6. Let us, then, give thanks to him that avenged us and wrought our salvation, for that he took our flesh and made it dwell in the heavenly courts above.

7. Let there be a lasting fellowship of joy between the angels and us; they rejoice because he offered himself to their delighted gaze; we, because he ceased not to be our Brother.

8. It behoves us now, by the practice of virtues of which he has set us the example, to await our union with Christ, and so to live as to merit our ascension into heaven.

9. Glory be to thee, O Lord, who ascendest above the stars! and to the Father, and to the Holy Ghost, for everlasting ages. Amen.