

SALVE FESTA DIES, Processional Hymn

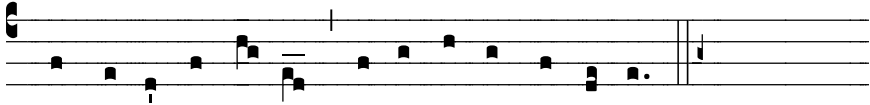
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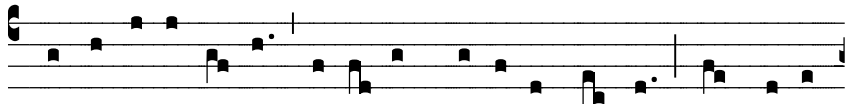
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Al-ve festa di- es, to-to ve-ne-rá-bi-lis æ-vo,



Qua De- us inférnum vi- cit et astra te- net.

Hail, thou festive, ever venerable day, whereon hell is conquered, and heaven is won by Christ.

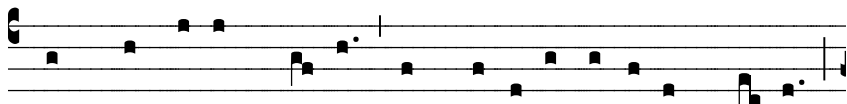


1. Ecce renascéntis testá-tur grá-ti- a mundi Omni- a



cum Dómi- no dona redísse su- o. *R. Salve.*

Lo! our earth is in her spring, bearing thus her witness that, with her Lord, she has all her gifts restored.



2. Namque tri- umphánti post trísti- a tárt- a Christo

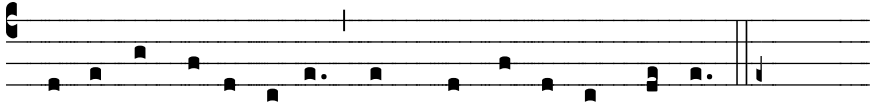


Undique fronde nemus, grámina flo- re favent. *R. Salve.*

For now the woods with their leaves and the meadows with their flowers, pay homage to Jesus' triumph over the gloomy tomb.



3. Qui genus humá- num cernes mersísse pro- fúndo, Ut

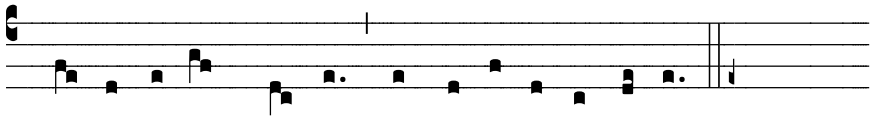


hómi-nem e-rí-pe-res, es quoque factus homo. *R. Salve.*

Seeing the human race was sunk in misery deep, thou wast made Man, that thou mightest rescue man.



4. Redde tu- am fá-ci- em, ví-de- ant ut sǎcu- la lumen.



Redde di- em qui nos, te mo-ri- énte, fu- git. *R. Salve.*

Show us once more thy face, that all ages may see the light! Bring back the day which fled when thou didst die.



5. Rex sa- cer, ecce tu- i rá-di- at pars magna tri- úmphi,



Cum pu- ras á- nimas sacra la- vá- cra be- ant. *R. Salve.*

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



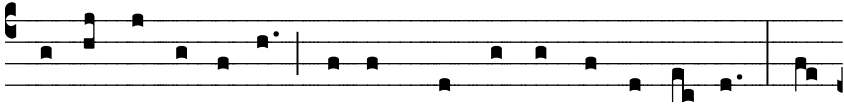
6. Cándi- dus egré- di- tur ní- ti- dis ex- érci- tus undis, At-



que ve- tus ví- ti- um pergat in amne no- vo. *R. Salve.*

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

*Salve festa dies, cont.*



7. Fulgéntes á-nimas vestis quoque cándi-da signat, Et



gre-ge de ní-ve- o gáudi- a pastor habet. A-men. R. *Salve.*

The white garments symbolize unspotted souls, and the Shepherd rejoices in his snow-like flock.