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PREFACE.

“THE Breviary Office of the Church,” remarks the reverend Author of the *Catholic Choralist*, “is, next to the august Sacrifice of the Altar, the most acceptable tribute of praise that man can offer to his Maker ; and although, by reason of their various secular avocations, the laity are not bound, like the clergy, to its recital, yet that portion of it which includes the Hymns and Canticles might be frequently, if not daily, recited by them, with great spiritual benefit and fruit. Thus, besides the happiness of uniting with the Church in an important portion of her most acceptable service, the Faithful would become daily more and more enlightened on the sublime truths and mysteries of Religion, and furnished with the most pathetic and edifying subjects of instruction and meditation.” He adds, that it was his wish to have inserted in his collection,

together with the Vesper hymns which he gives, those also of Matins and Lauds, but that his engagements had not allowed him the necessary leisure for their translation, with the exception of a few only of the Matutinal hymns.

The want thus intimated, it has been the object of the present Translator to supply. How imperfectly he has succeeded in his task, none can feel more than himself; yet, circumstances having afforded him, during the past year, an unlooked-for amount of leisure, he thought he could not employ it more dutifully to the Church (feeling, at the same time, strongly attracted to the subject), than in an attempt to exhibit, for the first time in an English form, the entire series of those divine Hymns, which, in their Latin originals, have through ages been, and still continue to be, to countless saintly souls, the joy and consolation of their earthly pilgrimage.

The present contribution to the existing store of Catholic vernacular Hymns consists of three

portions. The first, and by far the largest portion, comprehends all the Hymns in the Roman Breviary, including those in the *Officia Sanctorum Angliæ*. The second portion comprises the Hymns and Sequences of the Roman Missal; and the third consists of Hymns from various sources. Of these latter it may be observed, that the Hymns on the Nativity, Annunciation, and Visitation, of our Blessed Lady, as also those to St. Anne, St. Stephen, and St. John the Evangelist, are from the Monastic Breviary of Cluny; those on the Purification and the Assumption, the Hymn to Jesus, and that for Sunday Morning, from the Parisian Breviary; and those to St. Joseph, St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. Pius the Fifth, from the *Raccolta delle Indulgenze*. Every hymn, without exception, has been newly translated from the Latin; and there is reason to believe, that nearly half the hymns here given have never before appeared in the English tongue.

As respects the Hymns in general, it may be useful to remark, that the greater number of

them appear to have been originally written, not with a view to private reading, but for the purpose of being sung to the beautiful ecclesiastical melodies by Monastic and other Religious Bodies at their Office in Choir. This circumstance will serve to explain a few scattered expressions, which otherwise might seem unreal; as, for instance, where allusions occur to the practice of rising at midnight to sing praises to God;—and if, on the one hand, some few of the Hymns may so far appear less adapted to the use of persons living in the world, it is our gain surely, on the other hand, thus, by occasional glimpses, to be reminded of that more perfect life, which has never ceased to be a reality in the Catholic Church.

Another advantage, which we owe, doubtless, in a measure, to the same circumstance—an advantage not to be despised in a sentimental age—is the exceedingly plain and practical character of these Hymns. Written with a view to constant daily use, they aim at something more

than merely exciting the feelings. They have a perpetual reference to action. Their character is eminently objective. Their tendency is, to take the individual out of himself; to set before him, in turn, all the varied and sublime Objects of Faith; and to blend him with the universal family of the Faithful. In this respect they utterly differ from the hymn-books of modern heretical bodies, which, dwelling as they do, almost entirely on the state and emotions of the individual, tend to inculcate the worst of all egotisms.

And here, although the Translator may seem to be pleading his own cause, yet he cannot refrain from observing, that truly poetical as are many of these Hymns, as indeed well befits the sacred outpourings of Christ's tender Spouse, still, as a whole, the devotional is their primary and least disappointing aspect. Whoever attempts to read them as mere poetry, will obtain from them little of that delight which they are capable of inspiring. And as this is true of the

original Latin, so it is truer still of the Hymns as they appear in the present translation; in which, it is to be feared, the unadorned simplicity of the prototype has too often degenerated into plainness; while its beauties have been faintly reflected, and their clear edge blunted in passing through a too earthly medium.

Something still remains to be said respecting the Table prefixed to the present Collection. It may be observed, then, for the sake of those who are unacquainted with the subject, that several very important Feasts, as, for instance, those of the Blessed Virgin, of nearly all the Apostles, and of the English Saints, have no special Hymns of their own in the Roman Breviary, but draw their Hymns from the Common of Saints, whereas certain other Feasts of inferior rank have special Hymns attached to them. Hence it was found, that a mere statement of contents, however complete, would convey to the uninitiated eye a very inadequate and even erroneous view of the Catholic Festivals; and a

Calendar was accordingly chosen instead, both as serving to correct any such apparent disproportion in the Hymns, and also with the view of rendering them more readily serviceable for daily use, in the event of any person desiring so to employ them. By its aid, the very youngest readers will be able to follow, with sufficient exactness, the course of the ecclesiastical year; and happy indeed will the Translator be, if this little book may thus be permitted to have some share in fostering, among the youth of our Catholic Seminaries, that ecclesiastical spirit, which finds its true home no where but in the Catholic heart, and which, if it be not necessary to the soul, is assuredly a most lovely grace, and a powerful auxiliary of the Faith.

It will be observed, that on certain special Feasts, after a reference to the proper hymns in the Breviary, reference is also made, in the Table, to the Sequence for the day, where there happens to be one, as also to the Hymns from various sources. The object of this is, to

give, at a single glance, all the Hymns in the Collection that belong to any particular Day, and, at the same time, to render the Calendar a complete table of reference to the entire contents of the volume.

As regards the terms used in this translation, it may be as well to notice, that the word *cultus*, in the few places where it occurs, has been translated *worship*, no other English term presenting itself as, on the whole, so highly authorised, or as so well expressing the character of that homage, supernatural though not divine, which the Christian soul takes delight in paying to the Angels and Saints, and to their blessed Queen.

In conclusion, the Translator desires to express here his warm thanks to those kind friends, both of the clergy and laity, who have assisted him in his work; as also his acknowledgments for the help which he has received from existing versions.

Feast of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 1848.

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**Super flumina Babylonis, illic sedimus et flevimus, cum
recordaremur Sion.**

**Quomodo cantabimus canticum Domini in terra aliena ?
Si oblitus fuero tui, Jerusalem, oblivioni detur dextera mea.
Adhæreat lingua mea faucibus meis, si non meminero tui :
Si non proposuero Jerusalem in principio lætitiæ meæ.**

Ps. 136.

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Arranged according to the English Calendar.

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ABBREVIATIONS.—Ap. Apostle—Bish. Bishop—Comm. Common—Conf. Confessor—Mart. Martyr—Virg. Virgin. An asterisk (*) implies that a change is to be made in the first stanza of *Iste Confessor*.

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- 15 St. Paul the first Hermit. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.*
- 16 St. Marcellus, Pope. Comm. of one Mart.
- 17 St. Anthony, Abbot. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.
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 7 St. Bomuald, Abbot. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.*
 8 St. John of Matha. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.*
 9 St. Apollonia. Comm. of Virg. and Mart.
 10 St. Scholastica. Comm. of Virg. not Mart.
 14 St. Valentine, Priest. Comm. of one Mart.
 15 SS. Faustinus and Jovita. Comm. of many Mart.
 18 St. Simeon, Bish. Comm. of one Mart.
 22 St. Peter's Chair at Antioch, as at Rome. Vesp. 127. Mat. 127.
 Lauds 128.
 23 St. Peter Damian. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.*
 24 or 25 St. Matthias. Comm. of Ap.

MARCH.

- 1 St. David, Patron of Wales. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
- 2 St. Chad. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
- 4 St. Casimir. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.
- 7 St. Thomas of Aquin. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.
- 8 St. Felix, Ap. of the East Angles. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
- 9 St. Frances, Widow. Comm. of holy Women.
- 10 The Forty Martyrs. Comm. of many Mart.
- 11 St. John of God. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.
- 12 St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Ap. of England. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
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- 11 St. Leo, Pope. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
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- 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringa. Comm. of one Mart.

- 25 St. Mark. Comm. of Ap.
 26 SS. Cletus and Marcellinus. Comm. of many Mart.
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 5 St. Catherine of Sienna. Comm. of Virg. not Mart.
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 18 St. Venantius. Vesp. 146. Mat. 148. Lauds 149.
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 20 St. Bernardin. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.
 21 St. Peter Celestin, Pope. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
 22 St. Ubaldus. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
 24 The B.V. Mary the help of Christians. Vesp. 150. Mat. 150.
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 25 St. Aldhelm. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
 26 St. Augustine, Ap. of England. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
 27 St. Philip Neri. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.

- 28 St. Gregory the Seventh, Pope. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
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 30 St. Felix, Pope. Comm. of one Mart.
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JUNE.

- 2 Octave-Day of St. Augustine, Ap. of England, as on Day.
 3 St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi. Comm. of Virg. not Mart.
 4 St. Francis Caracciolo. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.
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 8 St. William. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
 9 SS. Primus and Felicianus. Comm. of many Mart.
 10 St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland. Comm. of Holy Women.
 11 St. Barnabas. Comm. of Ap.
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 13 St. Anthony of Padua. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.
 14 St. Basil. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.*
 15 SS. Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia. Comm. of many Mart.
 18 SS. Marcus and Marcellianus. Comm. of many Mart.
 19 St. Juliana Falconieri. Vesp. 154. Mat. 154. Lauds, Comm.
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 20 St. Silverius, Pope. Comm. of one Mart.
 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.
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- 21 St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Widow. Comm. of holy Women.
- 22 Octave-Day of the Assumption, as on Day.
- 23 St. Philip Benizi. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.
- 24 St. Bartholomew. Comm. of Ap.
- 25 St. Louis, King of France. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.
- 26 St. Zephyrinus, Pope. Comm. of one Mart.
- 27 St. Joseph Calasanctius. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.*
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 27 SS. Cosmas and Damian. Comm. of many Mart.
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OCTOBER.

First Sunday in October—

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- 1 St. Remigius. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.*
- 2 The Holy Guardian Angels. Vesp. 174. Mat. 174. Lauds 175.
- 3 St. Thomas of Hereford. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
- 4 St. Francis of Assisium. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.
- 5 St. Placidus and Companions. Comm. of many Mart.
- 6 St. Bruno. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.
- 7 St. Mark, Pope. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.

Second Sunday in October—

Maternity of B. V. Mary. Mat. 177. Lauds 178. Vesp.
as on her Feasts.

- 8 St. Bridget. Comm. of Holy Women.
- 9 SS. Dionysius, Rusticus, and Eleutherius. Comm. of many
Mart.
- 10 St. Paulinus, Archbishop of York. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
- 11 St. Francis Borgia. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.*
- 12 St. Wilfrid. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
- 13 Translation of St. Edward, King and Confessor. Comm. of
Conf. not Bish.*
- 14 St. Callistus, Pope. Comm. of one Mart.

Third Sunday in October—

Purity of B. V. Mary. Vesp. 179. Mat. 181. Lauds
as on her Feasts.

- 15 St. Teresa. Vesp. 182. Mat. 183. Lauds 182.
- 16 Within the Octave of St. Edward, as on Day.
- 17 St. Hedwiges. Comm. of Holy Women.
- 18 St. Luke. Comm. of Ap.
- 19 St. Peter of Alcantara. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.*
- 20 Octave-Day of St. Edward, as on Day.
- 21 St. Ursula and Companions. Comm. of Virg. and Mart.

Fourth Sunday in October—

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- 22 St. John Cantius. Vesp. 184. Mat. 186. Lauds 187.
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- 24 St. Raphael the Archangel. Vesp. 188. Mat. 188. Lauds 190.
 25 St. John of Beverly. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
 26 St. Evaristus, Pope. Comm. of one Mart.
 28 SS. *Simon and Jude*. Comm. of Ap.
 29 Venerable Bede. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.*

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- 1 ALL SAINTS. Vesp. 191. Mat. 191. Lauds 193.
 2 All Souls. No hymn in the Office of the Day. Sequence in Mass for the Dead, 241.
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 4 St. Charles Borromeo. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
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 8 Octave-Day of All Saints, as on Day.
 9 Dedication of the Basilica of our Saviour. Comm. of the Dedication of a Church.
 10 St. Andrew Avellino. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.
 11 St. Martin. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
 12 St. Martin, Pope. Comm. of one Mart.
 13 St. Didacus. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.
 14 Translation of St. Erconwald. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.*
 15 St. Gertrude. Comm. of Virg. not Mart.
 16 St. Edmund. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
 17 St. Hugh. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
 18 Dedication of the Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. Comm. of the Dedication of a Church.
 19 St. Elizabeth. Comm. of Holy Women.
 20 St. Edmund, King. Comm. of one Mart.
 21 Presentation of B. V. Mary, as on her Feasts.
 22 St. Cecilia. Comm. of Virg. and Mart.
 23 St. Clement, Pope. Comm. of one Mart.
 24 St. John of the Cross. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.*
 25 St. Catherine. Comm. of Virg. and Mart.
 26 St. Felix of Valois. Comm. of Conf. not Bish.*
 27 St. Gregory Thaumaturgus. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
 29 St. Saturninus. Comm. of one Mart.
 30 St. *Andrew*. Comm. of Ap.
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DECEMBER.

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 4 St. Peter Chrysologus. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.*
 5 St. Birinus. Comm. of Conf. and Bish.
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Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly, in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles, singing in grace in your hearts to God.

Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians.

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Sunday.

MATINS.

Primo die quo Trinitas.

THIS day the blessed Trinity
The universe began ;
This day the world's Creator rose,
O'ercoming death for man.

Casting betimes dull sloth away,
We too will rise by night ;
And with the Prophet seek the Lord,
Before the dawning light.

So may He stretch his hand to save,
And hear us in his love ;
And, cleans'd from guilt, our souls restore
To their blest home above.

So, while on this his holy Day,
At this most sacred hour,
Our psalms amid the stillness rise,
May He his blessings shower.

Father of lights ! keep us this day
From sinful passions free ;
Grant us, in every word, and deed,
And thought, to honour Thee.

Thou Lord of chastity divine !
Grant us the grace to quell
Those flames impure, which, cherish'd here,
Increase the flames of hell.

Saviour, of thy sweet clemency,
Wash Thou our sins away ;
Grant us thy peace—grant us with Thee
The joys of endless day.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, coequal Son ;
Who reignest with the Holy Ghost,
While ceaseless ages run.

**From the Octave of Pentecost, to the Sunday
nearest the first of October.**

Nocte surgentes vigilemus omnes.

LET us arise and watch ere dawn of light,
And to the Lord our hearts and voices raise ;
And meditate in psalms, and all unite
In holy hymns of praise.

So joining in the strains of Saints on high,
Hereafter, in the courts of Heaven's great King,
May we be meet his praise eternally
With them in bliss to sing.

Father supreme ! this grace on us confer,
And Thou, O Son by an eternal birth !
With Thee, coequal Spirit Comforter !
Whose glory fills the earth.

LAUDS.

Æterne rerum conditor.

DREAD Framers of the earth and sky !

Who dost the light and darkness give !
And all the cheerful change supply
Of alternating morn and eve !

Light of the midnight traveller !

Who dost divide the day from night ! —
Loud crows the dawn's shrill harbinger,
And wakens up the sunbeams bright.

Forthwith at this, the darkness chill

Retreats before the star of morn ;
And from their busy schemes of ill,
The vagrant crews of night return.

Fresh hope, at this, the sailor cheers ;
The waves their stormy strife allay ;
The Church's Rock at this, in tears,
Hastens to wash his guilt away.

Arise ye, then, with one accord !
Nor longer wrapt in slumber lie ;
The cock rebukes all who their Lord
By sloth neglect, by sin deny. !

At his clear cry joy springs afresh ;
Health courses through the sick man's veins ;
The dagger glides into its sheath ;
The fallen soul her faith regains.

Jesu ! look on us when we fall ;—
One momentary glance of thine
Can from her guilt the soul recal
To tears of penitence divine.

Awake us from false sleep profound,
And through our senses pour thy light ;
Be thy blest name the first we sound
At early dawn, the last at night.

To God the Father glory be,
 And to his sole-begotten Son;
 The same, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
 While everlasting ages run.

**From the Octave of Pentecost, to the Sunday
 nearest the first of October.**

Ecce jam noctis tenuatur umbra.

Lo, fainter now lie spread the shades of night,
 And upward shoot the trembling gleams of morn;
 Suppliant we bend before the Lord of Light,
 And pray at early dawn,—

That his sweet charity may all our sin
 Forgive, and make our miseries to cease;
 May grant us health, grant us the gift divine
 Of everlasting peace.

Father supreme! this grace on us confer;
 And Thou, O Son by an eternal birth!
 With Thee, coequal Spirit Comforter!
 Whose glory fills the earth.

HYMN AT PRIME.

**On Sundays and Week-days throughout
the Year.**

Jam lucis orto sidere.

Now doth the sun ascend the sky,
And wake creation with its ray ;
Keep us from sin, O Lord most high !
Through all the actions of the day.

Curb Thou for us th' unruly tongue ;
Teach us the way of peace to prize ;
And close our eyes against the throng
Of earth's absorbing vanities.

Oh, may our hearts be pure within !
No cherish'd madness vex the soul !
May abstinence the flesh restrain,
And its rebellious pride controul.

So when the evening stars appear,
And in their train the darkness bring ;
May we, O Lord, with conscience clear,
Our praise to thy pure glory sing.

To God the Father glory be,
 And to his sole-begotten Son ;
 The same, O holy Ghost, to Thee,
 While everlasting ages run.

HYMN AT TERCE.

**On Sundays and Week-days throughout
 the Year.**

Nunc sancte nobis Spiritus.

COME, Holy Ghost, and through each heart
 In thy full flood of glory pour ;
 Who, with the Son and Father, art
 One Godhead blest for evermore.

So shall voice, mind, and strength conspire
 Thy praise eternal to resound ;
 So shall our hearts be set on fire,
 And kindle every heart around.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
 Hear us, O sole-begotten Son !
 Who, with the Holy Ghost most high,
 Reignest while endless ages run.

HYMN AT SEXT.

**On Sundays and Week-days throughout
the Year.**

Rector potens, verax Deus.

LORD of eternal truth and might !

Ruler of nature's changing scheme !
Who dost bring forth the morning light,
And temper noon's effulgent beam :

Quench Thou in us the flames of strife,
And bid the heat of passion cease ;
From perils guard our feeble life,
And keep our souls in perfect peace.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, O sole-begotten Son !
Who, with the Holy Ghost most high,
Reignest while endless ages run.

HYMN AT NONE.

On Sundays and Week-days throughout
the Year.

Rerum Deus tenax vigor.

O THOU true life of all that live !
Who dost, unmov'd, all motion sway ;
Who dost the morn and evening give,
And through its changes guide the day :

Thy light upon our evening pour,—
So may our souls no sunset see ;
But death to us an open door
To an eternal morning be.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, O sole-begotten Son !
Who, with the Holy Ghost most high,
Reignest while endless ages run.

HYMN AT VESPERS.

**On Sunday when no other Hymn is
appointed.**

Lucis Creator optime.

O BLEST Creator of the light !

Who dost the dawn from darkness bring ;
And framing Nature's depth and height,
Didst with the new-born light begin ;

Who gently blending eve with morn,
And morn with eve, didst call them day :—
Thick flows the flood of darkness down ;
Oh, hear us as we weep and pray !

Keep thou our souls from schemes of crime ;
Nor guilt remorseful let them know ;
Nor, thinking but on things of time,
Into eternal darkness go.

Teach us to knock at Heaven's high door ;
Teach us the prize of life to win ;
Teach us all evil to abhor,
And purify ourselves within.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
 Hear us, O sole-begotten Son !
 Who, with the Holy Ghost most high,
 Reignest while endless ages run.

Monday.

MATINS.

Somno reffectis artubus.

OUR limbs with tranquil sleep refresh'd,
 Lightly from bed we spring ;
 Father supreme ! to us be nigh,
 While to thy praise we sing.

Thy love be first in every heart,
 Thy name on every tongue ;
 Whatever we this day may do,
 May it in Thee be done.

Soon will the morning star arise,
 And chase the dusk away ;
 Whatever guilt has come with night,
 May it depart with day.

Cut off in us, Almighty Lord,
All that may lead to shame ;
So with pure hearts may we in bliss
Thine endless praise proclaim.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, coequal Son !
Who reignest with the Holy Ghost
While ceaseless ages run.

LAUDS.

Splendor paternæ gloriæ.

O THOU the Father's Image blest !
Who callest forth the morning ray ;
O Thou eternal Light of light !
And inexhaustive Fount of day !
True Sun !—upon our souls arise,
Shining in beauty evermore ;
And through each sense the quick'ning beam
Of the eternal Spirit pour.

Thee too, O Father, we entreat,
Father of might and grace divine !
Father of glorious majesty !
Thy pitying eye on us incline.

Confirm us in each good resolve ;
The Tempter's envious rage subdue ;
Turn each misfortune to our good ;
Direct us right in all we do.

Rule Thou our inmost thoughts ; let no
Impurity our hearts defile ;
Grant us a true and fervent faith ;
Grant us a spirit free from guile.

May Christ Himself be our true Food,
And Faith our daily cup supply ;
While from the Spirit's tranquil depth
We drink unfailing draughts of joy.

Still ever with the peep of morn
May saintly modesty attend ;
Faith sanctify the midday hours ;
Upon the soul no night descend.

Fast breaks the dawn.—Each whole in Each,
 Come, Father blest ! come, Son most high !
 Shine in our souls, and be to them
 The dawn of immortality.

To God the Father glory be,
 And to his sole-begotten Son ;
 The same, O Holy Ghost ! to Thee,
 While everlasting ages run.

VESPERS.

Immense cœli conditor.

LORD of immensity sublime !
 Who, lest the waters should confound
 Thy world, didst them in earliest time
 Divide, and make the skies their bound ;
 Framing for some on earth below,
 For others in the heav'ns a place ;
 That so the sun's attemper'd glow
 Might not thy beauteous works efface.

Upon our fainting souls distil
 The grace of thy celestial dew ;
 Let no fresh snare to sin beguile,
 No former sin revive anew.

 Grant us the grace, for love of Thee,
 To scorn all vanities below ;
 Faith, to detect each falsity ;
 And knowledge, Thee alone to know.

 Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
 Hear us, O sole-begotten Son !
 Who, with the Holy Ghost most high,
 Reignest while endless ages run.

Tuesday.

MATINS.

Consorts paterni luminis.

PURE Light of light ! eternal Day !
 Who dost the Father's brightness share ;
 Our chant the midnight silence breaks ;—
 Be nigh, and hearken to our prayer.

Scatter the darkness of our minds,
And turn the hosts of hell to flight ;
Let not our souls in sloth repose,
And sleeping sink in endless night.

O Christ ! for thy dear mercy's sake,
Spare us, who put our trust in Thee ;
Nor let our hymns ascend in vain
To thy immortal Majesty.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, O sole-begotten Son !
Who, with the Holy Ghost most high,
Reignest while endless ages run.

LAUDS.

Ales diei nuntius.

Now, while the herald bird of day
Proclaims the morning bright ;
Christ also, speaking in the soul,
Wakes her to life and light.

“Take up your beds,” we hear Him say,
“No more in slumber lie ;
In justice, truth, and temperance,
Keep watch ;—your Lord is nigh.”

O Christ ! and art Thou nigh indeed ?—
Then let us watch and weep ;
This truth but once in earnest felt
Forbids the heart to sleep.

Break, Lord, the spell that wraps us round
In deadly bonds of night ;
Shatter the chains of former guilt ;
Renew in us thy light.

To God the Father glory be,
And to his only Son ;
The same, O Holy Ghost ! to Thee,
While ceaseless ages run.

VESPERS.

Telluris alme conditor.

O BOUNTEOUS Framer of the globe !
Who with thy mighty hand
Didst gather up the rolling seas,
And firmly base the land :

That so the freshly teeming earth
Might herb and seedling bear,
Standing in early beauty gay,
With flowers and fruitage fair :

On our parch'd souls pour Thou, O Lord,
The freshness of thy grace ;
So penitence shall spring anew,
And all the past efface.

Grant us to fear thy holy law,
To feel thy goodness nigh ;
Grant us through life thy peace ; in death
Thine immortality.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, coequal Son !
Who reignest with the Holy Ghost
While ceaseless ages run.

Wednesday.

MATINS.

Rerum Creator optime.

O BLEST Creator of the world !
Look in thy pity down ;
Nor let the guilty sleep of sin
Our souls in torpor drown.

Lord of all holiness ! may we
Find mercy in thy sight ;
Who, to set forth thy glory, rise
Before the morning light.

Who, as the holy Psalmist bids,
Our hands thus early raise ;
And in the midnight sing with Paul
And Silas hymns of praise.

Jesu ! to Thee our deeds we shew,
To Thee our hearts lie bare ;
Oh, hearken to the sighs we pour,
And in thy mercy spare.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, coequal Son !
Who reignest with the Holy Ghost
While ceaseless ages run.

LAUDS.

Nox et tenebræ et nubila.

YE mist and darkness, cloud and storm,
Confus'd creations of the night ;—
Light enters—morning streaks the sky—
Christ comes,—'tis time ye take your flight.

Pierc'd by the sun's ethereal dart,
Night's gloomy mass is cleft in twain ;
And, in the smiling face of day,
Nature resumes her tints again.

O Christ, we know no sun but Thee !
Shine in our souls divinely bright !
We seek Thee in simplicity ;
Through all our senses shed thy light.

A thousand objects all around
In false delusive colours shine ;
To purge them clear, we ask, O Lord,
But one immortal beam of thine.

To God the Father glory be,
And to his sole-begotten Son ;
The same, O Holy Ghost ! to Thee,
While everlasting ages run.

VESPERS.

Cosit Deus sanctissime.

LORD of eternal purity !
Who dost the world with light adorn,
And paint the tracts of azure sky
With lovely hues of eve and morn :

Who didst command the sun to light
His fiery wheel's effulgent blaze ;
Didst set the moon her circuit bright ;
The stars their ever-winding maze :

That, each within its order'd sphere,
They might divide the night from day ;
And of the seasons, through the year,
The well-remember'd signs display :

Scatter our night, eternal God,
And kindle thy pure beam within ;
Free us from guilt's oppressive load,
And break the deadly bonds of sin.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, O sole-begotten Son !
Who, with the Holy Ghost most high,
Reignest while endless ages run.

Thursday.**MATINS.***Nox atra rerum contegit.*

THE pall 'of night o'ershades the earth,
And hides the tints of day;—
O Thou! to whom no night comes near,
Dread Judge! to Thee we pray:

That Thou wilt all our guilt remove,
And our lost peace restore;
And of thy mercy grant that we
May grieve thy heart no more.

The guilty soul, which all too long
In lethargy hath lain,
Yearns to cast off her load, and seek
Her Saviour's face again.

Expel from her the darkness, Lord,
Of her internal night;
Renew her bliss,—renew in her
Thy beatific light.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, coequal Son !
Who reignest with the Holy Ghost
While ceaseless ages run.

LAUDS.

Lux ecce surgit aurea.

Now with the rising golden dawn,
Let us, the children of the day,
Cast off the darkness which so long
Has led our guilty souls astray.

Oh, may the morn so pure, so clear,
Its own sweet calm in us instil ;
A guileless mind, a heart sincere,
Simplicity of word and will :

And ever, as the day glides by,
May we the busy senses rein ;
Keep guard upon the hand and eye,
Nor let the body suffer stain.

For all day long, on Heaven's high tower,
There stands a Sentinel, who spies
Our every action, hour by hour,
From early dawn till daylight dies.

To God the Father glory be,
And to his sole-begotten Son ;
The same, O Holy Ghost ! to Thee,
While everlasting ages run.

VESPERS.

Magnæ Deus potentia.

LORD of all power ! at whose command,
The waters, from their teeming womb,
Brought forth the countless tribes of fish,
And birds of every note and plume :

Who didst, for natures link'd in birth,
Far different homes of old prepare ;
Sinking the fishes in the sea ;
Lifting the birds aloft in air :

Lo ! born of thy baptismal wave,
 We ask of Thee, O Lord divine !
 “ Keep us, whom Thou hast sanctified
 In thy own Blood, for ever thine.

Safe from all pride, as from despair ;
 Not sunk too low, nor raised too high :
 Lest raised by pride, we headlong fall ;
 Sunk in despair, lie down and die.”

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
 Hear us, O sole-begotten Son !
 Who, with the Holy Ghost most high,
 Reignest while endless ages run.

Friday.

MATINS.

Tu Trinitatis Unitas.

O THOU ! who dost all nature sway,
 Dread Trinity in Unity !
 Accept the trembling praise we pay
 To thy eternal Majesty.

Hear us, who one and all arise,
While silent midnight breathes around,
To seek from Thee, with tears and cries,
A healing balm for every wound.

Almighty Lord ! whatever guilt
Satan hath wrought in us this night,
May it before thy Presence melt,
Like mist before the morning light.

Grant us a body pure within ;
A wakeful heart, a ready will ;
Grant us, by no deep cherish'd sin,
The fervour of the soul to chill.

Fill Thou our souls, Redeemer true !
With thy most pure celestial ray ;
So may we walk in safety through
All the temptations of the day.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, O sole-begotten Son !
Who, with the Holy Ghost most high,
Reignest while endless ages run.

LAUDS.

*Æterna cœli gloria.***ETERNAL** Glory of the heav'ns !

Blest Hope of all on earth !

God, of eternal Godhead born !

Man, by a virgin birth !

Jesu ! be near us when we wake ;

And, at the break of day,

With thy blest touch awake the soul,

Her meed of praise to pay.

The star that heralds in the morn

Is fading in the skies ;

The darkness melts ;—O Thou true Light !

Upon our souls arise.

Steep all our senses in thy beam ;

The world's false night expel ;

Purge each defilement from the soul,

And in our bosoms dwell.

Come, early Faith ! fix in our hearts
Thy root immovably ;
Come, smiling Hope ! and, last not least,
Immortal Charity !

To God the Father glory be,
And to his only Son ;
The same, O Holy Ghost ! to Thee,
While ceaseless ages run.

VESPERS.

Hominis superne conditor.

MAKER of men ! who by Thyself,
All things in wisdom ordering,
Didst from the quick'ning earth bring forth
Wild beasts, and every creeping thing :
At whose command, instinct with life,
Huge forms emerg'd from shapeless clay ;
Ordain'd, through their appointed times,
Man, thy frail servant, to obey :

Expel from us wild passions, Lord,
 With all the reptile brood of sin ;
 Nor suffer vice, familiar grown,
 To make itself a home within.

Hereafter grant thine endless joys ;
 Here thy continual grace supply ;
 Loosen the guilty chain of strife ;
 Draw close the bonds of unity.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
 Hear us, O sole-begotten Son !
 Who, with the Holy Ghost most high,
 Reignest while endless ages run.

Saturday.

MATINS.

Summæ Parens clementiæ.

O THOU eternal Source of love !
 Ruler of nature's scheme !
 In Substance One, in Persons Three !
 Omniscient and Supreme !

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For thy dear mercy's sake receive
The strains and tears we pour,
And purify our hearts to taste
Thy sweetness more and more.

Our flesh, our reins, our spirits, Lord,
In thy clear fire refine ;
Break down the self-indulgent will ;
Gird us with strength divine.

So may all we, who here are met
By night thy name to bless,
One day, in our eternal home,
Thine endless joys possess.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, coequal Son !
Who reignest with the Holy Ghost
While ceaseless ages run.

LAUDS.

Aurora jam spargit polum.

THE dawn is sprinkling in the East
Its golden shower, as day flows in ;
Fast mount the pointed shafts of light ;—
Farewell to darkness and to sin !

Away, ye midnight phantoms all !
Away, despondence and despair !
Whatever guilt the night has brought,
Now let it vanish into air.

So, Lord, when that last morning breaks
Which shrouds in darkness earth and skies,
May it on us, low bending here,
Array'd in joyful light arise !

To God the Father glory be,
And to his sole-begotten Son ;
The same, O Holy Ghost ! to Thee,
While everlasting ages run.

VESPERS.

Jam sol recedit igneus.

Now doth the fiery sun decline :—
Thou, Unity Eternal ! shine ;
Thou, Trinity, thy blessings pour,
And make our hearts with love run o'er.

Thee in the hymns of morn we praise ;
To Thee our voice at eve we raise ;
Oh, grant us, with thy Saints on high,
Thee through all time to glorify.

Praise to the Father, with the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One ;
As ever was in ages past,
And shall be so while ages last.

*The Hymns at Matins, Lauds, and Vespers, during
Lent and Easter, will be found among those belonging
to the Proper of the Season.*

HYMN AT COMPLINE.

**On Sundays and Week-days throughout
the Year.**

Te lucis ante terminum.

Now with the fast-departing light,
Maker of all ! we ask of Thee,
Of thy great mercy, through the night
Our guardian and defence to be.

Far off let idle visions fly ;
No phantom of the night molest :
Curb thou our raging enemy,
That we in chaste repose may rest.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, O sole-begotten Son !
Who, with the Holy Ghost most high,
Reignest while endless ages run.

ANTIPHONS
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

*From the First Sunday in Advent to the
Feast of the Purification.*

Alma Redemptoris Mater.

MOTHER of Christ ! hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and Portal of the sky !
Mother of Him who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid :
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

**From the Purification of the Blessed Virgin
to Palm Sunday.**

Ave Regina cœlorum.

HAIL, O Queen of Heav'n enthron'd !
Hail, by angels Mistress own'd !
Root of Jesse ! Gate of morn !
Whence the world's true Light was born :
Glorious Virgin, joy to thee,
Loveliest whom in Heaven they see :
Fairest thou where all are fair !
Plead with Christ our sins to spare.

From Easter-Sunday to Whit-Sunday.

Regina cœli lætare.

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven ! Alleluia.
He whom thou wast meet to bear ; Alleluia.
As He promis'd, hath arisen ; Alleluia.
Pour for us to Him thy prayer ; Alleluia.

**From Trinity Sunday to the last Sunday
after Pentecost.**

Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae.

MOTHER of mercy, hail, O gentle Queen !
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope, all hail !
Children of Eve,
To thee we cry from our sad banishment ;
To thee we send our sighs,
Weeping and mourning in this tearful vale.
Come, then, our Advocate ;
Oh, turn on us those pitying eyes of thine :
And our long exile past,
Shew us at last
Jesus, of thy pure womb the fruit divine.
O Virgin Mary, mother blest !
O sweetest, gentlest, holiest !

HYMNS FROM THE BREVIARY.

Part II.

**HYMNS BELONGING TO THE PROPER
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HYMNS FROM THE BREVIARY.

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HYMNS BELONGING TO THE PROPER OF THE SEASON.

On Sundays and Week-days during Advent.

VESPERS.

Creator alme siderum.

CREATOR of the starry frame !
Eternal Light of all who live !
Jesu, Redeemer of mankind !
An ear to thy poor suppliants give.

When man was sunk in sin and death,
Lost in the depth of Satan's snare,
Love brought Thee down to cure our ills,
By taking of those ills a share.

Thou, for the sake of guilty men,
Causing thine own pure blood to flow,
Didst issue from thy Virgin shrine,
And to the Cross a Victim go.

So great the glory of thy might,
If we but chance thy name to sound,
At once all Heaven and Hell unite
In bending low with awe profound.

Great Judge of all ! in that last day,
When friends shall fail, and foes combine,
Be present then with us, we pray,
To guard us with thy arm divine.

To God the Father, and the Son,
All praise and power and glory be ;
With Thee, O holy Comforter !
Henceforth through all eternity.

[~~Within~~ Within the Octave of the Feast of the Conception.]

O Jesu ! born of Virgin bright,
 Immortal glory be to Thee ;
 Praise to the Father infinite,
 And Holy Ghost eternally.

MATINS.

Verbum supernum prodiens.

O THOU, who thine own Father's breast
 Forsaking, Word sublime !

Didst come to aid a world distress'd
 In thy appointed time :

Our hearts enlighten with thy ray,
 And kindle with thy love ;

That, dead to earthly things, we may
 Live but to things above.

So when before the Judgment-seat
The sinner hears his doom,
And when a voice divinely sweet
Shall call the righteous home ;
Safe from the black and fiery flood
That sweeps the dread abyss,
May we behold the face of God
In everlasting bliss.

Now to the Father, with the Son,
And Spirit evermore,
Be glory while the ages run,
As in all time before.

LAUDS.

En clara vox redarguit.

HARK ! an awful voice is sounding ;
“ Christ is nigh ! ” it seems to say ;
“ Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day ! ”

Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise ;
Christ her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo ! the Lamb so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from Heav'n ;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven.

So, when next He comes with glory,
Wrapping all the earth in fear,
May He then as our Defender
On the clouds of Heav'n appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the everlasting Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

Christmas-Day.**VESPERS AND MATINS.***Jesu Redemptor omnium.***JESU, Redeemer of the world !**

Who, ere the earliest dawn of light,
Wast from eternal ages born,
Immense in glory as in might ;

Immortal Hope of all mankind !

In whom the Father's face we see ;
Hear Thou the prayers thy people pour
This day throughout the world to Thee.

Remember, O Creator Lord !

That in the Virgin's sacred womb
Thou wast conceiv'd, and of her flesh
Didst our mortality assume.

This ever-blest recurring day

Its witness bears, that all alone,
From thy own Father's bosom forth,
To save the world Thou camest down.

O Day ! to which the seas and sky,
And earth and Heav'n, glad welcome sing;
O Day ! which heal'd our misery,
And brought on earth salvation's King.

We too, O Lord, who have been clean'sd
In thy own fount of blood divine,
Offer the tribute of sweet song,
On this blest natal day of thine.

O Jesu ! born of Virgin bright,
Immortal glory be to Thee ;
Praise to the Father infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally.

LAUDS.

A solis ortus cardine.

FROM the far-blazing gate of morn
To earth's remotest shore,
Let every tongue confess to Him
Whom holy Mary bore.

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Lo ! the great Maker of the world,
Lord of eternal years,
To save his creatures, veil'd beneath
A creature's form appears.

A spotless maiden's virgin breast
With heav'nly grace He fills ;
In her pure womb He is conceiv'd,
And there in secret dwells.

That bosom, Chastity's sweet home,
Becomes, oh, blest reward !
The shrine of Heav'n's immortal King,
The temple of the Lord.

And Mary bears the babe, foretold
By an Archangel's voice ;
Whose presence made the Baptist leap,
And in the womb rejoice.

A manger scantly strewn with hay
Becomes th' Eternal's bed ;
And He, who feeds each smallest bird,
Himself with milk is fed.

Straightway with joy the Heav'ns are fill'd,
 The hosts angelic sing ;
 And shepherds hasten to adore
 Their Shepherd and their King.

Praise to the Father ! praise to Thee,
 Thou Virgin's holy Son !
 Praise to the Spirit Paraclete,
 While endless ages run.

The Holy Innocents.

MATINS.

Audit tyrannus anxius.

WHEN it reach'd the tyrant's ear,
 Brooding anxious all alone,
 That the King of kings was near,
 Who should sit on David's throne ;
 Stung with madness, straight he cries,
 " Treason threatens—draw the sword !
 Rebels all around us rise !
 Drown the cradles deep in blood !"

What is guilty Herod's gain,
Though a thousand babes he slay?—
Christ, amid a thousand slain,
Is in safety borne away.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
Be to Thee, O Virgin's Son!
With the Father, and the Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

LAUDS AND VESPERS.

Salvete flores martyrum.

LOVELY flowers of martyrs, hail!
Smitten by the tyrant foe
On life's threshold,—as the gale
Strews the roses ere they blow.

First to die for Christ, sweet lambs!
At the very altar ye,
With your fatal crowns and palms,
Sport in your simplicity.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
Be to Thee, O Virgin's Son !
With the Father, and the Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

Epiphany.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Crudelis Herodes Deum.

O CRUEL Herod ! why thus fear
Thy King and God, who comes below ?
No earthly crown comes He to take,
Who heavenly kingdoms doth bestow.

The wiser Magi see the star,
And follow as it leads before ;
By its pure ray they seek the Light,
And with their gifts that Light adore.

Behold at length the heavenly Lamb
Baptiz'd in Jordan's sacred flood ;
There consecrating by his touch
Water to cleanse us in his blood.

But Cana saw her glorious Lord
Begin his miracles divine ;
When water, reddening at his word,
Flow'd forth obedient in wine.

To Thee, O Jesu, who Thyself
Hast to the Gentile world display'd,
Praise, with the Father evermore,
And with the Holy Ghost, be paid.

LAUDS.

O sola magnarum urbium.

BETHLEHEM ! of noblest cities
None can once with thee compare ;
Thou alone the Lord from Heaven
Didst for us Incarnate bear.

Fairer than the sun at morning
Was the star that told his birth ;
To the lands their God announcing,
Hid beneath a form of earth.

By its lambent beauty guided,
See, the Eastern kings appear ;
See them bend, their gifts to offer,—
Gifts of incense, gold, and myrrh.

Offerings of mystic meaning !—
Incense doth the God disclose ;
Gold a royal child proclaimeth ;
Myrrh a future tomb foreshews.

Holy Jesu ! in thy brightness
To the Gentile world display'd !
With the Father, and the Spirit,
Endless praise to Thee be paid.

Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

VESPERS.

Jesu dulcis memoria.

JESU ! the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast ;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find,
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind !

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art !
How good to those who seek !

But what to those who find ? ah ! this
Nor tongue nor pen can shew :
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but his lov'd ones know.

Jesu ! our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize wilt be ;
Jesu ! be Thou our glory now,
And through eternity.

MATINS.

(The same continued.)

Jesu Rex admirabilis.

O JESU ! King most wonderful !
Thou Conqueror renown'd !
Thou Sweetness most ineffable !
In whom all joys are found !

When once Thou visitest the heart,
Then truth begins to shine ;
Then earthly vanities depart ;
Then kindles love divine.

O Jesu ! Light of all below !
Thou Fount of life and fire !
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire :

May every heart confess thy name,
And ever Thee adore ;
And seeking Thee, itself inflame
To seek Thee more and more.

Thee may our tongues for ever bless ;
Thee may we love alone ;
And ever in our lives express
The image of thine own.

LAUDS.

(The same continued.)

Jesu decus angelicum.

O JESU ! Thou the beauty art
Of angel worlds above ;
Thy Name is music to the heart,
Enchanting it with love.

Celestial sweetness unalloy'd !
Who eat Thee hunger still ;
Who drink of Thee still feel a void,
Which nought but Thou can fill.

O my sweet Jesu ! hear the sighs
Which unto Thee I send ;
To Thee mine inmost spirit cries,
My being's hope and end !

Stay with us, Lord, and with thy light
Illume the soul's abyss ;
Scatter the darkness of our night,
And fill the world with bliss.

O Jesu ! spotless Virgin flower !
Our life and joy ! to Thee
Be praise, beatitude, and power,
Through all eternity.

Friday after Septuagesima Sunday.

PRAYER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ON
MOUNT OLIVET.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Aspice ut Verbum Patris a supernis.

SEE from on high, array'd in truth and grace,
The Father's Word descend !
Burning to heal the wounds of Adam's race,
And our long evils end !

Pitying the miseries which with the Fall
In Paradise began,
Prostrate upon the earth, the Lord of all
Entreats for ruin'd man.

Oh, bitter then was our Redeemer's lot,
While whelm'd in griefs unknown :
" Father," He cries, " remove this cup ; yet not
My will, but thine be done."

While, a dread anguish pressing down his heart,
He faints upon the ground;
And from each bursting pore the blood-drops
start,
Moistening the earth around.

But quickly, from high Heav'n, an angel came,
To soothe the Saviour's woes;
And, strength returning to his languid frame,
Up from the earth He rose.

Praise to the Father; praise, O Son! to Thee,
To whom a name is given
Above all names; praise to the Spirit be,
From all in earth and Heaven.

LAUDS.

Venit e Cælo Mediator alto.

DAUGHTER of Sion! cease thy bitter tears,
And calm thy breast;
Foretold through ages past, lo! now appears
Thy Mediator blest.

That garden, where of old our guilt began,
 Wrought death and pain ;
But this, where Jesus prays by night for man,
 Brings life and joy again.

Hither, of his own will, the Lord, for all
 Comes to atone ;
And stays the thunderbolts about to fall
 From the dread Father's throne.

So shall He break the adamantine chain
 Of Hell's abyss ;
And opening Heav'n long clos'd, call us again
 To his eternal bliss.

Praise to the Son, to whom a name above
 All names is given ;
Praise to the Father and the Spirit of love,
 From all in earth and Heaven.

Friday after Sexagesima Sunday.**THE PASSION
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.****VESPERS.***Mærentes oculi spargite lachrymas.*

Now let us sit and weep,
And fill our hearts with woe ;
Pondering the shame, and torments deep,
Which God from wicked men did undergo.

See ! how the multitude,
With swords and staves, draw nigh ;
See ! how they smite, with buffets rude,
That head divine of awful majesty :

How, bound with cruel cord,
Christ to the scourge is given ;
And ruffians lift their hands, unaw'd,
Against the King of kings and Lord of Heaven.

Hear it ! ye people, hear !
Our good and gracious God,
Silent beneath the lash severe,
Stands with his sacred shoulders drench'd in
blood.

O scene for tears ! but now
The sinful race contrive
A torment new : deep in his brow,
With all their force the jagged thorns they drive.

Then roughly dragg'd to death,
Christ on the Cross is slain ;
And, as He dies, with parting breath,
Into his Father's hands gives back his soul again.

To Him who so much bore,
To gain for sinners grace,
Be praise and glory evermore,
From the whole universal human race.

MATINS.

Aspice infami Deus ipse ligno.

SEE ! where in shame the God of glory hangs,
All bath'd in his own blood :
See ! how the nails pierce with a thousand pangs
Those hands so good.

Th' All Holy, as a minister of ill,
Betwixt two thieves they place ;
Oh, deed unjust ! yet such the cruel will
Of Israel's race.

Pale grows his face, and fix'd his languid eye ;
His wearied head He bends ;
And rich in merits, forth with one loud cry
His Spirit sends.

O heart more hard than iron ! not to weep
At this ; thy sin it was
That wrought his death ; of all these torments
deep
Thou art the cause.

Praise, honour, glory be through endless time
To th' everlasting God ;
Who wip'd away our deadly stains of crime
In his own Blood.

LAUDS.

Sævo dolorum turbine.

O'ERWHELM'D in depths of woe,
Upon the Tree of scorn
Hangs the Redeemer of mankind,
With racking anguish torn.

See ! how the nails those hands
And feet so tender rend ;
See ! down his face, and neck, and breast,
His sacred Blood descend.

Hark ! with what awful cry
His Spirit takes its flight ;
That cry, it pierc'd his Mother's heart,
And whelm'd her soul in night.

Earth hears, and to its base
Rocks wildly to and fro ;
Tombs burst ; seas, rivers, mountains quake ;
The veil is rent in two.

The sun withdraws his light ;
The midday heav'ns grow pale ;
The moon, the stars, the universe,
Their Maker's death bewail.

Shall man alone be mute ?
Come, youth ! and hoary hairs !
Come, rich and poor ! come, all mankind !
And bathe those feet in tears.

Come ! fall before His Cross,
Who shed for us his blood ;
Who died the victim of pure love,
To make us sons of God. ..

Jesu ! all praise to Thee,
Our joy and endless rest !
Be Thou our guide while pilgrims here,
Our crown amid the blest.

Friday after Quinquagesima Sunday.

THE MOST HOLY CROWN OF THORNS
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Exite Sion filiæ.

DAUGHTERS of Sion ! royal maids !
Come forth to see the crown,
Which Sion's self, with cruel hands,
Hath woven for her Son.

See ! how amid his gory locks
The jagged thorns appear ;
See ! how his pallid countenance
Foretells that death is near.

Oh, savage was the earth that bore
Those thorns so sharp and long !
Savage the hand that gather'd them
To work this deadly wrong !

But now that Christ's immortal Blood
Hath ting'd them with its dye,
Fairer than roses they appear,
Or palms of victory.

Jesu ! the thorns which pierc'd thy brow
Sprang from the seed of sin ;
Pluck ours, we pray thee, from our hearts,
And plant thine own therein.

Praise, honour, to the Father be,
Praise to his only Son ;
Praise to the blessed Paraclete,
While endless ages run.

LAUDS.

Legis figuris pingitur.

CHRIST'S peerless Crown is pictur'd in
The figures of the Law :
The Ram entangled in the thorns ;
The Bush which Moses saw ;

The Rainbow girding round the ark ;
The Table's crown of gold ;
The Incense which in waving wreaths
Around the Altar roll'd.

Hail, glorious Crown ! which didst the pangs
Of dying Jesus feel ;
Thou dost the brightest gems outshine,
And all the stars excel.

Praise, honour, to the Father be,
Praise to his only Son ;
Praise to the blessed Paraclete
While endless ages run.

**On Sundays and Week-days in Lent till
Passion Sunday.**

VESPERS.

Audi benigne Conditor.

Thou loving Maker of mankind,
Before thy throne we pray and weep ;
Oh, strengthen us with grace divine,
Duly this sacred Lent to keep.

Searcher of hearts ! Thou dost our ills
Discern, and all our weakness know :
Again to Thee with tears we turn ;
Again to us thy mercy shew.

Much have we sinn'd ; but we confess
Our guilt, and all our faults deplore :
Oh, for the praise of thy great Name,
Our fainting souls to health restore !

And grant us, while by fasts we strive
This mortal body to control,
To fast from all the food of sin,
And so to purify the soul.

Hear us, O Trinity thrice blest !
Sole Unity ! to Thee we cry :
Vouchsafe us from these fasts below
To reap immortal fruit on high.

MATINS.

Ex more docti mystico.

Now with the slow-revolving year,
Again the Fast we greet ;
Which in its mystic circle moves
Of forty days complete.

That Fast, by Law and Prophets taught,
By Jesus Christ restor'd ;
Jesus, of seasons and of times
The Maker and the Lord.

Henceforth more sparing let us be
Of food, of words, of sleep ;
Henceforth beneath a stricter guard
The roving senses keep.

And let us shun whatever things
Distract the careless heart ;
And let us shut the soul against
The tyrant Tempter's art ;

And weep before the Judge, and strive
His vengeance to appease ;
Saying to Him with contrite voice,
Upon our bended knees :

“ Much have we sinn'd, O Lord ! and still
We sin each day we live ;
Yet pour thy pity from on high,
And of thy grace forgive.

Remember that we still are thine,
Though of a fallen frame ;
And take not from us in thy wrath
The glory of thy name.

Undo past evil ; grant us, Lord,
More grace to do aright ;
So may we now and ever find
Acceptance in thy sight.”

Blest Trinity in Unity !
Vouchsafe us, in thy love,
To gather from these fasts below
Immortal fruit above.

LAUDS.

O Sol salutis intimis.

THE darkness fleets, and joyful earth
Welcomes the newborn day ;
Jesu, true Sun of human souls !
Shed in our souls thy ray.

Thou, who dost give the accepted time,
Give tears to purify,
Give flames of love to burn our hearts,
As victims unto Thee.

That fountain, whence our sins have flow'd,
Shall soon in tears distil,
If but thy penitential grace
Subdue the stubborn will.

Lo ! day returns, thy own blest day,
All things to joy awake ;
Oh, may we, to thy paths restor'd,
In nature's joy partake !

Eternal Trinity ! to Thee
 Let Earth's vast fabric bend ;
 While evermore from souls renew'd,
 New hymns of praise ascend.

Friday after the First Sunday in Lent.

THE SPEAR AND NAILS
 OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

VESPERS.

Quænam lingua tibi, O Lancea, debitas.

WHAT tongue, illustrious Spear, can duly sound
 Thy praise, in Heav'n or earth ?
 Thou, who didst open that life-giving wound,
 From whence the Church had birth.

From Adam, sunk in an ecstatic sleep,
 Came Eve divinely framed ;
 From Christ,—his Spouse; when from that
 wound so deep
 The Blood and Water stream'd.

And equal thanks to you, blest Nails, whereby,
Fast to the sacred Rood,
Was clench'd the sentence dooming us to die,
All blotted out in blood.

To Him who still preserves in highest Heaven
The wounds which here He bore,
Be glory, with th' eternal Father, given,
And Spirit evermore.

MATINS.

Salvete Clavi et Lancea.

HAIL, Spear and Nails! erewhile despis'd,
As things of little worth;
Now crimson with the blood of Christ,
And fam'd through Heav'n and earth.

Chosen by Jewish perfidy
As instruments of sin,
God turn'd you into ministers
Of love and grace divine:

For from each several wound ye made
In that immortal frame,
As from a fount, celestial gifts
And life eternal came.

Thee, Jesu, pierc'd with Nails and Spear,
Let every knee adore ;
With Thee, O Father, and with Thee,
O Spirit, evermore.

LAUDS.

(The same continued.)

Tinctam ergo Christi sanguine.

OH, turn those blessed points, all bath'd
In Jesu's blood, on me ;
Mine were the sins that wrought his death,
Mine be the penalty.

Pierce through my feet, my hands, my heart ;
So may some drop distil
Of Blood divine, into my soul,
And all its evils heal.

So shall my feet be slow to sin,
 Harmless my hands shall be ;
 So from my wounded heart shall each
 Forbidden passion flee.

Thee, Jesu, pierc'd with Nails and Spear,
 Let every knee adore ;
 With Thee, O Father, and with Thee,
 O Spirit, evermore.

Friday after the Second Sunday in Lent.

THE MOST HOLY WINDING SHEET
 OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

VESPERS.

Gloriam sacræ celebremus omnes.

THE glories of that sacred Winding Sheet
 Let every tongue record ;
 Which from the Cross receiv'd, with honour
 meet,
 The body of the Lord.

O dear Memorial! on which we see,
 In bloody stains impress'd,
The form, sublime in awful majesty,
 Of our Redeemer blest.

How doth the grievous sight of thee recall
 Those dying throes to mind,
Which Christ, compassionating Adam's fall,
 Endur'd for lost mankind!

His wounded side, his hands and feet pierc'd
 Mirror'd in thee appear; [through,
His lacerated limbs, his gory brow,
 And thorn-entangled hair.

Ah! who beholding these sad images,
 Can the big tears controul?
Can check the throbs of swelling grief that rise
 Up from his inmost soul?

Jesu! my sin it was that laid Thee low,
 And through thy death I live;
That life, which to thy sufferings I owe,
 Henceforth to Thee I give.

Glory to Him, who, to redeem us, bore
Such bitter dying pains ;
Who with th' eternal Father evermore,
And Holy Spirit, reigns.

MATINS.

Mysterium mirabile.

THIS day the wond'rous mystery
Is set before our eyes,
Of Jesus stretch'd upon the Cross
In dying agonies.

Oh, deed of love ! the Prince becomes
A Victim for his slave ;
The sinner an acquittal finds,
The innocent a grave.

Whereof, in many a gory stain,
The traces still are found
On yonder Winding Sheet, which wrapp'd
The sacred body round.

Hail, trophies of our valiant Chief!
Hail, proofs of triumph won
Over the World, and Hell, and Death,
By God's eternal Son !

Be these the colours under which
From this time forth we fight,
Against the depths of Satan's guile,
And all the powers of night.

So, dead to our old life, may we
A better life begin ;
And through the Cross of Christ at length
His Heavenly Crown attain.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, coequal Son !
Who reignest with the Holy Ghost
While ceaseless ages run.

LAUDS.

Jesu dulcis amor meus.

JESU ! as though Thyself wert here,
I draw in trembling sorrow near ;
And hanging o'er thy form divine,
Kneel down to kiss these wounds of thine.

Ah me, how naked art Thou laid !
Bloodstain'd, distended, cold, and dead !
Joy of my soul—my Saviour sweet,
Upon this sacred Winding Sheet !

Hail, awful brow ! hail, thorny wreath !
Hail, countenance now pale in death !
Whose glance but late so brightly blaz'd,
That Angels trembled as they gaz'd.

And hail to thee, my Saviour's side ;
And hail to thee, thou wound so wide ;
Thou wound more ruddy than the rose,
True antidote of all our woes !

Oh, by those sacred hands and feet
 For me so mangled ! I entreat,
 My Jesu, turn me not away,
 But let me here for ever stay.

Friday after the Third Sunday in Lent.

THE MOST HOLY FIVE WOUNDS
 OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

*Matins, Lauds, and Vespers, as on
 Passion-Sunday.*

Friday after the Fourth Sunday in Lent.

THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD
 OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

VESPERS.

Festivis resonent compita vocibus.

FORTH let the long procession stream,
 And through the streets in order wend ;
 Let the bright waving line of torches gleam,
 The solemn chant ascend.

While we, with tears and sighs profound,
That memorable Blood record,
Which, stretch'd on his hard Cross, from many
The dying Jesus pour'd. [a wound

By the first Adam's fatal sin
Came death upon the human race ;
In this new Adam doth new life begin,
And everlasting grace.

For scarce the Father heard from Heaven
The cry of his expiring Son,
When in that cry our sins were all forgiven,
And boundless pardon won.

Henceforth, whoso in that dear Blood
Washeth, shall lose his every stain ;
And in immortal roseate beauty rob'd,
An angel's likeness gain.

Only, run thou with courage on
Straight to the goal set in the skies ;
He, who assists thy course, will give thee soon
The everlasting prize.

Father supreme ! vouchsafe that we,
For whom thine only Son was slain,
And whom thy Holy Ghost doth sanctify,
May heavenly joys attain.

MATINS.

Ira justa Conditoris.

HE who once, in righteous vengeance,
Whelm'd the world beneath the flood,
Once again in mercy cleans'd it
With the stream of his own Blood,
Coming from his throne on high
On the painful Cross to die.

Blest with this all-saving shower,
Earth her beauty straight resum'd ;
In the place of thorns and briers,
Myrtles sprang, and roses bloom'd :
Flowers surpris'd the desert waste,
Wormwood lost its bitter taste.

Scorpions ceas'd ; the slimy serpent
Laid his deadly poison by ;
Savage beasts of cruel instinct
Lost their wild ferocity ;
Welcoming the gentle reign
Of the Lamb for sinners slain.

Oh, the wisdom of th' Eternal !
Oh, its depth, and height divine !
Oh, the sweetness of that mercy
Which in Jesus Christ doth shine !
The guilty slave was doom'd to die —
The good King pays the penalty.

When before the Judge we tremble,
Conscious of his broken laws,
May this Blood, in that dread hour,
Cry aloud, and plead our cause :
Bid our guilty terrors cease,
Be our pardon and our peace.

Prince and Author of salvation !
Lord of majesty supreme !
Jesu ! praise to Thee be given
By the world Thou didst redeem ;
Who, with the Father, and the Spirit,
Reignest in eternal merit.

LAUDS.

Salvete Christi vulnera.

HAIL wounds ! which through eternal years
The love of Jesus shew ;
Hail wounds ! from whence encrimson'd rills
Of blood for ever flow.

More precious than the gems of Ind,
Than all the stars more fair ;
Nor honeycomb, nor fragrant rose,
Can once with you compare.

Through you is open'd to our souls
A refuge safe and calm,
Whither no raging enemy
Can reach to work us harm.

What countless stripes did Christ receive
Naked in Pilate's hall !
From his torn flesh what streams of blood
Did all around Him fall !

How doth th' ensanguin'd thorny crown
That beauteous brow transpierce !
How do the nails those hands and feet
Contract with tortures fierce !

He bows his head, and forth at last
His loving spirit soars ;
Yet even after death his heart
For us its tribute pours.

Beneath the wine-press of God's wrath
His Blood for us He drains ;
Till for Himself, O wondrous love !
No single drop remains.

Oh, come all ye in whom are fix'd
The deadly stains of sin !
Come ! wash in this all-saving Blood,
And ye shall be made clean.

Praise Him, who with the Father sits
Enthron'd upon the skies ;
Whose Blood redeems our souls from guilt,
Whose Spirit sanctifies.

Passion-Sunday.

VESPERS.

Vexilla Regis prodeunt.

FORTH comes the Standard of the King :
All hail, thou Mystery ador'd !
Hail, Cross ! on which the Life Himself
Died, and by death our life restor'd.

On which our Saviour's holy side,
Rent open with a cruel spear,
Of blood and water pour'd a stream,
To wash us from defilement clear.

O sacred Wood ! in thee fulfill'd
Was holy David's truthful lay;
Which told the world, that from a Tree
The Lord should all the nations sway.

Most royally empurpled o'er,
How beautifully thy stem doth shine !
How glorious was its lot to touch
Those limbs so holy and divine !

Thrice blest, upon whose arms outstretch'd
The Saviour of the world reclin'd ;
Balance sublime ! upon whose beam
Was weigh'd the ransom of mankind.

Hail, Cross ! thou only hope of man,
Hail on this holy Passion-day !
To saints increase the grace they have ;
From sinners purge their guilt away.

Salvation's spring, blest Trinity,
Be praise to Thee through earth and skies :
Thou through the Cross the victory
Dost give ; oh, also give the prize !

MATINS.

Pange lingua gloriosi.

SING, my tongue, the Saviour's glory ;

Tell his triumph far and wide ;

Tell aloud the famous story

Of his Body crucified ;

How upon the Cross a Victim,

Vanquishing in death, He died.

Eating of the Tree forbidden,

Man had sunk in Satan's snare,

When our pitying Creator

Did this second Tree prepare ;

Destin'd, many ages later,

That first evil to repair.

Such the order God appointed

When for sin He would atone ;

To the Serpent thus opposing

Schemes yet deeper than his own ;

Thence the remedy procuring,

Whence the fatal wound had come.

So when now at length the fulness
Of the sacred time drew nigh,
Then the Son, the world's Creator,
Left his Father's throne on high ;
From a Virgin's womb appearing,
Cloth'd in our mortality.

All within a lowly manger,
Lo, a tender babe He lies !
See his gentle Virgin mother
Lull to sleep his infant cries !
While the limbs of God Incarnate
Round with swathing bands she ties.

Blessing, honour everlasting,
To the immortal Deity ;
To the Father, Son, and Spirit,
Equal praises ever be ;
Glory through the earth and Heaven
To Trinity in Unity.

LAUDS.

(The same continued.)

*Lustra sex qui jam peregit.***THUS** did Christ to perfect manhood

In our mortal flesh attain :

Then of his free choice He goeth

To a death of bitter pain ;

And as a lamb, upon the altar

Of the Cross, for us is slain.

Lo, with gall his thirst He quenches !

See the thorns upon his brow !

Nails his tender flesh are rending !

See, his side is open'd now !

Whence, to cleanse the whole creation,

Streams of blood and water flow.

Lofty Tree, bend down thy branches,

To embrace thy sacred load ;

Oh, relax the native tension

Of that all too rigid wood ;

Gently, gently bear the members

Of thy dying King and God.

Tree, which solely wast found worthy
The world's great Victim to sustain ;
Harbour from the raging tempest !
Ark, that sav'd the world again !
Tree, with sacred Blood anointed
Of the Lamb for sinners slain.

Blessing, honour everlasting,
To the immortal Deity ;
To the Father, Son, and Spirit,
Equal praises ever be :
Glory through the earth and Heaven
To Trinity in Unity.

**Low-Sunday, and through Easter to
Ascension-Day.**

VESPERS.

Ad regias agni dapes.

Now at the Lamb's high royal feast
In robes of saintly white we sing,
Through the Red Sea in safety brought
By Jesus our immortal King.

O depth of love! for us He drinks

The chalice of his agony;

For us a Victim on the Cross

He meekly lays Him down to die.

And as the avenging Angel pass'd

Of old the blood-besprinkled door;

As the cleft sea a passage gave,

Then clos'd to whelm th' Egyptians o'er:

So Christ, our Paschal Sacrifice,

Has brought us safe all perils through;

While for unleaven'd bread we need

But heart sincere and purpose true.

Hail, purest Victim Heav'n could find,

The powers of Hell to overthrow!

Who didst the chains of Death destroy;

Who dost the prize of Life bestow.

Hail, victor Christ! hail, risen King!

To Thee alone belongs the crown;

Who hast the heavenly gates unbarr'd,

And dragg'd the Prince of darkness down.

O Jesu! from the death of sin
Keep us, we pray; so shalt Thou be
The everlasting paschal joy
Of all the souls new-born in Thee.

Now to the Father, and the Son,
Who rose from death, be glory given;
With Thee, O holy Comforter,
Henceforth by all in earth and Heaven.

MATINS.

Rex sempiternæ cœlitum.

O THOU, the Heaven's eternal King!
Lord of the starry spheres!
Who with the Father equal art
From everlasting years:
All praise to thy most holy Name,
Who, when the world began,
Yoking the soul with clay, didst form
In thine own image, Man.

And praise to Thee, who, when the Foe
Had marr'd thy work sublime,
Clothing Thyself in flesh, didst mould
Our race a second time.

When from the tomb new born, as from
A Virgin born before,
Thou didst reverse our fallen state,
And life to man restore.

Eternal Shepherd ! who thy flock
In thy pure Font dost lave,
Where souls are cleans'd, and all their guilt
Buried as in a grave ;

Jesu ! who to the Cross wast nail'd,
Our countless debt to pay ;
Jesu ! who lavishly didst pour
Thy blood for us away :

Oh, from the wretched death of sin
Keep us ; so shalt Thou be
The everlasting Paschal joy
Of all new born in Thee.

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To God the Father, and the Son
Who rose, be glory given ;
With Thee, Almighty Paraclete !
By all in earth and Heaven.

LAUDS.

Aurora cœlum purpurat.

THE dawn was purpling o'er the sky ;
With alleluias rang the air ;
Earth held a glorious jubilee ;
Hell gnash'd its teeth in fierce despair :

When our most valiant mighty King
From death's abyss, in dread array,
Led the long-prison'd Fathers forth,
Into the beam of life and day :

When He, whom stone, and seal, and guard,
Had safely to the tomb consign'd,
Triumphant rose, and buried Death
Deep in the grave He left behind.

“Calm all your grief, and still your tears;”
Hark! the descending angel cries;
“For Christ is risen from the dead,
And Death is slain, no more to rise.”

O Jesu! from the death of sin
Keep us, we pray; so shalt Thou be
The everlasting Paschal joy
Of all the souls new born in Thee.

Now to the Father, and the Son
Who rose from death, be glory given;
With Thee, O holy Comforter!
Henceforth by all in earth and Heaven.

The Ascension of our Lord.

VESPERS AND LAUDS.

Salutis humanæ Sator.

O THOU pure light of souls that love,
True joy of every human breast,
Sower of life's immortal seed,
Our Maker, and Redeemer blest !

What wondrous pity Thee o'ercame,
To make our guilty load thine own,
And sinless, suffer death and shame,
For our transgressions to atone !

Thou, bursting Hades open wide,
Didst all the captive souls unchain ;
And thence to thy dread Father's side
With glorious pomp ascend again.

Jesu ! may pity Thee compel
To heal the wounds of which we die ;
And take us in thy Light to dwell,
Who for thy blissful Presence sigh.

Be Thou our guide, be Thou our goal ;
Be Thou our pathway to the skies ;
Our joy, when sorrow fills the soul ;
In death our everlasting prize.

MATINS.

Æterne Rex altissime.

O THOU eternal King most high !
Who didst the world redeem ;
And conquering Death and Hell, receive
A dignity supreme.

Thou, through the starry orbs, this day,
Didst to thy throne ascend ;
Thenceforth to reign in sovereign power,
And glory without end.

There, seated in thy majesty,
To Thee submissive bow
The Heav'n of Heav'ns, the spacious earth,
The depths of Hell below.

With trembling there the angels see
The chang'd estate of men ;
The flesh which sinn'd by Flesh redeem'd ;
Man in the Godhead reign.

There, waiting for thy faithful souls,
Be Thou to us, O Lord !
Our peerless joy while here we stay,
In Heav'n our great reward.

Renew our strength ; our sins forgive ;
Our miseries efface ;
And lift our souls aloft to Thee,
By thy celestial grace.

So, when Thou shinest on the clouds,
With thy angelic train,
May we be sav'd from vengeance due,
And our lost crowns regain.

Glory to Jesus, who returns
Triumphantly to Heaven ;
Praise to the Father evermore,
And Holy Ghost be given.

Whit-Sunday.**VESPERS.***Veni Creator Spiritus.*

COME, O Creator Spirit blest !
And in our souls take up thy rest ;
Come, with thy grace and heavenly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Great Paraclete ! to Thee we cry :
O highest gift of God most high !
O fount of life ! O fire of love !
And sweet Anointing from above !

Thou in thy sevenfold gifts art known ;
Thee Finger of God's hand we own ;
The promise of the Father Thou !
Who dost the tongue with pow'r endow.

Kindle our senses from above,
And make our hearts o'erflow with love ;
With patience firm, and virtue high,
The weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,
And grant us thy true peace instead ;
So shall we not, with Thee for guide,
Turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may thy grace on us bestow,
The Father and the Son to know,
And Thee through endless times confess'd
Of Both th' eternal Spirit blest.

All glory while the ages run
Be to the Father, and the Son
Who rose from death ; the same to Thee,
O Holy Ghost, eternally.

MATINS.

Jam Christus astra ascenderit.

ABOVE the starry spheres,
To where He was before,
Christ had gone up, soon from on high
The Father's gift to pour :

And now had fully come,
On mystic cycle borne
Of sev'n times sev'n revolving days,
The Pentecostal morn :

When, as the Apostles knelt
At the third hour in prayer,
A sudden rushing sound proclaim'd
The God of glory near.

Forthwith a tongue of fire
Alights on every brow ;—
Each breast receives the Father's light,
The Word's enkindling glow.

The Holy Ghost on all
Is mightily outpour'd ;
Who straight in divers tongues declare
The wonders of the Lord.

While strangers of all climes
Flock round from far and near,
And with amazement, each at once
Their native accents hear.

But Judah, faithless still,
Denies the hand divine ;
And madly jeers the Saints of Christ,
As drunk with new-made wine.

Till Peter in the midst
Stood up, and spake aloud ;
And their perfidious falsity
By Joel's witness shew'd.

Praise to the Father be !
Praise to the Son who rose !
Praise, Holy Paraclete, to Thee,
While age on ages flows !

LAUDS.

Beata nobis gaudia.

AGAIN the slowly circling year
Brings round the blessed hour,
When on the Saints the Comforter
Came down in grace and power.

In fashion of a fiery tongue
The mighty Godhead came ;
Their lips with eloquence He strung,
And fill'd their hearts with flame.

Straightway with divers tongues they speak,
Instinct with grace divine ;
While wond'ring crowds the cause mistake,
And deem them drunk with wine.

These things were mystically wrought,—
The Paschal time complete,
When Israel's Law remission brought
Of every legal debt.

God of all grace ! to Thee we pray,
To Thee adoring bend ;
Into our hearts this sacred day
Thy Spirit's fulness send.

Thou, who in ages past didst pour
Thy graces from above,—
Thy grace in us where lost restore,
And stablish peace and love.

All glory to the Father be ;
And to the Son who rose ;
Glory, O Holy Ghost ! to Thee,
While age on ages flows.

Trinity-Sunday.

VESPERS.

Jam Sol recedit igneus.

Now doth the fiery sun decline :—
Thou, Unity eternal ! shine ;
Thou, Trinity, thy blessings pour,
And make our hearts with love run o'er.

Thee in the hymns of morn we praise ;
To Thee our voice at eve we raise ;
Oh, grant us, with thy Saints on high,
Thee through all time to glorify.

Praise to the Father, with the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One ;
As ever was in ages past,
And shall be so while ages last.

MATINS.

Summæ Parens clementiæ.

O THOU eternal Source of love !
Ruler of nature's scheme !
In Substance One, in Persons Three !
Omniscient and Supreme !

Be nigh to us when we arise ;
And, at the break of day,
With wakening body wake the soul,
Her meed of praise to pay.

To God the Father glory be,
And to his only Son ;
The same, O Holy Ghost ! to Thee,
While ceaseless ages run.

LAUDS.

Tu Trinitatis Unitas.

O THOU ! who dost all nature sway,
Dread Trinity in Unity !
Accept the trembling praise we pour
To thy eternal Majesty.

The star that heralds in the morn
Is slowly fading in the skies ;
The darkness melts ;—O Thou true light !
Upon our darken'd souls arise.

To God the Father glory be,
And to his sole-begotten Son ;
The same, O Holy Ghost ! to Thee,
While everlasting ages run.

Feast of Corpus Christi.

VESPERS.

Pange lingua gloriosi.

SING, my tongue, the Saviour's glory,
Of his Flesh the mystery sing ;
Of the Blood, all price exceeding,
Shed by our immortal King,
Destin'd, for the world's redemption,
From a noble womb to spring.

Of a pure and spotless Virgin
Born for us on earth below,
He, as Man with man conversing,
Stay'd, the seeds of truth to sow ;
Then He clos'd in solemn order
Wondrously his life of woe.

On the night of that Last Supper,
Seated with his chosen band,
He the paschal victim eating,
First fulfils the Law's command ;
Then, as Food to all his brethren
Gives Himself with his own hand.

Word made Flesh, the bread of nature
By his word to Flesh He turns ;
Wine into his Blood He changes :—
What though sense no change discerns ?
Only be the heart in earnest,
Faith her lesson quickly learns.

[Tantum ergo sacramentum.]

Down in adoration falling,
Lo ! the sacred Host we hail ;
Lo ! o'er ancient forms departing,
Newer rites of grace prevail ;
Faith, for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the Everlasting Father,
And the Son who reigns on high,
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from Each eternally,
Be salvation, honour, blessing,
Might, and endless majesty.

MATINS.

Sacris solemnibus juncta sint gaudia.

LET us with hearts renew'd,
Our grateful homage pay;
And welcome with triumphant songs
This ever-blessed day.

Upon this hallow'd night
Christ with his brethren ate,
Obedient to the olden law,
The Pasch before Him set.

Which done,— Himself entire,
The true Incarnate God,
Alike on each, alike on all,
His sacred hands bestow'd.

He gave his Flesh; He gave
His precious Blood; and said,
“ Receive, and drink ye all of this,
For your salvation shed.”

Thus did the Lord appoint
This Sacrifice sublime,
And made his Priests its ministers
Through all the bounds of time.
Farewell to types ! Henceforth
We feed on Angels' food :
The guilty slave — oh, wonder ! — eats
The Body of his God !

O Blessed Three in One !
Visit our hearts, we pray ;
And lead us on through thine own paths
To thy eternal Day.

LAUDS.

Verbum supernum prodiens.

THE Word, descending from above,
Though with the Father still on high,
Went forth upon his work of love,
And soon to life's last eve drew nigh.

He shortly to a death accurs'd
By a disciple shall be given ;
But, to his twelve disciples, first
He gives Himself, the Bread from Heaven.

Himself in either kind He gave ;
He gave his Flesh, He gave his Blood ;
Of flesh and blood all men are made ;
And He of man would be the Food.

At birth, our brother He became ;
At board, Himself as food He gives ;
To ransom us He died in shame ;
As our reward, in bliss He lives.

[O salutaris Hostia.]

O SAVING Victim ! opening wide
The gate of Heav'n to man below !
Our foes press on from every side ;—
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

To thy great Name be endless praise,
 Immortal Godhead, One in Three !
 Oh, grant us endless length of days,
 In our true native land, with Thee !

**Friday after the Octave of Corpus
 Christi.**

FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

VESPERS.

Auctor beate sæculi.

JESU, Creator of the world !
 Of all mankind Redeemer blest !
 True God of God ! in whom we see
 The Father's Image clear express'd !

Thee, Saviour, love alone constrain'd
 To make our mortal flesh thine own ;
 And as a second Adam come,
 For the first Adam to atone.

That self-same love, which made the sky,
Which made the sea, and stars, and earth,
Took pity on our misery,
And broke the bondage of our birth.

O Jesu ! in thy heart divine
May that same love for ever glow ;
For ever mercy to mankind
From that exhaustless fountain flow.

For this, thy sacred heart was pierc'd,
And both with blood and water ran ;
To cleanse us from the stains of guilt,
And be the hope and strength of man.

To God the Father, and the Son,
All praise, and power, and glory be ;
With Thee, O holy Comforter,
Henceforth through all eternity.

MATINS.

En ut superba criminum.

Lo ! how the savage crew
Of our proud sins hath rent
The Heart of our all-gracious God,—
That Heart so innocent !

The soldier's quiv'ring lance
Our guilt it was that sped ;
The steel that pierc'd Him, by our crimes
So deadly sharp was made.

O Heart ! whence sprang the Church,
The Saviour's spotless Bride ;
Thou Door of our Salvation's Ark
Set in its mystic side !

Thou holy Fount ! whence flows
The sacred sevenfold flood,
Where we our filthy robes may cleanse
In the Lamb's saving blood :

By sorrowful relapse,
Thee will we rend no more ;
But like the flames, those types of love,
Strive Heavenward to soar.

Father and Son supreme !
And Spirit ! hear our cry ;
To whom praise, power, and glory be,
Through all eternity.

LAUDS.

Cor arca legem continens.

ARK of the Covenant ! not that
Whence bondage came of old ;
But that of pardon and of grace,
And mercies manifold !

Thou Veil of awful mystery !
Thou Sanctuary sublime !
Thou sacred Temple, holier far
Than that of olden time !

Blest Heart of Christ ! in thy dear wound
The hidden depth we see,
Of what were else unguess'd by us,—
His boundless charity.

Beneath this emblem of pure love,
'Twas Love Himself that died ;
And offer'd up for us to God
A Victim crucified.

Oh, who of his redeem'd will Him
Their mutual love refuse ?
Who would not rather in that heart
Their home eternal choose ?

To God the Father, God the Son,
And, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Be honour, glory, virtue, power,
Through all eternity.

Another Office of the same Feast.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Quicumque certum queritis.

ALL ye who seek a certain cure
In trouble and distress,
Whatever sorrow vex the mind,
Or guilt the soul oppress :

Jesus, who gave Himself for you
Upon the Cross to die,
Opens to you his sacred Heart,—
Oh, to that Heart draw nigh !

Ye hear how kindly He invites ;
Ye hear his words so blest ;—
“ All ye that labour, come to Me,
And I will give you rest.”

What meeker than the Saviour's Heart ?—
As on the Cross He lay,
It did his murderers forgive,
And for their pardon pray.

O Heart ! thou joy of Saints on high !
Thou Hope of sinners here !
Attracted by those loving words,
To Thee I lift my prayer.

Wash Thou my wounds in that dear Blood
Which forth from Thee doth flow ;
New grace, new hope inspire ; a new
And better heart bestow.

LAUDS.

Summi Parentis Alio.

To Christ, the Prince of Peace,
And Son of God most high,
The Father of the world to come,—
Sing we with holy joy.

Deep in his Heart for us
The wound of love He bore ;—
That love, which still He kindles in
The hearts that Him adore.

O Jesu ! Victim blest !
What else but love divine,
Could Thee constrain to open thus
That sacred Heart of thine ?

O Fount of endless life !
O Spring of waters clear !
O Flame celestial, cleansing all
Who unto Thee draw near !

Hide me in thy dear Heart,
For thither do I fly;
There seek thy grace through life, in death
Thine immortality.

Praise to the Father be ;
Praise to his only Son ;
Praise to the blessed Paraclete,
While endless ages run.

HYMNS FROM THE BREVIARY.

Part III.

**HYMNS BELONGING TO THE PROPER
OF SAINTS.**

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St. Peter's Chair at Rome.

January 18.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Quodcunque in orbe nexibus revinzeris.

PETER, whatever thou shalt bind on earth,
The same is bound above the starry sky;
What here thy delegated pow'r doth loose,
Is loos'd in Heaven's great citadel on high;
To judgment shalt thou come, when the world's
end is nigh.

Praise to the Father through all ages be;
The same to Thee, O coeternal Son,
And Holy Ghost, One glorious Trinity;
To whom all majesty and might belong ;
So sing we now, and such be our eternal song

LAUDS.

Beate Pastor Petre clemens accipe.

PETER, blest Shepherd ! hear our piteous cry,
And with a word unloose our guilty chain ;
Thou ! who hast pow'r to ope the gates on
high
To mortal man, and pow'r to shut them fast
again.

Praise, blessing, majesty, through endless days,
Be to the Trinity immortal given ;
Who in pure Unity profoundly sways
Eternally alike all things in earth and Heaven.

Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle.**January 25.****VESPERS AND MATINS.***Egregie doctor Paule mores instrue.*

**LEAD us, great teacher Paul, in wisdom's ways,
And lift our hearts with thine to Heaven's
high throne ;
Till Faith beholds the clear meridian blaze,
And sunlike in the soul reigns Charity alone.**

**Praise, blessing, majesty, through endless days,
Be to the Trinity immortal given ;
Who in pure Unity profoundly sways
Eternally all things alike in earth and Heaven.**

St. Martina, Virgin and Martyr.

January 30.

VESPERS.

Martinæ celebri plaudite nomini.

LIFT to the skies, great Rome, Martina's name,
Her praises celebrate with glad accord ;
Martina, high in merit, Virgin blest,
And martyr of her Lord.

Beauty and youth, the joys of happy home,
Ancestral palaces, and noble birth ;
All these were hers,—all these, for Jesu's sake,
She counted nothing worth.

Her wealth she shar'd among the poor of Christ,
Content with seeking better wealth above ;
Herself she gave to her immortal King,
Too happy in his love.

Expel false worldly joys ; and fill us, Lord,
With thy irradiating beam divine ;
Who with thy suffering martyrs present art,
Great Godhead one and trine.

MATINS.

(The same continued.)

Non illam crucians ungula non feræ.

THE agonizing hooks, the rending scourge,
Shook not the dauntless spirit in her breast ;
With torments rack'd, she tastes from angel
 hands
A sweet celestial feast.

In vain they cast her to the ravening beasts ;
Calm at her feet the lion crouches down :
Smit by the sword, at length she passes on
 To her immortal crown.

Now with the Saints Martina sits in bliss ;
To her the Church below its tribute pours,
And from her consecrated altars, prayer
 With odorous incense soars.

LAUDS.

(The same continued.)

Tu natale solum protege, tu bonæ.

PROTECT thy native land, O Spirit blest !
And give to Christendom sweet days of peace ;
Cause the shrill trumpet, and the shock of war,
Amid her realms to cease.

And gathering her kings beneath the Cross,
Regain Jerusalem from its proud foe ;
Avenge the guiltless blood ; and with thine arm
The hostile strength o'erthrow.

O Pillar and defence of thine own Rome !
Her boast, her crown, her glory, and her praise !
Accept the fervent worship which to Thee
With solemn rite she pays.

Expel false worldly joys, and fill us, Lord,
With thy irradiating beam divine ;
Who with thy suffering martyrs present art,
Great Godhead one and trine.

St. Gabriel the Archangel.

March 18.

VESPERS AND MATINS.*Christe, sanctorum decus angelorum.*

O CHRIST! the beauty of the angel worlds!
Of man the Maker and Redeemer blest!
Grant us one day to mount the path of light,
And in thy glory rest.

Angel of Peace! thou, Michael, from above,
Come down, amid the homes of man to dwell;
And banish wars, with all their tears and blood,
Back to their native Hell.

Angel of Strength! thou, Gabriel, cast out
Thine ancient foes, usurpers of thy reign;
The temples of thy triumph round the globe
Revisit once again.

And Raphael, Physician of the soul,—
Let him descend from his pure halls of light,
To heal the sick, and guide each doubtful course
Through all our life aright.

Thou too, O Virgin, with the angel choirs,
 Mother of Light, and Queen of Peace ! descend ;
 And bring with thee the radiant Court of Heav'n,
 Thy children to befriend.

This grace on us bestow, O Father blest ;
 And thou, O Son by an eternal birth :
 With Thee, from both proceeding, Holy Ghost,
 Whose glory fills the earth.

**St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed
 Virgin Mary.**

March 19.

VESPERS.

Te Joseph celebrent agmina cœlitum.

JOSEPH, pure Spouse of that immortal Bride,
 Who shines in ever-virgin glory bright,
 Thy praise let all the earth re-echoing send
 Back to the realms of light.

Thee, when sore doubts of thine affianc'd wife
Had fill'd thy righteous spirit with dismay,
An Angel visited, and, with blest words,
Scatter'd thy fears away.

Thine arms embrac'd thy Maker newly born ;
With Him to Egypt's desert didst thou flee ;
Him in Jerusalem didst seek and find ;
Oh, day of joy to thee !

Not until after death their blissful crown
Others obtain ; but unto thee was given,
In thine own lifetime to enjoy thy God,
As do the blest in Heaven.

Grant us, great Trinity, for Joseph's sake,
The heights of immortality to gain ;
There, with glad tongues, thy praise to celebrate
In one eternal strain.

MATINS.

Cœlitum Joseph decus atque nostræ.

JOSEPH ! our certain hope of life !
Glory of earth and Heaven !
Thou Pillar of the world ! to thee
Be praise eternal given.

Thee, as Salvation's minister,
The mighty Maker chose ;
As Foster-father of the Word ;
As Mary's spotless Spouse.

With joy thou sawest Him new born,
Of whom the Prophets sang ;
Him in a manger didst adore,
From whom Creation sprang.

The Lord of lords, and King of kings,
Ruler of sky and sea,
Whom Heav'n, and Earth, and Hell obey,
Was subject unto thee.

Blest Trinity ! vouchsafe to us,
 Through Joseph's merits high,
 To mount the Heav'nly seats, and reign
 With him eternally.

 LAUDS.

Iste quem laeti colimus fideles.

WORSHIPP'D throughout the Church to earth's
 far ends

With prayer and solemn rite,
 Joseph this day triumphantly ascends
 Into the realms of light.

Oh, blest beyond the lot of mortal men !
 O'er whose last dying sigh,
 Christ and the Virgin watch'd with looks serene,
 Soothing his agony.

Loos'd from his fleshly chain, gently he fleets
 As in calm sleep away ;
 And diadem'd with light, enters the seats
 Of everlasting day.

There thron'd in pow'r, let us his loving aid
With fervent prayers implore;
So may he gain us pardon in our need,
And peace for evermore.

Glory and praise to Thee, blest Trinity!
Who hast to Joseph given
A crown of gold, which he eternally
Wears in the courts of Heav'n.

Friday after Passion-Sunday.

**FEAST OF THE SEVEN DOLOURS OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY.**

VESPERS.

Stabat Mater dolorosa.

At the Cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last :

Through her heart, his sorrow sharing,
All his bitter anguish bearing,
Now at length the sword had pass'd.

Oh, how sad and sore distress'd
Was that Mother highly blest
Of the sole-begotten One !
Christ above in torment hangs ;
She beneath beholds the pangs
Of her dying glorious Son.

Is there one who would not weep,
Whelm'd in miseries so deep
Christ's dear Mother to behold ?
Can the human heart refrain
From partaking in her pain,
In that Mother's pain untold ?

Bruis'd, derided, curs'd, defil'd,
She beheld her tender Child
All with bloody scourges rent ;

For the sins of his own nation,
Saw Him hang in desolation,
Till his Spirit forth He sent.

O thou Mother! fount of love!
Touch my spirit from above,
Make my heart with thine accord:
Make me feel as thou hast felt;
Make my soul to glow and melt
With the love of Christ my Lord.

MATINS.

(The same continued.)

Sancta Mater istud agas.

HOLY Mother! pierce me through;
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Saviour crucified:
Let me share with thee His pain,
Who for all my sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died.

Let me mingle tears with thee,
Mourning Him who mourn'd for me,
All the days that I may live :
By the Cross with thee to stay ;
There with thee to weep and pray ;
Is all I ask of thee to give.

LAUDS.

(The same continued.)

Virgo virginum præclara.

VIRGIN of all virgins best !
Listen to my fond request :
Let me share thy grief divine ;
Let me, to my latest breath,
In my body bear the death
Of that dying Son of thine.

Wounded with his every wound,
Steep my soul till it hath swoon'd
In his very blood away ;

Be to me, O Virgin, nigh,
 Lest in flames I burn and die,
 In his awful Judgment day.

Christ, when Thou shalt call me hence,
 Be thy Mother my defence,
 Be thy Cross my victory;
 While my body here decays,
 May my soul thy goodness praise,
 Safe in Paradise with Thee.

St. Hermenegild, Martyr.

April 13.

VESPERS AND LAUDS.

Regali solio fortis Iberiæ.

GLORY of Iberia's throne!
 Joy of Martyr'd Saints above!
 Who the crown of life have won,
 Dying for their Saviour's love:

What intrepid faith was thine !
 What unswerving constancy !
 Bent to do the will divine
 With exact fidelity !

Every rising motion check'd
 Which might lead thy heart astray ;
 How thou didst thy course direct
 Whither virtue shew'd the way !

Honour, glory, majesty,
 To the Father and the Son,
 With the Holy Spirit be,
 While eternal ages run.

MATINS.

(The same continued.)

Nullis te genitor blanditiis trahit.

FROM the Truth thy soul to turn,
 Pleads a father's voice in vain ;
 Nought to thee were jewell'd crown,
 Earthly pleasure, earthly gain.

Angry threat and naked sword
Daunted not thy courage high ;—
Choosing glory with the Lord,
Rather than a present joy.

Now amid the Saints in light,
Thron'd in bliss for evermore ;—
Oh ! from thy eternal height,
Hear the solemn prayer we pour.

Honour, glory, majesty,
To the Father and the Son,
With the Holy Spirit be,
While eternal ages run.

The Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel.

May 8.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Te splendor et virtus Patris.

O JESU ! life-spring of the soul !

The Father's Pow'r, and Glory bright !

Thee with the Angels we extol ;

From Thee they draw their life and light.

Thy thousand thousand hosts are spread,

Embattled o'er the azure sky ;

But Michael bears thy standard dread,

And lifts the mighty Cross on high.

He in that Sign the rebel powers

Did with their Dragon Prince expel ;

And hurl'd them from the Heaven's high towers,

Down like a thunderbolt to hell.

Grant us with Michael still, O Lord,

Against the Prince of Pride to fight ;

So may a crown be our reward,

Before the Lamb's pure throne of light.

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Now to the Father, and the Son,
 Who rose from death, all glory be;
 With Thee, O holy Comforter,
 Henceforth through all eternity.

[Within the Octave of the Ascension.]

Glory to Jesus, who returns
 In pomp triumphant to the sky,
 With Thee, O Father, and with Thee,
 O Holy Ghost, eternally.

St. Venantius, Martyr.

May 18.

VESPERS.

Martyr Dei Venantius.

UNCONQUER'D Martyr of his God!
 His country's light, her joy and prize!
 Venantius triumphs o'er his judge,
 And in victorious torment dies.

A boy in years,—when chains nor scourge
Nor dungeon could his soul subdue ;
To lions with long hunger fierce
At last the tender youth they threw.

But oh, what power hath innocence
The fiercest nature to assuage !
The lions crouch to lick his feet,
Forget their hunger and their rage.

Then downwards held in thickest smoke,
They make him drink the stifling stream ;
While underneath slow torches sear
His naked breast and side with flame.

To Thee, O Father, with the Son,
And Holy Spirit, glory be ;
Oh, grant us, through thy Martyr's prayer,
The joys of immortality.

MATINS.

Athleta Christi nobilis.

NOBLE Champion of the Lord !
Arm'd against idolatry !
In thy fervent zeal for God,
Death had nought of fear for thee.

Bound with thongs, thy youthful form
Down the rugged steep they tear ;
Jagged rock and rending thorn
All thy tender flesh lay bare.

Spent with toil, the savage crew
Fainting sinks with deadly thirst ;—
Thou the Cross dost sign ; and lo !
From the rock the waters burst.

Saintly Warrior Prince ! who thus
Thy tormentors couldst forgive ;—
Pour the dew of grace on us,
Bid our fainting spirits live.

Praise to Thee, dread Trinity,
Father, Son, and Spirit blest !
Through thy Martyr's prayer may we
Joys of life eternal taste.

LAUDS.

Dum nocte pulsa Lucifer.

THE golden star of morn
Is climbing in the sky ;
The birth-day of Venantius
Awakes the Church to joy.

His native land in depths
Of Pagan darkness lay ;
He o'er her guilty regions pour'd
The light of Heav'nly day.

Her in baptismal streams
Of grace he purified ;
E'en those, who came to take his life,
With him as martyrs died.

With Angels now he shares
 Those joys which never cease—
 Look down on us, O Spirit blest,
 And send us gifts of peace.

Praise to the Father, Son,
 And, Holy Ghost, to Thee !
 Oh, grant us through thy Martyr's prayer
 A blest eternity.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Help of
 Christians.**

May 24.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Sæpe dum Christi populus.

OPTIMES, when hemm'd around by hostile arms,
 The Christian people lay all sore dismay'd,
 From Heav'n hath come the Virgin gliding down,
 To lend her loving aid.

So speak the monuments of olden time,
And temples which all bright with spoils appear;
So speak the Festivals in her sweet praise,
Returning year by year.

Now for new mercies a new song we pour,
To Mary lifting high our grateful voice;
Now let all Rome with shouts triumphant ring,
And the wide world rejoice.

Oh, happy day! on which Saint Peter's throne
Receiv'd the Faith's great Ruler back again;
Returning from his banishment in peace,
O'er Christendom to reign.

Ye youths and virgins, priests and people all!
Pour out your grateful hearts on this glad day,
Striving with all your strength, to Heaven's high
Her well-earn'd praise to pay. [Queen,

Virgin of Virgins! Jesu's Mother blest!
Add yet another mercy to the past;
And grant our Pastor all his flock to lead
Safe into Heav'n at last.

To Thee, blest Trinity, be endless praise,
Blessing, and majesty, and glory due ;
To Thee may we our hearts and voices raise,
Eternal ages through.

LAUDS.

Te Redemptoris Dominique nostri.

MOTHER of our Lord and Saviour !

First in beauty as in power !

Glory of the Christian nations !

Ready help in trouble's hour !

Though the gates of Hell against us

With profoundest fury rage ;

Though the ancient Foe assault us,

And his fiercest battle wage ;

Nought can hurt the pure in spirit,

Who upon thine aid rely ;

At thy hand secure of gaining

Strength and mercy from on high.

Safe beneath thy mighty shelter,—
 Though a thousand hosts combine,
All must fall or flee before us,
 Scatter'd by an arm divine.

Firm as once on holy Sion,
 David's tower rear'd its height ;
With a glorious rampart girded,
 And with glistening armour bright :

So th' Almighty's Virgin Mother
 Stands in strength for evermore ;
From Satanic hosts defending
 All who her defence implore.

Through the everlasting ages,
 Blessed Trinity to Thee !
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit !
 Praise and endless glory be.

St. Juliana Falconeri, Virgin.

June 19.

VESPERS AND MATINS.*Cælestis Agni nuptias.***To be the Lamb's celestial bride****Is Juliana's one desire ;****For this she quits her father's home,****And leads the sacred virgin choir.****By day, by night, she mourns her Spouse****Nail'd to the Cross, with ceaseless tears ;****Till in herself, through very grief,****The image of that Spouse appears.****Like Him, all wounds, she kneels transfix'd****Before the Virgin Mother's shrine ;****And still the more she weeps, the more****Mounts up the flame of love divine.****That love so deep the Lord repaid****His handmaid on her dying bed ;****When, with the Food of heavenly life,****By miracle her soul He fed.**

All praise to Thee, O Maker blest !
 Praise to the everlasting Son !
 Praise to the mighty Paraclete,
 While ages upon ages run.

Feastday of St. John the Baptist.

June 24.

VESPERS.

Ut queant laxis resonare fibris.

UNLOOSE, great Baptist, our sin-fetter'd lips ;
 That with enfranchis'd voice we may proclaim
 The miracles of thy transcendent life,
 Thy deeds of matchless fame !

Oh, lot sublime ! an Angel quits the skies,
 Thy birth, thy name, thy glory to declare
 Unto thy priestly sire ; while to the Lord
 He offers Israel's prayer.

Mistrustful of the promise from on high,
His speech forsakes him at the angel's word ;
But thou on thine eighth day dost reattune
For him the vocal chord.

No marvel ; since yet cloister'd in the womb,
The presence of thy King had thee inspir'd ;
What time Elizabeth and Mary sang,
With joy prophetic fir'd.

Immortal glory to the Father be,
With his Almighty sole-begotten Son,
And Thee, coequal Spirit, One in Three,
While endless ages run.

MATINS.

(The same continued.)

Antra deserti teneris sub annis.

In caves of the lone wilderness thy youth
Thou hiddest, shunning the rude throng of men,
And guarding the pure treasure of thy soul
From the least touch of sin.

There to thy sacred limbs the camel gave
A garment coarse ; the rock a bed supplied ;
The stream thy thirst, locusts and honey wild
Thy hunger satisfied.

Oh, blest beyond the Prophets of old time !
They of the Saviour sang that was to be :
Him present to announce, and shew to all,
Was granted but to thee.

Through the wide earth was never mortal man
Born holier than John ; to whom was given
The guilty world's Baptizer to baptize,
And ope the door of Heaven.

Immortal glory to the Father be,
With his Almighty sole-begotten Son,
And Thee, coequal Spirit, One in Three,
While endless ages run.

LAUDS.

O nimis felix meritique celsi.

O BLESSED Saint, of snow-white purity !
Dweller in wastes forlorn !
O mightiest of the Martyr host on high !
Greatest of Prophets born !

Of all the diadems that on the brows
Of Saints in glory shine,
Not one with brighter, purer halo glows,
In Heav'n's high Court, than thine.

Oh ! upon us thy tender, pitying gaze
Cast down from thy dread throne ;
Straighten our crooked, smooth our rugged ways,
And break our hearts of stone.

So may the world's Redeemer find us meet
To offer Him a place,
Where He may set his ever-blessed feet,
Coming with gifts of grace.

Praise in the Heav'ns to Thee, O First and Last,
 The Trine eternal God !
 Spare, Jesu, spare thy people, whom Thou hast
 Redeem'd with thine own blood.

SS. Peter and Paul the Apostles.

June 29.

VESPERS.

Decora lux æternitatis auream.

BATH'D in eternity's all-beauteous beam,
 And opening into Heav'n a path sublime,
 Welcome the golden day ! which heralds in
 The Apostolic Chiefs, whose glory fills all time !

Peter and Paul, the Fathers of great Rome !
 Now sitting in the Senate of the skies !
 One by the Cross, the other by the Sword,
 Sent to their thrones on high, and life's eternal
 prize.

O happy Rome! whom that most glorious
blood

For ever consecrates while ages flow ;

Thou, thus empurpled, art more beautiful

Than all that doth appear most beautiful below .

Praise, blessing, majesty, through endless days,

Be to the Trinity immortal given ;

Who, in pure Unity, profoundly sways

Eternally all things alike in earth and Heaven.

St. Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal.

July 8.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Domare cordis impetus Elizabeth.

PURE, meek, with soul serene,

Sweeter to her it was to serve unseen

Her God, than reign a queen.

Now far above our sight,
 Enthron'd upon the azure star-pav'd height,
 She reigns in realms of light ;

So long as time shall flow,
 Teaching to all who sit on thrones below,
 The good that power can do.

Praise to the Father be ;
 Praise to the Son ; praise, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
 Through all eternity.

LAUDS.

Opes decusque regium reliqueras.

RICHES and regal throne, for Christ's dear sake,
 Blest Saint, thou didst despise ;
 Amid the Angels seated now in bliss,
 Oh, help us from the skies !

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Guide us; and fill our days with perfume sweet
Of loving word and deed ;
So teaches us thy tender charity
By fragrant roses hid.

O charity! what pow'r is thine! by thee
Above the stars we soar ;
Praise to the Father, Son, and Spirit be,
Henceforth for evermore.

St. Mary Magdalene.

July 22.

VESPERS.

Pater superni luminis.

FATHER of lights! one glance of Thine,
Whose eyes the Universe control,
Fills Magdalene with holy love,
And melts the ice within her soul.

Her precious ointment forth she brings,
Upon those sacred feet to pour ;
She washes them with burning tears ;
And with her hair she wipes them o'er.

Impassion'd to the Cross she clings ;
Nor fears beside the tomb to stay ;
Of ruffian soldiers nought she recks,
For love has cast all fear away.

O Christ, thou very Love itself !
Blest hope of man, through Thee forgiven !
So touch our spirits from above,
And purify our souls for Heaven.

To God the Father, and the Son,
With Thee, O Spirit, glory be ;
As ever was, and shall be so
Through ages of eternity.

MATINS.

Maria castis oculis.

His sacred feet with tears of agony
She bathes; and prostrate on the earth adores;
Steeps them in kisses chaste, and wipes them
dry
With her own hair; then forth her precious
ointment pours.

Praise in the highest to the Father be;
Praise to the mighty coeternal Son;
And praise, O Spirit Paraclete, to Thee,
While ages upon everlasting ages run.

LAUDS.

Summi Parentis Unice.

Son of the Highest! deign to cast
On us a pitying eye;
Thou, who repentant Magdalene
Didst call to endless joy.

Again the royal treasury
Receives its long-lost coin ;
The gem is found, and, cleans'd from mire,
Doth all the stars outshine.

O Jesu ! balm of every wound !
The sinner's only stay !
Wash Thou in Magdalene's pure tears
Our guilty spots away.

Mother of God ! the sons of Eve
Weeping thine aid implore :
Oh ! land us from the storms of life,
Safe on th' eternal shore.

Glory, for graces manifold,
To the one only Lord ;
Whose mercy doth our souls forgive,
Whose bounty doth reward.

St. Peter's Chains.

August 1.

VESPERS.

Miris modis repente liber ferrea.

THE Lord commands ; and, lo, his iron chains,
Falling from Peter, the command obey :
Peter, blest shepherd ! who, to verdant plains,
And life's immortal springs, from day to day,
Leads on his gentle charge, driving all wolves
away.

Praise to the Father, through all ages be ;
The same to Thee, O coeternal Son,
And Holy Ghost, One glorious Trinity ;
To whom all majesty and might belong ;
So sing we now, and such be our eternal song.

**The Transfiguration of our Lord
Jesus Christ.**

August 6.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Quicumque Christum quæritis.

ALL ye who seek, in hope and love,
For your dear Lord, look up above !
Where, trac'd upon the azure sky,
Faith may a glorious form descry.

Lo ! on the trembling verge of light
A something all divinely bright !
Immortal, infinite, sublime !
Older than chaos, space, or time !

Hail, Thou, the Gentiles' mighty Lord !
All hail, O Israel's King ador'd !
To Abraham sworn in ages past,
And to his seed while earth shall last.

To Thee the prophets witness bear ;
Of Thee the Father doth declare,
That all who would his glory see,
Must hear and must believe in Thee.

To Jesus, from the proud conceal'd,
But evermore to babes reveal'd,
All glory with the Father be,
And Holy Ghost, eternally.

LAUDS.

Luz alma Jesu mentium.

LIGHT of the soul, O Saviour blest !
Soon as thy presence fills the breast,
Darkness and guilt are put to flight,
And all is sweetness and delight.

Son of the Father ! Lord most high !
How glad is he who feels Thee nigh !
How sweet in Heav'n thy beam doth glow,
Denied to eye of flesh below !

O Light of Light celestial !
 O Charity ineffable !
 Come in thy hidden majesty ;
 Fill us with love, fill us with Thee.

To Jesus, from the proud conceal'd,
 But evermore to babes reveal'd,
 All glory with the Father be,
 And Holy Ghost eternally.

**Feast of the Seven Dolours of the Blessed
 Virgin Mary.**

Third Sunday in September.

VESPERS.

O quot undis lachrymarum.

WHAT a sea of tears and sorrow
 Did the soul of Mary toss
 To and fro upon its billows,
 While she wept her bitter loss ;
 In her arms her Jesus holding,
 Torn but newly from the Cross !

O that mournful Virgin Mother !
See her tears how fast they flow
Down upon his mangled body,
Wounded side, and thorny brow ;
While his hands and feet she kisses,—
Picture of immortal woe !

Oft and oft his arms and bosom
Fondly straining to her own ;
Oft her pallid lips imprinting
On each wound of her dear Son ;
Till at last, in swoons of anguish,
Sense and consciousness are gone.

Gentle Mother, we beseech thee,
By thy tears and trouble sore ;
By the death of thy dear Offspring ;
By the bloody wounds He bore ;
Touch our hearts with that true sorrow
Which afflicted thee of yore.

To the Father everlasting,
And the Son, who reigns on high,
With the coeternal Spirit,
Trinity in Unity,
Be salvation, honour, blessing,
Now and through eternity.

MATINS.

Jam toto subditus vesper eat polo.

COME, darkness, spread o'er Heav'n thy pall,
And hide, O sun, thy face ;
While we that bitter death recall,
With all its dire disgrace.

And thou, with tearful cheek, wast there ;
But with a heart of steel,
Mary, thou didst his moanings hear,
And all his torments feel.

He hung before thee crucified ;
His flesh with scourgings rent ;
His bloody gashes gaping wide ;
His strength and spirit spent.

Thou his dishonour'd countenance,
And racking thirst, didst see ;
By turns the gall, the sponge, the lance,
Were agony to thee.

Yet still erect in majesty,
Thou didst the sight sustain ;—
Oh, more than Martyr ! not to die
Amid such cruel pain !

Praise to the blessed Three in One ;
Oh, may that strength be mine,
Which, sorrowing o'er her only Son,
Did in the Virgin shine !

LAUDS.

Summæ Deus clementiæ.

**GOD, in whom all grace doth dwell !
Grant us grace to ponder well
On the Virgin's Dolours seven ;
On the wounds to Jesus given.**

**May the tears which Mary pour'd
Gain us pardon of the Lord ;—
Tears sufficient in their worth
To wash out the guilt of earth.**

**May the contemplation sore
Of the five wounds Jesus bore,
Source to us of blessings be,
Through a long eternity.**

**Glory be to Him, who died
For his servants crucified ;
Honour, praise, eternal merit,
To the Father and the Spirit.**

Feast of the Most Holy Guardian Angels.

October 2.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Custodes hominum psallimus angelos.

PRAISE we those ministers celestial
Whom the dread Father chose
To be the Guardians of our nature frail,
Against our scheming foes.

For, since that from his glory in the skies
Th' Apostate Angel fell,
Burning with envy, evermore he tries
To drown our souls in hell.

Then hither, watchful Spirit, bend thy wing,
Our country's Guardian blest!
Avert her threat'ning ills; expel each thing
That hindereth her rest.

Praise to the glorious Trinity, whose strength
This mighty fabric sways ;
Whose glory spreads beyond the utmost length
Of everlasting days.

LAUDS.

Æterne Rector siderum.

RULER of the dread immense !
Maker of this mighty frame !
Whose eternal Providence
Governs and upholds the same !

Low before thy face we bend ;
Hear our supplicating cries ;
And thy light eternal send,
With the freshly dawning skies.

King of kings ! and Lord most high !

**This of thy dear love we pray,—
May thy Guardian Angel nigh
Keep us from all sin this day.**

**May he crush the deadly wiles
Of the envious Serpent's art,
Ever spreading cunning toils
Round about the thoughtless heart.**

**May he scatter ruthless war,
Ere to this our shore it come ;
Plague and famine drive afar ;
Fix securely peace at home.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Everlasting Trinity !
Guard, by thy Angelic host,
Us, who put our trust in Thee.**

**Feast of the Maternity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary.**

Second Sunday in October.

MATINS.

Cælo Redemptor prætulit.

THE Saviour left high Heav'n to dwell
Within the Virgin's womb ;
And there array'd Himself in flesh,
Our Victim to become.

She unto us divinely bore
Salvation's King and God ;
Who died for us upon the Cross,
Who saves us in his blood :

She too our joyful hope shall be,
And drive away all fears ;
Offering for us to her dear Son
Our contrite sighs and tears.

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That Son—He hears his Mother's prayer,
 And grants, ere it be said ;
 Be ours to love her, and invoke
 In every strait her aid.

All glory to the Trinity,
 While endless times proceed ;
 Who in that bosom pure of stain
 Sow'd such immortal seed.

LAUDS.

Te Mater alma Numinis.

MOTHER of Almighty God !
 Suppliant at thy feet we pray ;
 Shelter us from Satan's fraud,
 Safe beneath thy wing this day.

'Twas by reason of our Fall,
 In our first Forefather's crime,
 That the mighty Lord of all
 Rais'd thee to thy rank sublime.

Oh ! then upon Adam's race
 Look thou with a pitying eye ;
 And entreat of Jesus grace,
 Till He lay his anger by.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
 Be to Thee, O Virgin's Son !
 With the Father and the Spirit,
 While eternal ages run.

**Feast of the Purity of the Blessed
 Virgin Mary.**

Third Sunday in October.

VESPERS.

Præclara custos virginum.

BLEST Guardian of all virgin souls !
 Portal of bliss to man forgiven !
 Pure Mother of Almighty God !
 Thou hope of earth, and joy of Heaven !

Fair Lily, found amid the thorns !

Most beauteous Dove with wings of gold !
Rod from whose tender root there sprang
That healing Flow'r long since foretold !

Thou Tow'r, against the dragon proof !

Thou Star, to storm-toss'd voyagers dear !
Our course lies o'er a treacherous deep ;
Thine be the light by which we steer.

Scatter the mists that round us hang ;

Keep far the fatal shoals away ;
And while through darkling waves we sweep,
Open a path to life and day.

O Jesu, born of Virgin bright !

Immortal glory be to Thee ;
Praise to the Father infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally.

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MATINS.

O stella Jacob fulgida.

STAR of Jacob, ever beaming
With a radiance all divine !
'Mid the stars of highest Heaven
Glows no purer ray than thine.

All in stoles of snowy brightness,
Unto thee the Angels sing ;
Unto thee the virgin choirs,—
Mother of th' eternal King !

Joyful in thy path they scatter
Roses white and lilies fair ;
Yet with thy chaste bosom's whiteness,
Rose nor lily may compare.

Oh ! that this low earth of ours,
Answering th' angelic strain,
With thy praises might re-echo,
Till the Heav'ns replied again.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
Be to Thee, O Virgin's Son !
With the Father and the Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

St. Teresa, Virgin.

October 15.

VESPERS AND LAUDS.

Regis superni nuntia.

BLEST messenger of Heaven ! thou didst
Thy home in childhood leave ;
Intending to barbaric lands
Christ or thy blood to give.

But thee a sweeter death awaits ;
A nobler fate is thine ;
Pierc'd with a thousand heavenly darts,
To die of love divine.

Victim of perfect charity !
 Our souls with love inspire ;
 And save the nations of thy charge
 From everlasting fire.

Praise to the Father, with the Son,
 And Holy Spirit, be ;
 Praise to the blessed Three in One,
 Through all eternity.

MATINS.

Hæc est dies qua candidæ.

THIS day, beneath the form
 Of a pure snow-white dove,
 Teresa's spirit wing'd its flight
 Into the realms above ;

And heard the Bridegroom's voice,—
 " Sister from Carmel come ;
 Come to the marriage of the Lamb,
 To thy eternal home."

Spouse of the Virgin choir !
Let all the blest adore
Thee, Jesu ! and in nuptial songs
Exalt Thee evermore.

St. John Cantius, Confessor

October 20.

VESPERS.

Gentis Polonæ gloria.

O GLORY and high boast
Of Poland's ancient race !
True father of thy fatherland !
Blest minister of grace !

'Twas thine the law of God
To teach, and to obey ;
Oh, may we ever walk therein ;
Nor from its precepts stray !

Th' Apostles' shrines thou didst
Visit in pilgrim guise ;
Oh, guide us to our home above,
Safe from all enemies !

Thou to Jerusalem
Didst go for love, and there
The traces of thy Lord adore,
And wash with many a tear.

Oh, may his blessed wounds
Deep in our hearts remain !
Through them may we the glorious prize
Of life eternal gain !

Dread Trinity, to Thee
Let the world's fabric bend ;
While evermore, from hearts renew'd,
New hymns of praise ascend.

MATINS.

Corpus domas jejuniis.

THY body with long fastings worn ;
Thy flesh with cruel scourgings torn ;
'Twas thine to live, O blessed Saint,
A pure and spotless penitent.

Oh, may we follow after thee,
And imitate thy purity !
And by the Spirit strive to tame
The passions of this mortal frame !

Thou to the poor in winter's snow
Oft thy own raiment didst bestow ;
By hunger or by thirst oppress'd,
They flew to thy parental breast.

O thou, who none didst e'er deny
Of those who sought thy charity,
Thy native land from harm defend,
And peace on all her borders send !

Praise to the Father, with the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One ;
Jesu, through thy dear servant's prayer,
May we thy joys eternal share.

LAUDS.

Te deprecante corporum.

SAINT of sweetest majesty !

What a potent voice is thine !
At thy prayer diseases fly ;
Fading health revives again.

Oft with wasting fever wan,
Ling'ring at their latest breath,
Dying men by thee are drawn
From the very jaws of death.

Oft the shipwreck'd merchandise,
Sunk beneath the raging flood,
At thy prayer is seen to rise,
By the glorious might of God.

Oh, by thy surpassing power !
 By thy joys celestial !
 Help us in affliction's hour ;
 Hear us when on thee we call.

Everlasting Three in One !
 Ever-blessed One in Three !
 Grant us through thy Saint the boon
 Of a glad eternity.



Feast of St. Raphael the Archangel.

October 25.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Tibi Christe splendor Patris.

JESU, brightness of the Father !
 Life and strength of all who live !
 In the presence of the Angels,
 Glory to thy name we give ;
 And thy wondrous praise rehearse,
 Singing in alternate verse.

Hail, too, ye angelic powers !
Hail, ye thrones celestial !
Hail, Physician of Salvation !
Guide of life, blest Raphael !
Who, the Foe of all mankind
Didst in links of iron bind.

Oh, may Christ, by thy protection,
Shelter us from harm this day ;
Keep us pure in flesh and spirit ;
Save us from the enemy ;
And vouchsafe us, of his grace,
In his Paradise a place.

Glory to th' Almighty Father,
Sing we now in anthems sweet ;
Glory to the great Redeemer ;
Glory to the Paraclete ;
Three in One, and One in Three,
Throughout all eternity.

LAUDS.

Christe, sâctorum decus angelorum.

O CHRIST, the glory of the Angel choirs !
Author and Ruler of the human race !
Grant us one day to mount the path of Heav'n,
And see in bliss thy face.

And oh, thy Raphael, physician blest,
Send down to us from yon celestial height,
To heal our souls' diseases, and to guide
Our course through life aright.

Thou too, O Mary, Mother of our God !
With all the bright angelic host descend,
And bring with thee th' Assembly of the Saints,
Thy children to befriend.

This grace on us bestow, O Father blest,
And Thou, O Son by an eternal birth ;
With Thee, from both proceeding, Holy Ghost !
Whose glory fills the earth.

Feast of All Saints.

November 1.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Placare, Christe, servulis.

O CHRIST, thy guilty people spare !
Lo, kneeling at thy gracious throne,
Thy Virgin Mother pours her prayer,
Imploring pardon for her own.

Ye Angels, happy evermore !
Who in your circles nine ascend,
As ye have guarded us before,
So still from harm our steps defend.

Ye Prophets, and Apostles high !
Behold our penitential tears ;
And plead for us when death is nigh,
And our all-searching Judge appears.

Ye Martyrs all ! a purple band,
And Confessors, a white-robed train ;
Oh, call us to our native land,
From this our exile, back again.

And ye, O choirs of Virgins chaste !
Receive us to your seats on high ;
With Hermits whom the desert waste
Sent up of old into the sky.

Drive from the flock, O Spirits blest !
The false and faithless race away ;
That all within one fold may rest,
Secure beneath one Shepherd's sway.

To God the Father glory be,
And to his sole-begotten Son ;
The same, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
While everlasting ages run.

LAUDS.

Salutis æternæ dator.

GIVER of life, eternal Lord !
Thy own redeem'd defend ;
Mother of Grace ! thy children save,
And help them to the end.

Ye thousand thousand Angel Hosts !
Assist us in our need ;
Ye Patriarchs ! with the Prophet Choir !
For our forgiveness plead.

Herald of Christ ! and Thou who still
Dost Heaven's dread keys retain !
Ye glorious Apostles all !
Unloose our guilty chain.

Army of Martyrs ! holy Priests
In beauteous array !
Ye happy troops of Virgins chaste !
Wash all our sins away.

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All ye who high above the stars
In heavenly glory reign !
May we through your blest prayers, the gifts
Of endless life obtain.

Praise, honour, to the Father be,
Praise to his only Son ;
Praise to the Spirit Paraclete,
While ceaseless ages run.

HYMNS FROM THE BREVIARY.

Part 17.

**HYMNS BELONGING TO THE COMMON
OF SAINTS.**

HYMNS FROM THE BREVIARY.

Part IV.

HYMNS BELONGING TO THE COMMON OF SAINTS.

Hymns on the Festivals of the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout the Year.

VESPERS.

Ave maris stella.

GENTLE Star of ocean!

Portal of the sky !

Ever Virgin Mother

Of the Lord most High !

Oh ! by Gabriel's Ave,
Utter'd long ago,
Eva's name reversing,
Stablish peace below.

Break the captive's fetters ;
Light on blindness pour ;
All our ills expelling,
Every bliss implore.

Shew thyself a Mother ;
Offer Him our sighs,
Who for us Incarnate
Did not thee despise.

Virgin of all Virgins !
To thy shelter take us ;
Gentlest of the gentle !
Chaste and gentle make us.

Still as on we journey,
Help our weak endeavour ;
Till with thee and Jesus
We rejoice for ever.

Through the highest Heaven,
To the Almighty Three,
Father, Son, and Spirit,
One same glory be.

MATINS.

Quem terra, pontus, sidera.

THE Lord, whom earth, and sea, and sky,
With one adoring voice proclaim ;
Who rules them all in majesty ;
Enclos'd Himself in Mary's frame.

Lo ! in a humble Virgin's womb,
O'ershadowed by Almighty power ;
He whom the stars, and sun, and moon,
Each serve in their appointed hour.

O Mother blest ! to whom was given
Within thy body to contain
The Architect of earth and Heaven,
Whose hands the universe sustain :

To thee was sent an Angel down ;
In thee the Spirit was enshrined ;
Of thee was born that Mighty One,
The long-desir'd of all mankind.

O Jesu ! born of Virgin bright,
Immortal glory be to Thee ;
Praise to the Father infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally.

LAUDS.

O gloriosa Virginum.

O QUEEN of all the Virgin choir !
Enthron'd above the starry sky !
Who with pure milk from thy own breast
Thy own Creator didst supply.

What man had lost in hapless Eve,
Thy sacred womb to man restores ;
Thou to the wretched here beneath
Hast open'd Heaven's eternal doors.

Hail, O refulgent Hall of light !

Hail, Gate sublime of Heaven's high King !
Through Thee redeem'd to endless life,
Thy praise let all the nations sing.

O Jesu ! born of Virgin bright,
Immortal glory be to Thee ;
Praise to the Father infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally.



The above Hymns are also used in the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with the addition of the following:—

AT TERCE, SEXT, NONE, AND COMPLINE.

Memento rerum Conditor.

REMEMBER, O Creator Lord !

That in the Virgin's sacred womb
Thou wast conceiv'd, and of her flesh
Didst our mortality assume.

Mother of grace, O Mary blest !
To thee, sweet fount of love, we fly;
Shield us through life, and take us hence
To thy dear bosom when we die.

O Jesu ! born of Virgin bright,
Immortal glory be to Thee ;
Praise to the Father infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally.

Common of Apostles and Evangelists.

VESPERS AND LAUDS.

Exultet orbis gaudiis.

Now let the earth with joy resound,
And highest Heav'n re-echo round ;
Nor Heav'n nor earth too high can raise
The great Apostles' glorious praise.

O ye who, thron'd in glory dread,
Shall judge the living and the dead !
Lights of the world for evermore !
To you the suppliant prayer we pour.

Ye close the sacred gates on high ;
At your command apart they fly :
Oh ! loose us from the guilty chain
We strive to break, and strive in vain.

Sickness and health your voice obey ;
At your command they go or stay :
Oh, then from sin our souls restore ;
Increase our virtues more and more.

So when the world is at its end,
And Christ to Judgment shall descend,
May we be call'd those joys to see
Prepar'd from all eternity.

Praise to the Father, with the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One ;
As ever was in ages past,
And shall be so while ages last.

MATINS.

Æterna Christi munera.

THE Lord's eternal gifts,
Th' Apostles' mighty praise,
Their victories, and high reward,
Sing we in joyful lays.

Lords of the Churches they ;
Triumphant Chiefs of war ;
Brave Soldiers of the Heavenly Court ;
True lights for evermore.

Theirs was the Saints' high Faith ;
And quenchless Hope's pure glow ;
And perfect Charity, which laid
The world's fell tyrant low.

In them the Father shone ;
In them the Son o'ercame ;
In them the Holy Spirit wrought,
And fill'd their hearts with flame.

To God, the Father, Son,
 And Spirit, glory be ;
 As was, and is, and shall be so,
 Through all eternity.

**Of Apostles and Evangelists during
 Easter.**

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Tristes erant Apostoli.

WHEN Christ, by his own servants slain,
 Had died upon the bitter Cross,
 Th' Apostles, of their joy bereft,
 Were weeping their dear Saviour's loss :—

Meanwhile, an Angel at the tomb
 To holy women hath foretold,
 “ The faithful flock shall soon with joy
 Their Lord in Galilee behold.”

Who, as they run the news to bring,
Lo, straightway Christ Himself they meet,
All radiant with heavenly light,
And falling, clasp his sacred feet.

To Galilee's lone mountain heights
The Apostolic band retire :
There, blest with their dear Saviour's sight,
They taste in full their soul's desire.

O Jesu ! from the death of sin
Keep us, we pray ; so shalt Thou be
'The everlasting Paschal joy
Of all the souls new-born in Thee.

Now to the Father, and the Son,
Who rose from death, be glory given ;
With Thee, O holy Comforter,
Henceforth by all in earth and Heaven.

[~~At~~ Within the Octave of the Ascension.]

Glory to Jesus, who returns
 In pomp triumphant to the sky,
 With Thee, O Father, and with Thee,
 O Holy Ghost, eternally.

LAUDS.

Paschale mundo gaudium.

Now daily shines the sun more fair,
 Recalling that blest time,
 When Christ on his Apostles shone,
 In radiant light sublime.

They in his Body see his wounds
 Like stars divinely glow ;
 Then forth, as his true Witnesses,
 Throughout the world they go.

O Christ ! thou King most merciful !
 Our inmost hearts possess ;
 So may we with due songs of praise
 Thy name for ever bless.

Keep us, O Jesu ! from the death
 Of sin ; and deign to be
 The everlasting Paschal joy
 Of all new-born in Thee.

Praise to the Father, and the Son,
 Who from the dead arose ;
 Praise to the blessed Paraclete,
 While age on ages flows.

Of one Martyr.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Deus tuorum militum.

O THOU, of all thy warriors Lord,
 Thyself the crown, and sure reward ;
 Set us from sinful fetters free,
 Who sing thy Martyr's victory.

In selfish pleasures' worldly round
 The taste of bitter gall he found ;
 But sweet to him was thy blest Name,
 And thus to heavenly joys he came.

Right manfully his cross he bore,
And ran his race of torments sore :
For Thee he pour'd his life away ;
With Thee he lives in endless day.

We, then, before Thee bending low,
Intreat Thee, Lord, thy love to shew
On this the day thy Martyr died,
Who in thy Saints art glorified !

Now to the Father, and the Son,
Be glory while the ages run ;
The same, O Holy Ghost, to Thee !
Through ages of eternity.

LAUDS.

Invicte Martyr unicum.

MARTYR of unconquer'd might !
Follower of th' eternal Son !
Who, triumphant in the fight,
Hast celestial glory won ;

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By the virtue of thy prayer,
Wash our guilty stains away ;
Sin's contagion drive afar ;
Suffer not our feet to stray.

Loosen'd from the fleshly chain
Which detain'd thee here of old,
Loose us from the bonds of sin,
From the fetters of the world.

Glory to the Father be ;
Glory to his only Son ;
Glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
While eternal ages run.

The Common of one Martyr during Easter is the same as the
above, except the Doxology, which is

Glory to th' eternal Son,
Who from death divinely rose ;
Glory to the Three in One,
Long as age on ages flows.

[~~Within~~ ~~the~~ ~~Octave~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Ascension~~.]

Glory to th' eternal Son,
 Who again ascends the sky;
 Glory to the Three in One,
 Throughout all eternity.

Of many Martyrs.

VESPERS.

Sanctorum meritis inclyta gaudia.

SING we the peerless deeds of martyr'd Saints,
 Their glorious merits, and their portion blest;
 Of all the conquerors the world has seen,
 The greatest and the best.

Them in their day th' insensate world abhorr'd,
 Because they did forsake it, Lord, for Thee;
 Finding it all a barren waste, devoid
 Of fruit, or flower, or tree.

They trod beneath them every threat of man,
And came victorious all torments through ;
The iron hooks, which piecemeal tore their flesh,
 Could not their souls subdue.

Scourg'd, crucified, like sheep to slaughter led,
Unmurmuring they met their cruel fate ;
For conscious innocence their souls upheld,
 In patient virtue great.

What tongue those joys, O Jesu, can disclose,
Which for thy martyr'd Saints Thou dost pre-
 pare !

Happy who in thy pains, thrice happy those
 Who in thy glory share !

Our faults, our sins, our miseries remove,
Great Deity supreme, immortal King !
Grant us thy peace, grant us thine endless love
 Through endless years to sing.

MATINS.

Christo profusum sanguinem.

SING we the Martyrs blest,
Their blood for Jesus pour'd ;
Sing we their glorious victories,
And infinite reward.

Treading the world beneath,
Spurning the body's pain,
'Twas theirs, in Martyrdom's brief space,
Eternal joys to gain.

To raging flames consign'd ;
And ruthless beasts a prey ;
Their sacred flesh by savage hooks
Torn piece by piece away ;

Their vitals hanging forth ;—
Unmov'd they still endure ;
Unmov'd continue, in the grace
Of endless life secure.

Saviour, to us vouchsafe,
Of thy dear clemency,
A portion with thy Martyr Saints,
Through all eternity.

LAUDS.

Rex gloriose martyrum.

O THOU, the Martyrs' glorious King !
Of Confessors the crown and prize !
Who dost to joys celestial bring
Those who the joys of earth despise ;
By all the praise thy Saints have won ;
By all their pains in days gone by ;
By all the deeds which they have done ;
Hear Thou thy suppliant people's cry.
Thou dost amid thy Martyrs fight ;
Thy Confessors Thou dost forgive ;
May we find mercy in thy sight,
And in thy sacred presence live.

To God the Father glory be,
 And to his sole-begotten Son ;
 The same, O Holy Ghost, to Thee !
 While everlasting ages run.

Of many Martyrs during Easter Time.

VESPERS AND LAUDS.

Rex gloriose martyrum.

As above, page 214.

With the following Doxology :

Now to the Father, and the Son,
 Who rose from death, all glory be,
 With Thee, O holy Comforter,
 Henceforth through all eternity.

MATINS.

Christo profusum sanguinem.

As at page 213.

Of a Confessor and Bishop.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Iste Confessor Domini colentes.

THE Confessor of Christ, from shore to shore
 Worshipp'd with solemn rite ;
 This day went up with joy, his labours o'er,
 To his blest seat in light.

[If it be not the day of his death, the following is substituted.]

This day receives those honours which are his,
 High in the realms of light.

Holy and innocent were all his ways ;
 Sweet, temperate, unstain'd ;
 His life was prayer,—his every breath was praise,
 While breath to him remain'd.

Ofttimes his merits high in every land,
 In cures have been displayed ;
 And still does health return at his command
 To many a frame decay'd.

Therefore to him triumphant praise we pay,
And yearly songs renew ;
Praying our glorious Saint for us to pray,
All the long ages through.

To God, of all the centre and the source,
Be power and glory given ;
Who sways the mighty world through all its
course,
From the bright throne of Heaven.

LAUDS.

Jesu Redemptor omnium.

REDEEMER blest of all who live !
Thy Pontiffs' endless prize !
Upon this day thine ear incline,
And hear us from the skies.

This day the holy Confessor
Of thy most sacred Name,
Honour'd with yearly festive rites,
To heavenly glory came.

This day amid the blissful choirs
 Of Angels, he sate down ;
 Receiving, for the joys he spurn'd,
 An everlasting crown.

Oh ! grant us in his steps to walk ;
 His holy life to live ;
 And by the virtue of his prayers,
 Thy people's sins forgive.

Glory to Thee, all gracious Lord ;
 Praise to the Father be ;
 Praise to the Spirit Paraclete ;
 Through all eternity.

Of a Confessor not a Bishop.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Iste Confessor.

As at page 216.

LAUDS.

Jesu corona celsior.

JESU ! eternal Truth sublime !
Through endless years the same !
Thou crown of those, who through all time
Confess thy holy Name :

Thy suppliant people, through the prayer
Of thy blest Saint, forgive ;
For his dear sake thy wrath forbear,
And bid our spirits live.

Again returns the sacred day,
With heavenly glory bright,
Which saw him go upon his way
Into the realms of light.

All objects of our vain desire,
All earthly joys and gains,
To him were but as filthy mire ;
And now with Thee he reigns.

Thee, Jesu, his all-gracious Lord,
Confessing to the last,
He trod beneath him Satan's fraud,
And stood for ever fast.

In holy deeds of faith and love,
In fastings and in prayers,
His days were spent ; and now above
Thy heavenly Feast he shares.

Then, for his sake thy wrath lay by,
And hear us while we pray ;
And pardon us, O Thou most high,
On this his festal Day.

All glory to the Father be ;
Praise to his only Son ;
Praise, holy Paraclete, to Thee ;
While endless ages run.

Of Virgins.

VESPERS AND LAUDS.

Jesu corona Virginum.

THOU Crown of all the Virgin choir !

That holy Mother's Virgin Son !

Who is, alone of womankind,

Mother and Virgin both in one !

Encircled by thy Virgin band,

Amid the lilies Thou art found ;

For thy pure brides with lavish hand

Scattering immortal graces round.

And still, wherever thou dost bend

Thy lovely steps, O glorious King,

Virgins upon thy steps attend,

And hymns to thy high glory sing.

Keep us, O Purity divine,

From every least corruption free ;

Our every sense from sin refine,

And purify our souls for Thee.

To God the Father, and the Son,
All honour, glory, praise, be given ;
With Thee, O holy Paraclete !
Henceforth by all in earth and Heaven.

MATINS.

Virginis Proles Opifexque matris.

O THOU thy Mother's Maker, hail !
Hail, Virgin-born ! to Thee ;
To-day a Virgin's death we sing,
A Virgin's victory.

O doubly blest ! to whom was given
Martyr and Virgin too,—
At once to triumph over death,
And her frail sex subdued.

O'er fear, o'er thousand forms of pain,
Victorious she stood ;
And won the everlasting heights
In streams of her own blood.

Oh, through her prayers our sins forgive,
 All good and gracious King !
 So purified in heart may we
 Thy praise eternal sing.

All glory to the Father be ;
 Praise to his only Son ;
 With Thee, who dost from both proceed,
 While endless ages run.

[If the Virgin be not a Martyr, the second and third stanzas are omitted, and the two last lines of the first stanza are as follows:]

Hear us, who on this day record
 Thy Virgin's memory.

Of Holy Women.

VESPERS AND LAUDS.

Fortem virili pectore.

HIGH let us all our voices raise,
 In that heroic woman's praise ;
 Whose name, with saintly glory bright,
 Shines in the starry realms of light.

Fill'd with a pure celestial glow,
She spurn'd all love of things below ;
And heedless here on earth to stay,
Climb'd to the skies her toilsome way.

With fasts her body she subdued ;
But fill'd her soul with prayers' sweet food ;
In other worlds she tastes the bliss,
For which she left the joys of this.

O Christ, the strength of all the strong !
To whom all our best deeds belong !
Through her prevailing prayers on high,
In mercy hear thy people's cry.

To God the Father, with the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Be glory while the ages flow,
From all above, and all below.

MATINS.

“ Oh, through her prayers,” &c., p. 223.

Of the Dedication of a Church.

VESPERS AND MATINS.

Cœlestis urbs Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM, thou City blest !
 Dear vision of celestial rest !
 Which far above the starry sky,
 Pil'd up with living stones on high,
 Art, as a Bride, encircled bright,
 With million angel forms of light :

Oh, wedded in a prosperous hour !
 The Father's glory was thy dower ;
 The Spirit all His graces shed,
 Thou peerless Queen, upon thy head ;
 When Christ espous'd thee for his Bride,
 O City bright and glorified !

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Thy gates a pearly lustre pour ;
Thy gates are open evermore ;
And thither evermore draw nigh
All who for Christ have dar'd to die ;
Or smit with love of their dear Lord,
Have pains endur'd, and joys abhorr'd.

Thou too, O Church, which here we see !
No easy task hath builded thee.
Long did the chisels ring around !
Long did the mallets' blows rebound !
Long work'd the head, and toil'd the hand !
Ere stood thy stones as now they stand !

To God the Father, glory due
Be paid by all the heavenly Host ;
And to his only Son most true ;
With Thee, O mighty Holy Ghost !
To whom praise, pow'r, and blessing be,
Through ages of eternity.

LAUDS.

Alto ex Olympi vertice.

FROM highest Heav'n, the Father's Son,
Descending like that mystic stone
Cut from a mountain without hands,
Came down below, and fill'd all lands ;
Uniting, midway in the sky,
His House on earth, and House on high.

That House on high,—it ever rings
With praises of the King of kings ;
For ever there, on harps divine,
They hymn th' eternal One and Trine ;
We, here below, the strain prolong,
And faintly echo Sion's song.

O Lord of lords invisible !
With thy pure light this temple fill :
Hither, oft as invoc'd, descend ;
Here to thy people's prayer attend ;
Here, through all hearts, for evermore,
Thy Spirit's quick'ning graces pour.

Here may the Faithful, day by day,
 In kneeling adoration pray;
 And here receive from thy dear love
 The blessings of that home above;
 Till, loosen'd from this mortal chain,
 Its everlasting joys they gain.

To God the Father, glory due
 Be paid by all the heavenly Host;
 And to his only Son most true;
 With Thee, O mighty Holy Ghost!
 To whom praise, pow'r, and blessing be,
 Through ages of eternity.

END OF HYMNS FROM THE BREVIARY.

HYMNS FROM THE MISSAL.

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Palm-Sunday.

Gloria, laus, et honor.

GLORY and praise to Thee, Redeemer blest !
To whom their glad hosannas children pour'd ;
Hail, Israel's King ! hail, David's Son confess'd !

Who comest in the name of Israel's Lord.

Thy praise in Heav'n the Host angelic sings ;
On earth mankind, with all created things.

[“ Glory and praise,” &c. *as above, is repeated.*]

Thee once with palms the Jews went forth to
meet ;

Thee now with prayers and holy hymns we greet.

[Glory and praise, &c.]

Thee, on thy way to die, they crown'd with
praise ;

To Thee, now King on high, our song we raise.

[Glory and praise, &c.]

Thee their poor homage pleas'd, O gracious
King !

Ours too accept,—the best that we can bring.

[Glory and praise, &c.]

Good-Friday.*Cruz fidelis inter omnes.***FAITHFUL Cross, O Tree all beauteous !****Tree all peerless and divine !****Not a grove on earth can shew us****Such a flower and leaf as thine.****Sweet the nails, and sweet the wood,****Laden with so sweet a load !***After which, "Pange lingua," as at page 91.**["Sweet the nails," &c. as above, being repeated after every stanza.]*

Sequene, Easter-Sunday.*Victimæ Paschali laudes.***FORTH to the paschal Victim, Christians, bring****Your sacrifice of praise :****The Lamb redeems the sheep ;****And Christ, the Sinless One,****Hath to the Father sinners reconcil'd.**

Together, Death and Life

In a strange conflict strove ;
 The Prince of Life, who died,
 Now lives and reigns.

What thou sawest, Mary, say,
 As thou wentest on the way.

I saw the tomb wherein the Living One had lain ;
 I saw his glory as He rose again ;
 Napkin and linen clothes, and Angels twain :
 Yea, Christ is risen, my hope, and He
 Will go before you into Galilee.

We know that Christ indeed has risen from the
 Hail, thou King of Victory ! [grave :
 Have mercy, Lord, and save.

Sequence, Whit-Sunday.

Veni Sancte Spiritus.

HOLY Spirit ! Lord of light !
 From thy clear celestial height,
 Thy pure beaming radiance give :

Come, Thou Father of the poor !
Come, with treasures which endure !
Come, Thou Light of all that live !

Thou, of all consolers best,
Visiting the troubled breast,
Dost refreshing peace bestow ;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet ;
Pleasant coolness in the heat ;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal ! light divine !
Visit Thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill :

If Thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay ;
All his good is turn'd to ill.

Heal our wounds—our strength renew ;
On our dryness pour thy dew ;
Wash the stains of guilt away :

Bend the stubborn heart and will ;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill ;
 Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on those who evermore
Thee confess and Thee adore,
 In thy sevenfold gifts, descend :

Give them comfort when they die ;
Give them life with Thee on high ;
 Give them joys which never end.

Sequence, Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

Lauda Sion Salvatorem.

SION, lift thy voice, and sing ;
Praise thy Saviour and thy King ;
 Praise with hymns thy Shepherd true :
Strive thy best to praise Him well ;
Yet doth He all praise excel ;
 None can ever reach His due.

See to-day before us laid
The living and life-giving Bread !
Theme for praise and joy profound !
The same which at the sacred board
Was, by our Incarnate Lord,
Giv'n to his Apostles round.

Let the praise be loud and high ;
Sweet and tranquil be the joy
Felt to-day in every breast ;
On this Festival divine,
Which records the origin
Of the glorious Eucharist.

On this Table of the King,
Our new Paschal offering
Brings to end the olden rite ;
Here, for empty shadows fled,
Is Reality instead ;
Here, instead of darkness, Light.

His own act, at supper seated,
Christ ordain'd to be repeated,
 In His Memory divine ;
Wherefore now, with adoration,
We the Host of our salvation
 Consecrate from bread and wine.

Hear what holy Church maintaineth,
That the bread its substance changeth
 Into Flesh, the wine to Blood.
Doth it pass thy comprehending ?
Faith, the law of sight transcending,
 Leaps to things not understood.

Here, beneath these signs, are hidden
Priceless things, to sense forbidden ;
 Signs, not things, are all we see ;—
Flesh from bread, and Blood from wine ;
Yet is Christ, in either sign,
 All entire, confess'd to be.

They too, who of Him partake,
Sever not, nor rend, nor break,
 But entire, their Lord receive.
Whether one or thousands eat,
All receive the self-same meat,
 Nor the less for others leave.

Both the wicked and the good
Eat of this celestial Food ;
 But with ends how opposite !
Here 'tis life ; and there 'tis death ;
The same, yet issuing to each
 In a difference infinite.

Nor a single doubt retain,
When they break the Host in twain,
But that in each part remains
 What was in the whole before ;
Since the simple sign alone
Suffers change in state or form,
The Signified remaining One
 And the Same for evermore.

[*Ecce panis angelorum.*]

Lo ! upon the Altar lies,
Hidden deep from human eyes,
Bread of Angels from the skies,
 Made the food of mortal man :
Children's meat to dogs denied ;
In old types foresignified ;
In the manna Heav'n-supplied,
 Isaac, and the Paschal Lamb.

Jesu ! Shepherd of the sheep !
Thou thy flock in safety keep.
Living Bread ! thy life supply ;
Strengthen us, or else we die ;
 Fill us with celestial grace :
Thou, who feedest us below !
Source of all we have or know !
Grant that with thy Saints above,
Sitting at the feast of love,
 We may see Thee face to face.

Sequence, Mass for the Dead.

Dies iræ dies illa.

NIGHER still, and still more nigh
Draws the Day of Prophecy,
Doom'd to melt the earth and sky.

Oh, what trembling there shall be,
When the world its Judge shall see,
Coming in dread majesty !

Hark ! the trump, with thrilling tone,
From sepulchral regions lone,
Summons all before the throne :

Time and Death it doth appal,
To see the buried ages all
Rise to answer at the call.

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Now the books are open spread ;
Now the writing must be read,
Which condemns the quick and dead :

Now, before the Judge severe
Hidden things must all appear ;
Nought can pass unpunish'd here.

What shall guilty I then plead ?
Who for me will intercede,
When the Saints shall comfort need ?

King of dreadful Majesty !
Who dost freely justify !
Fount of Pity, save Thou me !

Recollect, O Love divine !
'Twas for this lost sheep of thine
Thou thy glory didst resign :

Satest wearied seeking me ;
Sufferedst upon the Tree :
Let not vain thy labour be.

Judge of Justice, hear my prayer !
Spare me, Lord, in mercy spare !
Ere the Reckoning-day appear.

Lo ! thy gracious face I seek ;
Shame and grief are on my cheek ;
Sighs and tears my sorrow speak.

Thou didst Mary's guilt forgive ;
Didst the dying thief receive ;
Hence doth hope within me live.

Worthless are my prayers, I know ;
Yet, oh, cause me not to go
Into everlasting woe.

Sever'd from the guilty band,
Make me with thy sheep to stand,
Placing me on thy right hand.

When the curs'd in anguish flee
Into flames of misery ;
With the Blest then call Thou me.

Suppliant in the dust I lie ;
My heart a cinder, crush'd and dry ;
Help me, Lord, when death is nigh !

Full of tears, and full of dread,
Is the day that wakes the dead,
Calling all, with solemn blast,
From the ashes of the past.

Lord of mercy ! Jesu blest !
Grant the Faithful light and rest.

For Stabat Mater dolorosa, see page 138.

END OF HYMNS FROM THE MISSAL.

HYMNS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

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**HYMNS AT
BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

Rhyme of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Adoro Te devote latens Deitas.

O GODHEAD hid, devoutly I adore Thee,
Who truly art within the forms before me ;
To Thee my heart I bow with bended knee,
As failing quite in contemplating Thee.

Sight, touch, and taste in Thee are each deceiv'd ;
The ear alone most safely is believ'd :
I believe all the Son of God has spoken,
Than Truth's own word there is no truer token.

God only on the Cross lay hid from view ;
But here lies hid at once the Manhood too :
And I, in both professing my belief,
Make the same prayer as the repentant thief.

Thy wounds, as Thomas saw, I do not see ;
Yet Thee confess my Lord and God to be :
Make me believe Thee ever more and more ;
In Thee my hope, in Thee my love to store.

O thou Memorial of our Lord's own dying !
O living Bread, to mortals life supplying !
Make Thou my soul henceforth on Thee to live ;
Ever a taste of Heavenly sweetness give.

O loving Pelican ! O Jesu, Lord !
Unclean I am, but cleanse me in thy blood ;
Of which a single drop, for sinners spilt,
Can purge the entire world from all its guilt.

Jesu ! whom for the present veil'd I see,
What I so thirst for, oh, vouchsafe to me :
That I may see thy countenance unfolding,
And may be blest thy glory in beholding.

[*The following is usually sung after every stanza.*]

Jesu, eternal Shepherd ! hear our cry ;
Increase the faith of all whose souls on Thee rely.

Prose.

Ave, verum corpus natum.

HAIL to Thee ! true Body, sprung
From the Virgin Mary's womb !
The same that on the Cross was hung,
And bore for man the bitter doom !

Thou, whose side was pierc'd, and flow'd
Both with water and with blood ;
Suffer us to taste of Thee,
In our life's last agony.

O kind, O loving One !
O sweet Jesu, Mary's Son !

Hymn for Christmas-Day.*Adeste fideles.*

OH, come ! all ye faithful !
Triumphantly sing !
Come, see in the Manger
The Angels' dread King !
To Bethlehem hasten !
With joyful accord ;
Oh, hasten ! oh, hasten !
To worship the Lord.

True Son of the Father !
He comes from the skies ;
The womb of the Virgin
He doth not despise ;
To Bethlehem hasten, &c. *as above.*

Hark ! to the Angels !
All singing in Heaven,
“ To God in the highest
All glory be given.”
To Bethlehem hasten, &c.
To Thee, then, O Jesu !
This day of thy birth,
Be glory and honour
Through Heaven and earth ;
True Godhead Incarnate !
Omnipotent Word !
Oh, hasten ! oh, hasten !
To worship the Lord.

Hymn for Easter-Sunday.

O filii et filiae.

YE sons and daughters of the Lord !
The King of glory, King ador'd,
This day Himself from death restor'd.

All in the early morning grey
Went holy women on their way,
To see the tomb where Jesus lay.

Of spices pure a precious store
In their pure hands those women bore,
To anoint the sacred Body o'er.

Then straightway one in white they see,
Who saith, "Ye seek the Lord; but He
Is ris'n, and gone to Galilee."

This told they Peter, told they John;
Who forthwith to the tomb are gone,
But Peter is by John outrun.

That self-same night, while out of fear
The doors were shut, their Lord most dear
To his Apostles did appear.

But Thomas, when of this he heard,
Was doubtful of his brethren's word ;
Wherefore again there comes the Lord.

“ Thomas, behold my side,” saith He ;
“ My hands, my feet, my body see,
And doubt not, but believe in Me.”

When Thomas saw that wounded side,
The truth no longer he denied ;
“ Thou art my Lord and God !” he cried.

Oh, blest are they who have not seen
Their Lord, and yet believe in Him !
Eternal life awaiteth them.

Now let us praise the Lord most high,
And strive his name to magnify
On this great day, through earth and sky :

Whose mercy ever runneth o'er ;
Whom men and Angel Hosts adore ;
To Him be glory evermore.

For <i>Salutis humanæ sator</i>	.	see page	100
„ <i>Æterne Rex altissime</i>	.	„	101
„ <i>Pange lingua gloriosi</i>	.	„	111
„ <i>Tantum ergo sacramentum</i>	.	„	112
„ <i>Sacris solemniis</i>	.	„	113
„ <i>Verbum supernum prodiens</i>	.	„	114
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END OF HYMNS AT BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT.

HYMNS
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION.

AT MATINS.

Salve mundi domina.

HAIL, Queen of the Heavens !

Hail, Mistress of earth !

Hail, Virgin most pure,

Of immaculate birth !

Clear Star of the Morning,

In beauty enshrin'd !

O Lady, make speed

To the help of mankind !

Thee God in the depth

Of eternity chose ;

And form'd thee all fair,

As his glorious Spouse ;

And call'd thee his Word's

Own Mother to be,

By whom He created

The earth, sky, and sea.

AT PRIME.

Salve Virgo sapiens.

HAIL, Virgin most wise !
Hail, Deity's Shrine,
With seven fair pillars
And Table divine !
Preserv'd from the guilt
Which has come on us all !
Exempt in the womb
From the taint of the Fall !

O new Star of Jacob !
Of Angels the Queen !
O Gate of the Saints !
O Mother of men !
O terrible as
The embattled array !
Be thou of the Faithful
The refuge and stay.

AT TERCE.

Salve arca fœderis.

HAIL, Solomon's Throne !
Pure Ark of the Law !
Fair Rainbow ! and Bush
Which the Patriarch saw !
Hail, Gedeon's Fleece !
Hail, blossoming Rod !
Samson's sweet Honeycomb !
Portal of God !

Well fitting it was
That a Son so divine
Should preserve from all touch
Of Original Sin ;
Nor suffer by smallest
Defect to be stain'd
That Mother, whom He
For Himself had ordain'd.

AT SEXT.

Salve Virgo puerpera.

HAIL, Virginal Mother !
Hail, Purity's Cell !
Fair Shrine where the Trinity
Loveth to dwell !
Hail, Garden of pleasure !
Celestial Balm !
Cedar of Chastity !
Martyrdom's Palm !

Thou Land set apart
From uses profane,
And free from the curse
Which in Adam began !
Thou City of God !
Thou Gate of the East !
In thee is all grace,
O Joy of the Blest !

AT NONE.

Salve urbs refugii.

HAIL, City of refuge !
Hail, David's high tower !
With battlements crown'd,
And girded with power !
Fill'd at thy Conception
With Love and with Light !
The Dragon by Thee
Was shorn of his might.

O Woman most valiant !
O Judith thrice blest !
As David was nurs'd
In fair Abishag's breast ;
As the saviour of Egypt
Upon Rachel's knee ;
So the world's great Redeemer
Was fondled by Thee.

AT VESPERS.

Salve horologium.

HAIL, Dial of Achaz !
On Thee the true Sun
Told backward the course
Which from old He had run ;
And, that man might be rais'd,
Submitting to shame,
A little more low
Than the Angels became.

Thou, wrapt in the blaze
Of His infinite Light,
Dost shine as the morn
On the confines of night ;
As the Moon on the lost
Through obscurity dawns ;
The Serpent's Destroyer !
A Lily 'mid thorns !

AT COMPLINE.

Salve Virgo florens.

HAIL, Mother most pure !
Hail, Virgin renown'd !
Hail, Queen, with the stars
As a diadem crown'd !
Above all the Angels
In glory untold,
Standing next to the King,
In a vesture of gold !

O Mother of mercy !
O Star of the wave !
O Hope of the guilty !
O Light of the grave !
Through Thee may we come
To the Haven of rest ;
And see Heaven's King
In the courts of the Blest.

The Commendation.*Supplices offerimus.*

THESE praises and prayers
I lay at thy feet,
O Virgin of virgins!
O Mary most sweet!
Be Thou my true guide
Through this pilgrimage here,
And stand by my side
When death draweth near.

END OF HYMNS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

**Feast of St. Anne, Mother of the
Blessed Mary.**

July 26.

Claræ diei gaudiis.

SPOTLESS Anna! Juda's glory!
Through the Church from East to West,
Every tongue proclaims thy praises,
Holy Mary's Mother blest!

Saintly Kings and priestly Sires
Blended in thy sacred line;
Thou in virtue, all before thee
Didst excel by grace divine.

Link'd in bonds of purest wedlock,
Thine it was for us to bear,
By the favour of High Heaven,
Our eternal Virgin Star.

From thy stem in beauty budded
Ancient Jesse's mystic rod ;
Earth from thee receiv'd the Mother
Of th' Almighty Son of God.

All the human race benighted
In the depths of darkness lay ;
When in Anne, it saw the dawning
Of the long-expected day.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
Be to Thee, O Virgin's Son !
With the Father and the Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

**Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary.**

September 8.

Aurora quæ Solem parit.

SWEET MORN ! thou Parent of the Sun !
 And Daughter of the same !
 What joy and gladness, through thy birth,
 This day to mortals came !

Cloth'd in the Sun I see Thee stand,
 The Moon beneath thy feet ;
 The Stars above thy sacred head
 A radiant coronet.

Thrones and Dominions gird Thee round,
 The Armies of the sky ;
 Pure streams of glory from Thee flow,
 All bath'd in Deity !

Terrific as the banner'd line
Of battle's dread array !
Before Thee tremble Hell and Death,
And own thy mighty sway :

While crush'd beneath thy dauntless foot,
The Serpent writhes in vain ;
Smit by a deadly stroke, and bound
In an eternal chain.

O Mightiest ! pray for us, that He
Who came through Thee of yore,
May come to dwell within our hearts,
And never quit us more.

Praise to the Father, with the Son,
And Holy Ghost, through Whom
The Word eternal was conceiv'd
Within the Virgin's womb.

**Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary.**

March 25.

Supernus ales nuntiat.

THE Angel spake the word—
 “ Hail, Thou of women blest !”
From highest Heav'n the Godhead comes,
 And fills her virgin breast.

Maiden ! how great henceforth
 Thy dignity shall be !
The Son of God becomes thine own,
 This day conceiv'd by Thee.

This day the Holy Ghost,
 From thy all-sinless blood,
Moulds in thy womb that Flesh divine
 Of the life-giving Word ;

Whereby we babes the meat
 Of elder ones obtain ;
And He, who Angels feeds as God,
 Feeds men, as God made Man.

To Him who, to redeem
Our race, came down from Heaven,
Praise with the Father evermore,
And Holy Ghost be given.

Another Hymn for the same Feast.

Quis te canat mortalium?

WHAT mortal tongue can sing thy praise,
Dear Mother of the Lord?—
To Angels only it belongs
Thy glory to record.

Who born of man can penetrate
Thy soul's majestic shrine?
Who can thy mighty gifts unfold,
Or rightly them divine?

Say, Virgin, what sweet force was that,
Which from the Father's breast
Drew forth his coeternal Son,
To be thy bosom's guest?

'Twas not thy guileless faith alone,
That lifted Thee so high ;
'Twas not thy pure seraphic love,
Or peerless chastity :

But, oh ! it was thy lowliness,
Well pleasing to the Lord,
That made Thee worthy to become
The Mother of the Word.

Oh, Loftiest !—whose humility
So sweet it was to see !
That God, forgetful of Himself,
Abas'd Himself to Thee !

Praise to the Father, with the Son,
And Holy Ghost, through Whom
The Word eternal was conceiv'd
Within the Virgin's womb.

**Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary.**

July 2.

Quo sanctus ardor te rapit.

WHITHER thus, in holy rapture,
Princely Maiden, art Thou bent ?
Why so fleetly art Thou speeding
Up the mountain's rough ascent ?

Fill'd with the eternal Godhead !
Glowing with the Spirit's flame !
Love it is that bears Thee onward,
And supports thy tender frame.

Lo ! thine aged cousin claims Thee,
Claims thy sympathy and care ;
God her shame from her hath taken ;
He hath heard her fervent prayer.

Blessed Mothers ! joyful meeting !
Thou in her, the hand of God,
She in Thee, with lips inspir'd,
Owns the Mother of her Lord.

As the sun his face concealing,
In a cloud withdraws from sight,
So in Mary then lay hidden
He who is the world's true light.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
Be to Thee, O Virgin's Son !
With the Father and the Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

**Feast of the Purification of the Blessed
Virgin Mary.**

February 2.

Templi sacratas pande Sion fores.

O SION ! open wide thy gates ;
Let figures disappear ;
A Priest and Victim both in one,
The Truth Himself is here.

No more the simple flock shall bleed.—

Behold the Father's Son !

Himself to His own Altar comes

For sinners to atone.

Conscious of hidden Deity,

The lowly Virgin brings

Her new-born Babe, with two young doves,

Her tender offerings.

The hoary Simeon sees at last

His Lord so long desired,

And hails, with Anna, Israel's hope,

With sudden rapture fired.

But silent knelt the Mother blest

Of the yet silent Word ;

And pondering all things in her heart,

With speechless praise ador'd.

Praise to the Father and the Son ;

Praise to the Spirit be ;

Praise to the blessed Three in One,

Through all eternity.

**Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary.**

August 15.

O vos ætherei plaudite cives.

REJOICE, O ye Spirits and Angels on high !
 This day the pure Mother of Love
 By death was set free ; and ascending the sky,
 Was welcom'd by Jesus, with triumph and joy,
 To the Courts of his glory above.

O Virgin divine ! what treasures are thine !
 What power and splendour untold !
 With flesh thou hadst cloth'd the Lord of all
 might ;—
 He clothes Thee in turn with his infinite light,
 And a radiant vesture of gold.

He, who on thy breast found nurture and rest,
 Is now thy ineffable Food ; [ceal'd,
 And He, who from Thee in the flesh lay con-
 Now gives Thee, beholding his glory reveal'd,
 To drink from the fulness of God.

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Through thy Virginal womb what graces have
come !

What glories encompass thy throne !
Where next to thy Son, thou sittest a Queen,
Exalted on high, above Angels and men !
Inferior to Godhead alone !

Then hear us, we pray, on this blessed Day ;
Remember we also are thine ;
And deign for thy children with Jesus to plead,
That He may forgive us, and grant us in need
His strength and protection divine.

All praise to the Father, who chose for his Son
A Mother, the daughter of Eve ;
All praise to the glorious Child of her womb ;
All praise to the infinite Spirit, by Whom
Her glory it was to conceive.

Hymn from the Responsory of St. Joseph.

Quicumque sanus vivere.

To all, who would holily live,
 To all, who would happily die,
 St. Joseph is ready to give
 Sure guidance, and help from on high.

Of Mary the Spouse undefil'd,
 Just, holy, and pure of all stain,
 He asks of his own Foster Child ;
 And needs but to ask to obtain.

[Here the first stanza is repeated.]

To all, who would holily live,
 To all, who would happily die,
 St. Joseph is ready to give
 Sure guidance, and help from on high.

In the manger that Child he ador'd,
And nurs'd Him in exile and flight ;
Him, lost in his boyhood, deplor'd ;
And found with amaze and delight.

To all, &c. *as above.*

The Maker of Heaven and Earth
By the labour of Joseph was fed ;
The Son by an infinite birth
Submissive to Joseph was made.

To all, &c.

And when his last hour drew nigh,
Oh, full of all joy was his breast ;
Seeing Jesus and Mary close by,
As he tranquilly slumber'd to rest.

To all, &c.

All praise to the Father above ;
All praise to his glorious Son ;
All praise to the Spirit of love ;
While the days of eternity run.

To all, &c.

Hymn from the Responsory of St. Peter.

Si vis Patronum quærere.

SEEK ye a Patron to defend
 Your cause?—then, one and all,
 Without delay upon the Prince
 Of the Apostles call.

Blest Holder of the heavenly Keys!
 Thy prayers we all implore:
 Unlock to us the sacred bars
 Of Heaven's eternal door.

By penitential tears thou didst
 The path of life regain;
 Teach us with thee to weep our sins,
 And wash away their stain.

Blest Holder, &c.

The Angel touch'd thee, and forthwith
Thy chains from off thee fell ;
Oh, loose us from the subtle coils
That bind us fast to Hell.

Blest Holder, &c.

Firm Rock whereon the Church is bas'd !
Pillar that cannot bend !
With strength endue us ; and the Faith
From heresy defend.

Blest Holder, &c.

Save Rome, which from the days of old
Thy blood hath sanctified ;
And help the nations of the earth,
That in thy help confide.

Blest Holder, &c.

Oh, worshipp'd by all Christendom !
Her realms in peace maintain ;
Let no contagion sap her strength,
No discord rend in twain.

Blest Holder, &c.

The weapons, which our ancient foe
Against us doth prepare,
Crush thou ; nor suffer us to fall
Into his deadly snare.

Blest Holder, &c.

Guard us through life ; and in that hour
When our last fight draws nigh,
O'er Death, o'er Hell, o'er Satan's power,
Gain us the victory.

Blest Holder, &c.

All glory to the Father be ;
Praise to the Son who rose ;
Praise to the Spirit Paraclete ;
While age on ages flows.

Blest Holder, &c.

Hymn from the Responsory of St. Paul.

Pressi malorum pondere.

ALL ye who groan, beneath
 A load of ills oppress'd !
 Intreat St. Paul, and he will pray
 The Lord to give you rest.

O Victim, dear to Heaven !
 O Paul, thou Teacher true !
 Thou love and joy of Christendom !
 To thee for help we sue.

Pierc'd by the flame of love,
 Descending from on high ;
 'Twas thine to preach the Faith, which once
 Thou soughtest to destroy.

O Victim, &c.

Nor toil, nor threaten'd death,
Nor tempest, scourge, or chain,
Could from th' Assembly of the Saints
Thy loving heart detain.

O Victim, &c.

Oh, by that quenchless love
Which burnt in thee of yore !
Take pity on our miseries ;
Our fainting hope restore.

O Victim, &c.

True Champion of the Lord !
Crush thou the schemes of Hell ;
And with adoring multitudes
The sacred temples fill.

O Victim, &c.

Through thy prevailing prayer,
May Charity abound ;
Sweet Charity, which knows no ill,
Which nothing can confound.

O Victim, &c.

To earth's remotest shores,
May one same Faith extend;
And thy epistles through all climes
Their blessed perfume send.

O Victim, &c.

Grant us the will and power
To serve Thee, God of might !
Lest wav'ring still, and unprepar'd,
We sink in depths of night.

O Victim, &c.

Praise to the Father be ;
Praise to the Son who rose ;
Praise to the Spirit Paraclete ;
While age on ages flows.

O Victim, &c.

**Hymn from the Responsory of St. Pius
the Fifth.**

Belli tumultus ingruit.

WARs and tumults fill the earth ;
Men the fear of God despise ;
Retribution, vengeance, wrath,
Brood upon the angry skies.

Holy Pius ! Pope sublime !
Whom, in this most evil time,
Whom, of Saints in bliss, can we
Better call to aid than thee ?

None more mightily than thou,
Hath, by holy deed or word,
Through the spacious earth below,
Spread the glory of the Lord.

Holy Pius, &c.

Thine it was, O Pontiff brave !
Pontiff of eternal Rome !
From barbaric yoke to save
Terror-stricken Christendom.

Holy Pius, &c.

When Lepanto's Gulf beheld,
Strewn upon its waters fair,
Turkey's countless navy yield
To the power of thy prayer :

Holy Pius, &c.

Who meanwhile, with prophet's eye,
Didst the distant battle see ;
And announce to standers by
That same moment's victory.

Holy Pius, &c.

Mightier now and glorified !
Hear the suppliant cry we pour ;
Crush rebellion's haughty pride ;
Quell the din of rising war.

Holy Pius, &c.

At thy prayer may golden peace
 Down to earth descend again ;
 License, discord, trouble cease ;
 Justice, truth, and order reign.

Holy Pius, &c.

To the Lord of endless days,
 One Almighty Trinity ;
 Sempiternal glory, praise,
 Honour, might, and blessing be.

Holy Pius, &c.

Feast of St. Stephen the Protomartyr.

December 26.

O qui tuo dux Martyrum.

O CAPTAIN of the Martyr Host !
 O peerless in renown !
 Not from the fading flowers of earth
 Weave we for thee a crown.

The stones that smote thee, in thy blood
 Made glorious and divine,
All in a halo heavenly bright
 About thy temples shine.

The scars upon thy sacred brow
 Throw beams of glory round ;
The splendours of thy bruised face
 The very sun confound.

Oh, earliest Victim sacrific'd
 To thy dear Victim Lord !
Oh, earliest witness to the Faith
 Of thy Incarnate God !

Thou to the heavenly Canaan first
 Through the Red Sea didst go,
And to the Martyrs' countless Host,
 Their path of glory shew.

Erewhile a servant of the poor,—
 Now at the Lamb's high Feast,
In blood-empurpled robe array'd,
 A welcome nuptial guest !

To Jesus, born of Virgin bright,
Praise with the Father be ;
Praise to the Spirit Paraclete,
Through all eternity.

Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

December 27.

Quæ dixit, egit, pertulit.

THE life which God's Incarnate Word
Liv'd here below with men,
Three blest Evangelists record,
With Heav'n-inspired pen :

John penetrates on eagle wing
The Father's dread abode ;
And shews the mystery wherein
The Word subsists with God.

Pure Saint ! upon his Saviour's breast
Invited to recline,
'Twas thence he drew, in moments blest,
His knowledge all divine :

There too, with that angelic love
Did he his bosom fill,
Which, once enkindled from above,
Breathes in his pages still.

Oh, dear to Christ !—to thee upon
His Cross, of all bereft,
Thou virgin soul ! the Virgin Son
His Virgin Mother left.

To Jesus, born of Virgin bright,
Praise with the Father be ;
Praise to the Spirit Paraclete,
Through all eternity.

Another Hymn for the same Feast.

Jussu tyranni pro fide.

AN exile for the Faith
Of thy Incarnate Lord,
Beyond the stars,—beyond all space,
Thy soul unprison'd soar'd :

There saw in glory Him
Who liveth, and was dead ;
There Juda's Lion, and the Lamb
That for our ransom bled :

There of the Kingdom learnt
The mysteries sublime,—
How, sown in Martyrs' blood, the Faith
Should spread from clime to clime.

There the new City, bath'd
In her dear Spouse's light,
Pure seat of bliss, thy spirit saw,
And gloried in the sight.

Now to the Lamb's clear fount,
 To drink of life their fill,
 Thou callest all ;—O Lord, in me
 This blessed thirst instil.

To Jesus, Virgin born,
 Praise with the Father be ;
 Praise to the Spirit Paraclete,
 Through all eternity.

Hymn to Jesus.

Jesu nostra Redemptio.

O JESU ! our Redemption !
 Lov'd and desired with tears !
 God, of all worlds Creator !
 Man, in the close of years !

What wondrous pity mov'd Thee
 To make our cause thine own !
 And suffer death and torments,
 For sinners to atone !

O Thou, who piercing Hades,
Thy captives didst unchain !
Who gloriously ascendedst
Thy Father's Throne again !

Subdue our many evils
By mercy all divine ;
And comfort with thy presence
The hearts that for Thee pine.

Be Thou our joy, O Jesu !
In whom our prize we see ;
Always, through all the ages,
In Thee our glory be.

Hymn to the Holy Ghost.

Veni Creator Spiritus.

COME, O Creator Spirit !
Visit this soul of thine ;
This heart of thy creating
Fill Thou with grace divine.

Who Paraclete art call'd !
The gift of God above !
Pure Unction ! holy Fire !
And Fount of life and love !
Finger of God's right hand !
The Father's promise true !
Who sevenfold gifts bestowest !
Who dost the tongue endow !

Pour love into our hearts ;
Our senses touch with light ;
Make strong our human frailty
With thy supernal might.

Cast far our deadly Foe ;
Thy peace in us fulfil ;
So, Thee before us leading,
May we escape each ill.

The Father, and the Son,
Through Thee may we receive ;
In Thee, from Both proceeding,
Through endless time believe.

Praise to the Father be ;
Praise to the Son who rose ;
And praise to Thee, blest Spirit !
While age on ages flows.

Hymn for Sunday Morning.

Ad templa nos rursus vocat.

AGAIN the Sunday morn
Calls us to prayer and praise ;
Waking our hearts to gratitude
With its enlivening rays.

But Christ yet brighter shone,
Quenching the morning beam ;
When triumphing from death He rose,
And rais'd us up with Him.

When first the world sprang forth,
In majesty array'd,
And bath'd in streams of purest light ;—
What power was there display'd !

But oh, what love!—when Christ,
For our transgressions slain,
Was by th' Eternal Father rais'd
For us to life again.

His new-created world,
The mighty Maker view'd,
With thousand lovely tints adorn'd;
And straight pronounc'd it good.

But oh! much more He joy'd
That self-same world to see,
Wash'd in the Lamb's all-saving Blood,
From its impurity.

Nature each day renews
Her beauty evermore;
Whence to God's hidden Majesty,
The soul is taught to soar.

But Christ, the Light of all,
The Father's Image blest,
Gives us to see our God Himself
In Flesh made manifest.

Blest Trinity ! vouchsafe
That to thy guidance true,
What Thou forbiddest, we may shun ;
What Thou commandest, do.

Hymn of St. Francis Xavier.

O Deus, ego amo Te.

My God, I love Thee, not because
I hope for Heav'n thereby ;
Nor because they, who love Thee not,
Must burn eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
Upon the Cross embrace ;
For me didst bear the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace ;

And griefs and torments numberless ;
And sweat of agony ;
E'en death itself—and all for one
Who was thine enemy.

Then why, O blessed Jesu Christ !
Should I not love Thee well ;
Not for the sake of winning Heaven,
Or of escaping Hell :

Not with the hope of gaining ought ;
Not seeking a reward ;
But, as Thyself hast loved me,
O ever-loving Lord ?

E'en so I love Thee, and will love,
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