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Victimæ paschali laudes

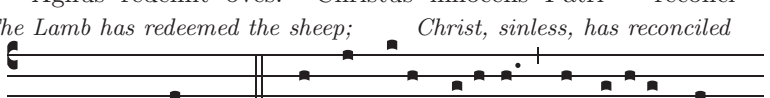
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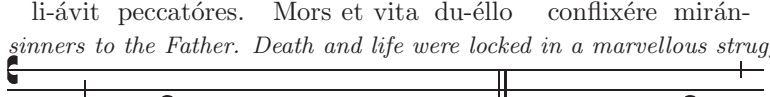
Ictimæ paschali laudes * immolent Christi-áni.
To the Paschal Victim let Christians offer a sacrifice of praise.



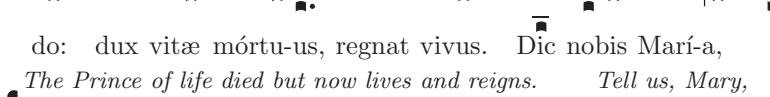
Agnus redémit oves: Christus innocens Patri reconci-
The Lamb has redeemed the sheep; Christ, sinless, has reconciled




li-ávit peccatóres. Mors et vita du-éllo confluxére mirán-
sinner to the Father. Death and life were locked in a marvellous struggle;




do: dux vitæ mórtu-us, regnat vivus. Dic nobis Marí-a,
The Prince of life died but now lives and reigns. Tell us, Mary,



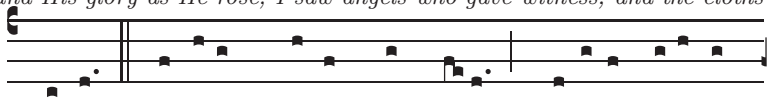
quid vidísti in vi-a? Sepúlcrum Christi vivéntis, et
what didst thou see on the way? 'I saw the tomb of the living Christ



glóri-am vidi resurgéntis: Ángélicos testes, sudári-um, et
and His glory as He rose; I saw angels who gave witness, and the cloths



vestes. Surréxit Christus spes me-a: præcédet su-os in
which had covered Him. Christ my hope has risen, and goes before you



Galilé-am. Scimus Christum surrexisse a mórtu-is vere:
into Galilee.' We know that Christ is risen indeed;

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tu nobis, victor Rex, miseré- re. Amen. Allelúia.

Do Thou, victorious King, have mercy on us.

Alternate translation:

1. Bring, all ye dear-bought nations,
bring
Your richest praises to your King,
Alleluia, alleluia.
That spotless Lamb, who more
than due,
Paid for His sheep, and those sheep
you:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
2. That guiltless Son, who bought
your peace,
And made His Father's anger
cease,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Then, Life and Death together
fought,
Each to a strange extreme was
brought:
3. Life died, but soon revived again,
And even death by it was slain,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Say, happy Magdalen, oh say,
What didst thou see there by the
way?:
4. "I saw the tomb of my dear Lord,
I saw Himself and Him adored;
Alleluia, alleluia.
I saw the napkin and the sheet,
That bound His hands and
wrapped His feet:"
5. We, Lord, with faithful hearts
and voice,
On this Thy rising day rejoice;
Alleluia, alleluia.
O Thou, whose power o'ercame the
grave,
By grace and love us sinners save:

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Translated by W. K. Blount, d. 1717