



HYMNS

VICTIMAE PASCHALI LAUDES — THE EASTER SEQUENCE

Attributed to Wipo of Burgundy, 11th century

Sung before the Gospel on Easter Sunday



LATIN

Victimae paschali laudes
immolent Christiani.

Agnus redemit oves:
Christus innocens Patri
reconciliavit peccatores.

Mors et vita duello
confluxere mirando:
dux vitae mortuus,
regnat vivus.

Dic nobis, Maria,
quid vidisti in via?

Sepulcrum Christi viventis,
et gloriam vidi resurgentis:

Angelicos testes,
sudarium et vestes.

Surrexit Christus spes mea:
praecedet vos in Galilaeam.

ENGLISH

To the Paschal Victim
let Christians offer a sacrifice of praise.

The Lamb has redeemed the sheep:
Christ, the sinless one,
has reconciled sinners to the Father.

Death and life have met
in a wondrous combat:
the Prince of life, who died,
reigns alive.

Tell us, Mary,
what didst thou see upon the way?

“I saw the tomb of the living Christ,
and the glory of him rising;

the angels who bore witness,
the napkin and the linen cloths.

Christ my hope is risen:
he will go before you into Galilee.”



Scimus Christum surrexisse
a mortuis vere:
tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere.
Amen. Alleluia.

We know that Christ is truly risen
from the dead:
do thou, victorious King, have mercy
on us.
Amen. Alleluia.

