

so-lum ad pri-mæ o-ri-gi-nis in-no-cen-ti-am



re-vo-ces, sed e-ti-am ad ex-pe-ri-en-ti-am



æ-ter-norum bo-norum, quæ no-vo in sæ-cu-lo



sunt ha-ben-da, per-du-cas; et ob-strictos adhuc



con-di-ti-o-ne mor-ta-li-um, jam ad si-mi-li-



tu-di-nem pro-ve-has An-ge-lo-rum. Re-spi-ce,



Do-mi-ne, su-per has fa-mu-las tu-as, quæ in



ma-nu tu-a con-ti-nen-ti-æ su-æ pro-po-si-tum



col-lo-can-tes, ti-bi de-vo-ti-o-nem su-am of-



ferunt, a quo et ip-sæ vo-ta assumpserunt.



Quo-mo-do e-nim a-ni-mus mor-ta-li car-ne cir-



cum-da-tus, legem na-tu-ræ, li-ber-ta-tem li-cen-



ti-æ, vim con-su-e-tu-di-nis, et sti-mu-los



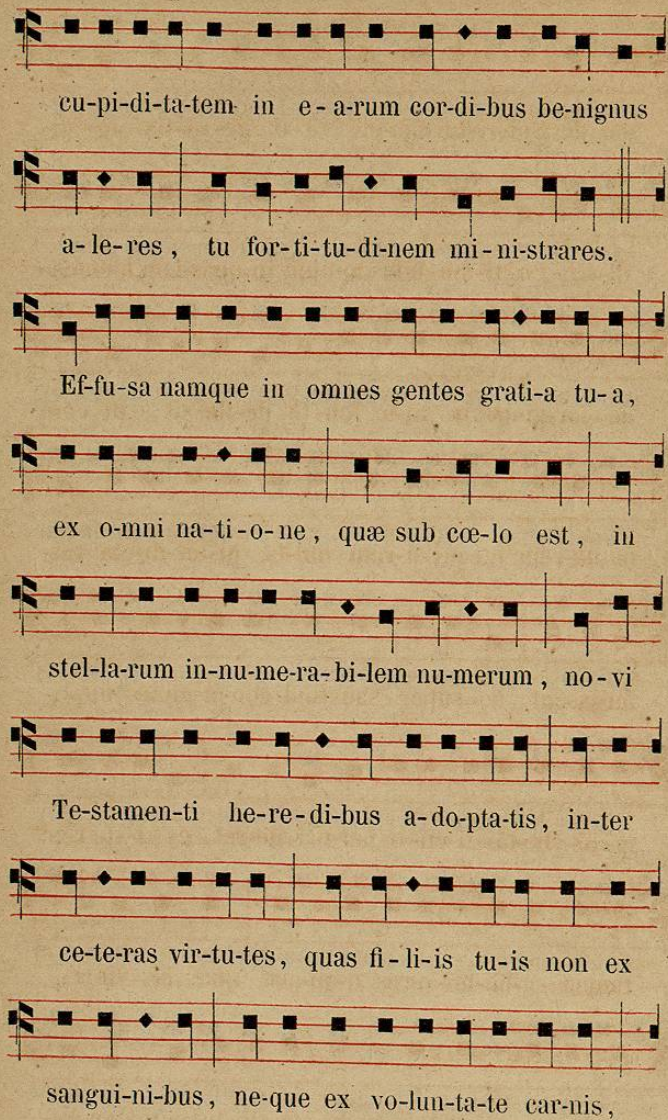
æ-ta-tis e-vin-ce-ret, ni-si tu, De-us, per



li-be-rum ar-bi-tri-um hunc in e-is a-mo-rem




vir-gi-ni-ta-tis clemen-ter ac-cen-de-res, tu hanc





cu-pi-di-ta-tem in e-a-rum cor-di-bus be-ni-gnus
 a-le-res, tu for-ti-tu-di-nem mi-ni-strares.
 Ef-fu-sa namque in omnes gentes gra-ti-a tu-a,
 ex om-ni na-ti-o-ne, quæ sub cœ-lo est, in
 stel-la-rum in-nu-me-ra-bi-lem nu-merum, no-vi
 Te-sta-men-ti he-re-di-bus a-do-pta-tis, in-ter
 ce-te-ras vir-tu-tes, quas fi-li-ÿ tu-is non ex
 sangui-ni-bus, ne-que ex vo-lun-ta-te car-nis,




sed de Spi-ri-tu san-cto tu-o ge-ni-tis in-di-
 di-sti, e-ti-am hoc do-num in quasdam mentes
 de lar-gi-ta-tis tu-æ fon-te de-flu-xit, ut cum
 ho-no-rem nu-pti-a-rum nul-la in-ter-di-cta mi-
 nu-issent, ac super sanctum con-ju-gium nu-pti-
 a-lis be-ne-di-cti-o per-ma-ne-ret, ex-i-ste-rent
 tamen su-bli-mi-o-res a-ni-mæ, quæ in vi-ri,
 ac mu-li-e-ris co-pu-la fa-sti-di-rent con-nu-


bi-um, con-cu-pi-sce-rent Sa-cra-mentum, nec


i-mi-ta-ren-tur quod nu-pti-is a-gi-tur, sed


di-li-ge-rent quod nu-pti-is præ-no-ta-tur.


A-gnovit auctorem su-um be-a-ta vir-gi-nitas,



et æ-mu-la in-te-gri-ta-tis an-ge-li-cæ,


il-li-us tha-la-mo, il-li-us cu-bi-cu-lo se


de-vo-vit, qui sic per-pe-tu-æ vir-gi-ni-ta-tis


est spon-sus, que-mad-modum per-pe-tu-æ vir-gi-


ni-ta-tis est fi-li-us. Im-plo-ran-ti-bus er-go


au-xi-li-um tu-um, Do-mi-ne, et con-fir-ma-ri


se be-ne-di-cti-o ✠ nis tu-æ con-se-cra-ti-o-ne


cu-pi-en-ti-bus, da pro-te-cti-o-nis tu-æ mu-


nimen, et re-gi-men, ne ho-stis an-ti-quus,


qui ex-cel-len-ti-o-ra stu-di-a sub-ti-li-o-ri-bus


m-fe-stat in-si-di-is, ad ob-scu-randam per-


fe-ctæ con-ti-nen-ti-æ palmam, per a-li-quam



men-tis ser-pat in-cu-ri-am, et ra-pi-at de pro-
 po-si-to vir-gi-num, quod e-ti-am mo-ri-bus
 de-cet in-es-se nu-pta-rum. Sit in e-is,
 Do-mi-ne, per do-num Spi-ri-tus tu-i prudens
 mo-de-sti-a, sa-pi-ens be-ni-gni-tas, gra-vis
 le-ni-tas, ca-sta li-ber-tas. In cha-ri-ta-te
 fer-ve-ant, et ni-hil ex-tra te di-li-gant.
 Lau-da-bi-li-ter viv-ant, lau-da-ri-que non ap-pe-



tant. Te in san-cti-ta-te cor-po-ris, te in
 a-nimæ su-æ pu-ri-ta-te glo-ri-fi-cent. A-mo-re
 te ti-me-ant, a-mo-re ti-bi ser-vi-ant. Tu
 e-is sis honor, tu gau-di-um, tu vo-lun-tas;
 tu in mœ-ro-re so-lâ-ti-um; tu in am-bi-gui-
 ta-te con-si-li-um; tu in in-ju-ri-a de-fen-
 si-o; in tri-bu-la-ti-o-ne pa-ti-en-ti-a;
 in pau-per-ta-te a-bun-dan-ti-a; in je-ju-ni-o



ci-bus; in in-fir-mi-ta-te me-di-ci-na. In te
 ha-be-ant o-mni-a, quem di-li-ge-re ap-pe-tant
 su-per o-mni-a. Per te, quod sunt pro-fes-sæ,
 cu-sto-di-ant : Scr-u-ta-to-ri pe-cto-rum non
 cor-po-re pla-ci-tu-ræ, sed men-te; trans-e-ant
 in nu-me-rum pu-el-la-rum sa-pi-en-tum, ut
 cœ-le-stem Spon-sum, vir-tu-tum ac-cen-sis
 lam-pa-di-bus, cum o-le-o præ-pa-ra-ti-o-nis



ex-pe-ctent, nec tur-ba-tæ im-pro-vi-so re-gis
 ad-ven-tu, sed se-cu-ræ, cum lu-mi-ne,
 et præ-ce-den-ti-um vir-gi-num cho-ro jun-ctæ,
 ju-cundan-ter oc-cur-rant : et ne ex-clu-dan-
 tur cum stul-tis, sed re-ga-lem ja-nu-am
 cum sa-pi-en-ti-bus vir-gi-ni-bus li-cen-
 ter in-tro-e-ant, et in Ag-ni tu-i per-pe-
 tu-o co-mi-ta-tu pro-ba-bi-les man-su-ra




ca-sti-ta-te per-ma-ne-ant. Qua-te-nus cen-te-
 si-mi fru-ctus, do-no vir-gi-ni-ta-tis de-co-ra-ri,
 te do-nan-te, me-re-an-tur.

Quod sequitur, dicit submissa voce legendo; ita ta-
 men quod a circumstantibus audiatur :

Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum,
 qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus sancti
 Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. *R.* Amen.

Tum Pontifex, accepta mitra, incipit, schola prose-
 quente, Responsorium :

2 Toni.



Ve - ni, e - le - cta me - a, et po - nam
 in te thro-num me - - um. * Qui - a
 con - cu - pi - vit rex spe-ci-em tu - am.



* Au - di, fi - li - a, et vi - de, et
 in - cli - na au - - rem tu - - am.
 * Qui - a.

Incepto Responsorio, sedet Pontifex cum mitra, et
 eo finito, surgunt Virgines; et duæ primæ ex eis præ-
 sentantur a paranympis Pontifici, coram quo humiliter
 genua flectunt, cantantes simul Antiphonam :

2 Toni.



An-cil-la Chri-sti sum, i - de-o me os-ten-do
 ser-vi-lem ha-be-re per-so-nam.

Qua dicta, Pontifex interrogat illas palam, dicens :
 Vultis persistere in sancta virginitate, quam professæ
 estis ?

Et illæ simul respondent :
 Vólumus.

Tum Pontifex imponit velum super caput cujuslibet, quod dependeat super scapulas, et super pectus, et usque ad oculos, singulis dicens :



E.D.

ACCIPERE velamen sacrum, quo cognoscaris mundum contempsisse, et te Christo Jesu veraciter humiliterque, toto cordis annisu, sponsam perpetualliter subdidisse, qui te ab omni malo defendat, et ad vitam perducat æternam. *R.* Amen.

Ambabus velatis, ambæ simul genuflexæ, ut erant, cantant hæc Antiphonam :

7 Toni.



Po-su-it signum in fa-ci-em me-am, ut



nul-lum præ-ter e - um a - ma - to - rem ad - mit - tam.

Quo facto, reducuntur a matronis prædictis ad loca ordinis sui, ubi prius erant; et aliæ duæ, quæ post illas in ordine sequuntur, præsentantur Pontifici, coram quo simili modo genua flectunt, cantant, et velantur, ut primæ. Omnibus autem sic velatis, deposita mitra, surgit Pontifex, et stans versus ad illas, dicit :

Y. Dóminus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

OREMUS.

FAMULAS tuas, Dómine, tuæ custódia múniat pietátis, ut virginitátis sanctæ propósitum, quod, te inspirante, suscepérunt, te protegente, illæsum custódiant. Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre in unitáte Spiritus sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. *R.* Amen.

Tum Pontifex, accepta mitra, vocat Virgines, incipiens Antiphonam, schola prosequente.

7 Toni.



De-spon-sa-ri, di-le-cta, ve-ni, hi-ems trans-i-it,



tur-tur ca-nit, vi-ne-æ flo-ren-tes re-do-lent.

Qua incepta, sedet Pontifex cum mitra, et ea finita, illæ, quæ primæ venerant ad recipiendum velum, præsentantur Pontifici a matronis prædictis, eo modo, et