



bra pannis invo-lú-ta Virgo Ma-ter ál-li-gat : Et ma-
nus pe-désque et cru-ra Stricta cingit fásci-a. Crux fidélis.

5. The infant cried as he was placed in the narrow manger; his Virgin Mother wrapped his body in swaddling cloths, encircling his hands, his feet and his legs with tight bands.

Lustris sex qui iam perácta
tempus implens córporis,
se volénte, natus ad hoc,
passióni déditus,
Agnus in crucis levátur
immolándus stípíte.

*Dulce.

En acétum, fel, arúndo,
sputa, clavi, láncea :
mite corpus perforátur,
sanguis, unda prófluit
terra, pontus, astra, mundus,
quo lavántur flúmíne !

Crux fidélis.

Flecte ramos, arbor alta,
tensa laxa víscera,
et rigor lentéscat ille,
quem dedit nativítas,
ut supérni membra regis
miti tendas stípíte.

* Dulce.

Sola digna tu fuísti
ferre sæcli prétium,
atque portum præparáre
nauta mundo náufrago,

6. When more than thirty years had past, at the end of his earthly life, he willingly gave himself up to the Passion; it was for this that he was born. The Lamb was lifted up onto a cross, offered in sacrifice on wood.

7. Behold the vinegar, the gall, the reed, the spittle, the nails and spear! His precious body is torn open, water and blood rush forth. This great and mighty river washes land, sea, stars – the entire world!

8. Bend thy branches, tallest of trees, relax thy hold on his tightly stretched body; soften up the hardness which nature hath given thee, and present to the body of the Heavenly King a more bearable support.

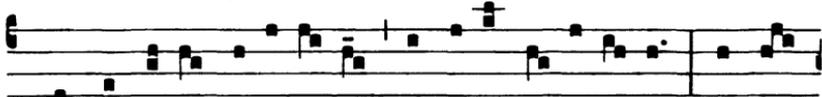
9. Thou alone hast been worthy to carry the ransom of the world; mankind's ship had gone down beneath the waves,

quem sacer cruor perúnxit,
fusus Agni corpore.

CruX fidélis.

but thou openest the way to
our port of rescue. For thou art
anointed with the sacred blood
which sprung forth from the
body of the Lamb.

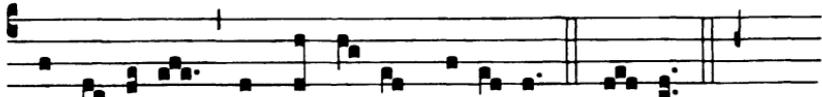
This hymn always concludes with the following stanza:



Æqua Patri Fi-li-óque, Incl-i-to Pa-rácli-to, Semp-i-



térna sit be-á-tæ Tri-ni-tá-ti gló-ri-a; Cu-ius alma



nos red-émit Atque servat grá-ti-a. A-men. * Dulce.

10. Equal and eternal glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Illustrious Paraclete, the Blessed Trinity whose divine grace redeems and conserves us always. Amen.

COMMUNION

The deacon or the priest goes to bring the Blessed Sacrament from the place of reposition to the altar. Upon the invitation of the priest, all say the Pater noster which the priest concludes with the Libera, p. 41. Holy Communion is then distributed in the ordinary manner.

Prayer after Communion

OMNIPOTENS sempitérne De-
us, qui nos Christi tui
beáta morte et resurrectione
reparásti, consérva in nobis
opus misericórdiæ tuæ, ut
huius mystérii participatióne
perpétua devotióne vivámus.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God,
you have restored us to
life by the triumphant death
and resurrection of Christ.
Continue this healing work
within us. May we who partici-
pate in this mystery never
cease to serve you.