STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Christus factus est pro nobis
obédiens usque ad mortem,
mortem autem crucis.

INTRODUCTION

After the bell rings, the priest and servers enter from the sacristy; all rise and the choir intones the ***Stabat Mater****.*

STAND

The priest and servers arrive at the foot of the altar and kneel. The faithful are invited to join in with the prayers in bold print.

KNEEL

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. ℟. **Amen.**

In a spirit of humility and with a contrite heart, we offer unto Thee, eternal Father, this tribute of our worship, that it may redound to Thy honor and glory, and may avail us and all faithful Christians, both living and

dead, unto the forgiveness of sins and the attainment of life everlasting.

℣. It behooves us to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

℟. **In whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection.**

God, who in the Passion of Thy Son didst show us the path to eternal glory by the way of the cross: graciously grant that as by our prayers we now follow Him to the place of Calvary, so we may also share His triumph with Him for all eternity. Who liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.

STAND

The priest and servers then process to each Station in turn, accompanied by the verses of the ***Stabat Mater****.*

THE FIRST STATION

Jesus is Condemned to Death

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi. GEN

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

nd in the morning the chief priests and the whole council, binding Jesus, led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate. And they all condemned Him and said: *He is guilty of death.* And Pilate sat in the place of judgment and delivered Him to them to be crucified.

℣. God spared not His only Son.

℟. **But delivered Him up for us all.**

LET US PRAY. KNEEL

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst come down to earth from the bosom of Thy Father in Heaven and didst shed Thy Precious Blood for the remission of our sins; we humbly beseech Thee, that on the day of judgment we may be found worthy to be on Thy right hand and hear these words: *Come, ye blessed of My Father!* Who liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.

℣. Miserére nostri, Dómine. ℟. **Miserére nostri.**

℣. Et fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. **Amen.**

Quis est homo qui non fleret
Matrem Christi si videret
In tanto supplicio.

THE SECOND STATION

Jesus Takes up His Cross

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi. GEN

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

nd bearing His cross He went forth to that place which is called Calvary. Hail, O Christ, our King! Thou alone hast had pity on the folly of our sins. Obedient to the Father, Thou art led forth to be crucified, like an innocent lamb to the slaughter. To Thee be glory, to Thee be triumph and victory, to Thee the crown of highest honor and acclaim!

℣. The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

℟. **For the wickedness of His people, He hath stricken Him.**

LET US PRAY. KNEEL

Lord, who hast said: *My yoke is sweet and My burden light*: grant that we may be able so to carry it as to obtain Thy grace. Who liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.

℣. Miserére nostri, Dómine. ℟. **Miserére nostri.**

℣. Et fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. **Amen.**

Quis non posset contristari
Christi Matrem contemplari
Dolentem cum Filio?

THE THIRD STATION

Jesus Falls for the First Time

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi. GEN

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ humbled Himself unto death, even the death of the cross. For which cause God hath exalted Him and hath given Him a name that is above every name. Come, let us weep in the presence of the Lord who made us, for He is indeed the Lord, our God.

℣. Surely, He hath borne our infirmities.

℟. **And He hath carried our sorrows.**

LET US PRAY. KNEEL

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we, who fail in so many adversities through our own weakness, may take heart again through the pleading of the Passion of Thine only-begotten Son. Who liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.

℣. Miserére nostri, Dómine. ℟. **Miserére nostri.**

℣. Et fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. **Amen.**

Pro peccatis suæ gentis
Vidit Iesum in tormentis,
Et flagellis subditum.

THE FOURTH STATION

Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi. GEN

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

o what shall I compare thee, or to what shall I liken thee, O virgin daughter of Jerusalem? For great as the sea is thy distress. O Mother of mercy, grant that we may ever realize in ourselves the death of Jesus and may share with Him in His saving Passion.

℣. A sword of sorrow hath pierced thy soul.

℟. **And hath filled thy heart with bitter pain.**

LET US PRAY. KNEEL

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that now and in the hour of our death we may obtain the favor of Thy mercy through the pleading of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thy Mother, whose soul was pierced with a sword in the hour of Thy Passion. Who liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.

Ave Maria.

℣. Miserére nostri, Dómine. ℟. **Miserére nostri.**

℣. Et fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. **Amen.**

Vidit suum dulcem natum
Moriendo desolatum
Dum emisit spiritum.

THE FIFTH STATION

Simon of Cyrene is Forced to Carry the Cross

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi. GEN

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

nd as they led Him away, they laid hold of one Simon of Cyrene, a passer-by, and forced him to take up the cross of Jesus. And they laid the cross on him, to carry after Jesus.

℣. Whoever does not carry his cross and come after Me.

℟. **Cannot be My disciple.**

LET US PRAY. KNEEL

eceive our prayers, O Lord, and be appeased, and in Thy mercy subdue to Thy service even our rebellious wills. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

℣. Miserére nostri, Dómine. ℟. **Miserére nostri.**

℣. Et fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. **Amen.**

Eia, Mater, fons amoris
Me sentire vim doloris
Fac, ut tecum lugeam.

THE SIXTH STATION

Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi. GEN

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

o, we have seen Him, and there is no beauty in Him, nor comeliness; He is despised and the most abject of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with infirmity. His countenance is as it were hidden, whereupon we esteemed Him not. His appearance is inglorious among men, and His form among the children of men. And yet He is the beautiful one among all the sons of men, and by His bruises we are healed.

℣. Turn not Thy face away from us.

℟. **And withdraw not from Thy servants in Thine anger.**

LET US PRAY. KNEEL

God, who dost renew us to Thine image by the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, Thy Son; lead our footsteps in Thy paths, so that we may truly obtain the gift of Thy divine charity. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

℣. Miserére nostri, Dómine. ℟. **Miserére nostri.**

℣. Et fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. **Amen.**

Fac ut ardeat cor meum
In amando Christum Deum
Ut sibi complaceam.

THE SEVENTH STATION

Jesus Falls a Second Time

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi. GEN

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

They delivered Me into the hands of the impious, they cast Me out amongst the wicked, and they spared not My soul. The powerful gathered together against Me, and like giants they stood against Me. And striking Me with cruel words, they mocked Me.

℣. But I am a worm and no man.

℟. **The reproach of men and the outcast of the people.**

LET US PRAY. KNEEL

God, who by the humility of Thy Son hast lifted up a fallen world: grant to Thy faithful people abiding joy; that those whom Thou hast delivered from the perils of eternal death, may come to enjoy unending happiness. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

℣. Miserére nostri, Dómine. ℟. **Miserére nostri.**

℣. Et fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. **Amen.**

Sancta Mater istud agas
Crucifixi fige plagas
Cordi meo valide.

Tui nati vulnerati
Tam dignati pro me pati
Poenas mecum divide.

THE EIGHTH STATION

Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi. GEN

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

nd there followed Him a great multitude of people and of women who bewailed and lamented Him. But Jesus, turning to them said: *Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not over Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.*

℣. They that sow in tears.

℟. **Shall reap in joy.**

LET US PRAY. KNEEL

God, who dost choose rather to have mercy than to be angry with those who hope in Thee: grant that we may truly grieve for the evil we have done, and so deserve to obtain the grace of Thy consolation. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

℣. Miserére nostri, Dómine. ℟. **Miserére nostri.**

℣. Et fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. **Amen.**

Fac me tecum pie flere
Crucifixo condolere
Donec ego vixero.

THE NINTH STATION

Jesus Falls a Third Time

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi. GEN

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

y people, what have I done to thee, or in what have I grieved thee? Answer Me. I brought thee out of the land of Egypt, and thou hast led Me to the gibbet of the cross. Forty years I fed thee with manna in the desert, and thou hast beaten Me with blows and scourges. What more ought I do for thee that I have not done?

℣. He was led as a sheep to the slaughter.

℟. **And He was mute as a lamb before the shearer.**

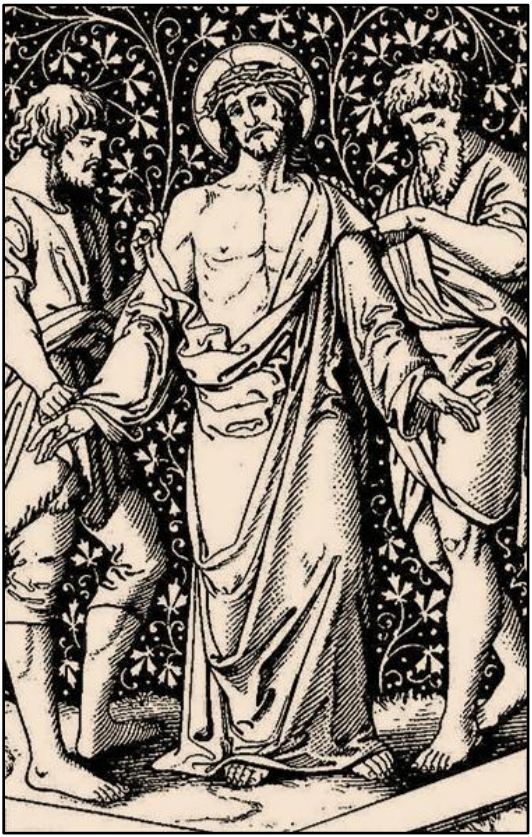
LET US PRAY. KNEEL

uard us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy ever-present mercy; and since without Thee, weak men must fail, keep us ever by Thy help from all things harmful, and lead us to all things profitable unto our salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

℣. Miserére nostri, Dómine. ℟. **Miserére nostri.**

℣. Et fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. **Amen.**

Juxta Crucem tecum stare
Et me tibi sociare
In planctu desidero.



THE TENTH STATION

Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi. GEN

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

nd they came to that place, which is called Golgotha, which is the place of Calvary. And they gave Him wine to drink, mingled with gall. And when He had tasted, He would not drink. And they divided His garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: *They divided My garments among them; and upon My vesture they cast lots.*

℣. They gave Me gall for My food.

℟. **And in My thirst, they gave Me vinegar to drink.**

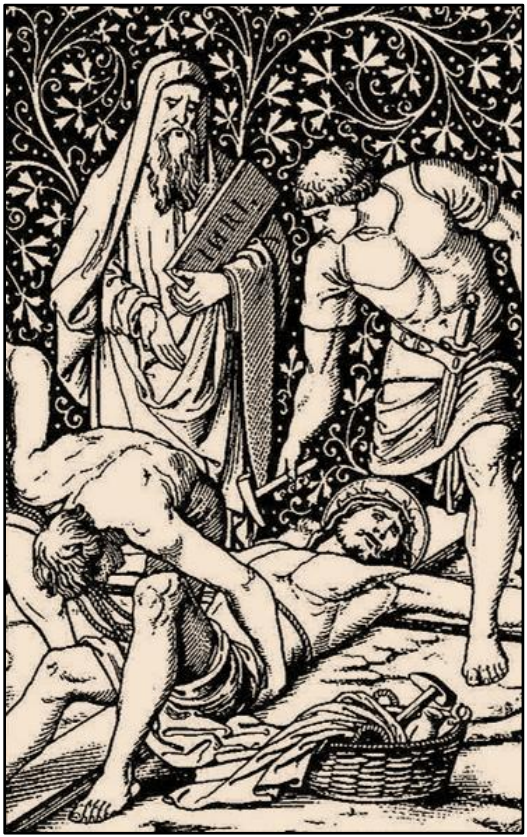
LET US PRAY. KNEEL

trip us, O Lord, of our former self with its evil deeds and ways; and clothe us with that new nature which is created after the manner of God in justice and in holiness of truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

℣. Miserére nostri, Dómine. ℟. **Miserére nostri.**

℣. Et fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. **Amen.**

Virgo virginum præclara
Mihi jam non sis amara
Fac me tecum plangere.



THE ELEVENTH STATION

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi. GEN

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

nd when they were come to that place which is called Calvary, they crucified Him there, and with Him two thieves, one on the right and the other on the left, and Jesus in the midst. My people, what have I done to thee? I have exalted thee with great power, and thou hast hanged Me on the gibbet of the cross.

℣. They have pierced My hands and My feet.

℟. **They have numbered all My bones.**

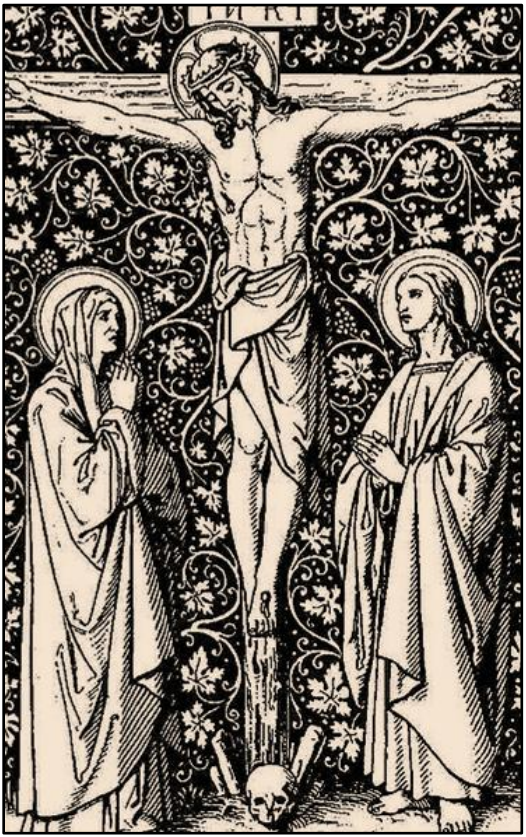
LET US PRAY. KNEEL

God, who by the Passion of Thine only-begotten Son, and by the Five Wounds from which His Blood was poured, didst repair the evil wrought by sin in our human nature: grant, we beseech Thee, that we who here on earth revere the Wounds which He received, may be worthy to obtain in Heaven the fruit of His most Precious Blood. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

℣. Miserére nostri, Dómine. ℟. **Miserére nostri.**

℣. Et fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. **Amen.**

Fac ut portem Christi mortem
Passionis fac consortem
Et plagas recolere.



THE TWELFTH STATION

Jesus Dies on the Cross

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi. GEN

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

hen Jesus had therefore seen His mother and the disciple whom He loved, He said to His mother: *Woman, behold thy son.* After that He saith to His disciple: *Behold thy mother.* And Jesus, when He had taken the vinegar, said: *It is consummated.* And again, crying with a loud voice, He said: *Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit.* And bowing His head, He gave up the ghost.

KNEEL & OBSERVE SILENCE

℣. Christ for our sake became obedient unto death.

℟. **Even the death of the cross.**

LET US PRAY.

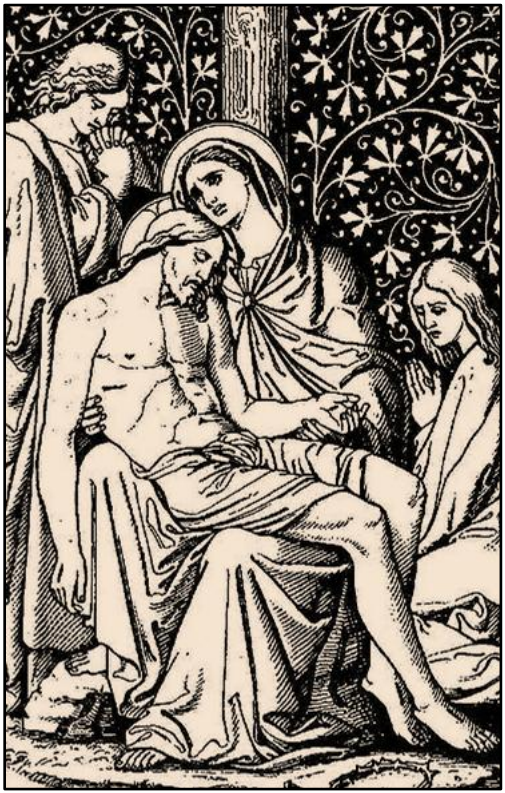
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at the sixth hour didst mount the gibbet of the cross for the redemption of the world, and didst shed Thy Precious Blood for the remission of our sins: grant us, we beseech Thee, that after our death we may enter with joy the gates of Paradise. Who liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.

Pater noster.

℣. Miserére nostri, Dómine. ℟. **Miserére nostri.**

℣. Et fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. **Amen.**

Fac me plagis vulnerari
Fac me cruc(e) inebriari
Et cruore Filii.



THE THIRTEENTH STATION

The Body of Jesus is Placed
in the Arms of His Mother

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi. GEN

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

all ye that pass by the way, stop and consider if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow; mine eyes have failed with weeping; my whole being is troubled, and my strength is poured out upon the earth, as I behold the cruel death of my Son, for the enemy hath prevailed against Him. Call me not Noemi (that is – beautiful), but call me Mara (that is – bitter), for the Almighty hath quite filled me with bitterness.

℣. The tears are on her cheeks.

℟. **But there are none to comfort her.**

LET US PRAY. KNEEL

God, at whose Passion, as Simeon had foretold, a sword of sorrow pierced the sweet soul of Mary, the glorious Virgin Mother: grant that we, who reverently recall her anguish and suffering, may obtain the blessed fruits of Thy redemption. Who liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.

Ave Maria.

℣. Miserére nostri, Dómine. ℟. **Miserére nostri.**

℣. Et fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. **Amen.**

Flammis ne urar succensus
Per te Virgo sim defensus
In die judicii.

THE FOURTEENTH STATION

Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi. GEN

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

nd Joseph, having taken down the body of Jesus, wrapped it up in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out in a rock. And he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

℣. Thou wilt not leave my soul in Hell.

℟. **Nor wilt Thou give Thy Holy One to see corruption.**

LET US PRAY. KNEEL

God, who hast left us a record of Thy Passion in the Holy Shroud wherein Joseph wrapped Thy sacred body when taken down from the cross: mercifully grant that through Thy death and burial we may be brought to the glory of Thy resurrection. Who liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.

℣. Miserére nostri, Dómine. ℟. **Miserére nostri.**

℣. Et fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei, requiéscant in pace. ℟. **Amen.**

Christe cum sit hinc exire
Da per Matrem me venire
Ad palmam victoriæ.

Quando corpus morietur
Fac ut animæ donetur
Paradisi gloria.

CONCLUSION

The priest and servers return to the foot of the altar and kneel for the concluding prayers.

KNEEL

℣. Adorámus te, Christe, et benedícimus tibi.

℟. **Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemísti mundum.**

LET US PRAY.

God, who in order to drive far from us the power of the enemy, didst will that Thy Son should suffer for us on the cross: grant, we beseech Thee, that we who rejoice in honoring that same Holy Cross, may likewise everywhere rejoice in Thy loving care and obtain the grace of Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

℟. **Amen.**

ehold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech Thee that Thou wouldst impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a firm desire of amendment, whilst with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate Thy Five Most Precious Wounds, having before mine eyes that which the prophet David

spoke of Thee, O good Jesus: *They have pierced My hands and My feet; they have numbered all My bones.* Amen.

℣. Pray for us, O most sorrowful Virgin.

℟. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

LET US PRAY.

We beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that according to Thy mercy, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thy Mother, whose soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow at the hour of Thy Passion, may intercede for us now and at the hour of our death.

℟. **Amen.**

℣. Let us pray for our Holy Father, N.

℟. **The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not to his enemies.**

LET US PRAY.

Almighty and Eternal God, have mercy on Thy servant, N., our pope, and mercifully direct him in the way of eternal salvation; so that, by Thy grace, he may

desire to be pleasing to Thee, and to become perfect in all virtue.

℟. **Amen.**

℣. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

℟. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

A server requests the blessing from the priest, who rises to petition Our Lord.

Server: Iube, dom*ne*, bene**dí**cere.

enedícat nos Dóminus noster Jesus **Chris**tus, qui pro nobis flagellátus est, cruc*em por*tá**v**it, et fuit cruci**fí**xus.

The priest ascends to the altar to give a blessing with a crucifix (or a relic of the True Cross). After the blessing, he again descends and kneels to lead the prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, for the plenary indulgence.

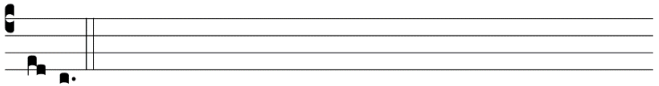
Pater noster. Ave Maria. Gloria Patri.

STAND

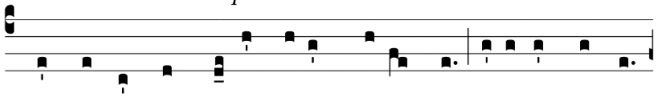
The priest and servers depart to the sacristy, accompanied by the ***Attende Domine****.*

5.

A T-ténde Dómi-ne, et mi-se-ré-re, qui- a peccá-vimus



ti-bi. *The Choir repeats :* Atténde.



1. Ad te Rex summe, ómni- um Redémptor, ócu-los nostros

sublevámus flentes : exáudi, Christe, suppli- cántum pre-

ces. ℟. Atténde Dómi-ne.

2. Déxte-ra Patris, la-pis angu-lá-ris, vi- a sa-lú-tis, jánu-a

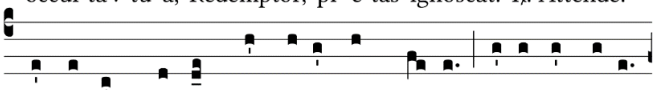
cae-lé-stis, áblu-e nostri má-cu-las de-lí-cti. ℟. Atténde.

3. Rogámus, De-us, tu-am ma-jestá-tem : áuri-bus sacris gé-

mi-tus exáudi : crími-na nostra plá-ci-dus indúlge. ℟. Atténde.

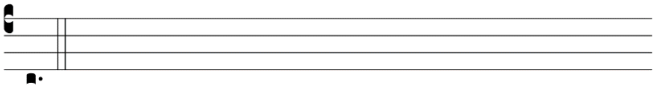
4. Ti-bi fa-témur crími-na admíssa : contrí-to corde pándimus

occúl-ta : tu-a, Redémptor, pí- e-tas ignóscat. ℟. Atténde.



5. Inno-cens captus, nec repúgnans ductus, tésti-bus falsis

pro ímpi- is damná-tus : quos redemísti, tu consérva, Chri-



ste. ℟. Atténde.

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