

HYMN : AMORE CHRISTI NOBILIS

Hymn for St John, from the Ambrosian breviary.

HYMNUS

A

- mo-re Christi no-bi-lis, Et fi-li-us toni-tru-i,

Arcana Jo-annes De-i Fa-tu reve-la-vit sacro. 2. Captis

so-le-bat pisci-bus Patris sene-ctam pasce-re: Turbante

dum na-tat sa-lo, Immo-bi-lis fi-de ste-tit. 3. Hamum

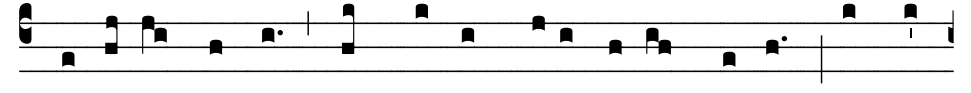
pro fundo merse-rat, Pisca-tus est verbum De-i: Jacta-vit

undis re-ti-a, Vi-tam le-va-vit ho-minum. 4. Piscis bo-

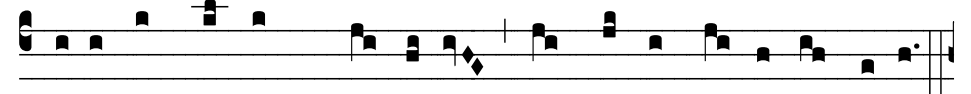
nus pi-a est fi-des, Mundi super-natans sa-lum, Subnixa



Christi pe-cto-re, Sancto lo-cu-ta Spi-ri-tu. 5. In princi-



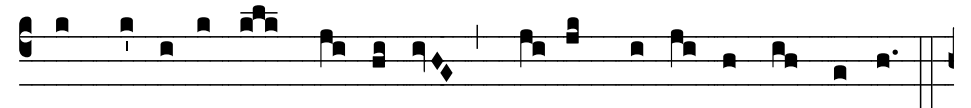
pi-o e-rat Verbum, Et Verbum erat apud De-um; Et De-



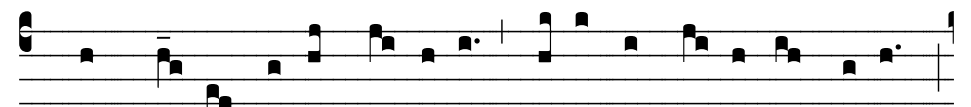
us e-rat Verbum: Hoc e-rat in princi-pi-o apud De-um.



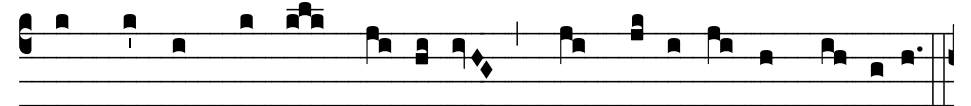
6. Omni-a per ipsum facta sunt: Sed ipse laude re-sonet,



Et laure-a-tus spi-ri-tu Scriptis co-ro-ne-tur su-is.



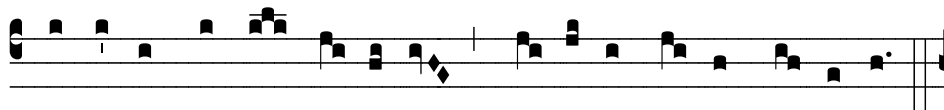
7. Commu-ne multis pas-si-o, Cru-orque de-lictum lavans:



Hoc morte præstat martyrum, Quod fecit es-se martyres.



8. Vinc-tus tamen ab impi-is, Ca-lente o-li-vo di-ci-tur



Tersisse mundi pulve-rem, Ste-tisse vi-ctor æmu-li.

S. Joannis ante Portam Latinam :



9. Glo-ri-a ti-bi, Do-mi-ne ; Glo-ri-a U-ni-ge-ni-to ; Una



cum sancto Spi-ri-tu, In sempi-terna sæ-cu-la. Amen.

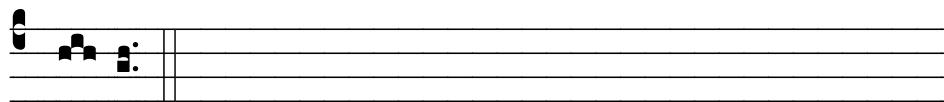
S. Joannis Apostoli et Evangelistæ :



9. Glo-ri-a ti-bi, Domi-ne ; Qui natus est de Virgi-ne, Cum



Patre sancto Spi-ri-tu, In sempi-ter-na sæ-cu-la.



Amen.

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The following Hymn, which we have taken from the Milan Liturgy, is attributed to St. Ambrose ; it certainly bears a resemblance to his style — sublime thoughts, majestically told.

1. John— the honoured loved one of Jesus, and named by Him the *Son of Thunder* — revealed in sacred words, the hidden things of God.

2. He was a fisherman, and supported his aged parent by his toil : whilst sailing on the troubled waves, he received the faith, and firmly did he hold to it

3. He throws his hook into the deep, and takes the Word of God ; he lets down his nets into the waters, he draws in Him who is the Light of the world.

4. His fervent Faith is the good Fish which swain through the briny flood of this world ; it rested on the Breast of Christ, and thus spoke in the Holy Spirit :

5. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

6. All things were made by Him. Then, let us sing the praises of this Disciple, and since he bears the laurel, of the Spirit, let his writings be his crown.

7. Martyrdom has been granted to many, and this shedding of their own blood purifies them from every sin ; but John did what was better than Martyrdom— he taught to the world that which made the Martyrs.

8. Yet we are told, that he was bound by wicked men, and plunged into boiling oil ; it did but cleanse him from this world's dust, and give him victory over the enemy.

9. Glory be to thee, O Lord, that wast born of the Virgin ! and to the Father, and to the Holy Ghost, for everlasting ages. Amen.