

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 pi- sci- bus Patris senectam pasce- re : Turbante

dum na- tat sa- lo, Immo- bi- lis fi- de stetit. 3. Hamum pro-

fundo merse- rat, Piscatus est verbum De- i : Jacta- vit un-

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

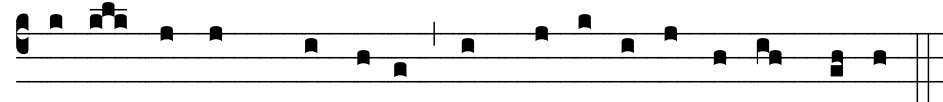
pi- a est fides, Mundi superna- tans salum, Subnixa Chri-



sti pecto- re, Sancto lo- cuta Spi- ri- tu. 5. In prin- ci- pi- o



erat Verbum, Et Verbum e- rat apud De- um ; Et De- us



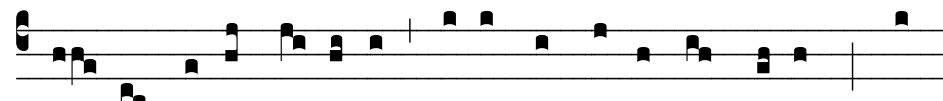
e- rat Verbum : Hoc e- rat in princi- pi- o apud De- um.



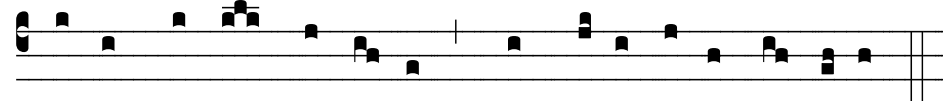
6. Omni- a per ipsum facta sunt : Sed ipse laude re- so- net,



Et laure- atus spi- ri- tu Scriptis co- rone- tur su- is. 7. Com-



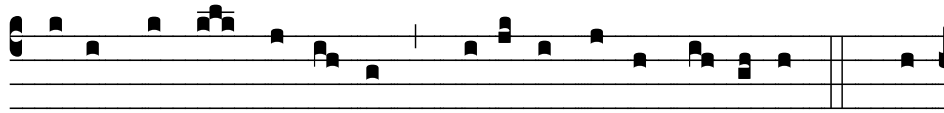
mu- ne multis passi- o, Cru- orque de- lictum lavans : Hoc



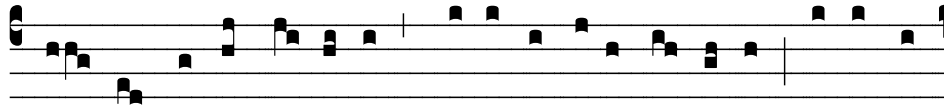
morte præstat marty- rum, Quod fecit esse marty- res.



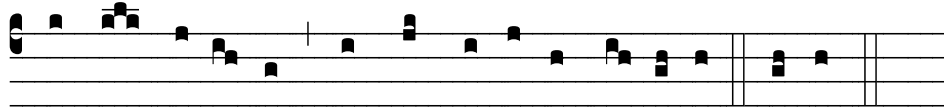
8. Vincit tamen ab impi- is, Calente o- livo di- ci- tur Ter-



sisse mundi pulve-rem, Stetisse victor æmu- li. 9. Glo-



ri- a ti-bi, Domi-ne ; Glo-ri- a Uni-ge- ni-to ; Una cum



sancto Spi-ri- tu, In sempi-terna sæcu- 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.