SEQUENCE FOR EASTER SUNDAY

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Victimae Paschalit laudes imo lent Christiani.
Sing to Christ your paschal victim, Christrians sing your Easter hymn.

Agnus redemit olves Christus innocens Patri.
The sinless Lord for sinners, Christ God's Son for creatures died,

reconcilivit peccatores. Mors et vita duelio.
The sheep who strayed, the Lamb of God redeemed. Then death and life their battle

confixere mirando: dux vitae mortuos, regnat vivus.
Wonderfully fought, and now The King of life, once dead, for ever lives.

Dic nobis Maria, quid vidi sti in vita?
Tell us, Mary, we pray, What you saw on Easter day?

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Empty was the grave, and looking I saw there the glory of his rising.

The angel witnesses I saw, and folded linen. Christ my hope is risen truly In Galilee he goes before you.

Sci-mus Christum sur-re-xis-se a mórtu-is ve-re: tu. We know he rose from death indeed And so to him we pray, Great no-bis vi-ctor Rex mi-se-ré-re.
King and Lord of life, bless us this day. Amen. Alleluia.

King & Lord of life, bless us this day.

Organ OSSIA

This English translation (original IMPRIMATUR granted 28 apr 1913 by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster) is by Father Adrian Fortescue, a musician and organist, who—owing to his exceptional scholarship, including three (3) earned doctorates—was awarded a special prize, in person, by Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria. In 1923, Father Fortescue was professor of church history at Saint Edmund’s College (near Ware, England). Bishop Fulton J. Sheen spoke of it: “In England, I was invited to teach theology at the seminary of the Westminster Archdiocese, St. Edmund’s College, Ware. At the same time, I was working for my agrégé at the University of Louvain. I was assigned to teach dogmatic theology, though my specialty had been philosophy. […] One of my friends and distinguished colleagues there was Father Ronald Knox, a convert to Catholicism, whose father was the Anglican Archbishop of Birmingham. A graduate of Oxford, he was teaching Scripture and Greek at the seminary.”

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