

NOW, O CHRIST, sun of righteousness, may our dark thoughts change to daylight, shine thou in our hearts; that thou, light of virtue, mayest return, when thou bringest day back to the lands and to the springtime flowers.

The Brébeuf Hymnal [<https://ccwatershed.org/hymn>] gives its source as: *Hymni de Tempore et de Sanctis in Textu Antiquo et Novo* (Solesmes, 1885) p. 38. The text is so ancient that its author is not known. Father Joseph Connelly—who served as **DEAN OF MUSIC** and as **PROFESSOR OF PLAINCHANT** at St. Mary’s Seminary, New Oscott, Birmingham (1934-1956) according to *The Catholic Directory of the Archdiocese of Birmingham*—wrote as follows about this hymn: “The original text has many difficulties. This caused many variants in the manuscripts.” In 1631AD, Pope Urban VIII changed the hymn’s title to *O Sol Salutis Intimis*.

R. Jam, Chri-ste, sol_ ju - stí - ti - æ, men - tis di - é-scant té - ne-bræ,

re - splén-de cór - di - bus; vir - tú - tum ut_ lux ré - de - as,

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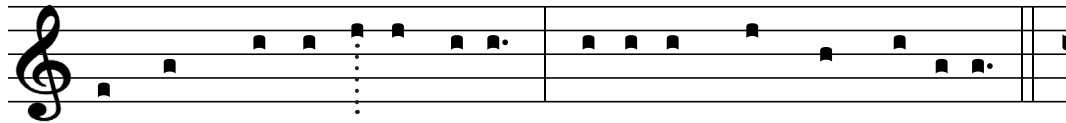
(II Cor 6:2) “Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

2. Dans *tem-pus ac-ce-ptá-bi-le* * Et pá-ni-tens cor trí-bu-e,

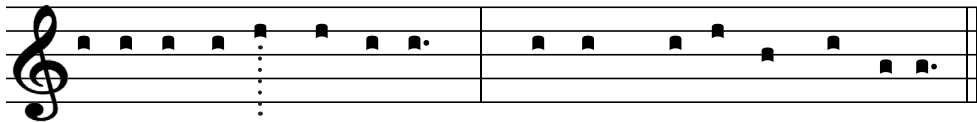
Convértat ut *be-ní-gni-tas*, * Quos longa *suf-fert pí-e-tas*.

2. Granting us an acceptable time, | accord us also a penitent heart, || that thy kindness may transform those | whom thy prolonged graciousness tolerates.

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3. Quid-dámque pæ-ni-tén-ti-æ * Da ferre, **quam-vis** grá-vi-um,

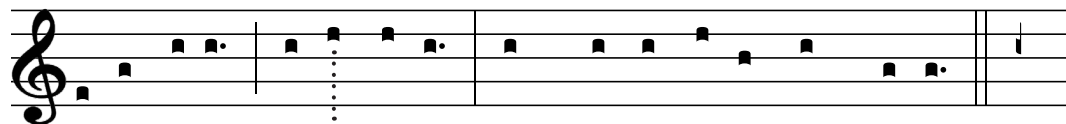


Ma-jó-re tu-*o* **mú**-ne-re, * Quo dém-pti-*o* fit **crí**-minum.

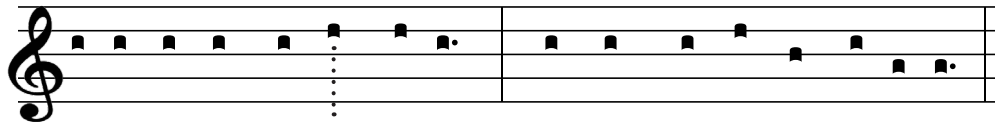
3. And grant that they undergo | something of repentance through thy very great gift, || by which comes about | the removal of wrongs, however great.

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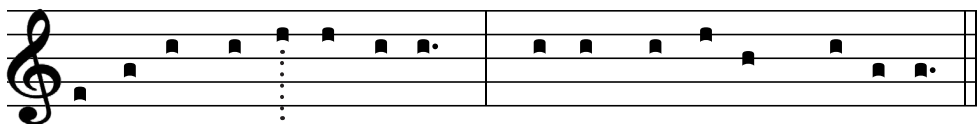
4. Di-*es* venit, di-*es* **tu**-a, * In qua re-**fló**-rent ó-**mni**-a:



Læ-témur in hac *ad* **tu**-am * Per hanc re-**dú**-cti grá-ti-am.

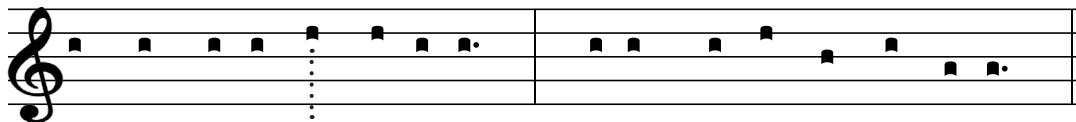
4. The day comes, thy day, | on which all things bloom again: || let us be glad on it, | led back by it to thy grace.

The poet here rejoices in anticipation. **Dies tua**, Easter Sunday, the “great day of the Lord” in the liturgy, of which day the Church will sing repeatedly in her paschal Office: “This is the day which the Lord hath made: let us be glad and rejoice therein” (Ps. 117:24). — *Father Aquinas Byrnes*



5. Te *re*-rum u-**ni-vér**-si-tas, * Clemens, ad-ó-ret, **Trí**-ni-tas,

5. Let the generality of things | adore thee, O merciful Trinity, || and let us, made new by thy pardon, | sing a new canticle.



Et nos no-vi *per* **vé**-ni-am * Novum ca-**ná**-mus **cán**-ti-cum.



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