Harmonization by Fr. Antonin Lhoumeau (†1920)

The text is an ancient Easter hymn whose author is unknown. Hymn Tune: Coelites Plaudant

Vi - ta san - ctó - rum, de - cus an - ge - ló - rum,
Life of thy saints and glory of thine angels,

Vi - ta cun - ctó - rum pá - ri - ter pi - ó - rum, Chri - ste, qui
Christ, who art life of all who strive to love thee, Who by thy

mor - tis mó - ri - ens mi - ni - strum Ex - su - pe - rá - sti,
dying on the cross didst vanquish Death's ministra tion,

Tu tu - o lae - tos fá - mu - los tro - paé - o
Save in these holy days of peace thy servants,
Nunc in his serva plá-cí-dis di-é-bus, In qui-bus

Guard and sus-tain by pledges of thy tri-umph, For now thy

sa-crüm ce-le-brá-tur o-mmenn Pas-chá per or-bem, Pas-chal feast through-out the wide-world Joy they in keep-ing.

Pas-chá, qui vi-ctor ré-di-ens ab i-mo
Feast when from hell as vic-tor thou re-turn-ing

At-que cum mul-tis ál-i-is re-súr-gens, I-pse su-
When thou hadst loosed the fa-ters that were sleep-ing, Bear-edst the

scéptam su-per al-ta car-nem A-strá le-vá-sti.
Flesh, that thou didst take up-on thee Un-to the high-stars.
Nunc in ex-cél-sis Dó-mi-nus re-fúl-gens
Now thou art Lord re-plend-ent in the high-est,

Et su-per coe-los De-us e-le-vá-tus In-de ven-
And o’er the heav-ens, God, thou art ex-alt-ed; Thence thou shalt

come, O God and man, in glo-ry, Judge, at the world’s end.

Cor-da tu sur-sum mo-do no-strā tol-le
Raise thou our hearts to know thee in thy beau-ty.
Quo Patri Dexter residiens in alto, Ne resurrecturus
Where thou dost sit at the high Father's right hand, Lest though we

gentes facias in ima Praecipitatiri.
rise thy perfect justice cast us Into the darkness.

Hoc Pater tecum, hoc idem sacratus
This may the Father grant us, Holy Savior;

Praestet amborum, pie Christe, Flatus Cum qui bus
This may he grant who is of both the Spirit, With whom thou

regnas Deus unus omni lugiter aevos.
reign est, one in perfect God head, Unto all ages.