

ANCIENT HYMNS FROM THE ROMAN BREVIARY

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PREFACE.

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These I arranged, so as to form, first, two Series of Hymns for the Morning and Evening of Sunday, and of every other day of the week: secondly, a Series of Occasional Hymns, generally two on each occasion, suited to our Lord's Holy-days, and to the other Festivals of the Church. Three or four original compositions were introduced to complete the number: and here and there, two very short pieces from the Breviary were combined into one; a supplemental stanza was inserted; or a sentiment was modified or omitted, as not agreeable to Holy Writ. In other respects the following Hymns may be regarded as a sufficiently faithful version of their originals, rendered however with considerable freedom of construction, and frequently conveying the thought, rather than the exact literal expression. To each of them in the following Version the first line of the Latin is prefixed, by means of which, on consulting the Index annexed to each volume of the Breviary, the reader will be enabled at little inconvenience to compare the version with its original.

To those above enumerated some other original Hymns have been added, with especial reference to the holy ordinances of our Lord in His Church; and to the Church's provisions for carrying those ordinances into effect. For both of these ought at all times to be kept in the memory, to constitute the principles, and to actuate the conduct, of all God's people, who