



ARMONIES by Jeff Ostrowski (2020). Translation by Fr. Adrian Fortescue (1874-1923). In 1891, Fortescue entered the Scots' College in Rome and soon after was appointed organist. Four years after receiving his first doctorate—on 27 March 1898—he was ordained to the priesthood. Between 1899 and 1905 he passed doctoral examinations in Moral Theology, Dogma, Ecclesiastical History, Canon Law, Arabic, and Biblical Science—passing the examination in Semitic languages with great distinction. On 10 June 1905, he became the recipient of a triple doctorate, a rare achievement. His scholarship was so exceptional, Fortescue was awarded a prize presented personally to him by Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria.

ALMA REDEMPTORIS

From Advent to Candlemas (i.e. the feast of the Purification)

Holy mother of our Redeemer

Al - - ma Re-dem-ptó - ris Ma - ter,

thou gate leading to heaven and star of the sea; help the falling

quae pér - vi - a cae - li por - ta ma - nes, Et stel - la ma - ris, suc - cúr - re ca - dén - ti,

people who seek to rise, thou who, all nature wondering,

súr - ge - re qui cu - rat, pó - pu - lo: Tu quae ge - nu - í - sti, Na - tú - ra mi - rán - te,

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didst give birth to thy holy Creator. Virgin always,

tu - um san - ctum Ge - ni - tó - rem: Vir - go pri - us ac po - sté - ri - us,

hearing that greeting from Gabriel's lips, take pity on sinners.

Ga - bri - é - lis ab o - re Su - mens il - lud A - ve, pec - ca - tó - rum mi - se - ré - re.