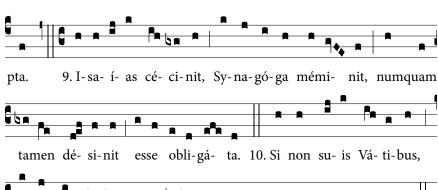
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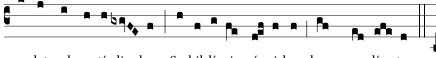


SEQUENTIA



8. Verbum ens Altís-si- mi corpo-rá- ri pas-sum est, carne sum-

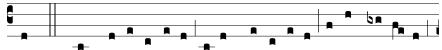




cre-dat vel gentí- li- bus: Sy-bil-lí-nis vér-si-bus hæc præ-dí- cta.



11. Infé-lix pró-pe-ra, cre-de vel vé-te-ra: cur damná-be-ris, gens e-léc-



ta? 12. Quem do-cet lít-te-ra, na-tum consí-de-ra: ipsum gé-nu- it



Let the faithful choir joyfully rejoice, alleluia. 2. The womb of the undefiled one has brought forth the King of Kings: a thing of wonder. 3. The Angel of the counsel is born of the Virgin; the Sun of the Star. 4. The Sun knows no setting, the Star is ever shining, ever bright. 5. As the star brings forth its ray, in like manner the Virgin brings forth her Son. 6. Neither the Star by its ray, nor the Mother by her Son becomes defiled. 7. The lofty cedar of Lebanon is conformed to the hyssop in our Valley. 8. The Word, the Being of the Most High, has deigned to become incarnate, having assumed our flesh. 9. Isaias foretold it, the Synagogue remembers it, yet never does it cease to be bound. 10. If not her own prophets, let her at least believe the Gentiles; in the sibylline verses these things were predicted. 11. O Unhappy one, hasten, believe even the ancient legends. Why be cast away, O Chosen Race? 12. Behold the Child whom the Scriptures proclaim. A Maid has

borne Him. Alleluia.