## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER SOLEMN CHORAL VESPERS

## SECOND VESPERS

## Hymnus

Polyphonic verses by Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)





Sancto Spí-ri-tu, In sempi-tér- na sæ-cu-la. A-men.

The Lamb's high banquet we await, In snow-white robes of royal state; And now, the Red Sea's channel past, To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

- 2. Upon the altar of the Cross His body has redeemed our loss; And tasting of his crimson blood Our life is hid with him in God.
- 3. That Paschal eve God's arm was bared, From devastating angel spared; By strength of hand our hosts went free From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.
- 4. Now Christ, our Paschal Lamb, is slain, The Lamb of God that knows no stain; The true oblation offer'd here, Our own unleavened bread sincere.
- 5. O great, O worthy Victim true, The pow'r of hell is crushed by you; A captive people, ransomed, live, And endless life once more you give.
- 6. For Christ, arising from the dead, From conquered hell triumphant, sped; He thrust the tyrant down enchained, And Paradise for man regained.
- 7. Creator great, be you our guide In this, the joy of Easter-tide: Whene'er assaults of death impend, Your people strengthen and defend.
- 8. All glory, Lord, to you we pay, Arisen from the dead today; With Father and the Spirit be All glory yours eternally. Amen.