

PREFACE III OF EASTER

Christ living and always interceding for us

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, at all times
to ac-claim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud you
yet more glo-rious-ly, when Christ our Pass-o-ver has been
sac-ri-ficed. He never ceases to offer him-self for us but defends
us and ever pleads our cause be-fore you: he is the sacrificial Vic-
-tim who dies no more, the Lamb, once slain, who lives for ev-er.
There-fore, o-vercome with pas-chal joy, every land, eve-ry
peo-ple ex-ul-ts in your praise and even the heavenly Powers,
with the an-gel-ic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your
glo-ry, as they ac-claim: