

PREFACE V OF EASTER

Christ, Priest and Victim

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. By the oblation of his Body, he brought the sacrifices
of old to fulfillment in the reality of the Cross and, by commend-
-ing himself to you for our sal-va-tion, showed him-self the Priest,
the Altar, and the Lamb of sac-ri-fice. 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 to-
-gether the unending hymn of your glo-ry, as they ac-claim: