PREFACE I OF EASTER

The Paschal Mystery

45. The following Preface is said during Easter Time.

At the Easter Vigil, is said on this night; on Easter Sunday and throughout the Octave of Easter, is said on this day; on other days of Easter Time, is said in this time.

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but (on this night / on this day / in this time) above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .

When the Roman Canon is used, there is a proper Communicantes and a proper Hanc igitur, as below, p. 637. In the Communicantes at the Easter Vigil, Celebrating the most sacred night, etc. is said.
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of the world; by dying he has de-stroyed our death, and by
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unending hymn of your glo-ry, as they ac-claim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .