

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.



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.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, at all times
to ac-claim you, O Lord, but (on this night
on this day
in this time) above all to laud you
yet more glo-rious-ly, when Christ our Pass-o-ver has been
sac-ri-ficed. For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins
of the world; by dying he has de-stroyed our death, and by
ris-ing, re-stored our life. 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:

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