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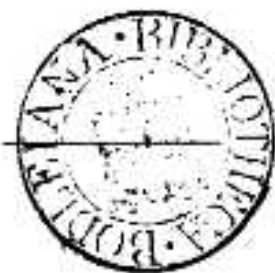
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AD TE DOMINE.

HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
ONE GOD,
I ADORE THEE, I WORSHIP THEE,
I BLESS THEE.

THOU HAST GIVEN ME BEING; I GIVE THEE BACK THINE OWN,
O FATHER ALMIGHTY.

THOU HAST GIVEN ME INTELLECT, MEMORY, FREE-WILL:
I HUMBLY LAY THEM AT THY FEET,

O JESUS, GOD INCARNATE.

THOU HAST GIVEN ME FAITH; AND BY THY GIFT ALONE CAN
I CONFESS THE TRUTH,
O HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD.



O JESUS, GOD INCARNATE,

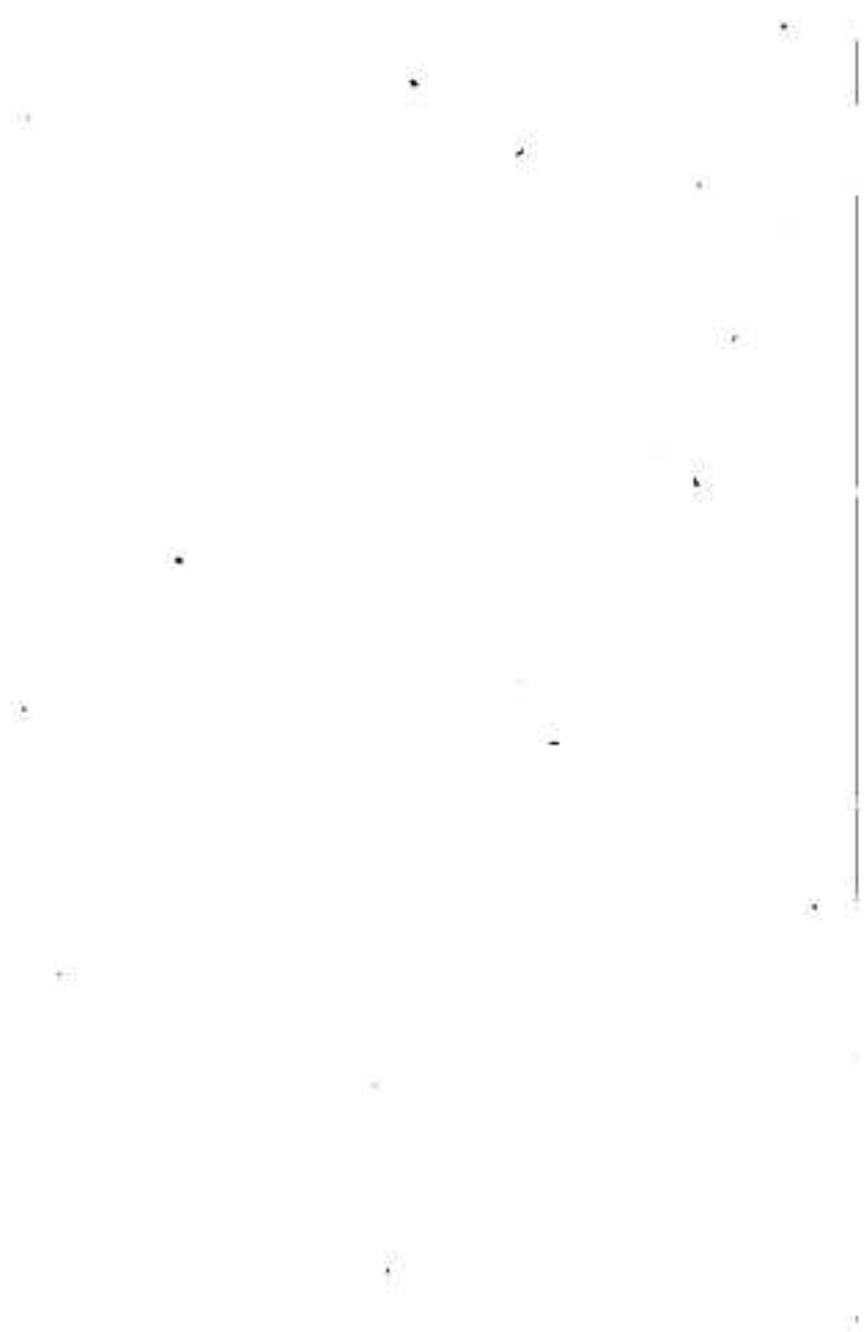
WHO DIDST AT THE PRAYER OF THY EVER-VIRGIN MOTHER
TURN THE WATER INTO WINE, VOUCHSAFE FOR HER SAKE,
EVEN NOW,

TO STRENGTHEN IN THE FAITH, SOME FAINTING HEART,
BY THIS DRAUGHT OF WATER, DRAWN,
BY THE HANDS OF THE MEANEST OF THY SERVANTS,
FROM THE DEEP WELL OF
CATHOLIC TRUTH.



TO GOD, THE THREE IN ONE, THE ONE IN THREE,
BE GLORY FROM ALL CREATURES IN HEAVEN, AND EARTH, AND
UNDER THE EARTH,
THROUGH ALL ETERNITY.
AMEN.





DE SANCTA CRUCE.

Extorquet hoc sorte Dei veniabile signum,
Rusticolas laudes viventi reddere flatu,
In me, qui regit ire lutum plasmabile, Numen
Portio viventum, curatio, fausta medelke, *
Excluser culpæ, Trinitas effusa, creator:
Cujus honor, lumen, jus, gloria, regna cœve.
Ex fidei merito magnum, pie, reddis Abraham:
Sic Pater, et Genitus, sic Scs Spiritus unus.

Verses at the side.

Eripe credentes, fidei decus, arma salutis:
Munere, Criste, tuo removetur causa reatus.

Verses which form the cross in the middle.

Dulce mihi lignum, pie, majus odore rosetis,
Dumosi colles, lignum, generastis honoris,
Ditans templa Dei crux, et velamen adorans.

NOTE.—This curious acrostic, the production of Venantius H. C. Fortunatus, the friend of Gregory of Tours, and the panegyrist of S. Martin, is given by the Transcriber, in the hope that some more able pen may give an English rendering of this Latin verse of the Sixth Century. The unlearned, but loving heart, will discover in the mystic Triangle and the holy Cross, the hidden teaching of the Creed, the Arms of Salvation and the blessed Wood whereby Righteousness cometh.

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