

# HYMN : POSTQUAM HOSTEM ET INFERNAM

*Former Sequence for the Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension*

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**P**ostquam hostem et inferna spoliavit, ad super-

na Christus redit gaudia; 2. Angelorum ascendenti

sicut olim descendenti parantur obsequia. 3. Super

astra sublimatur, non apparet, absentatur corporis

praesentia; 4. Cuncta tamen moderatur, cuius Patri

coaequatur honor et potentia. 5. Modo victor, modo

tuus est in caelis constitutus rector super omnia

6. Non est rursus moriturus, nec per mortem munda-

tuus hominum contagia. 7. Semel enim incarnatus,

semel passus, semel datus pro peccatis hostia. 8. Nul-

lam feret ultra poenam, nam quietem habet plenam

cum summa laetitia. 9. Cum recessit ita dixit, in-

timavit et infixit talia discipulis: 10. Ite, mundum

circumite, universos erudite verbis et miraculis.

11. Nam ad Patrem meum ibo, sed scia-tis quod red-

ibo; veniet Paraclitus, 12. Qui disertus et loquaces



et secu-ros et auda-ces fa-ci-et vos peni-tus. 13. Super  
 ægros et languentes manus vestras imponentes sa-ni-  
 ta-tem dabi-tis; 14. U-ni-versas res no-centes, in-imi-cos  
 et serpentes et morbos fu-ga-bi-tis. 15. Qui fi-de-lis est  
 fu-tu-rus et cum fi-de susceptu-rus baptis-mi reme-di-  
 um. 16. A pecca-tis e-rit purus, et cum justis habi-tu-  
 rus sempi-ternum gaudi-um. Amen.

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1. Satan and the realms infernal Having spoiled, to joys supernal Christ returneth back once more:
2. As His upward way he wendeth, As before, when he descendeth, Angels set them to adore.
3. As above the stars He goeth, Here no more Himself He showeth, Bodily, to mortal sight;
4. But all rule to him is given, Who is with His Sire in Heaven One in majesty and might.
5. Victor now, from perils warded, He in heaven hath been accorded, Empire over all therein:
6. Nevermore shall He be dying, Nevermore through death supplying Means to purify man's sin.
7. Once for all He took our nature, Once He suffered, once, a creature, Was for sin content to die:
8. Further pain shall He know never, But, in perfect peace for ever, Compass endless joys on high.
9. Thus he spake, as He ascended; These things straitly He commanded, And impressed upon His own:
10. "Go through all the world and preach ye, Every nation therein teach ye Both by word and wonder done.
11. "For I go unto my Father, To return, as ye may gather, Since shall come a Comforter,
12. Who shall make you bold and fearless, Of all consequences careless, Eloquent in speech and clear.
13. "Those laid low by sickness on them, When ye lay your hands upon them, Shall their former health regain:
14. All things hurtful and annoying, With all deadly snakes, destroying, Ye shall drive out plagues and pain.
15. "Whosoever but believeth, And with simple faith receiveth Baptism's sure remedy,
16. Shall be cleansed from all transgression, And have with the saints possession Of eternal joys on high!" Amen.