

HYMN : SALVETE FLORES MARTYRUM

Hymn for the Feast of The Holy Innocents

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S Alve-te flo-res martyrum, Quos lucis ip- so limi-
ne Christi insecu-tor sustu-lit Ut turbo nascen-tes ro-
sas. 2. Quid crimen Hero-dem juvat? Vos, prima Chri- sti
victima, Grex immo-la-torum tener, Palma et coro- nis
lu-di-tis. 3. Audit ty-rannus anxi- us Adesse re- gum prin-
cipem; Exclamat amens nunti- o: Ferrum, satel-las, cor-
ri-pe; 4. Mas omnis infans occidat, Scruta-re nu- tri- cum
sinus, Fraus ne qua furtim subtrahat Prolem viri- lis in-

do-lis. 5. Transfi-git ergo carni-fex Mucrone de-stri-cto fu-
rens Effu-sa nuper corpo-ra Animasque rima-tur novas
6. O barbarum spectacu-lum! Vix interemptor invenit Lo-
cum minu-tis artubus Quo plaga descendat patens. 7. Quid
pro-fi-cit tantum nefas? Inter co-æ- vi sanguinis Flu-en-
ta solus inte-ger Impune Christus tol-li- tur. 8. Sit Trini-
ta-ti glo-ri- a, Virtus, honor, vi-ctori- a, Quæ dat coro-
nam testi-bus Per sæ-cu-lo-rum sæ-cu-la. Amen.

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