

Eternal Monarch, King Most High

From the Latin.

Grenoble Antiphoner, 1753.

Eternal Monarch, King most high,  
Whose blood hath brought redemption nigh,  
By Whom the death of Death was wrought,  
And conquering grace's battle fought.

Ascending to the throne of might,  
And seated at the Father's right,  
All power in Heav'n is Jesu's own,  
That here His manhood had not known.

That so, in nature's triple frame,  
Each heav'nly and each earthly name,  
And things in hell's abyss abhorred,  
May bend the knee and own Him Lord.

Yea, angels tremble when they see  
How changed is our humanity;  
That flesh hath purged what flesh had stained,  
And God, the Flesh of God, hath reigned.

Be Thou our joy and strong defense,  
Who art our future recompense;  
So shall the light that springs from Thee  
Be ours through all eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to Thee let earth accord,  
Who art, while endless ages run,