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Additis S. Patrum dictis, Quæstio-  
numq; aliquot decisione, ad uberiorem textūs, cùm opus est,  
explicationem, & Heterodoxorum refutationem.

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N Y L A N D U S.

*Luth. in expos. Evang. hujus diei.*

Hoc primum est quod Deus etiam gentes ad regnum Christi vocat, & suum populum facit, quamvis non circumcisæ, neq; legi ut Judæi subiecti essent. Ingens hoc beneficium est, neq; unquam Christianos pro eo ingratos esse convenit.

*Lyra in hunc locum.*

Divites & potentes huius seculi & gentes velociter ad fidem venientes: resolutis vinculis iniquitatis animas suas Domino effuderunt: & revertentes de captivitate Diaboli & vanæ conversationis, manus fidei quæ per aurum: & orationes mundæ, quæ per Thus figurantur, Domino obculerunt.

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quendis. Hoc quicquid est Chartacei munere, in gratiam animi monu-  
mentum débiteq; observantiae documentum dedicat & consecrat  
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# MEDITATIO SANCTÆ EPISTOLE IN FESTO EPIPHANIAS DOMINI.

In sancta & summa Laudatione Trinitatis, Patris, filii,  
& Spiritus Sancti nominis.

**D**O M I N U S Pastor meus: Nihil mihi decerit.  
In viretis herbae facit me accubare, ad aquas trans-  
quillas dedit me. Animam meam convertit:  
Dedit me in iustitia, propter nomen suum.  
Et si ambulem in valle umbra mortis, non timebo ma-  
lum, quoniam tu tecum es, virginea & baculus tua  
ipsa me consolantur. Psal. 23. v. 2. 2. 3. 4. Quibus  
verbis indicat suam animositatem, & fiduciam &  
fortitudinem in Spiritu, inde, quod sciat se esse ovem  
Domini, quod inde ei nihil deficiat, quod ducatur in vi-  
ridia pascua, ad aquam dulcem, quod anima ejus refici-  
tur, quod ducatur in viam rectam, quod non timeat am-  
bulans in valle tenebroso, cum innitatur baculo Domini,  
atq; in via facile consistit, ut in errorem non seducatur.  
Ita Apostolus S. Petrus nominat Christum Dominum no-  
strum pastorem animalium. 1. Pet. 2. Videtur interdum  
quod sine pastore ab errant oves Christi, sint in magno ti-  
more, terret oves lupus infernalis, terret & indies propria  
caro, cum perirulum videns auxilium Dei non videt

tam propinquum.; Videtur DEus etiam dormire & dis-  
ficulte excitari. Verum non sic actum est de filiis Dei  
mox ostendit se pastorem, qui oves suas paternè visitabit,  
& pro misericordia vindicem certissimum se conspicien-  
dum præbabit, ut pro mærore exiguo ingens capiat gau-  
dium, & causam habeant Deo suo liberaliter gratias &  
laudes dicendi. Hoc ipsum etiam in hoc Textu, præsen-  
tis Festi Epiphaniæ diei Epistola docet.

**O** Remus etiam DEus ut hanc Epistolam ita meditari quea-  
mus, ut ced ut in nominis Divini gloriam, nobis in augmen-  
tum & incrementum doctrinæ, & honorum operum, in fidem &  
fidu iam, & in idem in eternam beatitudinem: Dicamus igit-  
ur: Pater noster, &c.

### TEXTUS Esaiæ 60.

**S**urge, illuminare Hierusalem, quia venit lumen tu-  
um, & gloria Domini super te orta est. Quia ec-  
ce tenebrae operient terram, & caligo populos: Super  
te autem orietur Dominus, & gloria ejus in te videbi-  
tur. Et ambulabunt gentes in lumine tuo & reges  
in splendore ortus tui. Leua in circuitu oculos tuos,  
& vide, omnes isti qui congregati sunt, venerunt tibi.  
Fili tui de longe venient, & filii tuae de latere surgent.  
Tunc videbis & afflues, & mirabitur ac dilatabiliter  
cor tuum, quando conversa fuerit ad te multitudo ma-  
ræ, foritudo gentium venerit tibi. Inundatio cam-  
borum operiet te, dromedarij Median & Ephar. O-  
mnes de Saba venient, auram & ihus deferentes, &  
laudem Domini annunciantes.

Alla

**A**lloquitur Propheta suos auditores tamen quam  
unum hominem Jubet surgere, quandoquidem lux  
eis veniat, & super eum gloria Domini oriatur. Alios  
populos obscurat caligo, & tenebrae operiunt terram co-  
rum, Dominus vero oritur, & gloria ejus appetit super  
eum. Facit mentionem gentium quod illi etiam in  
hoc lumine tam magno ambulatura sunt. Deinde in-  
dicat quae gentes ambulatura in hoc lumine cum Eccl-  
esiā Judaicā. Jubet Ecclesiam Judaicā oculos attolle-  
re & circumspicere, quod magna copia se ei adjungat,  
Filiū ejus venient peregrī, filiae juxta educabuntur. Tum  
inquit, videbit Ecclesia gaudium, & eruppet se, & eorū e-  
jus mirabitur & dilataribit se videns magnam illam multis  
audinem, apud mare convertentem se ad illam, & poten-  
tiam gentium venientem ad illam. Multi Caneli coo-  
perient, inquit, terram, Veredarij ex Midia & Ephra ven-  
turi, omnes de Saba vecturi aurum & thus, annuncianti  
laudem Domini. Admonemur praecepti secundi, ut  
nomen Domini laudemus & celebremus, quod Deus  
voluerit etiam gentes, quales nos quoq; sumus, ad lu-  
cem Evangelij clementer vocare. Confirmatur Arti-  
culus fidei de Ecclesia & communione sanctorum, ex  
gentibus & Judais. Excitamus ad orandum, Adveniat  
regnū tuum.

P A R T E S D U Æ.

I. De Ecclesiæ prærogativis & privilegijs præ  
gentibus.

II. De gentium conversione & aggregatione  
ad Ecclesiam.

Atq; hæ sunt istæ Partes, quas hæc vice breviter & sim-  
pliciter tractare constituimus: Omnipotens & aeternus  
DEus, Pater noster cælestis dilectissimus, nobis omnibus bencida-  
eat, cunctaq; utilitèr & fructuose cedere faciat.

## PRIMA PAR.

In qua meditamur:

### I. Quis loquatur & dicat:

*Surge & illuminare &c.* Hoc indicatur in capite  
præcedente proximo, ubi sic scribit Propheta: Habi-  
tantibus in Zion veniet Salvator, & illis qui sc con-  
vertunt a peccatis in Jacob, dicit Dominus. Et ego  
facio fœdus tecum, inquit Dominus: Spiritus meus  
qui est tecum, & verba que ego posui in ore tuo, non  
recedent ab ore tuo, neq; ab ore seminis tui, & nepo-  
tum ore, dicit Dominus ex hoc & usq; in seculum.  
Unde apparet DEum etiam in hoc Textu hujus exempli  
loqui sicut in præcedentibus verbis cap. 59. DEus itaq;  
est qui sermonem hic instituit ac dicit. *Surge, illumina-*  
*re, lux tua ærenit, & gloria Domini oritur super te.* Scribit  
itaq; Propheta DEum sic loquutum.

L. C 1. Scriptura Sacra superat dignitate  
& excellentia omnes alios libros. Conciliat autem ei ut  
Lutherus loquitur, dignitatem & authoritatem, quod to-  
tius hic repetatur, dixit DEus, dixit Dominus. Hæc lo-  
quendi formula in alijs libris non extat, nisi in libris ex  
Sacris Biblijs exscriptis. Noverimus itaq; S. Biblia de-  
vote religioseq; tractanda, tanquam thesaurum incom-  
parabili-

parabilem quovis auro & gemmis pretiosiorem. Verè Scriptura Margarita est, quæ omnibus alijs Margaritis etiam preferenda. Et quia exiguo ære comparari queant Sacri illi libri, propter copiam, quam, illorum habemus, nemo itaq; tam sordidus sit, & servus Mammonæ, ut nolit sibi eos comparare. Vere illi indigni sunt qui bus hoc beneficium à Deo contigit, ut S. Biblia possident, qui ea tanti non faciunt, ut pro ijs emendis parvam pecuniam exponant. Tales Mammonæ servi, verè sunt canes, quibus Sacrum non dandum, porci immundi & talibus Margaritis indigni. Hi se ipsos privant tanto Thesauro, etiam se ipsos puniunt. Et illjs metuendum, ne aliquando ob contemptum oblatæ occasionis habent di Dei verbum ab irato Deo dicatur. Pecunia tua sit tecum in perditione, sicut Petrus dicebat Simoni Mago.

L. C. 2. Quod si Deus in Scriptura loquitur, utiq; omnium interest scire quid loquatur. Nihil n.eorum quæ ad salutem spectat DEus occulta haberi vult, sed vult ea omnibus revelari. Quod si verum, utiq; & Scripturam suam DEus, per quam loquitur, omnibus vult proponi, ab omnibus audiri, legi, qui legere eam possunt. Quare absurdè faciunt, & stulte, & contra mentem Dei, qui arcent Laicos a Scriptura S. lectione, & ea solis Clericis legenda perhibent. Ducuntur autem his rationibus: In Scriptura S. sunt multa obscura, Ergo non legenda. Sed non est Scriptura in totum obscura, non in omnibus libris & textibus, sed in quibusdam. Legantur itaq; clara & perspicua, illustrantur etiam obscuriora clarioribus. Dicunt: Scriptura S., lapsus borrendos & peccata Sanctorum recitat, que dum audit simplex

scana-

*Sermonizatio.* Sed cogitemus causam recitationis ha-  
rum Historiarum, vñz. non hanc esse, ut imitemur illo-  
rum malefacta, sed ut videamus illorum pœnitentiam,  
quām acerbē desleverint sua peccata, & veram pœnit-  
tiam egerint. Et quām pronus fuerit D̄Eus ad condon-  
andum pœnitentes, etiam gravissima peccata. A  
postolus S Paulus, aliquoties refert suum peccatum, per-  
sequationem vñz. Ecclesiæ quod omnium gravissimum,  
dicit etiam, ut per hoc innotescat admirabilis Dei gratia  
erga pœnitentes peccatores, & sic argumentatur.: Si  
D̄Eus Paulo persequutori Ecclesiæ, ut lupo rapacissimo  
ignovit, & condonavit suum peccatum seu persequatio-  
nem, utiq; alijs condonat levius vel æq; grave aliquod  
peccatum. Videt itaq; Ecclesia Dei, quod nihil incom-  
modi accidit, & damni, propter lectionem Scripturæ S.  
sed potius plurimum comodi & utilitatis. Audiamus vo-  
cem Christi: Scrutamini Scripturas. Omnis scriptura uti-  
lis, inquit Apostolus. Hanc ergo Christi & Apostolicam  
vocem, pluris faciam us, quām Pontificiorum non fun-  
datas in verbo Dei rationes, contra S. Sacrae lectiones.

**II. Cum quo loquatur.** Non  
loquitur ad Prophetam Esaiam, qui describit  
hunc Dei sermonem, sed cum sua ecclesia loquitur  
Dominus, Surge, illuminare, lux tua venit, & gloria  
Domini oritur super te. Alloquitur itaq; Deus  
Ecclesiam suam & quemvis in Ecclesia fidelem  
auditorem.

L. C. In magno est apud Deum Ecclesia ho-  
nore, dignatur enim D̄Eus eam suo alloquio. David  
optat ut audiat quid D̄Eus loquatur. Si rex aliquis vi-  
lissi-

lissimum subditum alloquitur, & quidem clementer &  
gratiosè, ut hic facit, utiq; miser subditus gloriæ & ho-  
norib; sibi vertit. Abraham ad nissus ad colloqui-  
um cum Deo, indignitatem suam profitetur, & Dei bo-  
nitatem facet, qui eum suo colloquio dignare voluerit.  
Gaudemus itaq; quod sumus Ecclesiæ Dei cives & San-  
ctorum concives. David etiam inde latatur, Psal: 122.  
dicens: *Lætatus sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi, in*  
*domum Domini ibimus.* Stantes sunt pedes nostræ  
in atrijs tuis Hierusalem. Hierusalem adificatur ut ci-  
vitas, cohabitatio ejus simul est. Illuc ascendunt tribus,  
tribus Dei, testimonium Israëlis, ut confiteantur nomi-  
ni Domini. Quoniam illi stant, vel sedent solia adju-  
dicandâ, solia domus David. Rogate pacem Hiero-  
solyma: tranquilli sunt, qui diligunt te. Sit tranquilli-  
tas in munitione tua; Salus intra mœnia tua, propter  
fratres meos & vicinos meos loquar cum pace in te. Propter  
domum Domini Dei nostri quero commodum  
tuum. Davidis desiderium esse in Ecclesia Dei exponit  
Psal: 27. v. 4. & 84. per toum Psalmum.

### III. Quid loquatur Deus.

Imperat Deus Ecclesiæ ut surgat & illuminetur.  
h. est, ut in adventum Messiae attendat, & magnam lu-  
cem quæ adfert cum mundi Messia, & quis gloria oria-  
tur super eam. Verisimile est quod resperxerit Iesus  
ad nativitatem Messiae, in quâ apparuit de cœlo magna  
lux, pastoribus in Bethlehem gregem suum palecentibus.  
Apparuit gloria Dei, cum magno exercitu Angelorum

canentium, *Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Et in terra pa-*  
*bominibus bona voluntatis.* Et ad illam stellam,  
quæ apparuit in adventu Magorum ex oriente Hiero-  
solymam, duxit eos miraculo e Hierosolymam, illis v.  
ibi coñorabitibus disparuit, inde v. egressuris iterū appa-  
ravit, & eos Bethlehemum deducit, supra donum in quā  
Salvator iacebat quiescens, quem intrantes Magi domū  
invenierunt. Hoe in Ecclesia coiningebat, atq; ita  
magna Ecclesie dignitas magna illarum regionum dis-  
gnitas, præ illis in quibus Ecclesia Dei non sit. Illæ re-  
giones & terræ in tenebris sedent, & habitatores tenebris  
teguntur & occultantur, caligine involuntur & umbra  
mortis. Et postremo in tenebris exteriore præcipitatur.

L. C. In Ecclesia lux est, illa illuminatur,  
illus lux venit, super illam gloria Domini orta. Alias  
verò regiones deficientes verbo Dei operiunt tenebrae,  
illi populi in caligine sedent, qui destituuntur vero Dei  
cultu. Tales describuntur ab Apostolo Eph. 2. y. 1. 2. 3.  
seq: ad 13. Hic mox describit statum Ecclesie felicem  
& optatum, & explicat dilucidè quæ sit lux & illumina-  
tio Ecclesie y. 13. seq: usq: ad finem capitis. Idem de  
luce Ecclesie proponit Apostolus Ephes. 1. y. 3. per to-  
tum caput.

### S E C U N D A P A R S.

In Priori Parte vidimus Ecclesie felicitatem sim-  
pliciter consideratam. In hac Altera Parte conſi-  
deranda est aggregatio gentium ad Ecclesiam, Et illa  
us incrementum.

In quā meditamur:

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# I. Primum genus hominum

Ecclesiæ aggregandorum... Hoc genus hominum vocatur GENTES. Occurrit hæc distinctio in Scriptura V. & N. T. sèpiùs, quod alij in mundo homines sint, qui vocantur gentes. Populus destitutus privilegiis Ecclesiæ, sicut hic populus describitur, Psal. 147. v. 12. seqq. ad finem.

L. C. Miser est conditio gentium ante conversionem eorum ad lucem Evangelij. Quare cum de nostri aliquando fuerint gentes ad muta simulachra duecebantur, jam conversi ad Ecclesiæ splendorem latemus & exultemus cum Zachatia, Luc. 1. Laudamus Dominus Deum Israël, quia visitauit & fecit redemptionem populo suo. Et erexit cornu salutaris in domo David pueri sui: Sicut loquutus est per os Sanctorum, qui à seculo fuerunt, Prophetarum suorum: Fuge ut servaremur ab inimicis nostris, & de manu omnium qui oderunt nos: Ut ueteretur misericordia erga patres nostros, ac memor esset testamenti sancti sancti. Præstaret q̄juramentum quod juravit ad Abram patrem nostrum, ac daret nobis: Ut sine timore de manu inimicorum nostrorum liberati, seruiremus ipse, cum sanctitate & justitia coram ipso cunctis diebus vite nostræ. Ge. 16. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 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*in splendore tui.* Reges sunt capita populi principales & primarij, in quavis regione & terra, à Deo ertei ad hanc dignitatem. Uti dicitur Psal: 82. per totum Psalmum, vocantur illic Dij. De illorum eminentia & dignitate loquitur Apostolus Rom. 1; volens ut omnes omnes sint eis subjecti. Item Apostolus Petrus 1. Pet. 2. Quamvis verò sint in tanta dignitate, non tamen sunt melioris conditionis, quoad animam & spiritualia bona, salutem & vitam æternam. quam alii homines non regenerati. Sors & conditio eorum est misera, se ipsos ad æternam felicitatem promovere non possunt, sunt captivi in umbra mortis, in vinculis æternae damnationis, donec aspirent lucem Evangelij, & per Spiritum Sanctum vocantur ad Christum.

L. C. Nullus est in Ecclesia hominum status, sive summi sint, sive medi, sive infimi, qui non opus habent gratia Dei, merito Chridi, Spiritus Sancti efficacia & operatione, ut convertantur ad viam veritatis, prosperitatis & salutis. Est etiam Ecclesia magno ornamento & decori, dum Reges pij sunt, amant verbum Dei operam dant promovendi in suis regnis regnum Christi, non consurgunt contra Christum, non contestant contra Dominum & unctum ejus, non tentant disrumpere vincula doctrinae salutaris, non nituntur proficer a le jugum ejus, sinunt se erudiri & castigari à Deo, serviant Deo cum timore & exultant cum tremore, osculantur filium. De quibus omnibus piorum regum proprietatibus agit Psalm: 2. Tales pij reges etiam describuntur, Esai. 49. 7. v. 23. Tales pios Reges & Reginas in longo tempore, Patria nostra dilectissima, cura gaudio (utinam omnes intelligamus hanc Dei erga nos benignitatem) habuit, & adhuc habet.

III. Ter.

### III. Tertium genus hominum,

quod constituunt filij & filiae. *Attolle oculos tuos,*  
*inquit Deus ad Ecclesiam, Et circumspice, hi os-*  
*mnes congregati venient ad te, filij tui peregrine veni-*  
*ent, Et filiae tue ad latus educabuntur.* Per filios  
peregrine venientes, intelliguntur populi remotius habi-  
tantes ab Ecclesia, per filias populi proprius degentes.  
Sicut parentes filios suos peregrinari faciunt, & in diili-  
tas regiones ire, filias vero ut plurimum domi, vel in vi-  
cinia educari curant. Ita hic per similitudinem quan-  
dam, populi etimus habitantes, Ecclesia tamen aggredi-  
gandi, filij vocantur, viciniores vero filiae. Vocantur  
vero hi populi filij & filiae, tum quia ex utroq; sexu ho-  
mines adjungerent se Ecclesiae tam foeminae quam viri.  
Sicuti Regina Arabiae, venit ad Salomonem ut audiret  
ejus sapientiam. Sic etiam multæ piæ mulieres, Chri-  
stum sequentes serviebant ei ex suis faci tatis, ut conci-  
ones ejus audirent. Dicuntur etiam filii & filiae, propter  
amorem quo complecterentur Ecclesiam populi qui se  
ei aggregant, quem amorem declaratori erant plurimo-  
rum munierum oblationibus. Sicut hoc explicatur in  
hoc Textu in his verbis: *Tum erumpens vialetis*  
*voluptatem, mirabitur cor tuum Et dilatabit se, cum*  
*magnum illud agmen apud mare convertit se ad te. Et*  
*potetas gentium veniet ad te. Multi Cameli ope-*  
*rient te, Dromedarij de Media Et Ephra, ex Suba os-*  
*mnes venient, aurum Et thus vehent, Et nomen Do-*  
*nisi annunciantur. Hæc verba simplicitè sic in-*

celligantur. Ex varijs regionibus propinquioribus & remotioribus, fiet magnus concursus populi, qui advenient adferentes etiam munera in Camelis & equis, adfert aurum & thus, impendent hoc in sustentationem cultus divini, in usum etiam pauperum Ecclesie. Liberaliter hoc facient in Dei gloriam, & lati, quod ad cœlestis hoc Evangelij convivium admissi sunt. Prædicit itaq; his verbis idem quod Jacobus prædictis futuris tempore Messiae, Genes: 49. Erit illi congregatio populorum. Hæc prædictio impleta tempore prædicationis Apostolorum.

L. C. Ecclesia dicitur quidem pusillus gressus, dicuntur multi vocati, pauci electi. Interim per totum mundum, dispensat Deus sibi homines 7000: multa millia, ubi nullus putabatur syneerus Dei cultor superesse. Sicuti tempore Eliæ talis facies Ecclesia apparuit. Et in Apocalypsi scribitur, quod postquam tot millia ex omnibus tribubus duodecim essent signata, tandem visiderit Johannes coctum magnum, quem nec o numerare potuit. Apoc: 7. Est itaq; Articulus fidei, quod sit Ecclesia Sanctorum communio per totum mundum.

**IV. Advenientis multitudo-**  
nis munera & dona. Camelorum multitudo, inquit Deus, cooperiet te, Dromedarij de Media & Ephra, ex Saba omnes venient aurum & ibus rebus, & nomen Domini annunciasuris.

L. C. I. Inter alios bonos motus, quos S. Sanctus operatur in conversione hominum, est etiam liberalitas erga ministros verbi & pauperes. Sicuti videmus in hoc populo ex varijs gentibus conversio ad Christum

**Christum..** Sic in hodierno Evangelio, historia Magorum ostendit (de quibus verò hic textus non agit, si quidem illi non ex Saba, quæ ad meridiem Iudeæ erat sita; Sed ex Persia que Judæis erat orientalis, venerantur,) quod illi obtolerint Christus aurum, Thrus & Myrram, quibus bonis Christus cum suis parentibus pro viatico frueretur.. Ad hanc liberalitatem sèpiùs in Scripturis incitamus. Et Deus dicit hilarem datorem.. Et Christus in descriptione Extremi iudicii opera charitatis maximopere commendat. Esuri & cibastis me, &c. Matth. 25. Et Christus inquit: Beati misericordes, quoniam misericordiam consequentur.. E contrario vero, inhumanitas, duritia, & crudelitas in egenos damnaabitur & vituperabitur.. Et Deus præcipuum curam voluntarii ministerorum verbi pupillorum, viduorum & peregrinorum, Deut 14. v. ult.

**L. C. 2.** Peculiarem lœtitiam inde caput Ecclesia quando multi se ei associant. Cum peccatores agunt pœnitentiam est gaudium in cœlis cum omnibus S. Angelis, Luc. 15. Fili prodigi pater in ulnas acepit pœnitentem & depræcantem filium, dat novas vestes, annulum imponit, convivium parat. Pastor bonus oves perditam inventam cum gudio domi reportat, invitans vicinos ad gaudendum secum. Mulier drachmam perditam similiter cum gudio recipit, & vicinas ad condendum invitat. Coram te, inquit Propheta Elias, gaudebunt sicut in Messie, sicut in distributione spoliorum Isa. 9. Tale gaudium Ecclesia describitur Isa. 49. 4. seq. 13. Angeli quoque lœtantur cum Ecclesia ob illius prosperum successum, quicunq; est cum membra illius verò multiplicantur.. Canunt Angeli Luc. 2. Gloria in excelsis Deo in terra pax hominibus bona voluntas. Angelus a dicto pastore annuncio robis gaudium magnum, quod erit omni populo.

**D**omine Deus Pater cœlestis excita in nobis per Spiritum tuum verum gaudium, ob lucem in mundum venientem filium tuum Iesum Christum, illuminantem omnem hominem videntem in hunc mundum. Ut ducti hac luce per vallem tenebrosam mortem sumus fortius ambulemus, et in aeternâ vita evigilemus. Per Dominum nostrum Iesum Christum qui tecum vivis et regnat cum sancto Deo in secula benedictus.

Ut simus sicut oliva virens in domo Dei, confidamus benignitati Dei in seculum & seculum. Celebremus te in seculum quod feceris habentes expectantibus nomen tuum quia bonum coram eis quos benignitate persequitur. Psalmus 52. v. 12. II.

## QUESTIONS.

**A**N hic Textus agat de prosperitate Judeorum redientium de Babylon. Resp. Lyra. Hoc non videtur verum, quoniam illi nunquam fuerunt in tanta prosperitate ut prius. In modo quasi omnia que dicuntur hic non possunt exponi de ipsis nisi valde extortè: quia dicitur hic: Mirabitur & dilatabitur cor tuum. Quando conversa fuerit ad te multitudo maris: Fortitudo gentium venerit tibi: Licet enim aliqui gentilitate relata eis adhaerent: tamen fuerunt pauci, & parva reputationis & virtutis. Implenda igitur sunt temporaliter in adventu Messiae.

2. An verba Prophet. omnes de Saba venient, aurum & thys deferentes, etiam de Magis ad Christum venientibus intelligenda? Resp. Neg. Saba enim fuit Hierosolymitanis ad meridiem, at hi non dicuntur venisse a meridie, sed ab oriente. Ergo ex Persia fuerint Magi illi, que Judæis ostenduntur. Vide Questionem 1. in Evangelio hujus diei.

