Alma Chorus Domini

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Translation

Now let the blessed chorus of the Lord record the names of the Most High:

Messiah; Savior; Emmanuel; God of Hosts; Adonai; Only-Begotten; Way; Life; Hand; Homoousion;

Beginning; First-Born; Wisdom; Virtue; Alpha, Head and End, called at the same time Omega;

Fountain and Source of good; Comforter and Mediator; Lamb; Sheep; Calf; Serpent;¹ Ram; Lion; Worm;²

Mouth; Word; Brightness; Sun; Glory; Light; Image;³ Bread; Flower; Vine; Mountain; Door; Rock; Cornerstone;⁴

Messenger; Bridegroom; Shepherd; Prophet; Priest; Immortal; Kyros; God; Pantocrator; and Jesus.

May the One make us safe Whose is glory through all ages. Amen.

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¹John 3:14; Numbers 21:8–9; Irenaeus, Against Heresies III.21.8

²Psalm 22:6; Isaiah 41:14; Jonah 4:7; DMLBS s.v. "vermis" 1e; Pseudo-Jerome, *Brevarium in Psalmos*, in Pl. 21(22):6 (a worm "is born in wood and has no father, but only a mother"); Eusebius, Commentary on Psalm 21(22):6 (worms are humble, make life from dead things, and are born asexually)

³Book of Common Prayer (1979) p. 849; Gerhart B. Ladner, "The Concept of the Image in the Greek Fathers and the Byzantine Iconoclastic Controversy," *Dumbarton Oaks Papers* 7 (1953), 1–34

⁴The Vulgate translates various Biblical references to stones using both "petra" and "lapis," often seemingly synonymously. See Mark 15:6; Bradley J. Cavallo, "Funerary Portraits on Stone, the *Lapis–Christus* Parallel, and the Transmutation of the Dead," *Notes in the History of Art* 38, no. 4 (Summer 2019): 236–246; J.C. Plumpe, "Vivum Saxum, Vivi Lapides: The Concept of 'Living Stone' in Classical and Christian Antiquity," *Traditio* 1 (1943): 1–14; and Penn R. Szittya, "The Living Stone and the Patriarchs: Typological Imagery in 'Andreas,' Lines 706–810," *Journal of English and Germanic Philology* 72 (April 1973): 167–74. Distinguishing their senses, if in fact they should be distinguished, seems to be controversial: cf. e.g. Samuel Fuller, "Cephas, The New Name of Simon," *American Church Review* 41, no. 6 (June 1883), 534–553.