

SUNG ECCLESIASTICAL LATIN (ROMAN) PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Vowels	Pronunciation	Examples
a = ah	as in father	ad, mater
e = eh	as in met	te, video
i = ee	as in machine, feet	in, qui
o = aw	as in bought	gloria, omnis
u = oo	as in tutor, coo	cum, summus
Two Vowels Together	Pronunciation	Examples
ae = eh	as in met	prae, illae
oe = eh	as in met	coelum, coepi
au = ah and oo	two distinct syllables	aut, lauda
eu = eh and oo	two distinct syllables	euge
Consonants	Pronunciation	Examples
c (before e,i, ae, oe)	as ch in church	certus, cibus
ch=k	as in ache	Christus
g (before e ,i, ae, oe)	soft, as in gentle	gens, agit
g (before other letters)	hard, as in go	gratis, glo
gn	ny as in canyon	agnus, ignis
h	silent	except h sounds as k in mihi, nihil
j (or consonant i)	as y in yes	Jesus, Justus
r	slightly rolled on the tongue	carnis
s	as s in sing (never z as in raise)	miser, fides
sc (before a, o, u or a consonant)	as sc in scope	scutum, Pascha
sc (before e, i, oe, ae, and i)	as sh in shall	descendit, scio
th	as t in ten	Thomas
ti (when followed by a vowel and preceded by any letter except s, t, or x)	as tsee	bratia, etiam
x (in words beginning ex- and followed by a vowel, h, or s)	as ks	exaudi, pax
xc (before e, ae, oe, i)	as ksh	excelsis =ekshelsees
z	as dz	zizania