

# Austro - German Pronunciation Guide

## V O W E L S

A/I/U	are pronounced like the Roman Latin: [ɑ], [i], [u]
E	is pronounced as the closed vowel [e] ( <u>not</u> the diphthong [ei]) in accented syllables <i>Déi; Jésu; unigénitum</i> [déi]; [jézu]; [unigénitum] but as [ɛ] or schwa [ə] in most unaccented syllables: <i>benedictus; peccáta</i> [bɛnɛdiktus]; [pɛkkátə] and as [e] or [ɛ] in single-syllable words, according to syntactical function: <i>Et hómo fáctus est</i> [ɛt hómo fáktus est] <i>Adorámus te</i> [adorámus te] <i>Rex coeléstis</i> [reks tsøléstis]
O	is pronounced as the closed vowel [o] ( <u>not</u> the diphthong [ou]) <i>Glória; Crédo</i> [glóriə]; [krédo]
OE/AE	are pronounced as the umlauts "ö" [ø] and "ä" [e²]: <i>Regína coéli laetáre</i> [regínə tsøli le²táre] <i>et in saécula saeculórum</i> [et in zé²kula ze²kulórum]
Y	is pronounced as the umlaut "ü" [y]: <i>Kýrie éléison</i> [kýrie éléizon]

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## CONSONANTS

C

before the vowels E, AE, OE, I is pronounced as [ts] :

dóna nóbis pácem  
benedícimus te

[dóna nóbis pátsém]  
[benedítsimus te]

G

is always hard [g], as in the word get :

Magníficat áнима méa  
Grátias ágimus tibi  
Ágnus Déi  
Ex María Virgíne

[magnífikat ánimá méá]  
[grátias ágimus tíbi]  
[ágnus déi]  
[eks maríá vírgine]

H

is pronounced:

hómō; homínibus

[hómō]; [homínibus]

QU

is pronounced as [kv] :

Quóniam tu sólus sánctus  
Qui tollis; qui sédes

[kvóniam tu zólus záñtus]  
[kvi tollis]; [kvi zédes]

S

is pronounced as [z] before vowels, but as [s] before consonants and in final position:

Sánctus Dóminus Déus Sábaoth  
Et in spíritum sánctum  
in ecclésiam; únum baptísma  
cum sáncto spíritu  
Jesum Christum

[záñtus dóminus déus zábaoṭ]  
[et in spíritum záñtum]  
[in ekkléziám]; [únum bæptísmə]  
[kum záñto spíritu]  
[jézum krístum]

T

is pronounced hard [t], even before "i" ([ti], not [tsi]) :

con substántiálem  
Póntio Piláto  
deprecatióñem; étiam  
Grátias ágimus tibi

[kon zubstántiálém]  
[póntio piláto]  
[deprækatiójnem]; [étiam]  
[grátias ágimus tíbi]

X

is pronounced [kz] when followed by a vowel and as [ks] when followed by a consonant or in final position:

Díxit María  
Exultáte Déo  
láudat exércitus  
Júste júdex ultiónis

[díkxit maríá]  
[ekzultáte déo]  
[láudat ekzértsitus]  
[júste júdex ultiónis]

XC

is pronounced [ksk] before O, A, or U ; but before E it becomes [ktz] :

Osánna in excélsis

[ozánná in ektzélzis]