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## Hymn

Te lucis ante terminum  
rerum Creator, poscimus  
ut pro tua clementia  
sis praesul et custodia.

*To thee, before the close of day  
Creator of the world, we pray  
that with Thy wondrous favor, Thou  
wouldst be our Guard and Keeper now.*

Procul recedant somnia  
et noctium phantasmata;  
hostemque nostrum comprime,  
ne pollutantur corpora.

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,  
from fears and terrors of the night;  
withhold from us our ghostly foe,  
That spot of sin we may not know.*

Praesta, Pater piissime,  
Patrique compar Unice,  
cum Spiritu Paraclito  
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*O Father, that we ask be done  
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Salva nos, Domine, vigilantes,  
custodi nos dormientes:  
ut vigilemus cum Christo,  
et requiescamus in pace.

*Save us, Lord, keeping watch,  
guard us while sleeping,  
that we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest in peace.*

Nunc dimittis + servum tuum, Domine,  
secundum verbum tuum in pace:  
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum  
Quod parasti ante faciem  
omnium populorum:  
Lumen ad revelationem gentium,  
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart  
in peace according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation  
which thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people:  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

Gloria, Patria et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,  
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever,  
for ages of ages. Amen.*

### Conclusion

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### Seasonal Marian Antiphon

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae,  
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.  
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae,  
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes  
in hac lacrimarum valle.

*Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,  
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.  
To thee do we cry, banished children of Eve,  
To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning, and  
weeping in this valley of tears.*

Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos  
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;  
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,  
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.

*Turn then, gracious advocate,  
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show us after this our exile.*

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