

Auctor Beate Saeculi: Matins Hymn for the Feast of the Sacred Heart

Unknown Composer (18th Century)
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| 1. Auctor beate saeculi, Christe Redemptor omnium: Lumen Patris de Lumine Deusque verus de Deo. | O Christ, the age's Author blest, Redeemer setting man aright, The Light from Father's very Light, True God from God by Faith confessed, |
| 2. Amor coegit te tuus Mortale corpus sumere Ut Novus Adam redderes Quod vetus ille abstulerat. | Thy Love immortal bade Thee take A mortal body, made Thee yearn As Second Adam to return What former Adam did forsake. |
| 3. Ille amor almus artifex Terrae marisque, et siderum Errata patrum miserans Et nostra rumpens vincula. | O Love divine, Thou Framer kind Of earth and sea, and starry vault, Who, pitying our fathers' fault, Broke loose the chains that us did bind, |
| 4. Non corde discedat tuo Vis illa amoris inclyti Hoc fonte gentes hauriant Remissionis gratiam. | Let not that pulse of Love renowned Within Thy Heart remit its force; For peoples drawing from this Source, May grace of pardon yet abound. |
| 5. Percussum ad hoc est lancea, Passumque ad hoc est vulnera: Ut nos lavaret sordibus, Unda fluente, et sanguine. | For this the lance transfixed our Lord, For this His wounds He did endure: That, washing, He might make us pure By flowing wave and Blood outpoured. |
| 6. Jesu, tibi sit gloria, Qui Corde fundis gratiam, Cum Patre et almo Spiritu In sempiterna saecula. | Dear Jesus, from Thy Heart replete Diffusing grace and sanctity, Eternal glory be to Thee With Father and the Paraclete! |
| <i>or</i> | |
| 6. Decus Parenti et Filio, Sanctoque sit Spiritui, Quibus potestas, gloria Regnumque in omne est saeculum. | So honor in supernal strain The Parent, Son, and Spirit sage, To Whom belong in every age Unbounded glory, might, and reign. |