

Christe qui lux es et dies

Office Hymn for Compline
6th century Latin
English trans. William Copeland 1804-85

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1. Chri - ste qui lux es et di - es, Noc - tis ten - e - bras de - te -
O Christ who art the Light and Day, Thou driv - est dark - some night a -



gis, Lu - cis - que lu - men cre - de - ris, Lu - men be - a - tum prae - di - cans.
way! We know thee as the Light of light, Il - lum - in - at - ing mor - tal sight.



2. Pre - ca - mur San - cte Do - mi - ne, De - fen - de nos in hac noc -
All - ho - ly Lord we pray to thee, Keep us to - night from dan - ger



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te, Sit no - bis in te re - qui - es, Qui - e - tam noc - tem tri - u - e.
free, Grant us, dear Lord in thee to rest, So be our sleep in qui - et blest.



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3. Ne gra - vis som - nus ir - ru - at, Nec hos - tis nos sur - ri - pi -
Let us not sleep the sleep of death, Nor an - y foe our souls sur -



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at, Nec ca-ro il-li con-sen-ti-ens Nos ti-bi re-os sta-tu-at.
prise; Lest e-vil promptings win con-sent, And find us guilt-y in thine eyes.

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O-cu-li som-num ca-pi-ant, Cor ad-te sem-per vi-gi-
And while the eyes soft slum-ber take Still be the heart to thee a-

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let, Dex-ter-a tu-a pro-te-gat Fa-mu-los qui te di-li-gunt.
wake; Be thy right hand up-held a-bove thy ser-vants rest-ing in thy love.

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5. De - fen - sor nos - ter as - pi - ce, In - si - di - an - tes re - pri -
O strong de - fend - er, be thou nigh To bid the pow'rs of dark - ness

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me, Gu - ber - na tu - os fa - mu - los, Quos san - gui - ne mar - ca - tus es.
fly; Keep us from sin and guide for good Thy ser - vants pur - chased by thy blood.

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6. Me - men - to no - stri Do - mi - ne In gra - vi is - to cor - po - re,
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Re - mem - ber us, dear Lord we pray While in this mor - tal flesh we stay:
Me - men - to no - stri Do - mi - ne In gra - vi is - to cor - po - re,
Me - men - to no - stri Do - mi - ne In gra - vi is - to cor - po - re,

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Qui es de - fen - sor an - i - mae, A - de - sto no - bis Do - mi - ne.
— 'Tis thou who dost the soul de - fend - Be pre - sent with us to the end.
Qui es de - fen - sor an - i - mae, A - de - sto no - bis Do - mi - ne.
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