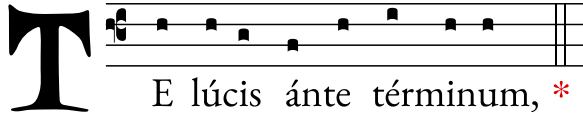



1. Te lúcis ánte términum, | Rérum Creátor, póscimus,
 Ut pro túa cleméntia, | Sis præsul et custódia.
 2. Prócul recédant sómnia, | Et nóctium phantásmata:
 Hostémque nostrum cómpri-me, | Ne pollúantur córpora.
 3. Præsta, Páter piíssime, | Patrique cómpar Únice,
 Cum Spíritu Paráclito, | Régnans per ómne sæculum. Amen.

BEFORE THE DAY IS FINISHED, creator of the world, we earnestly ask of You that, in keeping with Your mercy, You be our protector and defense. May no “ill dreams”, no “nightly fears and fantasies” come near us. Hold in check our enemy that our bodies be not defiled.

Traditionally,
 the officiant or priest
 intones the HYMN at
 Compline—but a custom
 (in many communities)
 has a cantor do this.



Men in unison with organ:



Ré - rum Cre - á - tor, pó - sci - mus,

Te lú - cis án - te tér - mi - num,



Ut pro tú - a cle - mén - ti - a, Sis præ - sul et cu - stó - di - a.

Women in unison with organ:



2. Pró - cul re - cé - dant só - mni - a, Et nó - cti - um phan - tá - sma - ta:



Ho - stém - que nó - strum có - pri - me, Ne pol - lu - án - tur có - po - ra.

SATB without organ :

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Soprano: 3. Præ - sta, Pá - ter pi - ís - si - me, Pa - trí - que cóm - par

Alto: 3. Præ - sta, Pá - ter pi - ís - si - me, Pa - trí - que cóm - par

Tenor: 3. Præ - sta, Pá - ter pi - ís - si - me, Pa - trí - que cóm - par

Bass: 3. Præ - sta, Pá - ter pi - ís - si - me, Pa - trí - que cóm - par

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Soprano: Ú - ni - ce, Cum Spí - ri - tu Pa - rá - cli - to, Ré -

Alto: Ú - ni - ce, Cum Spí - ri - tu Pa - rá - cli - to, Ré -

Tenor: Ú - ni - ce, Cum Spí - ri - tu Pa - rá - cli - to, Ré -

Bass: Ú - ni - ce, Cum Spí - ri - tu Pa - rá - cli - to, Ré -

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Soprano: gnans per ó - mne sáe - cu - lum. A - men, a - men.

Alto: gnans per ó - mne sáe - cu - lum. A - men, a - men.

Tenor: gnans per ó - mne sáe - cu - lum. A - men, a - men.

Bass: gnans per ó - mne sáe - cu - lum. A - men, a - men.

CAPITULUM.

Jerem. 14, 9.

Priest **T**u autem in nobis es Dómine, † et nomen sanctum tuum invocá-
 tum est super nos: * ne derelinquas nos, Dómine Deus noster.
(or officiant): R̄. Deo grátias.

But thou, O Lord, art among us, and thy name is called upon by us: forsake us not, O Lord our God.