

LUX ALMA, JESU, MENTIUM

This hymn is a cento from St. Bernard's *Jesu dulcis memoria*.
Saint Bernard died in 1153AD.

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Ux al-ma, Je-su, mén-ti-um, Dum corda nostra ré-

1. O Jesus, kindly light of souls, when thou renewest our hearts,

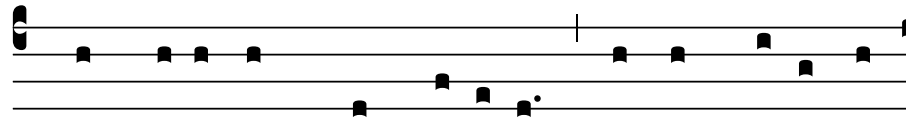


cre- as, Culpæ fu-gas ca-lí-ginem, Et nos reple dul-cé-di-ne.

thou dost banish the darkness of sin and fillest us with thy consolation.

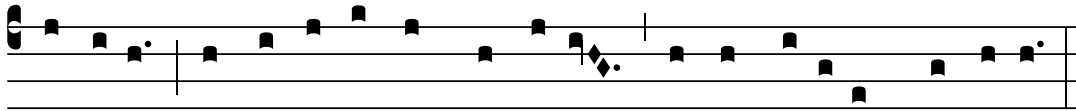
VERSE 2

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Uam lætus est quem ví-si-tas! Consors pa-térnæ

2. Happy is he whom thou visitest; thou who sittest at the



déxteræ, Tu dulce lumen pá-tri-æ, Carnis negátum sénsibus.

right hand of the Father; thou, the light that consoles heaven, who cannot be seen by man on earth.

VERSE 3

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Plendor pa-térnæ gló-ri-æ, Incompre-hén-sa cá-ri-

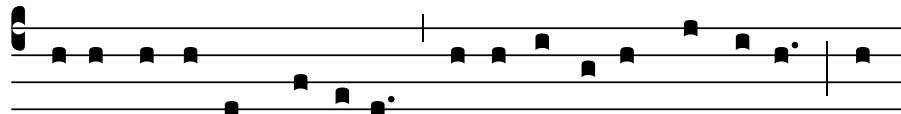
3. O splendor of the Father's glory, unfathomable charity;



tas, No-bis amó-ris có-pi- am Largí-re per præ-sénti- am.

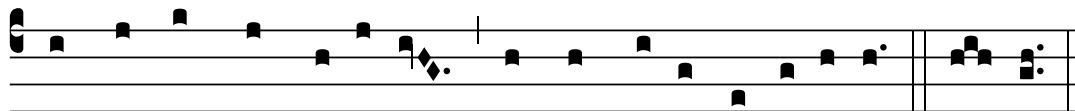
bestow on us by thy presence an abundance of love.

VERSE 4



Esu, ti-bi sit gló-ri- a Qui te re-vé-las párvu-lis, Cum

4. O Jesus, who revealest thyself to little ones, glory be to thee,



Patre et al-mo Spí-ri-tu, In sempi-térna sácu-la. A-men.

with the Father and the Holy Ghost, forever and ever.

For more information about this hymn, including an English translation by Cardinal Newman, cf. *The Saint Jean de Brébeuf Hymnal* (Sophia Institute Press, 2018) page 746. A text only version is also provided, giving melodic flexibility. There are many valid ways to translate the second verse. A Roman Catholic Primer from 1732 translates it as:

Coheir of God's Paternal Throne,
Thou sov'reign Bliss to Sense unknown;
Thrice happy they, who fill'd with Thee
Possess the Saints' Felicity.

Organ Accompaniment courtesy of *The Saint Jean de Brébeuf Hymnal* :

