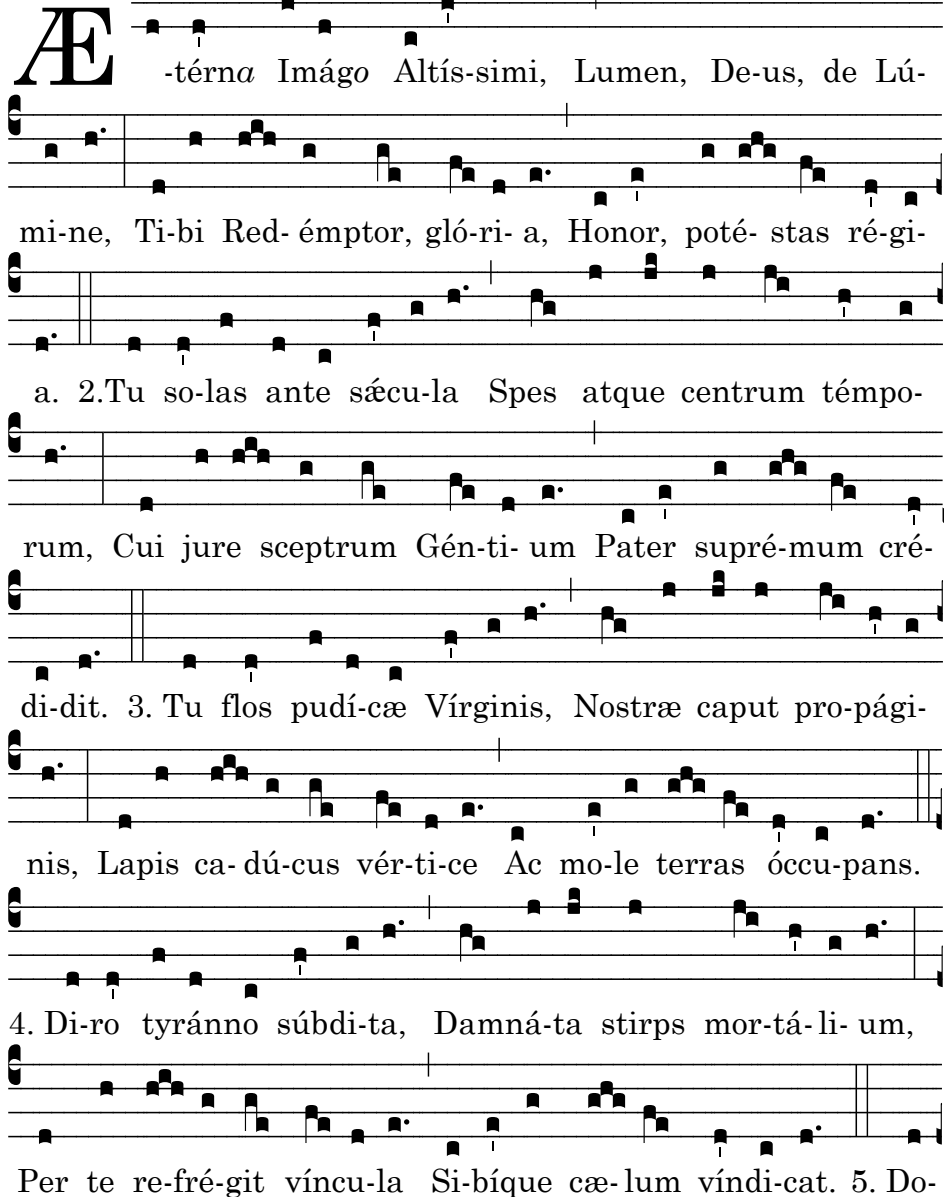


# HYMN : ÆTERNA IMAGO ALTISSIMI

*Christ the King, Matins; from the Liber Responsoralis*

HYMN  
1.



Æ -térna Imágo Altís-simi, Lumen, De-us, de Lú-  
mi-ne, Ti-bi Red-émptor, gló-ri-a, Honor, poté-stas ré-gi-  
a. 2. Tu so-las ante sá-cu-la Spes atque centrum témpo-  
rum, Cui jure sceptrum Gén-ti-um Pater supré-mum cré-  
di-dit. 3. Tu flos pudí-cæ Vírginis, Nostræ caput pro-pági-  
nis, Lapis ca-dú-cus vér-ti-ce Ac mo-le terras óccu-pans.  
4. Di-ro tyránno súbdi-ta, Damná-ta stirps mor-tá-li-um,  
Per te re-fré-git víncu-la Si-bíque cæ-lum víndi-cat. 5. Do-



ctor, Sacérdos, Lé-gi-fer, Præ-fers notátum sángvine In  
veste “Princeps prínci-pum Regúmque Rex Al-tíssi-mus”.  
6. Ti-bi voléntes súbdimur, Qui jure cunctis ímperas: Hæc  
cí-vi-um be-á-ti-tas Tu-is subés-se lé-gi-bus. 7. Gló-  
ri-a ti-bi, Dómi-ne, Qui scepra mundi témpe-ras Cum  
Patre, et Sancto Spí-ri-tu, In sempitér-na sá-cu-la. Amen.

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1. Image Eterne of God Most High, Thou light of Light, True God, to Thee, Redeemer, laud and glory be, And kingly reign o'er earth and sky.
2. For thou alone, ere Time began, Its Hope and Central-point to be— The Father justly granted Thee To rule each nation, tribe or clan.
3. O Flower of a Virgin-birth O Head of all on earth who dwell, O Stone that from the mountain fell And with its vastness covered earth!
4. The race of men, condemned to lie Beneath the direful tyrant's yoke, By Thee at length the shackles broke And claimed the Fatherland on high.

5. Lawgiver, Priest and Teacher, God With these the title well accords Of "King of kings and Lord of lords" Upon Thy vesture writ in blood.
6. With grateful hearts Thy rule we bless Who justly reignest over all: Them only truest joys befall Who Thee as King and Lord confess.
7. To Thee, O Jesus, ruling o'er Earth's rulers all, be glory meet, With Father and the Paraclete, Throughout the ages evermore! Amen.