

# HYMN : AETERNA IMAGO ALTISSIMI

*Christ the King, Matins; from the Roman Breviary*

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**Æ** -térna Imágo Altíssimi, Lumen, De-us, de Lúmi-

ne, Ti-bi Red-émptor, glóri- a, Honor, poté- stas régi- a.

2. Tu so-las ante sácu-la Spes atque centrum témpo-rum,

Cui ju-re sceptrum Génti- um Pater supré-mum crédi-dit.

3. Tu flos pudí-cæ Vírgi-nis, Nostræ caput propá-gi-nis, La-

pis ca-dú-cus vérti-ce Ac mo-le terras ócupans. 4. Di-ro

tyránno súbdi-ta, Damná-ta stirps mortá-li- um, Per te re-

fré-git víncu-la Sibí-que cæ- lum víndi-cat. 5. Doctor, Sacér-

dos, Lé-gi-fer, Præ-fers notá-tum sángui-ne In veste “Prin-

ceps prínci-pum Regúmque Rex Altíssimus”. 6. Ti-bi vo-lén-

tes súbdimur, Qui ju-re cunctis ímpe-ras: Hæc cí-vi- um

be- á-ti- tas Tu-is subés-se légi-bus. 7. Gló-ri- a ti-bi, Dó-

mine, Qui scepra mundi témperas Cum Patre, et Sancto

Spíri- tu, In sempi-tér-na sácu-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.