

HYMN : CULTOR DEI, MEMENTO

Sarum compline hymn for Passiontide

Hymn.
VIII

Cultor De-i, meménto Te fontis et lavá- cri Ro-
rem subís- se sanctum, Te chrisamá-te inno- vátum. 2. Fac,
cum vo-cánte somno Castum pe-tis cubí- le: Frontem lo-
cúmque cor- dis Crucis fi-gú-ra signet. 3. Crux pellit omne
crimen, Fú-gi-unt crucem téne- bræ: Ta-li di-cá- ta sig-no
Mens fluctu- á-re nescit. 4. Procul, O procul, vagántum Por-
ténta somni- ó- rum: Procul esto pervi-cá- ci Præsti-gi-

á-tor astu. 5. O tortu- ó-se serpens, Qui mille per me- án-

dros, Fraudésque fle- xu- ó- sas A-gi- tas qui- é- ta corda.
6. Discéde, Christus hic est, Christus hic est, liqués- ce, Sig-
num quod ipse no- sti, Damnat tu- am ca- térvam. 7. Corpus
li- cet fa- tiscens Jáce- at reclí- ve páulu- lum: Christum ta-
men sub ip- so Medi- tá- bi- tur so- pó- re. 8. Glori- a Ætérno
Patri Et Christo ve- ro Re- gi, Paracli- tó- que Sancto, Et

nunc et in perpé- tu- um. Amen.

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1. Servant of God ! remember
The hallow'd Font's bedewing;
The seal of Confirmation,
Thine inner man renewing.

2. Take heed when, called by slumber,
All chastely thou reclinest,
That with the holy symbol
Thy brow and breast thou signest.

3. The Cross doth chase all evil,
Before it darkness flieth ;
That soul abideth steadfast
Which on this Sign relieth.

4. Far hence! ye wand'ring phantoms
Of wild unquiet dreaming ;
Begone! thou arch-deceiver,
With thine unwearied scheming.

5. O serpent, ever subtil.
Who toils unnumber'd weavest,
And with thy guileful windings
Our hearts of peace bereavest,

6. Avaunt! for Christ is with us.
Yea, Christ is here ; then vanish !
This Sign—full well thou knowst it
Thy ghostly crew shall banish.

7. What though the weary body
Awhile its rest be taking,
The soul shall, e'en in slumber.
To thoughts of Christ be waking.

8. Laud to the Sire eternal,
To Christ, true King of heaven.
And Paraclete most holy,
Be now and ever given. Amen.