

# HYMN : ÆTERNA CHRISTI MUNERA

*Office Hymn for the Common of Martyrs*

Hymnus  
IV.

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TÉR-na Christi múne- ra, Et Mártyrum victó-

ri- as, Laudes fe- réntes dé- bi- tas Lætis caná- mus mén-

ti- bus. 2. Eccle- si- á- rum Princi- pes Belli tri- umpha- les

duces, Cæléstis aulæ míl- i- tes Et ve- ra mundi lúmi-

na. 3. Terró- re victo sæcu- li, Pœní- que spre- tis córpo-

ris, Mortis sacræ compé- di- o Vitam be- á- tam pós- si-

dent. 4. Tradúntur igni Márty- res Et besti- á- rum dénti-

bus : Armá- ta sævit úngu- lis Tortó- ris insá- ni man- us.

5. Nudá- ta pendent vísce- ra, Sanguis sacrá- tus fúndi- tur:

Sed pérman- ent immó- bi- les Vitæ perén- nis grá- ti- a.

6. Devo- ta sanctorum fi- des, Invicta spes credenti- um

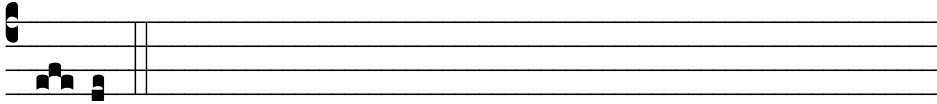
Perfecta Christi ca- rí- tas Mundi tri- umphat princi- pem.

7. In his pa- terna gló- ri- a, In his volúntas Spi- rí- tus, Ex-

súltat in his Fí- li- us; Cælum replé- tur gáudi- o. 8. Te

nunc Red- émptor quæsu- mus Ut Mártyrum consór- ti- o

Jungas pre- cántes sérvu- los, In sempité- na sæ- cu- la.



Amen.

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“The *Aeterna Christi munera* is the oldest of the hymns *In natali martyrum*, and so is the source and inspiration of all other hymns for martyrs. ...”

1. With joy of heart let us sing a hymn as our tribute of praise to Christ's eternal gifts and the martyr's victories.
2. Princes of the churches, war leaders that were honoured with a triumph, picked soldiers of the heavenly court and true lights of the world.
3. They overcame the terrors of the world, despised all tortures inflicted on them and by the short cut of a holy death entered into the light of bliss.
4. They were delivered over to fire and to wild beasts; savage men, armed with hooks of steel, tortured them mercilessly.
5. Their entrails were laid bare and protruded, their holy blood streamed out in profusion; and yet they persevered with the utmost constancy-their reward eternal life.
6. The devoted faith of these holy men, the immovable hope that was theirs as believers and their perfect love of Christ resulted in triumph over the prince of this world.
7. In their persons the glory of the Father was enhanced, the will of the spirit was fulfilled and the Son rejoiced; all heaven was filled with joy.
8. We now ask You, our redeemer, to unite us, Your servants and suppliant, to the company of the martyrs for all eternity.