

# Audi Benigne Conditor

Vespers hymn for Lent

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**A** U-di, be-nígne Cón-di-tor, Nostras pre-ces cum flé-  
ti-bus, In hoc sacro je-júni-o Fu-sas quadra-ge-ná-ri-  
o. 2. Scru-tá-tor alme cór-di-um, In-firma tu scis ví-ri-  
um : Ad te re-vérsis éxhi-be Remissi-ó-nis grá-ti-am.  
3. Multum qui-dem peccá-vimus, Sed parce confi-ténti-bus :  
Ad nó-mi-nis laudem tu-i, Confer me-dé-lam lángui-dis.  
4. Concé-de nostrum cónte-ri Corpus per absti-nénti-am,  
Culpæ-ut re-línquant pábu-lum Je-júna corda crí-minum.  
5. Præsta be-á-ta Trí-ni-tas, Concé-de simplex Uni-tas : Ut  
fructu-ó-sa sint tu-is Je-juni-ó-rum mú-ne-ra. A-men.

1. O gracious Maker, bend thine ears

Unto our prayers and bitter tears;  
May we this fast in truth now keep,  
Whilst thus we pray and humbly weep.

2. Thy piercing eye our hearts doth scan,  
And measure all the woes of man;  
Whilst now, we sorrowing turn to thee,  
From sin's foul burden set us free.

3. Much have we sinned, and to excess,  
But spare us, Lord, who thus confess;  
And for the glory of thy name,  
Thy saving mercy now proclaim.

4. Whilst saving fasts our flesh subdue,  
May thy sweet grace our hearts renew,  
That vice may thus unfed remain,  
And we from sin and guilt abstain.

5. Grant us, O sacred Trinity,  
Grant us, O perfect Unity,  
That these our fasts may fruitful prove  
Of endless bliss, in realms above.

Tr. Thomas J. Potter, 1828–1873

Ascribed to St. Gregory the Great, 540–604