

Christe Redemptor omnium
O Christ, before Whose Throne of Grace
"Primer of 1706" / SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS



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| 1. O Christ, before whose throne of grace
thy mother stands to plead our case,
exert thy love, and grant that we
may share thy Father's clemency. | 5. Chaste train of virgins, blest supplies
who, nursed in deserts, fill the skies,
and all the choirs of saints, obtain
that we with you may jointly reign. |
| 2. Angels, archangels, thrones and pow'rs
and all who guard the heav'nly tow'rs
from present, past and future ill
with watchful eye preserve us still. | 6. Preserve thy faithful kingdom free
from unbelievers' tyranny,
that all mankind united may
one pastor of our souls obey. |
| 3. Blest prophets and apostles, plead
our guilty cause, and intercede
with our offended Judge, that we
with tears may move his clemency. | 7. Great ever-living God, to thee,
in essence one, in persons three,
may all thy works their tribute bring
and ev'ry age thy glory sing. |
| 4. May martyrs robes of purple dye
with stoles of white confessors vie,
and both prevail to call us home
from exile, and reverse our doom. | |

Inspiration: "Christe Redemptor omnium", Latin, attributed to Rabanus Maurus, ca. 780-856; altered by Pope Urban VIII to "Placare, Christe, servulis" in 1632.
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