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Vespers hymn for Lent

A U-di, be-nígne Cóndi-tor, Nostras pre-ces cum flé-ti-bus,
In hoc sa-cro je-jú-ni-o Fu-sas quadra-ge-ná-ri-o. 2. Scrú-tá-tor
alme córdi-um, In-fírma tu scis ví-ri-um: Ad te re-vér-sis éxhi-
be Remis-si-ó-nis grá-ti-am. 3. Mul-tum qui-dem peccá-vimus,
Sed par-ce 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 pá-bu-lum Je-jú-na corda crí-mi-
num. 5. Præ-sta be-á-ta Trí-ni-tas, Concé-de simplex U-ni-tas:
Ut fructu-ó-sa sint tu-is Je-ju-ni-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.