Vesper hymn for Lent.

1. Thou loving Maker of mankind, before thy throne we pray and weep; oh, strengthen us with grace divine, duly this sacred Lent to keep.

2. Searcher of hearts! thou dost discern our ills, and all our weakness know: again to thee with tears we turn; again to us thy mercy show.

3. Much have we sinn'd; but we confess our guilt, and all our faults deplore: oh, for the praise of thy great Name, our fainting souls to health restore!

4. And grant us, while by fasts we strive this mortal body to control, to fast from all the food of sin, and so to purify the soul.

5. Hear us, O Trinity thrice blest! Sole Unity! to Thee we cry: vouchsafe us from these fasts below to reap immortal fruit on high.

Magnificat. Collect.

Enedi-cár-mus Dó-mi-no. Dé-o grá-ti-as.