

To Mr. August Zohlen

# O Blest Creator of the Light

(Lucis Creator Optime)

Hymn for Sunday at Vespers  
(S. A. T. B.)

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St. Gregory the Great. English  
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*Con fuoco* (♩=108)

*Soprano*  
O blest Cre - a - tor of the light! Who dost the dawn from dark-ness  
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*Alto*  
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*Tenor*  
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*Bass*  
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*Organ*  
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rens, Pri - mor - dis lu - cis no - - vae Mun - di pa - rans o -

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work be-gin; Who, gent - ly blending eve with morn, And morn.... with eve, didst  
 ri - gi-nem. Qui ma - ne jun-ctum ve - spe - ri..... Di - em vo - ca - ri

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call them day; Thick flows the flood of darkness down; Oh, hear us as we weep and pray!  
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*ff* *rall.* *a tempo*

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