



Oratio Ante Studium

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CREATOR INEFFABILIS, qui de thesauris sapientiae tuae tres Angelorum hierarchias
Creator inexpressible who from treasury of wisdom of your three of angels hierarchies

designasti et eas super caelum empyreum miro ordine collocasti atque universi
you designated and them above heaven fiery with wonderful order you placed and of universe

partes elegantissime distribuisti: Tu, inquam, qui verus fons luminis et
parts most elegantly you distributed you I say who true font of light and

sapientiae diceris ac supereminens principium, infundere digneris super
of wisdom you are appointed and super eminent principle to pour out may you deem over/ upon

intellectus mei tenebras tuae radium claritatis, duplices, in quibus natus sum, a
of intellect of me darkneses of your a ray of clarity twofold in which born I was from

me removens tenebras, peccatum scilicet et ignorantiam. Tu, qui linguas
me removing darkneses sin namely and ignorance you who tongues

infantium facis disertas, linguam meam capacitatem, addiscendi modum et
of infants you make eloquent tongue my capable of learning method and

facilitatem, interpretandi subtilitatem, loquendi gratiam copiosam. Ingressum
ease of interpreting subtlety of speaking grace copious the beginning

instruas, progressum dirigas, egressum compleas. Tu, qui es verus Deus et
may you instruct the progress may you direct the ending may you complete you who are true God and

homo, qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum. Amen.
man who live and reign unto ages of ages Amen

O INFINITE Creator, who in the riches of Thy wisdom didst appoint three hierarchies of Angels and didst set them in wondrous order over the highest heavens, and who didst apportion the elements of the world most wisely: do Thou, who art in truth the fountain of light and wisdom, deign to shed upon the darkness of my understanding the rays of Thine infinite brightness, and remove far from me the twofold darkness in which I was born, namely, sin and ignorance. Do Thou, who givest speech to the tongues of little children, instruct my tongue and pour into my lips the grace of Thy benediction. Give me keenness of apprehension, capacity for remembering, method and ease in learning, insight-in interpretation, and copious eloquence in speech. Instruct my beginning, direct my progress, and set Thy seal upon the finished work, Thou, who art true God and true Man, who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.