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PARCE DOMINE — SPARE, O LORD

Lenten antiphon, from Joel 2:17

The Lenten plea: spare thy people



LATIN

R. Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo:
ne in aeternum irascaris nobis.

Flectamus iram vindicem,
ploremus ante Iudicem,
clamemus ore supplici,
dicamus omnes cernui: **R.**

Nostris malis offendimus
tuam, Deus, clementiam:
effunde nobis desuper,
remissor, indulgentiam. **R.**

Dans tempus acceptabile,
da lacrimarum rivulis
lavare cordis victimam,
quam laeta adurat caritas. **R.**

Audi, benigne Conditor,
nostras preces cum fletibus
in hoc sacro ieiunio
fusas quadragenario. **R.**

ENGLISH

R. Spare, O Lord, spare thy people:
be not angry with us for ever.

Let us turn aside the avenging wrath,
let us weep before the Judge,
let us cry with suppliant voice,
let us all say, bowed low: **R.**

By our sins we have offended
thy clemency, O God:
pour out on us from above,
thou who forgivest, thy pardon. **R.**

Thou who givest the acceptable time,
grant us with streams of tears
to wash the offering of our heart,
which joyful charity may set aflame. **R.**

Hear, O kind Creator,
our prayers poured out with weeping
in this holy fast
of forty days. **R.**

