

The Canticles

1. Magnificat

(Luke 1:46b-55)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For He hath regarded: the low estate of His handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For He that is mighty hath done to me great things: and holy is His Name.
And His mercy is on them that fear Him: from generation to generation.
He hath showed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination
He hath put down the mighty from their seats: and exalted them of low degree.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.
He hath holpen His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy: as He spake to our
fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

2. Nunc Dimittis

(Luke 2:29-32)

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word;
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all
people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

3. Te Deum laudamus

WE praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.
To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of Thy Glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles: praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise Thee.
The noble army of Martyrs: praise Thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father: of an infinite Majesty;
Thine adorable, true: and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come: to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants: whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them: and lift them up for ever.

Day by day: we magnify Thee;

And we worship Thy Name: ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us: as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

4. Benedictus

(Luke 1:68-79)

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel: for He hath visited and redeemed His people;

And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us: in the house of His servant David;

As He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets: which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers: and to remember His holy covenant;

The oath which He sware to our father Abraham: that He would grant unto us;

That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve Him without fear.

In holiness and righteousness before Him: all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people: by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the Dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

5. Benedicte, Omnia Opera

(The Song of the Three Children, v. 35-65)

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him forever.

O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord.
 O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord: O all ye powers of the Lord,
 bless ye the Lord.
 O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord: O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord:
 O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord: O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord:
 O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord: O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord:
 O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord: O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord:
 O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord: O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord:
 O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord: O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord:
 O let the earth bless the Lord: yea, let it praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.
 O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord: O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye
 the Lord:
 O ye wells, bless ye the Lord: O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord:
 O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord: O all ye fowls of the air,
 bless ye the Lord:
 O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord: O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord:
 O let Israel bless the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him forever.
 O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:
 O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord: O ye holy and humble men of
 heart, bless ye the Lord:
 Bless we the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost: let us praise Him, and magnify Him
 for ever.

6. Confiteor Tibi *(Isaiah 12:1-6)*

O LORD, I will praise Thee: though Thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away,
 and Thou comfortedst me.
 Behold, God is my salvation: I will trust, and not be afraid
 For the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song: He also is become my salvation.
 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water: out of the wells of salvation.
 Praise the LORD, call upon His name, declare his doings among the people: make mention
 that His name is exalted.
 Sing unto the LORD, for He hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.
 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst
 of thee.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

7. Exultabit Cor Aleum *(1 Samuel 2:1-4, 6-10)*

My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD.
 My mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.
 There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock
 like our God.

Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth.
For the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.
The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.
The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.
The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.
He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory.
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them.
He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.
The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them.
The LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of His Anointed.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

8. Cantemus Domino *(Exodus 15:1-2, 6, 11, 13, 17)*

I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
The LORD is my strength and song: and he is become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.
Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.
Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods?: Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?
Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.
Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance: In the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O LORD, which thy hands have established.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

9. Domine, audivi *(Habakkuk 3:2-6, 13, 19)*

O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years.
In the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.
God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran.
His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.
His brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.

Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.
He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations.
And the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting.
Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed.
Thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck.
I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.
The LORD God is my strength: and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

10. *Audite, coeli* (Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 9, 36, 40, 43)

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:
Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.
He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment.
A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.
The LORD's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.
For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.
And he shall say, I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live forever.
Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants
He will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

11. *The Beatitudes* (Matthew 5:3-12)

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

12. Dignus Est Agnus
(Revelation 5:12-13b, 15:3b, 19:5b-6)

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy

Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

Alleluia! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.