

therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
Hallelujah.

—Psalm 63:2–9

Canticle

The Benedicite

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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 : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O let the Earth bless the Lord : yea, let it praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O let Israel bless the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.
O Ananias, Azarias and Misael, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him forever.

—Daniel 3:57–88, 56

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*Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel, quia visitavit, et
fecit redemptionem plebi suæ;
Et erexit cornu salutis nobis: in domo David pueri
sui.
Sicut locutum est per os sanctorum, qui a sæculo sunt,
prophetarum eius,*

*Salutem ex inimicis nostris, et de manu omnium, qui
oderunt nos;
Ad faciendam misericordiam cum patribus nostris: et
memorari testamenti sui sancti.*

*Iusiurandum, quod iuravit ad Abraham patrem
nostrum, daturum se nobis:
Ut sine timore, de manu inimicorum liberati,
serviamus illi.
In sanctitate, et iustitia coram ipso, omnibus diebus
nostris.
Et tu, puer, propheta Altissimi vocaberis: præibis
enim ante faciem Domini parare vias eius:*

*Ad dandam scientiam salutis plebi eius: in
remissionem peccatorum eorum:
Per viscera misericordiæ Dei nostri: in quibus visitabit
nos oriens ex alto:*

*Illuminare his, qui in tenebris, et in umbra mortis
sedent, ad dirigendos pedes nostros in viam pacis.*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he
hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
in the house of his servant David;
As he spoke 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 hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our
forefathers : and to remember his holy
Covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our
forefather Abraham : that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hands 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 : for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the day-spring from on high hath
visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and
in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet
into the way of peace.

—Luke 1:68–79

Intercessions

Celebrant: Let us glorify our Savior, who chose the Virgin Mary for his mother. Let us ask him:

All: May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Celebrant: Savior of the world, by your redeeming might you preserved your mother beforehand from all stain of sin, keep watch over us, lest we sin.

All: May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Celebrant: You are our redeemer, who made the immaculate Virgin Mary your purest home and the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, make us temples of your Spirit for ever.

All: May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Celebrant: King of kings, you lifted up your mother, body and soul, into heaven; help us to fix our thoughts on things above.

All: May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Celebrant: Lord of heaven and earth, you crowned Mary and set her at your right hand as queen, make us worthy to share this glory.

All: May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant: Gathering our prayer and praises into one, let us offer the prayer Christ himself taught us.

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Concluding Prayer

Lord God,
give to your people the joy
of continual health in mind and body.
With the prayers of the Virgin Mary to help us,
guide us through the sorrows of this life
to eternal happiness in the life to come.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Dismissal

May the Lord bless + us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn **Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above**

SALVE REGINA COELITUM

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Voluntary **Toccata, fugue et hymne sur "Ave maris stella," Op. 28**

Flor Peeters
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