

THE CANTICLES

BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA

Note that the words praise him and magnify him for ever may be sung at the end of each verse, or of each group of verses, as desired.

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

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:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O let Israel bless the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him 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.

BENEDICTUS

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 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 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 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:
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.
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

CANTATE DOMINO

O sing unto the Lord a new song:
for he hath done marvellous things.
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm:
hath he gotten himself the victory.
The Lord declared his salvation:
his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands:
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
Praise the Lord upon the harp:
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
With trumpets also and shawms:
O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is:
the round world, and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap their hands,
and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord:
for he cometh to judge the earth.
With righteousness shall he judge the world:
and the people with equity.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
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world without end. Amen

DEUS MISEREATUR

God be merciful unto us and bless us:
and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.
That thy way may be known upon earth:
thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee, O Lord:
yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad:
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise thee, O Lord:
yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
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world without end. Amen

EASTER ANTHEMS

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven,
nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5.7

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:
death hath no more dominion over him.
For in that he died, he died unto sin once:
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9

Christ is risen from the dead:
and become the first-fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death:
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
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world without end. Amen.

JUBILATE DEO

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;

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world without end. Amen

LAUDATE DOMINUM

O praise the Lord of heaven:
praise him in the height.
Praise him, all ye angels of his:
praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise him, all ye heavens:
and ye waters that are above the heavens.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord:
for he spake the word, and they were made;
he commanded, and they were created,
He hath made them fast for ever and ever:
he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
Praise the Lord upon earth:
ye dragons, and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and vapours:
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
Mountains and all hills:
fruitful trees and all cedars;
Beasts and all cattle:
worms and feathered fowls:
Kings of the earth and all people:
princes and all judges of the world;
Young men and maidens, old men and children,
praise the Name of the Lord:
For his Name only is excellent,
and his praise above heaven and earth
He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him:
even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.
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

MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call be blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
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world without end. Amen

NUNC DIMITTIS

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;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be 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