First Hymn

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confest,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear their one true light, alleluia!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine, alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triump-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong, alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, alleluia!

W. Walsham How (1823-97) *Tune: Sine Nomine*

The Choir verses from Psalm 24 in three sections - we all sing the response

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory

Gospel Acclamation

Blessed are the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Offertory hymn

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
Raise the glad strain, alleluia!
Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O higher than the Cherubim,
More glorious than the Seraphim,
Lead their praises, alleluia!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
alleluia, alleluia!
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O friends in gladness let us sing,

supernal anthems echoing,
alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A. *Riley (1858-1945) Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen*

Communion Hymn

Who are these, like stars appearing,
these before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
who are all this glorious band?
Alleluya, hark! they sing,
praising loud their heavenly King.

Who are these of dazzling brightness,
these in God's own truth arrayed,
clad in robes of purest whiteness,
robes whose lustre ne'er shall fade,
ne'er be touched by time's rude hand -
whence comes all this glorious band?

These are they who have contended
for their Saviour's honour long,
wrestling on till life was ended,
following not the sinful throng;

these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph through the lamb have gained.

These are they whose hearts were riven,
sore with woe and anguish tried,
who in prayer full oft have striven
with the God they glorified;
now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.

These like priests have watched and waited,
offering up to Christ their will,
soul and body consecrated,
day and night to serve him still:
now, in God's most holy place
blest they stand before his face.

German Words by H. Schenck (1656-1727) trans Frances Cox 1812-97
Music: All Saints

Final Hymn

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

Charles Wesley 1707-88
Music: PaderbornJ.Bunyan (1628-1688) & P.Dearmer (1867-1936)

Tune: Monks Gate

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