

# Hail, Gladdening Light

With Nunc Dimittis and Antiphon for the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Written for Matthew Owens and the  
Choirs of Wells Cathedral - Candlemas 2006

Music by David Bednall

The Plainsong should remain uncondacted and free  
throughout this section - the bar lines of the  
Soprano and Alto parts are purely for reference.

Cantor Full Tenors

8 Lu - men ad re - ve - la - ti - o - nem gen - ti - um:

Unless otherwise indicated sopranos  
should split into 3 equal groups  
where marked

**Gently, always very expressive and warm**

Soprano

*p* Hail, glad-dening light, of His pure glo-ry poured, Who

Alto

8 et glo - ri - am ple - bis tu - ae Is - ra - el. Nunc di - mi - ttis

is the Im - mor - tal Fa - ther, Hea - ven - ly, Blest,

8 ser - vum tu - um, Do - mi - ne, se - cun - dum ver bum tu - um in pa - ce: Lu - men ad re - ve - la - ti - o -

Solo Ho - ly, Ho - ly,

*pp* Ho - li-est of Ho - lies, Ho - li-est of Ho-lies,

8 nem gen-ti-um: et glo-ri - am ple-bis tu-ae Is-ra - el. Qui - a vi-de-runt o - cu -

Tutti

*p* Ho - li - est of Ho - lies Je - su Christ, our

8 li me - i sa - lu - ta - re tu - um. Lu - men

Lord. *ppp* (Sustain until chant is finished)

8 ad re-ve-la-ti-o-nem gen-ti-um: et glo-ri - am ple-bis tu-ae Is-ra-el.

A little faster and very expressive

*mp* Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,

*mp* Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest, *mf* The

*mp* Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest, *p* The

*mp* Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest, *p* The

*pp* The lights of eve-ning round us shine...  
 lights of eve-ning round us shine. round us shine...  
 lights of eve-ning round us shine, round us shine, We hymn the *mf*  
 lights of eve-ning round us shine, round us shine, We hymn the *mf*

*f* We hymn the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, Di -  
*f* We hymn the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, Di -  
 8 Fa-ther, Son, the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, Di -  
 Fa-ther, Son, the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, Di -

*pp* -vine. *f* Worth - i - est art  
 Worth - i - est art Thou, art  
*pp* -vine. *mf* Worth - i - est art Thou at all times,  
 -vine. *mp* Worth-i-est art Thou at all times, art  
 8 -vine. *p* Worth-i-est art Thou at all times, Worth - i - est art Thou, art  
*pp* Worth - i - est art Thou, art  
*pp* -vine. Worth - i - est art

*ff* Thou at all times to be sung. With un-de-fi-led

*ff* Thou at all times to be sung. With un-de-fi-led

*ff* 8 Thou at all times to be sung. With un-de-fi-led

*ff* Thou at all times to be sung. With un-de-fi-led

tongue, *mp* Son of our God, Gi-ver of life a-

tongue, *mp* Son of our God, Gi-ver of life a-

8 tongue, *mp* Son of our God, Gi-ver of life a-

tongue, *mp* Son of our God,