

The Akathist to St Michael the Archangel.

Responsorial Psalm

Words: The Orthodox tradition.

Music: Alun Grafton

Introduction

Adagio. Senza misura. Recitativo.

Tenors and Basses only

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Choir

Hail, ——— Mi - chael, Great cap - tain

Organ

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Choir

of — the hosts — of Heav'n.

Organ

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Adagio. Misurato

Antiphon

All

The — morn - ing stars — sang to - - ge - ther, the —

Organ

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All

an - gels of God shout - ed for joy. ———

Final Antiphon

1.-6.

Organ

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system begins at measure 13 and the second system begins at measure 17. Each system contains a Choir part (single treble clef staff) and an Organ part (two staves, treble and bass clefs). The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with a clear melodic line for the choir and supporting chords for the organ.

Introduction: Choir and organ.

Antiphon: Choir. "The morning stars sang together. The angels of God shouted for joy."

Antiphon: All. "The morning stars sang together. The angels of God shouted for joy."

Verse One: Choir and organ only.

Hail * first-formed star · of the | world.
Candle of truth * candle of justice * shin·ing like | gold.
Defender of · those who | struggle.
Defender of · those who | suffer.

Antiphon: All. "The morning stars sang together. The angels of God shouted for joy."

Verse Two: Choir and organ only.

Hail * undefeated by the for·ces of | evil.
You by whom peace and quiet re·turn'd to | Heav'n.
Untiring guardian of lead·ers and | rulers.
Invisible destroyer ·of vile | customs.

Antiphon: All. "The morning stars sang together. The angels of God shouted for joy."

Verse Three. Choir and organ only.

Hail * indestructible rampart ·of the | Church.
Leader of the thrice-holy hymn · of the | angels.
Mighty defender of those · who speak | truth.
Mighty defender of those who ·live by | mercy.

Antiphon: All. "The morning stars sang together. The angels of God shouted for joy."

Verse Four. Choir and organ only.

Hail * ever prepared guardian ·of man|kind.
Untiring helper of those · who are |humble.
Terrible avenger of those ·who blas|phemy.
You shall gather the chosen · of the | earth.

Antiphon: All. "The morning stars sang together. The angels of God shouted for joy."

Conclusion: Choir and organ.

Conclusion

Adagio. Senza misura. Recitative

21 Sopranos and Altos only *p*

Choir

Hail — Mi — chael, Great cap - tain

Organ

p

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Rall.....

24 *mf* *p*

Choir

of — the hosts — of Heav'n.

Organ