

Αἰσωμεν, πάντες λαοί (*Aisomen pantes laoi*)
Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
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F C Dm F B \flat F Gm F

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pris - on,
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dour,
 4. Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,

F C Dm F B \flat F Gm F

1. God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
 2. and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en.
 3. with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 4. nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:
 5. who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;

F B \flat C F C F Dm C

1. loosed from Pha-roah's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 2. All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 3. comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 4. but to - day a - midst the twelve thou didst stand, be - stow - ing
 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" with the Son, God the Fa - ther prais - ing;

Dm C Dm F B \flat Cm Gm F

1. led them with un - moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 2. from his Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 3. wel-comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
 4. that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.
 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Inspiration: the first ode of the "Golden Canon", "Αἰσωμεν, πάντεσ' λαοί" or "Aisomen pantes laoi", Greek, by John of Damascus, ca. 675 - ca. 754.
Lyrics: 76.76 D trochaic; John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, in "Christian Remembrancer", April, 1859.
Music: AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM (aka GAUDEAMUS PARITER); Johann Horn, 1490-1547, in his "Gesangbuch", 1544.