

Clarum decus ieiunii
The Glory of These Forty Days

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1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4. Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in
5. O Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it blest, to thee be



1. brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all
2. God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3. from the li - on's might; and John, the Bride-groom's
4. fast and prayer with thee; our spir - its strength-en
5. ev - 'ry prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1. things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2. fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3. friend be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4. with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5. Name a - dored, from age to age the on - ly Lord.

Inspiration: "Clarum decus ieiunii"; ascribed to Gregory the Great, ca. 540-604.
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