

Exultet caelum laudibus

Let All on Earth Their Voices Raise

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1. Let all on earth their voices raise:
 re-echo heav'n's triumphant praise
 to him who gave th'apostles grace
 to run on earth their glorious race.
2. Lord, at whose word they bore the light
 of Gospel truth o'er darkest night,
 to us that heav'nly light impart,
 to glad our eyes and cheer our heart.
3. Lord, at whose will to them was giv'n
 to bind and loose in earth and heav'n,
 our chains unbind, our sins undo,
 and in our hearts your grace renew.
4. Lord, in whose might they spoke the word
 which cured disease and health restored,
 to us its healing pow'r prolong:
 support the weak, confirm the strong.
5. And when the thrones are set on high
 and judgement's fearful hour draws nigh,
 then, Lord, with them pronounce us blest,
 and take us to your endless rest.

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