

Exultet caelum laudibus

Let All on Earth Their Voices Raise

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1. Let all on earth their voices raise:
re-echoing heav'n's triumphant praise
to him who gave th'apostles grace
to run on earth their glorious race.
2. Thou at whose word they bore the light
of Gospel truth o'er heathen night,
to us that heav'nly light impart,
to glad our eyes and cheer our heart.
3. Thou 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 thy grace renew.
4. Thou, 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 thine endless rest.

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