

25. Hail Mary (Honored Daughter))

Verses 1, 2, 5: Mary Oberle Hubley

Verse 3: Rev. Charles Mason Neale (1818-1886); in *Breviary Offices from the Sarum Book, incl. Gallican and Monastic Uses*, p. 291 (*O Gloriosa Virginum*, verse 3): 1885

Verse 4:1, 3, 4: Song of Songs 6:10

Verse 5: *Ave Regina Caelorum*, lines 4-7

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1 Hail Mary, full of grace,
Honored Daughter of our race:
You alone met the Father's favor;
You in flesh conceived the Lord of Faith.

Refrain: Ave Maria, ora pro nobis!
Ave Maria, ora pro nobis,
O Maria!

(Optional Ave Maria, ora pro nobis!
Repetition) Ave Maria, ora pro nobis,
O Maria!

2 Blessed the message Gabriel brought;
Blessed the work the Spirit wrought:
Great Messiah, Desire of earth,
In you took on Human flesh and Human birth. *R.*

3 Gate through which hath passed the King;
Hall whence Light shone through the gloom:
Ransomed nations do praise and sing
Word Eternal given from the Virgin's womb. *R.*

4 Who comes forth as the Rising Dawn?
Handmaid of the Eternal One:
Fair as the moon and as radiant as the sun;
Awe-inspiring as an army set up in array. *R.*

5 Root of Jesse, Gate of Morn,
Whence the world's true Light was born:
Glorious Virgin, all joy to thee,
As your children bow to the joyous Mystery. *R.*