

HYMN : ALLELUIA DULCE CARMEN

Hymn for Vespers of the Saturday before Septuagesima

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Alle-lu-ia, dulce carmen, vox per-ennis gau-di-i.
Al-le-lu-ia laus su- a-vis est cho-ris cœ-le-sti-bus, quam
ca-nunt De-i ma-nen-tes in do-mo per sæ-cu-la.
2. Alle-lu-ia, læ-ta mater Conci-vis Jeru-sa-lem : Alle-lu-ia
vox tu- o-rum Ci-vi-um gaudenti-um: Exsu-les nos fle-
re cogunt Baby-lo-nis flumi-na. 3. Alle-lu-ia non me-
re-mur In peren-ne psalle-re ; Alle-lu-ia vox re-a-tus

Co-git inter-mitte-re ; Tempus instat quo per-acta Lu-
ge-amus cri-mi-na. 4. Unde laudan-do pre-ca-mur Te be-
a-ta Trini-tas, Ut tu-um nobis vi-de-re Pascha des-
in æther-re, Quo ti-bi læ-ti cana-mus Alle-lu-ia per-
pe-tim. Amen.

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1. The sweet Alleluia-song, the word of endless joy, is the melody of heaven's choir, chanted by them that dwell for ever in the house of God.
2. O joyful mother, O Jerusalem our city, Alleluia is the language of thy happy citizens. The rivers of Babylon, where we poor exiles live, force us to weep.
3. We are unworthy to sing a ceaseless Alleluia. Our sins bid us interrupt our Alleluia. The time is at hand when it behoves us to bewail our crimes.
4. We, therefore, beseech thee whilst we praise thee, O blessed Trinity! that thou grant us to come to that Easter of heaven, where we shall sing to thee our joyful everlasting Alleluia. Amen.