

Hymnus

Adorna, Sion, thalamum

(Let Zion's bridal-room be clothed)

Music by Charles H. Giffen, 2011

Latin text by Peter Abelard (1079-1142)

English translation by Kathleen Pluth, 2009

Alternatum setting: odd verses unison, even verses SATB

a cappella

Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas)

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Unhurried, flexible $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 60$



A - dor - na, Si - on, tha - la mum, quae præ - sto - la - ris Do - mi-num;
Let Zi - on's bri - dal-room be clothed: He comes, her Lord and her Be-trothed,



spon-sum et spon - sam su - sci - pe vi - gil fi - de - i lu - mi - ne.
Let bride and Bride-groom, by faith's light, A vi - gil keep through-out the night.



Al - le - lu - ia, _____ al - le - lu - ia.



Be - a - te se - nex, pro - pe - ra, pro-mis - sa com - ple gau - di - a
Saint Si - me - on, __ go forth in joy, Ex - ult to see__ the ba - by Boy:



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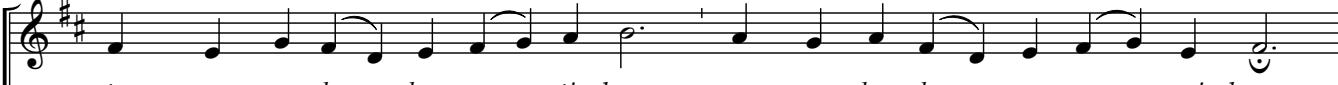
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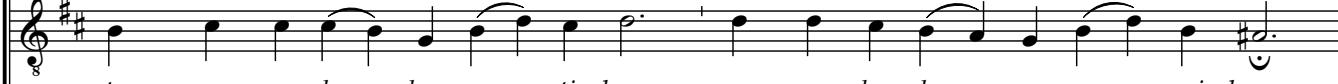
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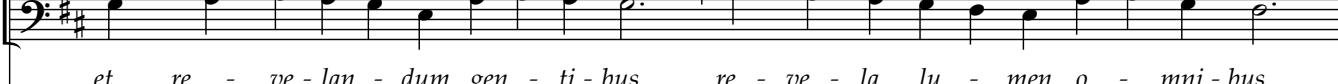
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S 

A 

T 

B 

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10

S 

A 

T 

B 

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11

Pa - ren - tes Chri - stum de - fe - runt, in tem - plo tem - plum of - fe - runt;
His pa - rents to the tem - ple bring the Tem - ple as an of - fe - ring;

13

le - gi pa - re - re vo - lu - it qui le - gi ni - hil de - bu - it.
The right-eous - ness of law He chose Though to the law He no - thing owes.

15

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

16 *mf*

S Of - fer, be - a - ta, par - vu - lum, tu - um et Pa - tris u - ni - cum;
So, Ma - ry, bring this lit - tle one, Yours and the Fath - er's on - ly Son,

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18

S of - fer per quem of - fe - ri - mur, pre-ti - um quo_ re - di - di-mur.
Through whom our of - fe-ring is made, By whom our ran - som price is paid.

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20

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21

Pro - ce - de, vir - go re - gi - a, pro - fer Na - tum — cum hos - ti - a;
And for - ward, roy - al Vir - gin go And let re - joi - cing o - ver-flow,

23

mo - net o - mnes ad gau - di - um qui ve - nit sa - lus o - mni - um.
With gifts bring forth your new - born Son Who comes to res - cue ev - 'ry - one.

25

Al - le - lu - ia, _____ al - le - lu - ia.

26

Soprano (S): Le - su, — ti - bi - sit glo - ri - a, qui te re - ve - las gen - ti - bus,
Lord Je - sus Christ, the glo - ry bright Who guides the na - tions in - to light,

Alto (A): Le - su, — ti - bi - sit glo - ri - a, qui te re - ve - las gen - ti - bus,
Lord Je - sus Christ, the glo - ry bright Who guides the na - tions in - to light,

Tenor (T): Le - su, — ti - bi - sit glo - ri - a, qui te - re - ve - las gen - ti - bus,
Lord Je - sus Christ, the glo - ry bright Who guides the na - tions in - to light,

Bass (B): Le - su, — ti - bi - sit glo - ri - a, qui te - re - ve - las gen - ti - bus,
Lord Je - sus Christ, the glo - ry bright Who guides the na - tions in - to light,

Charles H. Giffen: *Adorna, Sion, thalamum*

28 *mp*

S cum Pa - tre al - mo Spi - ri - tu, in sem - pi - ter - na - sæ - cu - la.
Be praised, and for e - ter - ni - ty Be glo - ri - fied, O Tri - ni - ty.

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30 *rit.* *mp* *p*

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Hymn for the Presentation

*Adorna, Sion, thalamum,
quæ præstolaris Dominum;
sponsum et sponsam suscipe
vigil fidei lumine.*

*Beate senex, propera,
promissa comple gaudia
et revelandum gentibus
revela lumen omnibus.*

*Parentes Christum deferunt,
in templo templum offerunt;
legi parere voluit
qui legi nihil debuit.*

*Offer, beata, parvulum,
tuum et Patris unicum;
offer per quem offerimur,
pretium quo redimimur.*

*Procede, virgo regia,
profer Natum cum hostia;
monet omnes ad gaudium
qui venit salus omnium.*

*Iesu, tibi sit gloria,
qui te revelas gentibus,
cum Patre et almo Spiritu,
in sempiterna sæcula.*

Petrus Abelardus (1079-1142)

Let Zion's bridal-room be clothed:
He comes, her Lord and her Betrothed.
Let bride and Bridegroom, by faith's light,
A vigil keep throughout the night.

Saint Simeon, go forth in joy,
Exult to see the baby Boy:
Make known to all this Light divine
Who soon upon all lands shall shine.

His parents to the temple bring
The Temple as an offering
The righteousness of law He chose
Though to the law He nothing owes.

So, Mary, bring this little one,
Yours and the Father's only Son
Through whom our offering is made
By whom our ransom price is paid.

And forward, royal Virgin, go
And let rejoicing overflow
With gifts bring forth your newborn Son
Who comes to rescue everyone.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Glory bright
Who guides the nations into light
Be praised, and for eternity
Be glorified, O Trinity.

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