

PILGRIMAGES

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LOURDES.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES.

Adesto Christe vocibus.

- P**ROTECT us, while telling
Thy praises we sing,
In faithful hearts dwelling,
Christ Jesus, our King.
Ave, ave, ave Maria ;
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- 2 Thou cam'st to redeem us,
A pure Maiden's Child ;
Pure bodies beseech us,
And hearts undefiled.
Ave, &c.
- 3 And thou, ever glorious
'Midst children of Eve,
God's Mother victorious,
Our praises receive.
Ave, &c.
- 4 By God's visitation
Thy chaste womb did bear
The King of creation,
King David's true heir.
Ave, &c.
- 5 Whose glory in heaven
And earth is confessed,
To thee it was given
To nurse at thy breast.
Ave, &c.
- 6 On thy bosom playing
From Bethlehem brought,
His own law obeying,
His temple he sought.
Ave, &c.
- 7 While thou didst embrace him,
The Magi adored
With gifts brought to praise him,
Their King and their Lord.
Ave, &c.
- 8 Then Egypt received him,
Its idols o'erthrown ;
And strangers believed him,
Denied by his own.
Ave, &c.
- 9 With Joseph, thou losing
The joy of mankind,
His Father's house using
Thy Truant didst find.
Ave, &c.
- 10 The prayer from him earneth
A mystical sign,
When water he turneth
To life-giving wine.
Ave, &c.
- 11 Thy heart, ever truest,
Is pierced by the sword,
As dying thou viewest
Thy King and thy Lord.
Ave, &c.
- 12 His thunders he sends thee,
While life doth endure ;
To John he commends thee,
The pure to the pure.
Ave, &c.
- 13 Day breaks ; he is risen,
Thy Lord and thy Son,
Set free from death's prison ;
His glory is won.
Ave, &c.
- 14 Heaven's true Light returning
To heaven thou didst see,
Who once, heaven spurning,
Came down unto thee.
Ave, &c.
- 15 When Pentecost crowned thee
What praises were thine.
While star-like around thee
Apostles did shine !
Ave, &c.
- 16 Through thee, who all graces
Canst win from thy Son,
For these our poor praises
Acceptance be won.
Ave, &c.
- 17 And while we revere her,
Chaste Mother and Maid,
Emmanuel, hear her,
And lend us thine aid.
Ave, &c.

[BASED ON A HYMN BY ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, 673-735.
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