

FOR THE FEAST OF ST. BERNARD

A 13TH CENTURY HYMN



ernard, the reverend doctor
Ascended to the Lord this day.
The Father's glory led him there;
Sweetness to sweetness in the sky.



xult in praises, all you saints,
For St. Bernard is with you now,
Freed from this world's alarming straits,
Now with Christ's glory he is crowned.



ed was the dog his mother saw,
Previsioning her son's career;
A healing teacher he was called
By Him who made the atmosphere.



arest his thoughts contemplative:
Christ's lowly birth in Bethlehem;
This light to him was gracious gift,
O Trinity, Bless'd light of men!



ttentive to the mysteries
Of Sacred Scripture writ by God,
You blessed his speech with grace most sweet;
With wisdom higher than our thought.



epelling devils with your power,
He healed the sick and led them home.
Binding and healing hearts that hurt,
He brought your Gospel to your own.



elighted now he sees your face,
With Mary, Bearer of your Word,
He's nourished having run the race;
Confirming all he said and heard.

Glory be to Father, Son,
And to the Spirit, Three yet One.
After this brief life soon is done,
May joys of heaven swiftly come.