

Ye works of God, on him alone

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Paraphrased by James Merrick (1720-69)

Benedicite vv. 1-9

Hymn 21, by Phocion Henley (1728-64)
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Lively [♩=120]

Soprano [Air]
Alto
Tenor
Bass
Keyboard

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On earth his foot - stool, heav'n his throne,
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| <p>2. Ye angels, that with loud acclaim,
Admiring, viewed the new-born frame,
<u>And hailed</u> th'eternal King:
Again proclaim your maker's praise,
Again your thankful voices raise,
<u>And touch</u> the tuneful string.</p> | <p>4. Ye thrones, dominions, virtues, powers,
Join ye your joyful songs with ours,
<u>With us</u> your voices raise;
From age to age extend the lay,
To heaven's eternal monarch pay
<u>Hymns</u> of eternal praise.</p> | <p>6. Ye glittering planets of the sky,
Whose lamps the absent sun supply,
<u>With him</u> the song pursue:
And let himself submissive own,
He borrows from a brighter sun,
<u>The light</u> he lends to you.</p> |
| <p>3. Praise him, ye blest aetherial planes,
Where, in full majesty, he deigns
<u>To fix</u> his awful throne;
Ye waters that above him roll,
From orb to orb, from pole to pole,
<u>O make</u> his praises known.</p> | <p>5. Celestial orb! whose powerful ray,
Opes the glad eyelids of the day,
Whose <u>influence</u> all things own:
Praise him whose courts effulgent shine,
With light as far excelling thine,
<u>As thine</u> the paler moon.</p> | <p>7. Ye show'rs and dews whose moisture shed,
Calls into life the opening seed,
<u>To him</u> your praises yield:
Whose influence wakes the genial birth,
Drops fatness on the pregnant earth,
<u>And crowns</u> the laughing field.</p> |
| | | <p>8. Ye winds that oft tempestuous sweep,
The ruffled surface of the deep,
<u>With us</u> confess your God;
Se through the heavens the King of kings,
Upborne on your expanded wings,
Comes <u>flying</u> all abroad.</p> |

Underlined syllables are to be repeated.

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S Be all, be all your praise be - stowed. Whose hand the shi - ning

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Kbd.

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S fa - - bric made, Whose eye the fi - nished world sur -

A fa - bric made, Whose eye the fi - nished world sur -

T fa - bric made, Whose eye the fi - nished world sur -

B fa - bric made, Whose eye the fi - nished world sur -

Kbd.

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S - veyed, And saw, and saw that all was good.

A veyed, And saw, and saw that all was good.

T veyed, And saw, and saw that all was good.

B veyed, And saw, and saw that all was good.

Kbd.