# The Akathist to St Michael the Archangel

For SATB choir, congregation and organ.

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A Shortened version for use in a liturgical setting at Michaelmas.

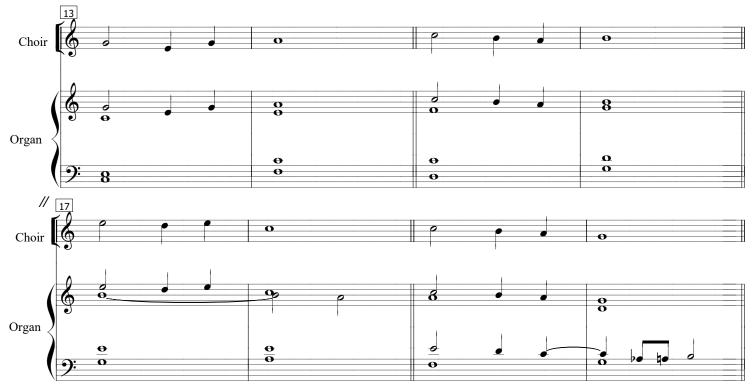
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Responsorial Psalm



3 Verses



Introduction: Choir and organ.

Antiphon: Choir. "The morning stars sang together. The angels of God shouted for joy."

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Verse One: Choir and organ only.

Hail \* first-formed star · of the | world.

Candle of truth \* candle of justice \* shin·ing like | gold.

Defender of · those who | struggle.

Defender of · those who | suffer.

Antiphon: All. "The morning stars sang together. The angels of God shouted for joy."

Verse Two: Choir and organ only.

Hail \* undefeated by the for ces of | evil. You by whom peace and quiet re-turn'd to | Heav'n. Untiring guardian of lead ers and | rulers. Invisible destroyer of vile | customs.

Antiphon: All. "The morning stars sang together. The angels of God shouted for joy."

Verse Three. Choir and organ only.

Hail \* indestructible rampart ·of the | Church. Leader of the thrice-holy hymn · of the | angels. Mighty defender of those · who speak | truth. Mighty defender of those who ·live by | mercy.

Antiphon: All. "The morning stars sang together. The angels of God shouted for joy."

Verse Four. Choir and organ only.

Hail \* ever prepared guardian of man|kind. Untiring helper of those who are |humble. Terrible avenger of those who blas|phemy. You shall gather the chosen of the | earth.

Antiphon: All. "The morning stars sang together. The angels of God shouted for joy."

Conclusion: Choir and organ.

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# Adagio. Senza misura. Recitative

