

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

Words: The Orthodox tradition.

Music: Alun Grafton

Introduction

Adagio. Senza misura. Recitativo.

Tenors and Basses only

Choir *f* Hail, _____ Mi - chael, Great cap - tain

Organ *f*

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Choir *f* of _____ the hosts _____ of Heav'n.

Organ

Adagio. Misurato

Antiphon

All *6* The _____ morn - ing stars _____ sang to - ge - ther, the _____

Organ

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All *9* an - gels of God shout - ed for joy. _____ *1.-6.* Final Antiphon

Organ

Choir

Organ

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Introduction: Choir and organ.

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

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

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.

*Conclusion***Adagio. Senza misura. Recitative**

21 Sopranos and Altos only *p*

Choir

Hail _____ Mi - chael, Great cap - tain

Organ *p*

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Rall.....

24 *mf* *p*

Choir

of _____ the hosts _____ of Heav'n.

Organ