

Ye works of God, on him alone

Benedicite vv. 1-9

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"Hymn 21", by Phocion Henley (1728-64)

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Lively [♩=120]

Soprano [Air]

Alto

Tenor

Bass

4

S

A

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B

8

S

A

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B

1. Ye works of God on him a - lone,
 2. Ye an - gels, that with loud ac - claim,
 3. Praise him, ye blest ae - the - rial planes,

On earth his foot - stool, heaven his throne,
 Ad - mi - ring, viewed the new - born frame,
 Where, in full ma - je - sty, he deigns

On earth his foot - stool, praise be - stowed.
 Ad - mi - ring, viewed the new - born frame,
 Where, in full ma - je - sty, he deigns

Be all, be all your praise be stowed.
 And hailed, And hailed th'e - ter - nal King:
 To fix, To fix his aw - ful throne;

Be all, be all your praise be - stowed.
 And hailed, And hailed th'e - ter - nal King:
 To fix, To fix his aw - ful throne;

5. Celestial orb! whose powerful ray,
 Ope the glad eyelids of the day,
 Whose influence, influence all things own:
 Praise him whose courts effulgent shine,
 With light as far excelling thine,
 As thine, as thine the paler moon.

6. Ye glittering planets of the sky,
 Whose lamps the absent sun supply,
 With him, with him the song pursue:
 And let himself submissive own,
 He borrows from a brighter sun,
 The light, the light he lends to you.

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S
Whose hand the shi - ning fa - - bric made,
A - gain pro - claim your ma - - ker's praise,
Ye wa - ters that a - bove him roll,

A

T
Whose hand the shi - ning fa - - bric made,
A - gain pro - claim your ma - - ker's praise,
Ye wa - ters that a - bove him roll,

B

16

S
Whose eye the fi - nished world sur - veyed,
A - gain your thank - ful voi - ces raise,
From orb to orb, from pole to pole,

A

T
Whose eye the fi - nished world sur - veyed,
A - gain your thank - ful voi - ces raise,
From orb to orb, from pole to pole,

B

20

S
And saw, And saw that all was good.
And touch, And touch the tue - ful string.
O make, O make his prai - ses known.

A

T
And saw, And saw that all was good.
And touch, And touch the tue - ful string.
O make, O make his prai - ses known.

B

7. Ye showers and dews whose moisture shed,
Calls into life the opening seed,
To him, to him your praises yield:
Whose influence wakes the genial birth,
Drops fatness on the pregnant earth,
And crowns, and crowns the laughing field.

8. Ye winds that oft tempestuous sweep,
The ruffled surface of the deep,
With us, with us confess your God;
Se through the heavens the King of kings,
Upborne on your expanded wings,
Comes flying, flying all abroad.