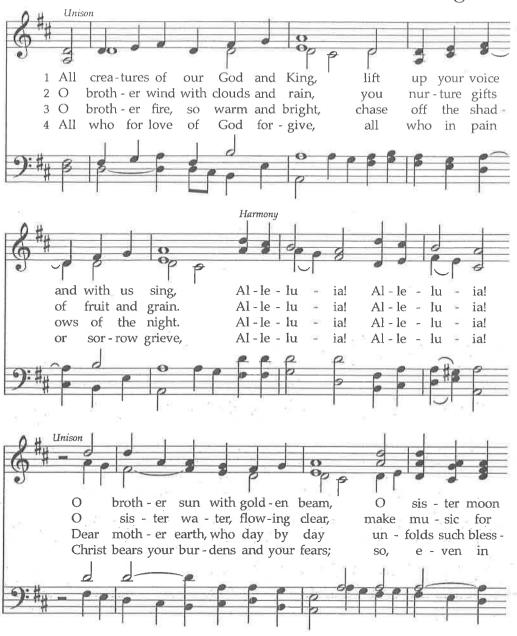
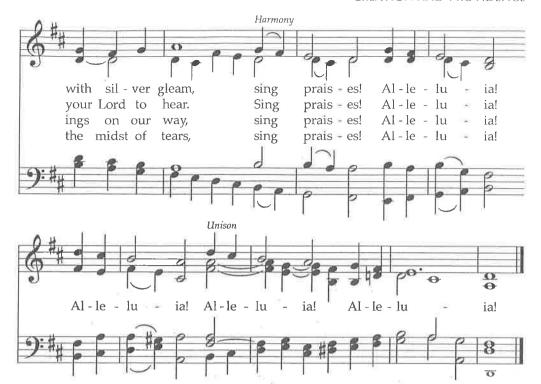
## 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

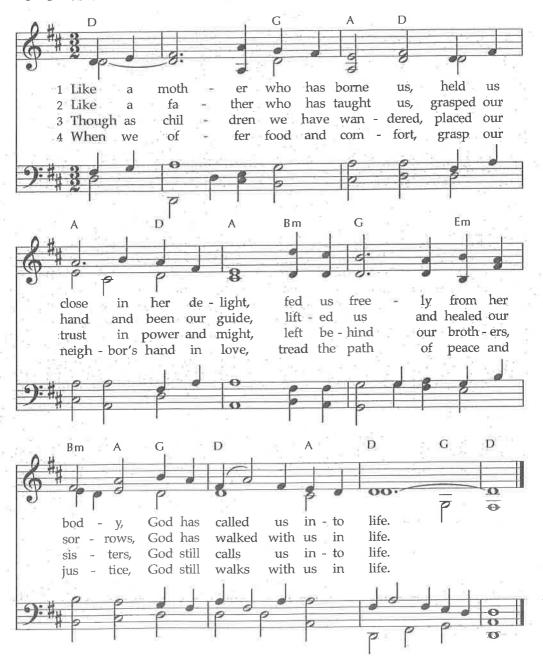


Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."



- 5 And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath:
  Alleluia! Alleluia!
  Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home.
  Sing praises! Alleluia!
  Alleluia! Alleluia!
  - 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## 44 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us



This text was inspired by how the prophet Hosea describes the parental nature of God's relationship with Israel (Hosea 11:1–19). The last stanza echoes Christ's teachings about love of neighbor (Matthew 22:37–40/Mark 12:29–31) and care for "the least of these" (Matthew 25:31–46).

## 833 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go



This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.