

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

For a lower key, see "We are people of God's peace"

Text: John of Damascus, 8th c.

Music: Johann Horn, 1544, alt. 1584

tr. John M. Neale, 1859, alt.

AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM (GAUDEAMUS PARITER) 76.76 D

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of the melody. The first system has three numbered verses. The second system has one verse. The third system has one verse. The fourth system has one verse. The lyrics are in a traditional hymn style, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across words.

G D Em D G C D C D G

1 Come, ye faith-ful, raise the strain of tri-um-phant glad-ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to-day: Christ hath burst his pris-on,
3 Nei-ther shall the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por-tal,

G D Em D G C D C D G

God hath brought forth Is-ra-el in-to joy from sad-ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris-en.
nor the watch-ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor-tal.

G C D G D G A D

loosed from Pha-raeh's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters,
Now re-joice, Je-ru-sa-lem, and with true af-fec-tion
But a-ris-en 'midst thy friends thou didst stand, be-stow-ing

Em D Em D G C G C D G

led them with un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa-ters.
wel-come in un-wea-ried strains Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion.
thy true peace, which ev-er-more pass-es hu-man know-ing.