

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 two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is simple and homophonic, with chords indicated above the staff. The lyrics are in three parts, with the first part being the most prominent. The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line. The third system ends with a double bar line, and the fourth system ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are as follows:

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,
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.
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
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.