

Salve Regina Hymn

The Salve Regina, also known as the Hail Holy Queen, is one of the four Marian hymns traditionally sung at the end of compline. It was composed by Hermann of Reichenau, a German monk, during the Middle Ages. It is used during the time from the Saturday before Trinity Sunday until the Friday before the first Sunday of Advent. The English translation, Hail Holy Queen, is also the final prayer of the Rosary.

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiæ,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ,
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry,
Poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send forth our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us;
And after this our exile,
Show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.
☩ Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
℞ that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ, thy Son.