

Regina Coeli Hymn

The Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven) is one of the four Marian hymns traditionally sung after compline. It is sung during the Easter Season. Its authorship is unknown, but it was in use by the Franciscans in the first half of the thirteenth century. Tradition holds that Pope St. Gregory the Great heard the first three lines being chanted by angels one Easter morning as he was following a procession of the icon of the Virgin painted by St. Luke. He was inspired to add the fourth line of the hymn.

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.