

Ave Regina Caelorum

The Ave Regina Caelorum is one of the four Marian hymns traditionally sung after compline. It is used from the Feast of the Presentation (February 2nd) through Wednesday of Holy Week. It's origins are not known, but it has been found as early as the twelfth century.

Ave, Regina Caelorum,
Ave, Domina Angelorum:
Salve, radix, salve, porta
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa,
Vale, o valde decora,
Et pro nobis Christum exora.

Hail, O Queen of Heaven enthroned.
Hail, by angels mistress owned.
Root of Jesse, Gate of Morn
Whence the world's true light was born:
Glorious Virgin, Joy to thee,
Loveliest whom in heaven they see;
Fairest thou, where all are fair,
Plead with Christ our souls to spare.