

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Liturgy of St James (4th Cent)
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1. Let all mor-tal flesh keep— si-lence and with fear and trem-bling stand;
2. *King of kings, yet born of Ma-ry, as of old on earth he stood;*
3. Rank on rank the host of hea-ven spreads its van-guard on the way
4. *At his feet, the six-winged se-raph, che-ru-bim with sleep-less eye*

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Pon-der no-thing earth-ly min-ded for with bles-sing in his hand,
Lord of lords in hu-man ves-ture in the bo-dy and the blood.
as the light of light de-scend-eth from the realms of end-less day,
veil their fa-ces to the pre-sence as with cease-less voice they cry:

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Christ our God to earth des-cend-eth, our full ho-mage to de-mand.
He will give to all the faith-ful his own self for heav-n'ly food.
that the pow'rs of hell may va-nish as the dark-ness clears a-way.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Lord most high.

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