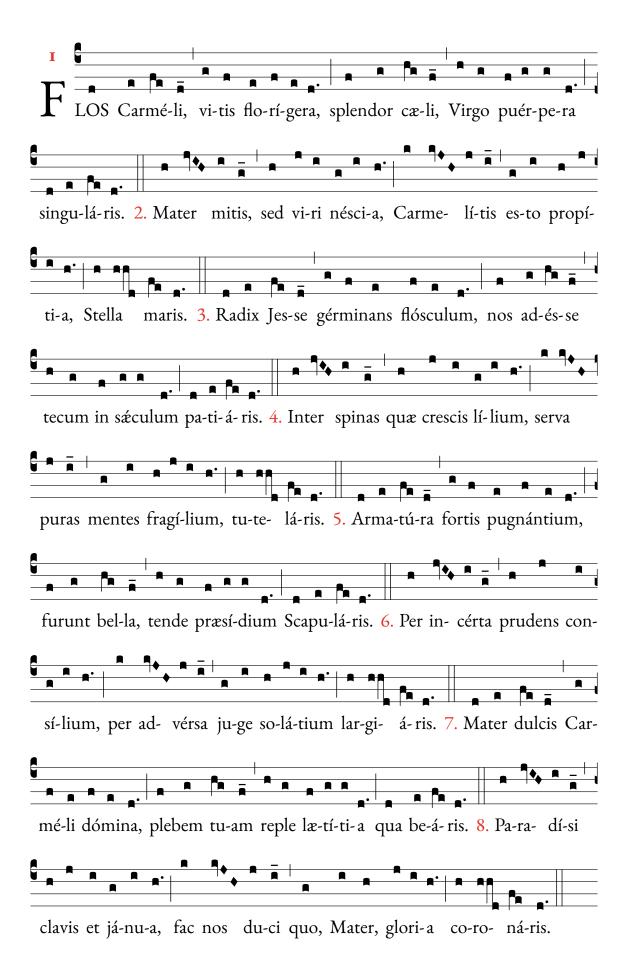
FLOS CARMELI



- 1. Flower of Carmel, blossoming, bearing one, light of heaven, Mother of God's dear Son, vine and virgin.
- 2. Gentle parent, pure beyond human love, bless your children, star shining far above this world's ocean.
- 3. Root of Jesse, flower in the cradling bud, take us to you, keep us with you in God, his together.
- 4. All chaste lily rising despite the thorn, strengthen help us, so feeble, soon forlorn, great protectress.

- 5. Be our armour, valiant for Christ when war rages round us, hold high the scapular, strong and saving.
- 6. In our stumbling guide us on God's wise way, in our sorrow comfort us as we pray; rich your mercy.
- 7. Holy lady, Carmel's great friend and queen, feast your people from your own bliss, the unseen grace, God's goodness.
- 8. Key and gateway opening on Paradise, mother, win us a place with you in Christ, crowned in glory.