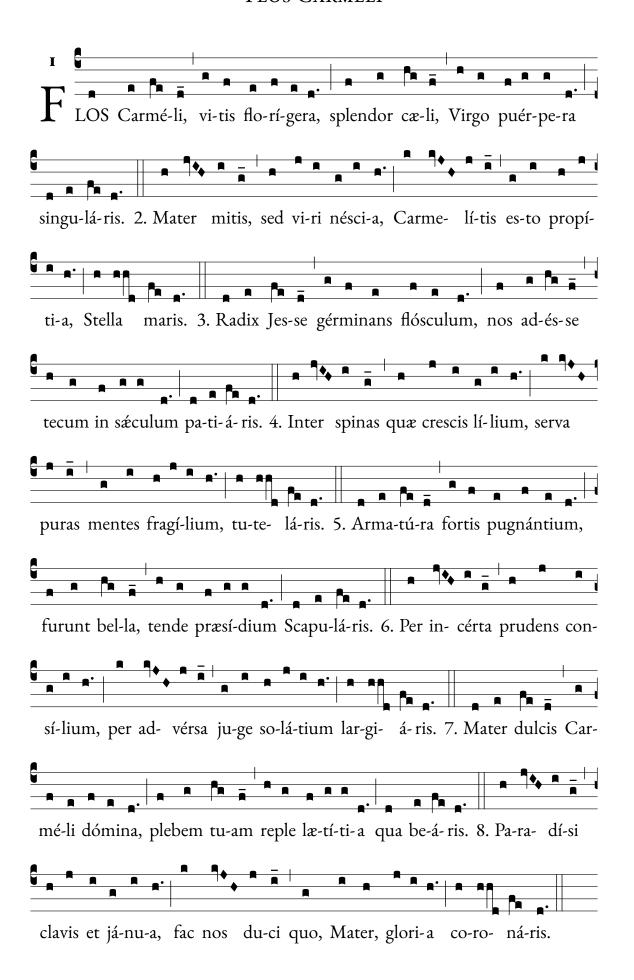
FLOS CARMELI



Flower of Carmel, blossoming, bearing one, light of heaven, Mother of God's dear Son, vine and virgin.

Gentle parent, pure beyond human love, bless your children, star shining far above this world's ocean.

Root of Jesse, flower in the cradling bud, take us to you, keep us with you in God, his together.

All chaste lily rising despite the thorn, strengthen help us, so feeble, soon forlorn, great protectress.

Be our armour, valiant for Christ when war rages round us, hold high the scapular, strong and saving.

In our stumbling guide us on God's wise way, in our sorrow comfort us as we pray; rich your mercy.

Holy lady, Carmel's great friend and queen, feast your people from your own bliss, the unseen grace, God's goodness.

Key and gateway opening on Paradise, mother, win us a place with you in Christ, crowned in glory.