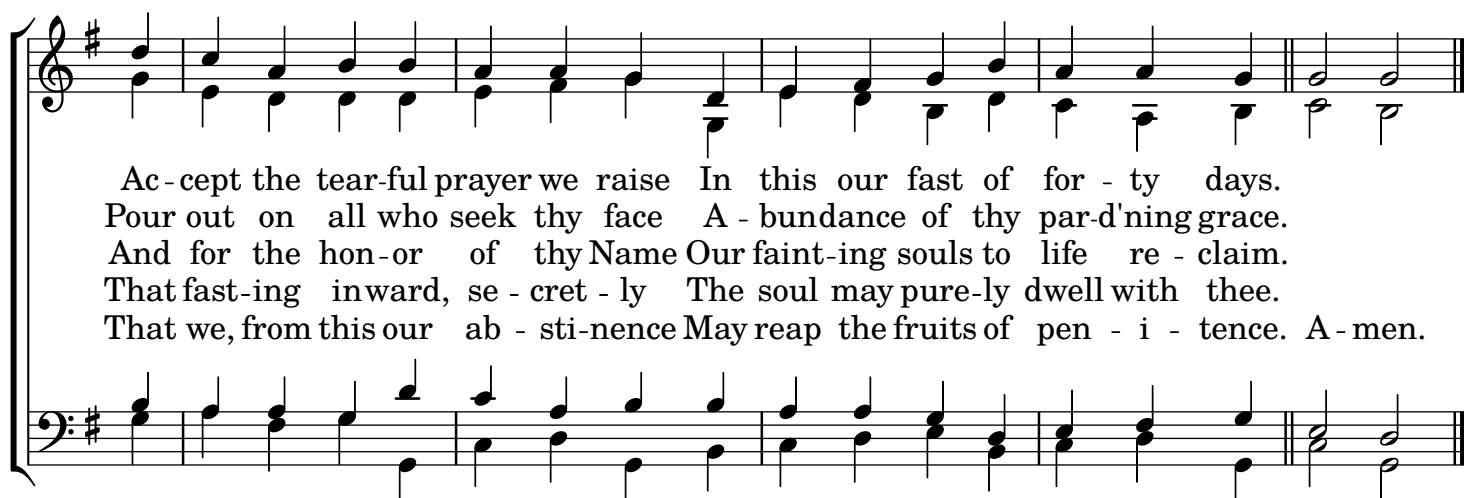


TALLIS'S CANON

Thomas Tallis 1505-1585



1. O Mer - ci ful Cre - a - tor, hear! To us in pit - y bow thine ear:
2. Our hearts are o - pen, Lord, to thee; Thou know-est our in - firm - i - ty;
3. Our sins are man - y, this we know; Spare us, good Lord, thy mer - cy show;
4. Give us the self-con - trol that springs From dis - ci - pline of out-ward things,
5. We pray thee, Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, One God, un-changing U - ni - ty,



Ac-cept the tear-ful prayer we raise In this our fast of for - ty days.
Pour out on all who seek thy face A - bundance of thy par-d'ning grace.
And for the hon-or of thy Name Our faint-ing souls to life re - claim.
That fast-ing inward, se - cret - ly The soul may pure-ly dwell with thee.
That we, from this our ab - sti-nence May reap the fruits of pen - i - tence. A - men.

Audi, benigne Conditor, St. Gregory the Great
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