

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Sing! Hymnal, #719)

Words: Liturgy of St. James, 5th c; adapt: Gerard Moultrie

Music: *Chansons Populaires des Provinces de France, 1860*

[CHORDS] **Dm** **Bb** **C** [NO CAPO]
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[INTRO] | **Dm C** | **Dm C** | **Dm C** | **Dm** |

[VERSE 1] **Dm**
Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence,
 Bb **Dm**
and with fear and tremb-ling stand;
Dm
Pon-der noth-ing earth-ly mind-ed,
 Bb **Dm**
for, with bless-ing in His hand,
Dm **C** **Dm** **C**
Christ our God to earth, de-scend - - eth,
Dm **C** **Dm**
our full hom-age to de-mand.

[VERSE 2] **Dm**
Rank on rank the host of heav-en
 Bb **Dm**
spreads its van-guard on the way,
Dm
As the Light of light de-scend-eth
 Bb **Dm**
from the realm of end-less day,
Dm **C** **Dm** **C**
That the pow'rs of hell may van - - ish
Dm **C** **Dm**
as the dark-ness clears a-way.

[VERSE 3] **Dm**
At his feet the six wing-ed ser-aph,
 Bb **Dm**
cher-u-bim with sleep-less eye,
Dm
Veil their fac-es to the pres-ence,
 Bb **Dm**
as with cease-less voice they cry,
Dm **C** **Dm** **C**
"Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
Dm **C** **Dm**
al-le-lu-ia, Lord, Most High!

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Let all people be silent before the LORD. Zechariah 2:13

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding text line. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 2/2. The first system includes a 'Unison' marking. The lyrics are: '1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and 2. Rank on rank the host of heav-en Spreads its van-guard 3. At His feet the six-winged ser-aph; Cher-u-bim, with trem-bling stand; Pon-der noth-ing earth-ly mind-ed, on the way, As the Light of light de-scend-eth sleep-less eye, Veil their fac-es to the Pres-ence, For with bless-ing in His hand, Christ our God to earth de- From the realms of end-less day, That the powers of hell may As with cease-less voice they cry, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-scend-eth, Our full hom-age to de-mand. van-ish As the dark-ness clears a-way. lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Lord Most High.'

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scend - eth, Our full hom - age to de - mand.
van - ish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord Most High.