

Hark the Sound of Holy Voices

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862.

Music: 'O Durchbrecher' Johann Anastasius Freylinghausen, 1704.

Setting: The Evangelical Lutheran Hymn Book, 1931.

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♩ = 100

1. Hark the sound of ho - ly voi - ces, chan - ting at the crys - tal sea
 2. Pa - tri - arch and ho - ly pro - phet, who pre - pared the way for Christ,
 3. They have come from tri - bu - la - tion, and have washed their robes in Blood,
 4. Mar - ching with Thy Cross their ban - ner they have tri - umphed fol - lo - wing
 5. Now they reign in hea - v'nly glo - ry, now they walk in gol - den light,

Hal - le - lu - ia! Hal - le - lu - ia! Hal - le - lu - ia! Lord to Thee.
 King, A - pos - tle, Saint, and Mar - tyr Con - fes - sor, E - - van - ge - list,
 Washed them in the Blood of Je - sus; tried they were, and firm they stood;
 Thee the Cap - tain of Sal - va - tion, Thee their Sa - vior and their King;
 Now they drink, as from a ri - ver, ho - ly bliss and in - fi - nite;

Mul - ti - tude which none can num - ber, like the stars in glo - ry stand
 Saint - ly Mai - den, god - - ly Ma - tron, Wi - dows who have watched to prayer,
 Mocked, im - pri - soned, stoned, tor - men - ted, sawn a - sun - der, slain with sword,
 Glad - ly, Lord, with Thee they suf - fered; glad - ly, Lord, with Thee they died;
 Love and Peace they taste fo - re - ver, and all Truth and Know - ledge see

Clothed in white ap - - pa - rel, hol - ding palms of vic - t'ry in their hand.
 Joined in ho - ly con - cert sing - ing to the Lord of all are there.
 They have con - quered Death and Sa - tan, by the might of Christ the Lord.
 And by death to Life im - mor - tal they were born, and glo - ri - fied.
 In the be - a - - ti - fic vi - sion of the Bles - sèd Tri - ni - ty.

6. Δ God of God, the One-begotten, Light of Light, Emmanuel,
 In whose Body joined together all the saints forever dwell,
 Pour upon us of Thy fullness, that we may forevermore
 God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost adore.