TE JOSEPH CELEBRENT



Te Joseph celebrent agmina caelitum.

JOSEPH, pure spouse of that immortal Bride,
Who shines in ever-virgin glory bright,
Through all the Christian climes thy praise be sung,
Through all the realms of light.

- 2 Thee, when amazed concern for thy betrothed Had fill'd thy righteous spirit with dismay, An angel visited, and, with blest words,

 Scattered thy fears away.
- 3 Thine arms embraced thy Maker newly born;
 With him to Egypt's desert didst thou flee;
 Him in Jerusalem didst seek and find;
 Oh grief, oh joy for thee.
- 4 Not until after death their blissful crown Others obtain; but unto thee was given In thine own lifetime to enjoy thy God; As do the blest in Heaven.
- 5 Grant us, great Trinity, for Joseph's sake,
 Unto the starry mansions to attain;
 There, with glad tongues, thy praise to celebrate
 In one eternal strain.

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