

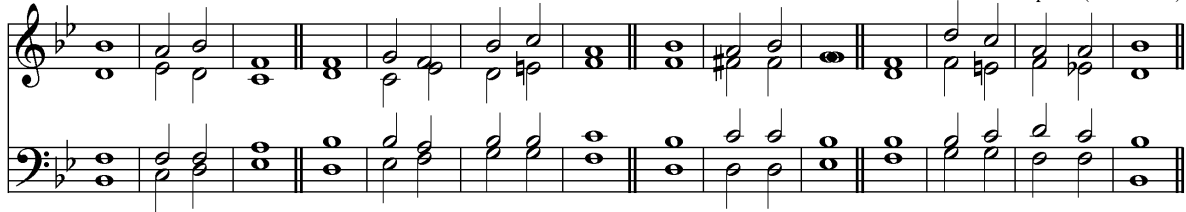
Venite

Psalm 95 *Venite, exultemus*

A call to worship God.

Note: The text used below is that on page 103 of the Book of Common Prayer. However, in verse 10, 'loathed' could be replaced by 'detested' – the word used on page 702. A further option is 'was grieved by' as in the previous (1926) edition of the BCP. Quotation marks are as in the version on page 703. Verses 8 to 11 may be omitted.

Edward J. Hopkins (1818-1901)



- 1 O come let us sing | out • to the | Lord:
let us shout in triumph to the | rock of | our sal | vation.
- 2 Let us come before his | face with | thanksgiving:
and cry | out • to him | joyfully • in | psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a | great | God:
and a great | king a • bove | all | gods.
- 4 In his hand are the | depths • of the | earth:
and the peaks of the | mountains • are | his | also.
- ‡ 5 The sea is his and | he | made it:
his hands | moulded | dry | land.
- 6 Come let us worship and | bow | down:
and kneel be | fore the | Lord our | maker.
- 7 For he is the | Lord our | God:
we are his | people • and the | sheep of • his | pasture.

The canticle may end here with Glory to the Father...

- 8 Today if only you would | hear his | voice:
‘Do not harden your | hearts • as you | did • in the | wilderness.
- 9 ‘When your | forebears | tested me:
‘put me to the proof though | they had | seen my | works.
- 10 ‘Forty years long I loathed that gener | ation • and | said:
“It is a people who err in their hearts
for they | do not | know my | ways.”
- 11 ‘Of whom I | swore • in my | wrath:
“they | shall not | enter • my | rest.””

Glory to the Father and | to the | Son:
and | to the | Holy | Spirit.

As it was in the be | ginning, is | now:
and shall be for | ever. | A– | men.