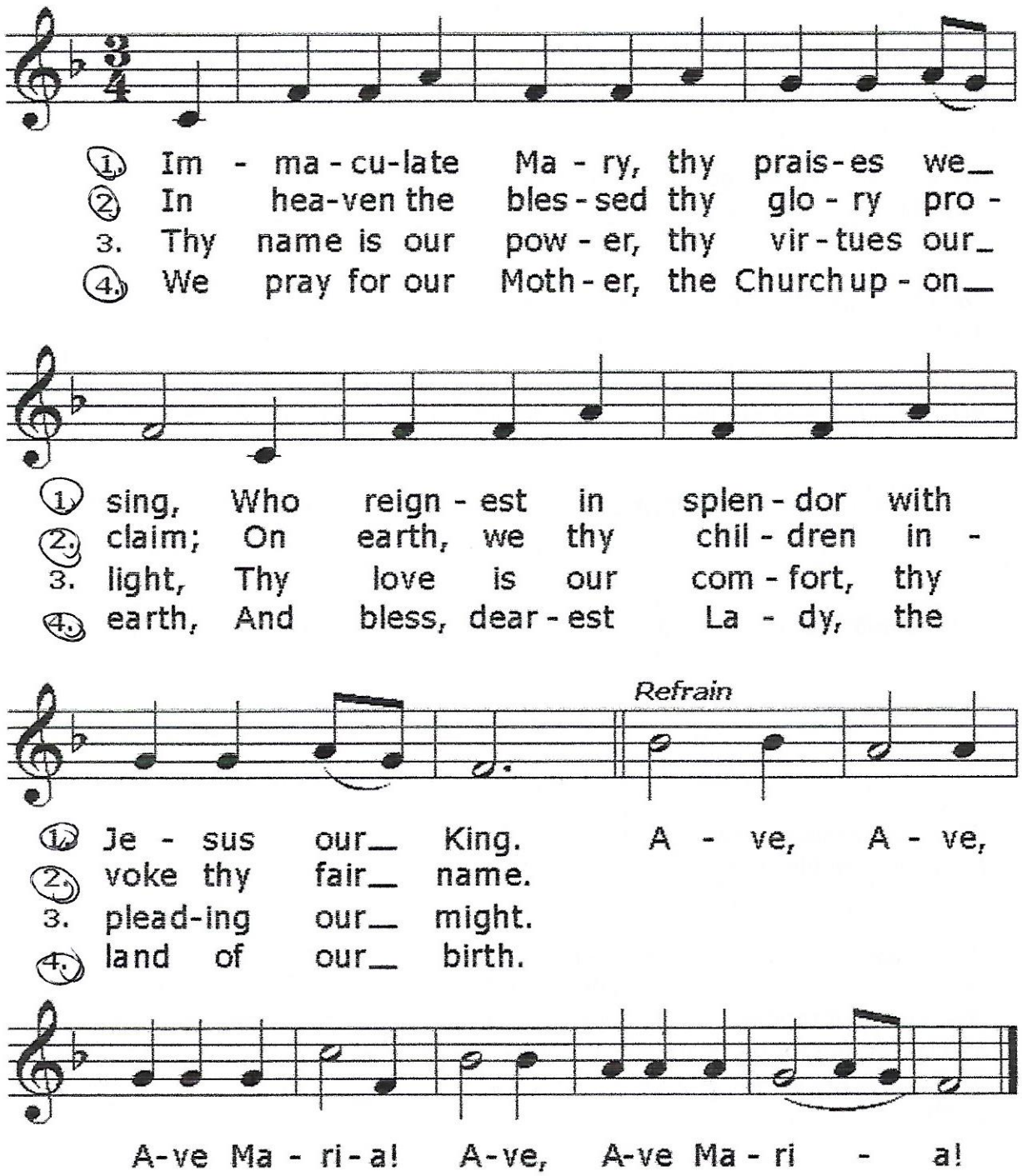
Immaculate Mary

Lourdes Pilgrim Tune



A reading from the book of Revelation. (Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10)

God's temple in heaven opened and in the temple could be seen the ark of his covenant.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Because she was with child, she wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky: it was a huge dragon, flaming red, with seven heads and ten horns; on his heads were seven diadems. His tail swept a third of the stars from the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, ready to devour her child when it should be born. She gave birth to a son—a boy destined to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert, where a special place had been prepared for her by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

"Now have salvation and power come, the reign of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

The word of the Lord.

All respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Priest/Leader: Let us adore the infinite love of God, sent to us in his beloved Son. Your mercy, O Lord, reaches to heaven; your faithfulness touches the clouds and the tiny blade of grass.

All: Your righteousness fills the earth; your justice is more profound than the depths of the sea; you have brought us salvation.

Priest/Leader: How precious, O Lord, is your grace; your children find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: They refresh themselves in the wealth of your house; you have them drink from the brook of Your delights.

Priest/Leader: You are the source of life; in you we find truth and the light.

All: Grant your grace to all who wish to know you, and extend your just rule over all who live with sincere hearts.

Priest/Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All: As it was in the beginning ... Amen.

All sing refrain:
Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings He bears to those who trust in His ways.

Priest/Leader: Savior, our Lord and King! On the throne of your cross you bestowed on us a precious legacy, a gift cherished from generation to generation. You have given us your mother. "Look, there is your mother!" These words are your last will and testament for us. Mary was meant not only to give birth to you but also to continue working with you for all times to establish the kingdom of the Father on this earth.

All sing refrain: Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

Priest/Leader: Mary is our model. She said yes to you, Lord. You made yourself dependent on her free and loving yes. She said yes from the moment of your conception, and never took back her yes at any time. We know well that her yes led her to experience everything that is bitter on life's journey; nevertheless, because you were with her, the bitter journey was transformed to a journey of joy.

All sing refrain: Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

Priest/Leader: Mary, Mother of Jesus and our beloved Blessed Mother, we gather around you here in this place, for we believe you are among us. From the bottom of our hearts, we accept the great gift of our crucified Lord: "There is your mother!" Prove, Mary, that you are our spiritual mother. Prove that you are the spiritual mother of our parish and of our diocese.

All: Mary, you are the spiritual mother of all peoples; the mother of our country which is dedicated to your immaculate conception. Do for us what a mother does: guide us, educate us, lead us to Christ, your only Son.

Priest/Leader: Mary, you are the spiritual mother and model of our church. Teach us by your example how to love Jesus and how to care for one another. Show us what it means to walk with Jesus day by day, to learn from Him, and to do what He tells us.

All: Mary, we believe that in our baptism our destiny may one day reflect your destiny. The great things that the Lord has done for you, He is ready to do for us if we do what He commands. Help us cooperate with the grace that He wishes to bestow on us.

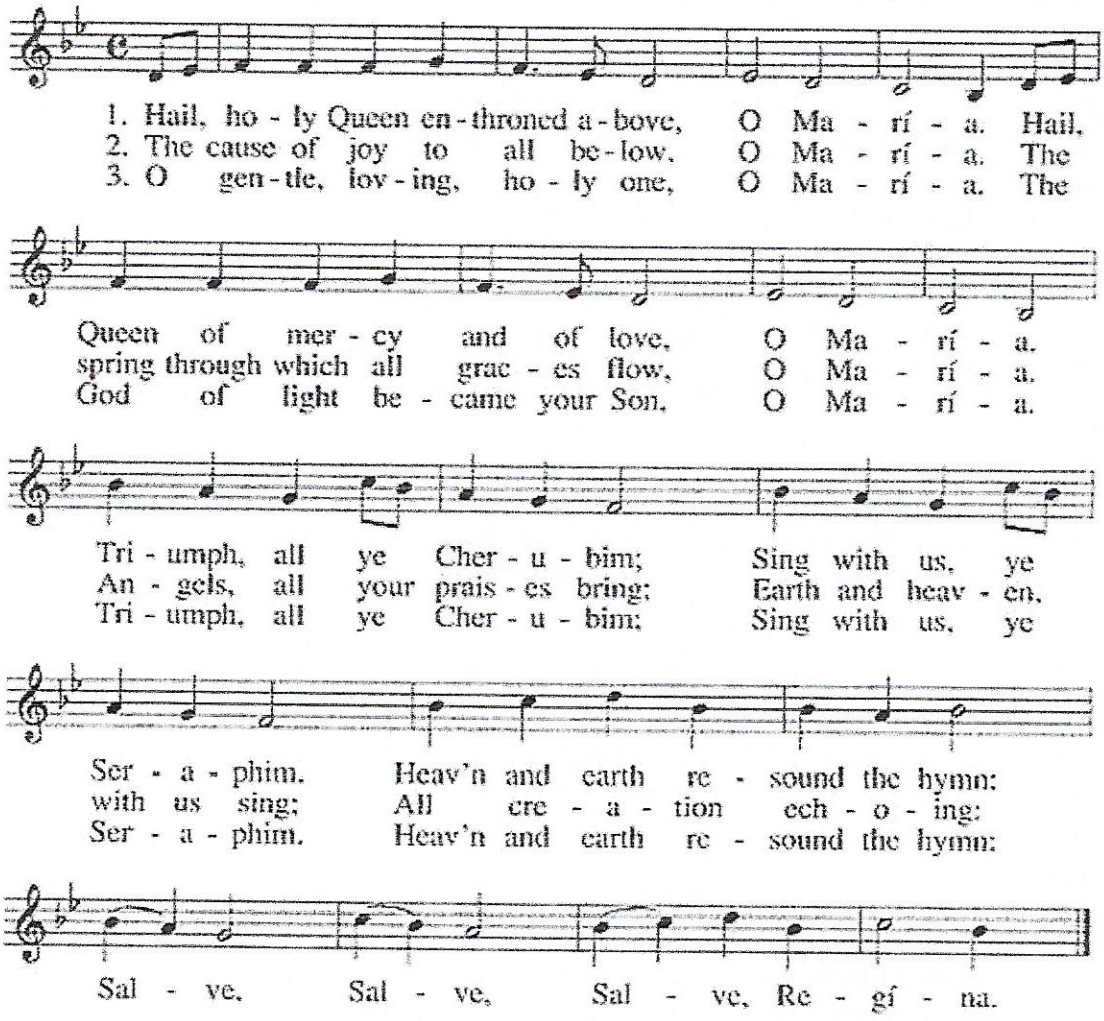
Priest/Leader: Mary, this crown symbolizes the dignity and beauty that God Himself has bestowed upon you!

All: Mary, you are the joy of those in heaven, the help of those on earth, the consolation of those still burdened by their sins. Accept our May blossoms; accept each flower as a symbol of praise and thanksgiving! Thank you for your cooperation in the plan that changed the destiny of the world. Teach us, Mary, that we, too, may make the place where we are a little paradise for God.

Mary, Mother and Queen, accept our crown!

Crowning of Mary
Procession of Flowers

Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above



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