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As fits a festal day,  
 After long months of struggle,  
 Long years of disarray.

Now cries the blood for vengeance,  
 By persecutors poured,  
 Of them that died defending  
 The likeness of the Lord:  
 The likeness, as a mortal  
 That He vouchsaf'd to take,  
 Long years ago, in Bethlem,  
 Incarnate for our sake.

Awake, O Church, and triumph  
 Exult, each realm and land!  
 And open let the houses,  
 The ascetic houses stand!  
 And let the holy virgins  
 With joy and song take in  
 Their relics and their Icons,  
 Who died this day to win!

Assemble ye together  
 So joyous and so bold,  
 The ascetic troops, and pen them  
 Once more within the fold!  
 If strength again he gather,<sup>6</sup>  
 Again the foe shall fall:  
 If counsel he shall counsel,  
 Our God shall scatter all.

The Lord, the Lord hath triumphed:  
 Let all the world rejoice!  
 Hush'd is the turmoil, silent

<sup>6</sup> This is from the magnificent Emmanuel Ode sung at Great Compline on high festivals.

"Having become mighty, ye have been subdued.

"For God is with us.

"And if ye shall again become mighty, again ye shall be subdued.

"For God is with us.

"And if ye shall devise any device, the

Lord shall scatter it,

"For God is with us."



















































































