Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Words: Liturgy of St. James, 4th century
Translated by Gerard Moultire, 1864

Music: Traditional French melody, 17th century

Dm          F  Dm          Bb  A

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
   2. King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
   3. Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its van-guard on the way,
   4. At his feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,

Bb          F  Dm          Bb  F  Bb  F

Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in his hand
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the Body and the Blood;
As the Light of Light descendeth From the realms of endless day,
Veil their faces to the presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry,

D          Gm  Dm          C  Dm  Gm  C  Dm

Christ our God to earth descendeth Our full homage to demand.
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'n-ly food.
That the powers of hell may vanish As the darkness clears a-way.
"Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!"