

# Blessed City, Heavenly Salem

*Urbs beata Jerusalem*, part I.

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2. From ce - les - tial realms de - scend - ing, Rea - dy for the nup - tial bed,  
3. Bright with pearls her por - tal glit - ters; It is o - pen ev - er - more;  
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Δ. Laud and ho - nor to the FA - THER; Laud and ho - nor to the SON;

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To His pre - sence, deck'd with je - wels, By her LORD shall she be led:  
And, by vir - tue of His me - rits, Thi - ther faith - ful souls may soar,  
In their pla - ces now com - pac - ted By the Heaven - ly Ar - chi - tect,  
Laud and ho - nor to the SPI - RIT; Ev - er Three and ev - er One:

And, with an - gel co - horts cir - cled, As a bride to earth dost move!  
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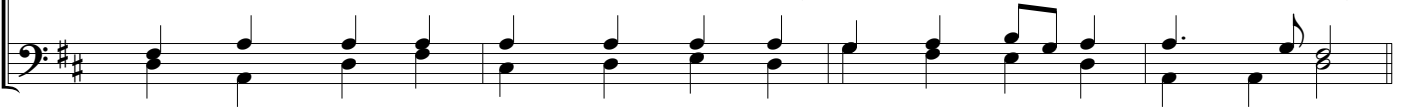
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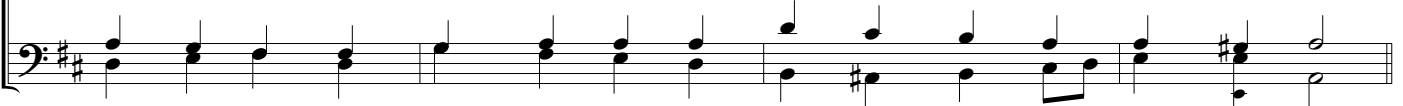
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