

# Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

SAB and Organ

Liturgy of St. James  
Tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85

Louis Vierne, 1870-1937  
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**Andante** (♩ = 76)

Organ

(*p*)

(Man.)

(R.H.)

(Solo or Unison Voices)

5 *p*

1. Let all mor - tal flesh — keep si - lence,  
3. Rank on rank the host — of heav - en

**Editorial Notes:** This work was originally set to the text of the *Tantum Ergo*, a Benediction hymn by St. Thomas Aquinas. Louis Vierne composed this music, his opus 2, in 1886 at the age of sixteen. He scored *Tantum Ergo* for four mixed voices and organ, and also arranged it with orchestral accompaniment. Vierne also made versions for solo voice and organ in two different keys.

The present edition unites this beautiful romantic music with an even earlier Latin text, but in the English translation made in 1884 by Gerard Moultrie. The original key is a minor third higher. All editorial suggestions are enclosed in parentheses. C. C.

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9 *poco cresc.*

And with fear and trem - bling stand;  
 Spreads its van - guard on the way,

*poco cresc.*

13

Pon - der the noth - ing of earth - ly mind - ed,  
 As the Light of Light de - scend - eth

(+ Ped.)

(L.H.)

17

For with the bless - ing in his hand  
 From the realms of end - less day,

*dim.* ***p***

*dim.* ***p***

21

*pp*

Christ — our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
That — the pow'rs of hell may van - ish

*pp*

25

*cresc.*

Our — full hom age to de - mand,  
As — the dark ness clears a - way,

*cresc.*

29

*(mf)* *dim.* *p* *poco rall.*

Our — full hom age to de - mand.  
As — the dark ness clears a - way.

*(mf)* *dim.* *p* *poco rall.*

33 *p a tempo*

S  
A

2. King — of kings, — yet born — of Mar - y,  
4. At — his feet — the six - winged ser - aph;

B

*p a tempo*

*p a tempo*

(Man.)

37 *poco cresc.*

As — of old on earth — he stood,  
Cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,

*poco cresc.*

*poco cresc.*  
(R.H.)

41 (mp)

Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 Veil their fac - es to the Pres - ence,

(mp)

(mp)

(+ Ped.)

45

in the Bod - y and the Blood,  
 As with cease - less voice they cry,

*dim.* *p*

*dim.* *p*

*dim.* *p*

49

*pp*

He — will give — to all — the — faith — ful  
“Al — le — lu — ia! Al — le — lu — ia!

*pp*

*pp*

53

*poco cresc.*

His — own self — for heav — en — ly food,  
Al — le — lu — ia! Lord — most high;

*poco cresc.*

*poco cresc.*

57 *(mf)* *dim.* *poco rall.*

His — own self — for heav - en - ly food.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord — most high.”

*(mf)* *dim.* *poco rall.*

*(mf)* *dim.* *poco rall.*

\*After Stanza 4:

61 *(slower)* *(mp)* *dim.* *pp*

A - men, a - men.

*(slower)* *(mp)* *dim.* *pp*

*(mp)* *(slower)* *dim.* *pp*

\*(The last four measures may be omitted.)