

Greek, Divine Liturgy of St James (late 4th or early 5th century)

*Cherubic Hymn*, Σιγησάτω πᾶσα σὰρξ βροτεία, "Sigēsátō pása sárx broteía"

Habakkuk 2:20, Zechariah 2:13

## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*Picardy*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The English Hymnal (1906)

Let all mor - tal flesh keep\_\_\_ si - lence  
Rank on rank the host of\_\_\_ hea - ven

And with fear and trem-bling\_\_\_ stand  
Spreads its van-guard on the\_\_\_ way

Pon - der no - thing earth - ly\_\_\_ min - ded  
As the light of light de\_\_\_ - scends now

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven, spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth, from the realms of endless day,  
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish, as the darkness clears away.

For with bles-sing in His hand  
From the realms of end-less day

Christ our Lord to earth de-scends now  
That the pow'rs of hell may van-ish

Our full ho-mage to de-mand  
As the dark-ness clears a-way

4 At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”