Marian Celebration: May Crowning

Sunday, May 5, 2024

GREETING

My friends, in the glory of springtime we give praise to our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection have made all things new. Today, with great affection, we will honor Mary, the Mother of God and Queen of Heaven and Earth. In faith, she kept watch near the cross. In joy, she became the Mother of the Church; a witness to the resurrection of our Lord.

Children's Prayer

Lord Jesus, may we honor Mary as Your Mother, and imitate her faith in saying "yes." Mary, be our model as bearers of your Son, to always follow HIM and lead others to HIM. AMEN.

Rosary – 5th Glorious Mystery: The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Procession: Queen of the May

Bring flow'rs of the fairest,
Bring flow'rs of the rarest,
From garden and woodland
And hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our Glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest
Rose of the vale.

Refrain

O Mary! We crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
O Mary! We crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Our voices ascending,
In harmony blending,
Oh! Thus may our hearts turn
Dear Mother, to thee;
Oh! Thus shall we prove thee
How truly we love thee,
How dark without Mary
Life's journey would be.

Refrain

O Virgin most tender,
Our homage we render,
Thy love and protection,
Sweet Mother, to win;
In danger defend us,
In sorrow befriend us,
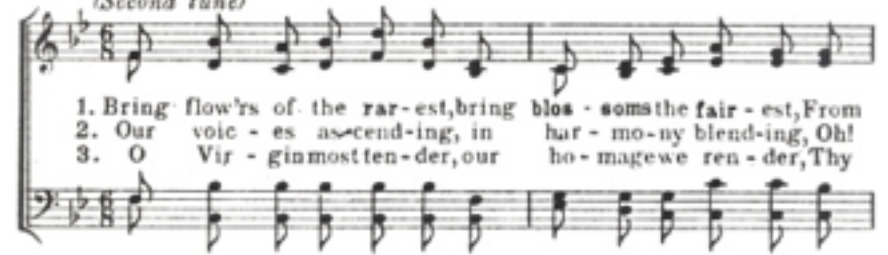And shield our hearts
From contagion and sin.

Refrain
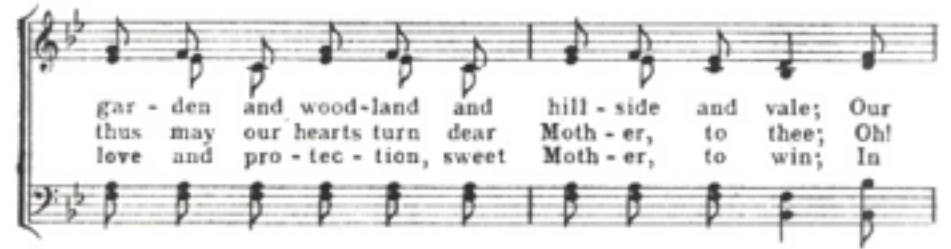
Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

Take my hand O Blessed Mother hold me firmly lest I fall.
I grow nervous while I'm walking and humbly on thee I call.
Guide me over every crossing; watch me when I'm on the stairs.
Let me know that you're beside me, listen to my every prayer.
Bring me to my destination. Keep me safe along the way.
Bless my every undertaking and my duties for the day.
And when the evening creeps upon me, I will never be alone.
Once again, O Blessed Mother take my hand and lead me home.

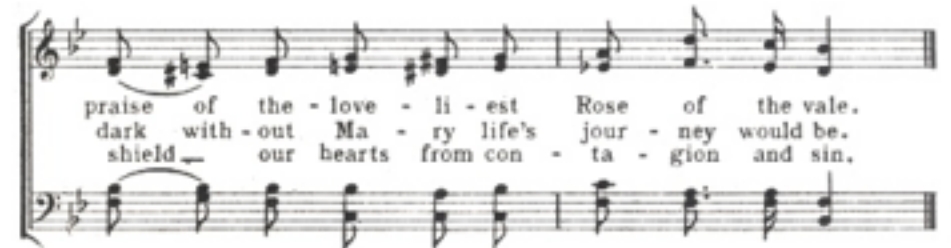### BRING FLOWERS OF THE RAREST

Andante (♩.=56)
(Second tune)

1. Bring flow'rs of the rar-est, bring blos-soms the fair-est, From
2. Our voic-es as-cend-ing, in har-mo-ny blend-ing, Oh!
3. O Vir-gin most ten-der, our ho-mage we ren-der, Thy

gar-den and wood-land and hill-side and vale; Our
thus may our hearts turn dear Moth-er, to thee; Oh!
love and pro-tec-tion, sweet Moth-er, to win; In

full hearts are swell-ing, our glad voic-es tell-ing, The
thus shall we prove thee how tru-ly we love thee, How
dan-ger de-fend us, in sor-row be-friend us, And

praise of the love-li-est Rose of the vale.
dark with-out Ma-ry life's jour-ney would be.
shield our hearts from con-ta-gion and sin.

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