

# The Litany of the Saints



**Wheatsheaf  
Music**

Singing together, praying together

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$\text{♩} = 104$   
Dm Em/D B $\flat$ maj7/D Cmaj7/D Dm Em/D B $\flat$ maj7/D Cmaj7/D

**A**

*Cantor* Lord, have mer-cy. *Assembly* Lord, have mercy.

*mp*

9 C B $\flat$ /C Am/C Gm/C Gm $^7$  Am $^7$  B $\flat$ m $^7$  Am $^7$  D $^5$

*Cantor* Christ, have mer-cy. *Assembly* Christ, have mercy. *Cantor* Lord, have mer-cy. *Assembly* Lord, have mercy.

**B**

18 Am *a tempo* F Bm $^7$  E

*mf*

22

E Am F Bm<sup>7</sup> E  
*Cantor* *Assembly*

Ho-ly Ma-ry, Mo-ther of God, pray for us.  
 Ho-ly An-gels of God, pray for us.  
 Saint John the Bap-tist, pray for us.  
 Saint Pe-ter and Saint Paul, pray for us.  
 Saint An-drew, pray for us.

27

E Am F Bm<sup>7</sup> E  
 [C] *Cantor* *Assembly*

Saint John, pray for us.  
 Saint Ma-ry Magda-lene, pray for us.  
 Saint Ste-phen, pray for us.  
 Saint Ig-na-tius of An-ti-och, pray for us.  
 Saint Law-rence, pray for us.  
 Saint Per-pet-u-a and Saint Fe-li-ci-ty, pray for us.

32 **D** E Am F Bm<sup>7</sup> E  
**Cantor** **Assembly**

Saint Ag - nes, pray for us.  
 Saint Gre - go - ry, pray for us.  
 Saint Au - gus - tine, pray for us.  
 Saint Ath - a - na - sius, pray for us.  
 Saint Bas - il, pray for us.  
 Saint Mar - tin, pray for us.  
 Saint Bene - dict, pray for us.

**Choir**  
 pray for us.

*mf*

37 **E** E Am F Bm<sup>7</sup> E  
**Cantor** **Assembly**

Saint Fran - cis and Saint Dom - i - nic, pray for us.  
 Saint Fran - cis Xa - vi - er, pray for us.  
 Saint John Vi - an - ney, pray for us.  
 Saint Catherine of Si - e - na, pray for us.  
 Saint Ter - e - sa of Je - sus, pray for us.  
 All ho - ly men and wo - men, Saints of God, pray for us.

**Choir**  
 pray for us.

42 **F** E Am F C F

47 **F** **D** **Gm** **C** To repeat  
F To next section

**Cantor** Lord, be merci-ful, **Assembly** Lord, de-liver us, we pray.  
 From all e - vil, Lord, de-liver us, we pray.  
 From eve - ry sin, Lord, de-liver us, we pray.  
 From ev-er-last - ing death, Lord, de-liver us, we pray.

53 **G** **D** **Gm** **C** To repeat  
F To next section

**Cantor** By your In - car - na - tion, **Assembly** Lord, de-liver us, we pray. **Cantor** By your  
 Death and Res - ur - rec - tion, Lord, de-liver us, we pray. By the out-  
 pour - ing of the Holy Spi - rit, Lord, de-liver us, we pray.

**Choir**  
 Lord, de-li - ver us we pray. pray.

58 **H** D Gm Am<sup>7</sup> G  
*mf* *rall.*

63  $\text{♩} = 96$  Dm Gm<sup>6</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> G  
**Cantor** **Assembly**

Be mer-ci-ful to us sin-ners, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

68 **I** **Cantor** Dm Gm<sup>6</sup> Dm Gm<sup>6</sup>

*If there are candidates to be baptised*  
 Bring these chos-en ones\_ to new birth through the grace\_ of\_ Bap-ti-sm,  
*or, if there is no one to be baptised*  
 Make this font\_ ho-ly by your grace for the new birth of your child-ren,

73 Am<sup>7</sup> G **J** Dm Gm<sup>6</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> G  
**Assembly** **Cantor** **Assembly**

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer. Jesus, Son of the living God, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

80 **K** Dm Em/D B $\flat$ <sup>maj7</sup>/D C<sup>maj7</sup>/D Dm Em/D B $\flat$ <sup>maj7</sup>/D C<sup>maj7</sup>/D

**Cantor** **Assembly**

Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.

*mp*

89 E $\flat$ <sup>maj7</sup> N.C. Am/D B $\flat$ <sup>maj7</sup>/D Am/E Gm<sup>7</sup>/D Gm<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>5</sup>

*rall.* **Cantor** **Assembly**

Christ, gracious-ly hear us. Christ, gracious-ly hear us.

*rall.* *rit.*

## Performance notes

This piece is most effective when the invocations are sung by a cantor rather than a choir. You can use two or more cantors, perhaps by alternating successive lines between cantors, or assigning one 'block' of saints to a single cantor.

If a keyboard player is struggling with the changing accompaniment in the 'saints' sections (B - E), they could pick one accompaniment section and play it for all the 'saints' sections.

Guitar chords are provided throughout the piece. If the piece is also accompanied by a keyboard, it is recommended that the guitar starts in section B and ends at the end of section J. In the second half section K (Christ graciously hear us...), the guitarist should only strum where a chord change is shown.

The names of some saints may be added at the end of each appropriate block of verses, especially the titular saint of the church and the patron saints of the place and of those to be baptised. Only the names of Saints and Blessed listed in the Church's Martyrologies may be used liturgically.

**Patriarchs and prophets:** St John the Baptist, St Joseph

**Apostles and disciples:** St Peter and St Paul, ..., St Mary Magdalene

**Martyrs:** St Stephen, ..., St Agnes

**Bishops and Doctors of the Church:** St Gregory, ..., St Martin

**Priests and Religious:** St Benedict, ..., St Theresa of Jesus

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*Cantor*                      *Assembly*                      *Cantor*

Lord, have mer-cy.    **Lord, have mer-cy.**    Christ, have mer-cy.

*Assembly*                      *Cantor*                      *Assembly*

**Christ, have mer-cy.**    Lord, have mer-cy.    **Lord, have mer-cy.**

*Cantor*                      *Assembly*

Ho-ly Ma-ry, Mother of God,                      **pray for us.**

Saint Michael, **pray for us.**

Holy Angels of God, **pray for us.**

...

All holy men and women, Saints of God, **pray for us.**

*Cantor*                      *Assembly*

Lord, be mer-ci-ful,                      **Lord, de-liv-er us, we pray.**

From all evil, **Lord, deliver us, we pray.**

From every sin, **Lord, deliver us, we pray.**

From everlasting death, **Lord, deliver us, we pray.**

By your Incarnation, **Lord, deliver us, we pray.**

By your Death and Resurrection, **Lord, deliver us, we pray.**

By the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, **Lord, deliver us, we pray.**

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*Cantor* *Assembly*

Be merci-ful to us sin-ners, **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

*If there are candidates to be baptised*

Bring these chosen ones to new birth through the grace of Baptism,

**Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

*or, if there is no one to be baptised*

Make this font holy by your grace for the new birth of your children,

**Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Jesus, Son of the living God, **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* *Assembly* *Cantor*

Christ, hear us. **Christ, hear us.** Christ, gracious-ly

*Assembly*

hear us. **Christ, gra-cious - ly** hear us.

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