Hymn 197 5v with intro  
Lyrics the Liturgy of St James, tr Rev G Moultrie  
Score Sicilian Mariners

Let all mortal flesh keep silent  
in expectant reverence stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded  
every lower thought withstand;  
for our Christ to earth descendeth  
with a blessing in His hand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary  
in a stable dark and rude  
once again to earth He cometh  
in a new similitude;  
he His blood and Body offers  
to mankind as mystic Food.

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;  
rolling back the clouds of evil  
as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the glowing seraphs  
Cherubim with sleepless eye  
veil their faces in His Presence  
as with ceaseless voice they cry;  
Allelulia, Alleluia  
Alleluia lord most high.

Praise the Father, throned in heaven  
praise the everlasting Son  
praise we Him whose gifts are seven  
praise the Holy Three in One;  
Unto god be highest glory  
while unending ages run.