

The Hymnal 1982 - #311 O saving Victim, opening wide

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two lines of lyrics: '1 O sav - ing Vic - tim, o - pening wide' and '2 All praise and thanks to thee a - scend'. The second staff has two lines: 'the gate of heaven to us be - low,' and 'for ev - er - more, blest One in Three;'. The third staff has two lines: 'our foes press on from ev - ery side,' and 'O grant us life that shall not end'. The fourth staff has two lines: 'thine aid sup - ply, thy strength be - stow.' and 'in our true na - tive land with thee.' The music is written in a simple, plainsong style with a few slurs and a final double bar line.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), atl. Music: *Verbum supernum prodiens*, plainsong, Mode 2, Nevers MS., 13th cent.; acc. Roy Kehl (b. 1935) Copyright ©1984, Roy F. Kehl. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

- 1 O saving Victim, opening wide
the gate of heaven to us below,
our foes press on from every side,
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
- 2 All praise and thanks to thee ascend
for evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
in our true native land with thee.

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