NEW PRAISES BE GIVEN

(CH200-ASCENSION)

St Bede the Venerable Welsh Hymn Melody

- 3. "No star can disclose him," the bright angels said; "Eternity knows him, your conquering head: Those high habitations he leaves not again, Till, judging all nations, on earth he shall reign."
- 5. They asked, who keep sentry in that blessed town, "Who thus claimeth entry, a king of renown?" "The Lord of all valiance," that herald replied, "Who Satan's battalions laid low in their pride."

4. Thus spoke they, and straightway, where legions defend

Heaven's glittering gateway, their Lord they attend, And cry, looking thither, "Your portals let down For him who rides hither in peace and renown."

6. Grant, Lord, that our longing may follow thee there, On earth who are thronging thy temples with prayer; And unto thee gather, Redeemer, thine own, Where thou with thy Father dost sit on the throne.

"He who sings ", says Saint Augustine, "prays twice"