

# Stola Regia

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1. In royal robes of splendor,  
Before the great King's feet,  
The princes of His kingdom,  
The crowned Apostles, meet;  
To Him their songs adoring  
With heart and tongue they bring,  
Pure hearts and mighty voices—  
E'en as the angels sing.

2. This Order sheds its luster  
O'er all the human race;  
A court of righteous judgment,  
The rock of Gospel grace;  
Rock of His Church, for ages  
Elected and foreknown;  
Whose glorious Master-Builder  
Is Head and Cornerstone.

3. These are the Nazareans,  
Famed heralds to the world,  
Who, preaching Christ, His banner  
Of victory unfurled;  
Day unto day shows knowledge;  
Night utters speech to night;  
So these to earth's four corners  
Their wondrous tale recite.

4. Christ's burden light they proffer,  
His easy yoke proclaim;  
The seed of life they scatter,  
That all may own His Name.  
The earth brought forth and budded,  
Where'er their ploughshare ran,  
And fruits of increase followed  
The faith of God made Man.

5. These are the sure foundation  
On which the Temple stands;  
The living stones compacting  
That house not made with hands;  
The gates by which man enters  
Jerusalem the new;  
The bond which knits together  
The Gentile and the Jew.

6. Let error flee before them,  
Let truth extend her way;  
Let dread of final judgment  
To faith and love give way;  
That, loosed from our offenses,  
We then may numbered be  
Among Thy saints in glory  
Around the throne with Thee.

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