

1 Lord, hear the prai - ses of thy faith - ful peo - ple ga - thered to
 ho - nour, on this ho - ly feast - day, Jo - seph thy ser - vant,
 guar - dian of the Christ - child, hus - band of Ma - - ry.

2
Second in honour
 to the Virgin Mother,
 gladly he yielded to his high vocation,
 when in a vision he was told the story
 of her conceiving.

3
 And when the Saviour,
 whom prophetic voices
 long had predicted,
 lay within the manger,
 mother and infant,
 by his strong protection,
 rested securely.

4
May his example
 give to us thy servants
 love of Christ Jesus,
 bringer of salvation,
 that with Saint Joseph,
 we at length may praise thee
 in life eternal.

5
Almighty Father, unto thee be glory,
 with Christ our Saviour
 and the Holy Spirit,
 from all thy people,
 here and in thy heaven,
 now and for ever.