

OFFICE HYMN
for the feast of
ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE AND MARTYR,
first sung at Evensong in Westminster Abbey
on 25 August 2004.

O thou, of twelve Apostles one,
O thou, alone of those the Son
called to Himself, of guile found free:
all hail Bartholomew to thee!

Out to the peoples thou wast sent;
out from the Upper Room thou went,
to make all India know God's grace,
and Persia see His human face.

Thy life was Christ's: like Him betrayed,
as he was scourged, so wast thou flayed.
For Him thou meetst in agony
thy death by Caspian's bitter Sea.

For us, on this our distant shore,
to God thy prayer be pleased to pour,
that as thou once thy life didst give
for Christ, so may in Christ we live.

Invoke for us the Holy Ghost,
O thou who watch'st the angel host
unto the Son of Man ascend;
on us the Spirit pray descend!

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
by saints above such praise be given
that saints on earth seek only Heaven. Amen.