

1. The Two Ways

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Psalm 1

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1. How hap - py are those who ig -
2. They thrive like the tree that is
3. How un - like the wi - cked who are

1. -nore the ad - vice of the wi - cked, who keep clear of the high - roads of sin - ners, —
2. plant - ed by fresh run ning wa - ter, that will yield up ripe fruit in due sea - son,
3. dri - ven like dust by the storm wind, who will crum - ble when sum - moned for judge ment, —

1. who re - fuse to be sul - lied by scep - tics but de -
2. that bears leaves that stay green and won't wi - ther. They are
3. for our God will bless those who are right - eous and show

1. -light in the law of the Lord _____ and con - si - der it night _____ and day.
2. fruit - ful in ev - 'ry en - dea - vour _____ and suc - ceed in their ev - 'ry deed.
3. fa - vour to those who are faith ful, _____ while the wi - cked will cease _____ to be.

2. God and His Son

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Psalm 2

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♩ = 76

1. Why do the na - tions noise re - bel - lion? Why do the
 2. High on his throne God heaves with laugh - ter, his fin - ger
 3. 'Let me pro - claim the word of God who, with this
 4. 'You kings and lea - ders heed my war - ning: wor - ship the

1. peo - ple plot re - volt? Ru - lers are puffed with self - im - por - tance,
 2. picks them out in fun. Then he ad - dres - ses them in an - ger,
 3. charge, made me his son: "You are my son and I your fa - ther;
 4. Lord in fear and awe. Trem - ble and kiss his feet for he may

1. lea - ders and led de - sert the Lord. 'Come, let us
 2. strikes ter - ror with his fu - rious rage: 'This is the
 3. ask, and all na - tions shall be yours; rule with an
 4. wipe you a - way in ris - ing rage, for he may

1. break the chains that bind us; come, let us free us from this rule!
 2. one whom I have cho - sen to sit on Zi - on's ho - ly hill!
 3. i - ron rod these peo - ple or shat - ter them like pots of clay."
 4. quick - ly blaze with an - ger. Hap - py are those who trust in God!

ANTIPHON

Hap - py are those who trust in God!

3. Song Before Sleep

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Psalm 4

Colin Hodgetts

Ans- wer me, Lord, when I call. You who free me from an- gish have mercy and hear me. (How)

2

How / long will your hearts remain closed,
you who chase after trifles
and run after lies?

3

Love will respond to love's call;
when I cry out you hear me
and answer my plea.

4

Let / anger not lead you to sin;
let your mind become still
before sleep overwhelms you.

5

Where is true happiness found?
ask the many who long for
the light of your face.

6

I've / tasted a joy that outshines
the delights of your dinners,
your wines and your wealth.

7

Peaceful, I lie down to sleep
for you keep me in safety
and free me from fear.

*Verses are addressed alternately
to God and to man.*

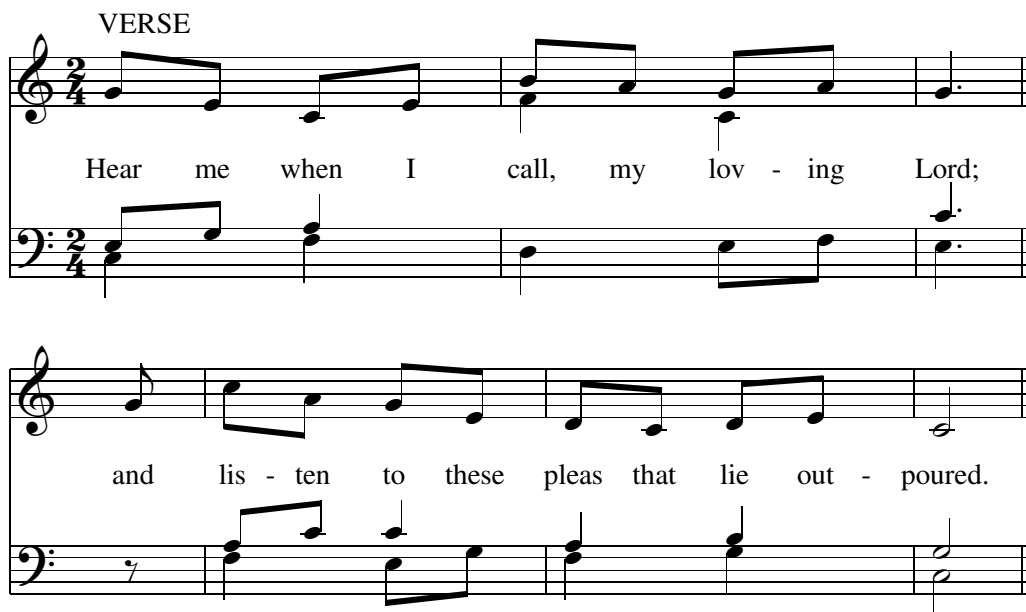
4. Morning Cry

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Psalm 5

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE



Hear me when I call, my lov - ing Lord;
and lis - ten to these pleas that lie out - poured.

ANTIPHON



Hear me when I call, my lov - ing Lord.

2
Hear my morning prayer, my sunrise cry;
I watch for you, desiring some reply.

3
Arrogance and evil you despise
in those who deal in death and blood and lies.

4
Loving me, receive me as your guest.
I bow my head in awe, my pride suppressed.

5
Keep me from the plots oppressors make
and point me to the path that I should take.

6
Lies lie on their lips, their throats are graves,
the smooth talk from their honeyed tongues depraves.

7
Let their snares not trap the trusting heart
but they themselves fall victim to their art.

8
Those you shelter raise a thankful voice;
let all who love your holy name rejoice.

5. Creature Sings to Creator

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Psalm 8

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♩ = 72

1. Cre - a - tor, through the earth your name is great, your ma - jes -
2. When I sur - vey the skies, your han - di - work, in which the
3. You made me lit - tle low - er than the gods and crowned my
4. all sheep and cat - tle, wild and fierce - some beasts, fine fea - there

1. -ty is praised a - bove the hea - ven. The wis - dom of the child, the ba - by's
2. moon and stars di - play your art, I won - der why you keep me in your
3. head with glo - ry and with hon - our. You made me ste - ward o - ver all your
4. birds, and fish from sprat to skate, with seals and whales and mon - sters of the

1. cry re - buke the migh - ty, teach your foes a les - son.
2. mind and bear this child of A - dam in your heart.
3. works and to my care en - trus - ted ev - 'ry crea - ture.
4. deep. Through all the earth, O Lord, your name is great.

ANTIPHON

Through the earth your name is great.

6. An End to Lies

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Psalm 12

Colin Hodgetts

1. To our aid, Lord, lo - yal - ty has fled; bro - ther keeps bad faith with bro - ther
 2. End these lies, Lord, smother their smooth lips; te - ther tongues that tend to boast - ing;
 3. "I, the Lord, will rise to cries of pain; those op - pressed by ex - ploi - ta - tion,
 4. Pure words, Lord, re - fined like pu - rest gold! From an e - vil age pro - tect us;

1. peo - ple lie to one a - no - ther mak - ing smooth talk with their dou - ble tongues.
 2. those who say, "With speech so spark - ling, words our wea - pon, who can mas - ter us?"
 3. those who groan for li - be - ra - tion: I will lead the safe - ly to their dreams."
 4. wic - ked - ness is rife a - round us and the worth - less wear a world - ly crown.

ANTIPHON

End these lies, Lord; to our aid, Lord.

7. The Fool

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Psalms 14 and 53

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The fool has said that God is dead. The good have fled and vile men rule.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

2
The Lord surveys
our human ways
to find the eyes
that seek him out.

3
All turn aside
from good, deride
it in their pride
and run from right.

4
Do those who bleed
the poor and feed
upon their need
not know my power?

5
When foes take fright
the poor delight
to know my might
in their defence.

6
Will Zion see
her liberty?
Yes, God will free
us, bringing joy.

8. Rules for Living

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Psalm 15

Colin Hodgetts

Lord, who shall gain ad - mit-tance to your tent

and on your ho - ly moun-tain firm - ly stand?

2

The one whose step is firm, whose ways are just,
whose heart is true, whose tongue is free from spite,

3

who harms no friend nor runs a neighbour down;
accepts the godless, not their godlessness;

4

who honours all who love and serve the truth
and keeps a pledge, no matter what the cost;

5

who lends, but takes no interest on the loan
nor takes a bribe against the innocent.

6

Who acts like this will never come to grief
but on your holy mountain firmly stand.

9. Happiness in the Lord

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 16

Colin Hodgetts

Keep me, Lord, I live in you, you alone my happiness.

Gods of earth are nothing worth, hold those whom they impress.

2

Never will I offer blood,
 never utter pagan cries.
 You my bread and you my cup,
 you alone the priceless prize.

3

Happy in my heritage,
 pleased with my allotted part,
 I will bless my counsellor
 who, in sleep, renews my heart.

4

You are ever in my sight,
 I stand upright with your aid.
 Heart sings out and soul exults,
 body, too, rests unafraid.

5

You'll not leave my soul in shade
 nor death's fear make me endure.
 Pointing out the path of life
 you give joy for evermore.

10. Song of the Universe

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 19

Colin Hodgetts

1. The hea - vens pro - claim the glo - ry of God, The u - ni - verse
 2. No speech tells the tale for words have no place; all voi - ces are
 3. The sky like a tent en - ve - lopes the sun which ri - ses, a

1. bla - zes the work of his will; the mes - sage is mir - rored by
 2. si - lent, no tears and no mirth; and yet through cre - a - tion the
 3. groom go - ing out to his bride; a cham - pion tri - um - phant - ly

1. day af - ter day and night af - ter night whis - pers word of his
 2. rhy - thms re - sound, in e - cho re - turn from the ends of the
 3. climb - ing the skies, a face from whose fea - tures no crea - ture can

Faster $\text{♩} = 184$

1. skill. The Law of the Lord is per - fect, giv - ing the soul new life,
 2. earth. The fear of the Lord is ho - ly, liv - ing for e - ver - more;
 3. hide. But who can dis - cern all er - ror? Free me from hid - den faults

1. the rule of the Law is trusty, making the simple wise;
 2. the laws of the Lord are faithful each of them true and just;
 3. Restrain me from selfish actions lest I be overcome.

1. the rules of the Lord are upright, filling the heart with joy;
 2. more precious are they than gold dust, sweeter than honeycomb;
 3. Let words that my mouth may speak and thoughts that my heart may hold

1. the word of the Lord shines brightly giving the eyes their light.
 2. by these is your servant fashioned, keeping them brings reward.
 3. find favour with you, O Lord, my rescuer and my rock.

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11. Song of the Forsaken

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Psalm 22 (first part)

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

My God, my God, why have you for - sa - ken me?

You are far from my plea and my cry of dis - tress.

VERSE faster

I call by day, there's no re - ply; I call by night and find no peace.

Yet you are ho - ly, O my God, your child-ren's prai - ses form your throne.

ANTIPHON:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

You are far from my plea and my cry of distress.

2

In you our parents placed their trust;
they trusted and you set them free.
They cried to you and they escaped,
their trust in you was not in vain.

3

But I am more a worm than man,
the butt of fools, a laughing stock;
for all who see me jeer at me,
they curl their lips and shake their heads.

4

"He turned to God to rescue him
so let him save him if he will."
I know you freed me from the womb
and laid me on my mother's breast.

5

Your child you made me at my birth
and from that time you are my God.
Come closer, leave me not alone;
in my distress there's none to help.

6

A herd of bulls encircles me,
great bulls of Bashan hem me in;
like lions roaring for their prey
they menace in their greed for blood.

7

My strength, like water, drains away
and all my bones are out of joint.
My heart has been transformed to wax
and melts within my pounding breast.

8

My mouth is parched and dry as clay,
my tongue cemented to its roof.
I cower in the dust of death
whilst round me howls a pack of hounds.

9

The huntsmen urge them to attack,
they tear to shreds my hands and feet.
I cry my weight of misery
whilst they look on with greedy eyes.

10

Between them they share out my clothes
and toss a coin to win my coat.
O Lord, do not remain apart;
be quick, my strength, to give me help!

11

Preserve my spirit from the sword,
my life deliver from these dogs.
Release me from these lions' jaws,
protect me from the horns of bulls.

(continued in Psalm 22 part 2)

12. Song of the Forsaken

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Psalm 22, part 2

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

Fine

Sing the praise of God and be in good heart for e-ver.

VERSE

I'll praise you in the mar - ket place and tell the peo - ple of your fame.

Come, praise him you who love the Lord, with songs of joy em - brace his name.

ANTIPHON:

*Sing the praise of God
and be in good heart for ever.*

2

For he has not despised the poor
nor shrunk in loathing from their plight;
he has not turned his face away
but made the pauper his delight.

4

Let nations bow before the Lord
and earth's far corners turn again,
for kingly power is his to wield:
the world will celebrate his reign.

3

At Meeting you inspire my praise,
in public I will keep your word.
The meek shall eat and have their fill,
and they sing praise who seek the Lord.

5

The dead will pay the homage due
and those who grace the grave bow down;
our children tell those yet unborn
that by these things the Lord is known.

13. The Lord is my Shepherd

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Psalm 23

Colin Hodgetts

♩ = 96

The Lord is my shep - herd, there's no - thing I'll need; _____

he rests me in pas - ture, in green_ peace I feed _____

1

The Lord is my shepherd
 there's nothing I'll need;
 he rests me in pasture,
 in green peace I feed,
 beside quiet waters;
 he fires my soul's flame;
 he leads me to safety,
 is true to his name.

3

When walking death valley
 I'll not be afraid
 with you close beside me
 to come to my aid.

4

You spread me a banquet
 in sight of my foes.
 You pour out your blessings,
 my cup overflows.

5

Yes, goodness and mercy
 are ever assured.
 I'll live out my days in
 the courts of the Lord.

14. Let in the king of glory

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Psalm 24

Colin Hodgetts

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and its

peo - ple. The earth with its seas, its lakes and its ri - vers.

2

Then who shall ascend
the Lord's holy mountain
and stand on its summit?
The one with clean hands
and heart that is pure,

3

who shuns all that's vain,
avoiding all lying,
all oaths for deceiving.
Such people are blessed
and will be rewarded.

4. O - pen up you gates, you e - ver-last-ing doors, let in the king of glo - ry. Who

is this king of glo - ry? A va - liant, migh - ty, Lord, a Lord who is vic - to - rious.
The Lord of all the powers; he is the king of glo - ry.

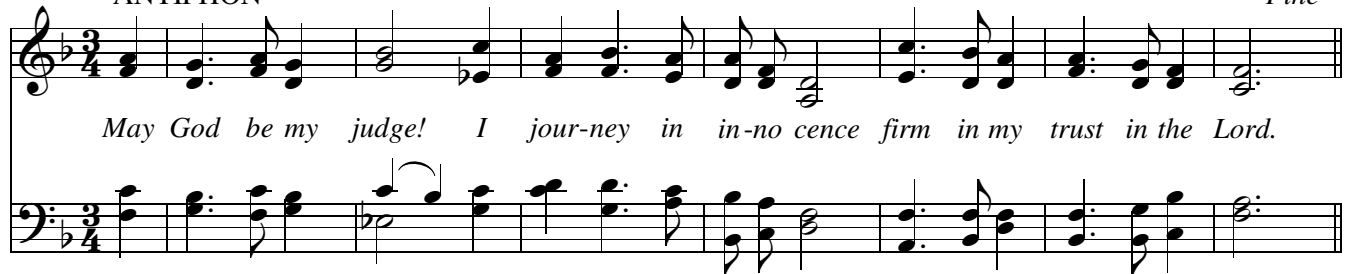
15. Declaration of Innocence

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Palm 26


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ANTIPHON Fine




May God be my judge! I journey in innocence firm in my trust in the Lord.

VERSE



1. Probe and ex - a - mine me, Lord, try in your fire my heart and mind;
2. Fo- reign to all that is false, ne - ver at one with hy - po - crites,
3. I would have in - no-cent hands rea - dy to do your ho - ly will.
4. Keep me u - pon the straight path; keep me from acts of vi - o - lence.



1. find that I live by your truth, eyes fixed up - on your faith - ful love.
2. ha - ting those cir - cles of sin, not to be num-bered with the lost
3. I sing a thanks - giv-ing song, tell - ing of all your won - drous ways.
4. There'll be no blood on my hands, nor will they be de - filed by bribes.

16. Song of Glory and Might

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 29

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE

You gods give glo-ry to God to God give glo-ry and power, the glo-ry due to his name; a-dore the Lord in his courts.

ANTIPHON

Glo - - - ry, glo - - - ry.

ANTIPHON: *Glory, glory.*

2

He thunders over the seas,
his voice resounds on the waters;
with power his thunder is charged,
his voice with splendour is filled.

3

The Lord's voice shatters the trees,
he splinters Lebanon's cedars
and makes her skip like a calf
and Hermon buck like an ox.

5

The trees are shaken and stripped
and yet his temple is ringing
as cries of 'glory!' go up
to God, enthroned for the flood.

4

His voice is laden with fire,
it makes the wilderness tremble,
it shakes the desert of Kadesh,
it makes the hind bear her calf.

6

The Lord who sits through the flood
will vanquish chaos for ever.
The Lord gives strength to his people,
his own he blesses with peace.

17. Song of Joy

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Psalm 33

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

Sing, ring out, shout in joy you just, let true hearts praise the Lord.

VERSE

Give thanks on harp and flute sing to the ten-stringed lute;
sing out a song that's new with skill play loud and true.

ANTIPHON

*Sing, ring out, shout in joy you just,
let true hearts praise the Lord.*

2

The word of God is pure,
the works of God endure;
in justice he finds worth;
with love he fills the earth.

5

The nations he frustrates
and peoples' plots defeats.
His own designs shall live,
his plans for ever thrive.

9

To one who fears and yearns
for endless love he turns.
From death he saves his soul,
in famine keeps it whole.

3

He spoke: the heavens were made;
the stars his breath obeyed.
He scooped the waters up,
caught oceans in his cup.

6

The Lord's elect rejoice,
the people of his choice.
He, from his holy place,
surveys the human race.

10

Our souls await the Lord,
our help, our shield and sword.
With joy our hearts will flame
who trust his holy name.

4

Let nations stand in awe;
let earth in fear adore.
He spoke: it came to be,
all bowed to his decree.

7

From heaven he turns his eyes
each one to scrutinize.
He peers into the heart,
each fashioned by his art.

11

Your love be with us, Lord,
in you our hope is stored.
We praise you with the Son
and Spirit, ever one.

8

No king can trust in might
for force fails those who fight.
In horsepower put no faith:
this cannot keep you safe.

18. Song of Hope

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Psalm 39

Colin Hodgetts



I said, I'll watch my ways for fear my tongue should slip.

I'll keep my mouth shut tight when faced with wickedness.'

2

So I stood dumb and still
yet knew no happiness.
My suffering grew intense,
my heart burnt hot within;

5

'I float round like a ghost,
my riches store like smoke:
who'll have them I can't know.
For what, then, do I wait?

3

my tongue began to speak,
'Lord, let me know my end,
the number of my days,
how short my life must be.

6

'My hope, Lord, lies in you.
From sinning set me free;
let fools not joke at me.
I'm dumb, the fault is yours.

4

'The days you give are few;
to you this life's a flash,
and all we are or own
is but a breath of wind.

7

'Don't plague me any more;
your blows have wearied me.
When you admonish us
all charm dissolves away.

8

'I'm but a breath of wind,
yet hear my prayer, O Lord.
Don't frown, for I would smile
before I quit this life.'

19. Song of Yearning

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 42

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON Fine VERSE

As the hun-ted deer craves a stream I de-sire you, my God. As the hun-ted deer craves a
stream I de-sire you, my God. My soul thirsts for the liv-ing source, will we meet face to
face? Day and night I sur-vive on tears for they ask, Where's your God?

ANTIPHON:

*As the hunted deer craves a stream
I desire you, my God.*

2

As I pour out my soul's distress
I remember these things:
how I marched in a mighty crowd
claiming justice and truth
amid chanting and shouts of praise
and the crowd wild with joy.

3

Why so deep in despair, my soul,
why this groaning within?
Hope in God, I will praise him still,
my deliverer, my God.
As the hunted deer craves a stream
I desire you, my God.

4

I am sunk in such deep despair
I will call you to mind,
so I walk by the storm-rent shore
and remember your might;
in the water's roar deep calls deep
and on me your waves break.

5

So the Lord will send out his love
both by day and by night.
On my lips is a prayer of praise
to the source of my life.
As the hunted deer craves a stream
I desire you, my God.

6

I will say to the Rock, my God,
Why have I been forgotten?
Does my enemies' ruthlessness
mean that I must lament?
They torment me and taunt all day
asking, Where is your God?

7

Why so deep in despair, my soul?
Why this groaning within?
Hope in God, I will praise him still,
my deliverer, my God.
As the hunted deer craves a stream
I desire you, my God.

20. Song of God's Strength

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 46

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE

1. God is our safe shel - ter and our strength, a help on hand in times of stress.
 2. Liv - ing wa - ters bring God's peop - le joy and make of us his dwell - ing place.
 3. See the de - va - sta - tion he has wrought. He stamps out war through - out the world;

1. So we have no fear though earth should rock or moun - tains crash in - to the sea;
 2. If God takes our side we can - not fall, at break of day he'll res - cue us.
 3. breaks the bow and snaps the spear in two, des - troys de - fen - sive shields with fire.

1. wa - ters may in tu - mult rage and seethe and break - ing waves the moun - tains shake.
 2. Na - tions are in up - roar, king - doms quake.; he roars; earth sur - ges like the sea.
 3. "Cease your wars and know that I am God, more migh - ty than earth's na - tion states."

ANTIPHON

The Lord of the powers is with us, the God of the a - ges is our strength.

21. Song of Desire for a Pure Heart

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 51

Colin Hodgetts

Have mer - cy on me in your love and wipe a - way the faults with -

in re - lieve me of my guilt O God, and

pu - ri - fy me of my sin. Be gra - cious to me in your love.

ANTIPHON (slower)

ANTIPHON: *Be gracious to me in your love.*

2

I know my errors well enough,
each day I contemplate my plight;
I've sinned against you, only you,
and fostered evil in your sight.

3

The charge and sentence are both just,
your judgement shall not carry blame
for from my birth I feel my guilt
and know that I am steeped in shame.

4

You prize sincerity of heart;
in secret make my wisdom grow,
for I would be washed clean of sin
and whiter than the whitest snow.

8

Burnt offerings are an offence,
such sacrifice has had its day.
A broken spirit is my gift
for you'll not turn my heart away.

5

Let joy and gladness be your song
that bones you crushed may once more dance.
Let all my sins not stir your wrath
but melt like snowflakes in your glance.

6

Create in me a pristine heart
and keep my spirit safe from strife.
Do not remove me from your face,
nor take from me your breath of life.

7

Preserve me from a lust for blood:
I'll praise the justice of your ways.
I pray you, loosen tongue and lips
that I may ever sing your praise.

22. Song of the Still Heart

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 62

Colin Hodgetts

In still - ness my heart waits on God, my strength and de - li - ve - rer;

my strong - hold, my rock, my de - fence: I shall not be

moved. How

vv. 1-6 v. 7

2

How long will you face me with hate
and threaten this leaning wall?
Dissemblers, you bless with your lips
and curse in your hearts.

3

In stillness my heart waits on God,
my hope of deliverance;
my stronghold, my rock, my defence:
I shall not be moved.

4

My safety and honour he holds,
my shelter, my rock, my God.
Trust always his fatherly care
and pour out your hearts.

5

In truth we are merely a breath
and faithless beyond compare.
When placed in the balance we rise:
the wind has more weight.

6

Discard any wish to oppress
or pride in the fruit of greed.
Though riches breed riches, beware
and smother desire.

7

One lesson God taught, two I learn:
'all power belongs to God'
and 'love is the gift of the Lord';
our deeds he repays.

23. Song of Blessing

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 67

Colin Hodgetts

1. O God, be gra - cious and bless us and make your face shine u - pon us;
 2. Let na - tions sing and be joy - ful: you rule your peo - ple with jus - tice,
 3. The earth has yiel - ded its har - vest for you, our God, give your bless - ing.

re - veal your ways to all peo - ple, your sav - ing power to all na - tions.
 you guide the ways of the na - tions and lead the earth and its peo - ple
 May you con - ti - nue to bless us till earth's far cor - ners re - vere you.

ANTIPHON

Let the peo - ple praise you, God! Let all the peo - ple praise you!

24. Song Concerning David

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 72

Colin Hodgetts

Give jus - tice to King Dav - id's heir and give your son the gift to judge,
that he may judge the peo - ple well and mete out jus - tice to the poor.

ANTIPHON

Give your son the gift to judge.

ANTIPHON: *Give your son the gift to judge.*

2

Let hills and mountains speak of peace,
that, like them, peace may firmly stand.
Let him defend the suffering poor
and offer help to those in need.

3

May he have life that, like the sun
or moon, endures from age to age;
and come like rain on early seed,
like showers that bring the earth new life.

4

His people he will bless with peace
and justice, 'till the moon shall fail;
his kingdom stretch from sea to sea,
from rivers to the ocean's end.

5

Before him enemies shall bow
and foes fall down to lick the dust.
The kings of Tarshish and the isles
of East and West shall bring him gifts.

6

All kings shall pay the homage due,
all nations serve him, king of kings.
From rich oppressors he shall save
the poor, who walk protectorless.

7

May he have pity on the weak,
preserve the poor from death's wide jaws
and save them from oppressive men
for they are precious in his sight.

8

Long may his name be held in awe
and stand for ever, like the sun.
All people shall be blessed in him,
all nations know his happiness.

25. Song of Envy Overcome

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 73

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

How good you are to your child - ren, How good to the pure in heart.

My feet came close to stum - bling, just one step from ca - tas - tro - phe;

so roused by sin - ners' boast - ing to en - vy their pros - pe - ri - ty.

ANTIPHON: *How good you are to your children,
how good to the pure in heart.*

2

It seems they suffer little,
so sleek and sound of limb are they;
they do not share our sorrows,
our torments seem to pass them by.

3

They wear their pride like jewels
and violence like their evening dress.
Their hearts are filled with malice,
their heads are scheming to oppress.

4

They're all malicious cynics
and lofty advocates of force;
they think their mouths are heaven,
that earth should hear their smooth
discourse.

5

My people turn and follow,
get caught up in their verbal snares
repeating, "What does God know?
There is no Lord who knows and
cares!"

6

Thus rich men talk and prosper,
amass great wealth, feel no offence.
In vain I kept my heart pure
and washed my hands in innocence.

7

All day I am tormented,
chastised each morning with your rod.
Yet had I moaned like these men
I'd have betrayed the sons of God.

8

I tried to solve this problem
which proved too hard for me to crack
until, from your perspective,
I saw the dead end of their track.

9

You drive them to destruction
by giving them a crumbling path.
They fade like dreams at daybreak,
are wiped out root and branch by death.

10

My heart had slowly soured
as envy's cancer-hold increased.
I'd failed in understanding
and faced you like some foolish
beast.

11

Yet I am always with you
for you have taken my right
hand;
my guide and my advisor,
you lead me to a glorious end.

12

There's no one else in heaven;
I've no desire on earth but you.
Though heart and body languish
to me my God is ever true.

13

You beckon to destruction
those guilty of apostasy.
O God, my joy and refuge:
I'd live with you in ecstasy.

26. Song of God's Deeds Remembered

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 77

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE

I shout out loud to God that you should know my care. I cried out in dis-

tress, my arms stretched up in prayer, turn-ing from com-fort-ers to you - and to des-

ANTIPHON

pair. Is a - ny God so great, so ho - ly a - ny way?

ANTIPHON: *Is any God so great
so holy any way?*

2

You kept my eyes from sleep;
no whisper could I raise.
My thoughts turned to the past,
I thought of distant days.
All night I wracked my brain
to find ways through this maze.

3

Will you still turn away,
our sorrow set aside?
Has love failed utterly,
your promise been denied?
My fault is fancying
your hand hangs at your side.

4

So I recall your deeds,
your acts of yesterday.
I contemplate your works
and treasure the display.
Is any God so great,
so holy any way?

5

The miracles you work
press pagans with your might;
you rescued Israel's youth
and made them your delight.
The waters saw your face
and trembled at the sight.

6

The ocean depths were moved.
Above, the storm clouds burst
as lightning lit the sky
and thunder crashed and cursed;
roaring like iron on rock
the elements conversed.

7

Earth heaved and writhed in pain.
You set aside the sea.
Astride the towering waves
you moved invisibly.
Moses and Aaron led
the flight from slavery.

Colin Hodgetts

27. Song of the Pilgrim

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 84

VERSE

How love - ly your pre - sence O Lord of the powers. I'm filled with a
long - ing to be with you now. My_ be - ing is cry - ing with joy to the Lord.

ANTIPHON

Much bet - ter your ser - vant than a slave to lu - xu - ry.

ANTIPHON: *Much better you servant
than a slave to luxury.*

2

The sparrow has chosen
your house for her home.
The swallow has woven
a nest for her young,
to rest in your shadow
and sing you her song.

4

They trek through tear valley
and make it a spring,
a blessing, like early rain
bringing new life.
They take the path inward
to stand before God.

5

One day in your service
or years in my own?
Much better your servant
until I should die
than slave to the luxuries
wickedness buys.

3

How happy your household
for praise fills their days.
The Pilgrims desire
and are fired by your grace,
are filled with the courage
to tackle the way.

6

The Lord our protector
gives glory, gives grace,
witholds nothing good from
the needy who ask.
How happy the pilgrim
who trusts in the Lord.

28. Song of Peace

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 85 (8-13)

Colin Hodgetts

1. I'll o - pen my ears to the Lord: are these not words of peace?
 2. See, love and fi - de - li - ty kiss, jus - tice and peace em - brace.
 3. Pros - pe - ri - ty comes from the Lord: earth shall pro - duce her fruit.

1. Peace for dis - ci - ples and friends, those whose hearts turn his way?
 2. Earth gives fi - de - li - ty birth, jus - tice looks down from heaven.
 3. Jus - tice shall he - rald his way, peace be the path he treads.

ANTIPHON

O - pen your ears to the Lord

29. Song of a Sufferer

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 90

Colin Hodgetts

Lord, you have been our re-fuge in ever-y ge - ne - ra - tion. Be - fore the moun - tains'

birth or earth was gi - ven life, from age to end - less

ANTIPHON

age, you are our God. From age to end - less age you are our God.

Antiphon: *From age to endless age
you are our God.*

2

To dust you may return us:
erase a graceless race.
To you a thousand years
may pass as yesterday.
A night watch comes and goes,
we're swept away.

3

We fade as dreams at daybreak,
or grass that springs at dawn
then dies before the dusk;
thus we may be destroyed,
made silent by your wrath,
by anger crushed.

4

Our follies lie before you,
you highlight all our lusts.
Wrath shadows all our days
'till breath fades like a sigh.
We last for seventy years,
the strong for more.

5

These years are pain and labour;
they pass, we are forgotten.
Who feels your anger's power,
who fears to face your wrath?
Teach us to count our days
that we grow wise.

6

How long before you come, Lord?
Have pity and relent.
Let morning break with love,
our days be filled with praise.
Repay with joy the pain
of humbled years.

7

Delight us with your wonders
and show your children glory.
Let all life-giving gifts
be ours, Creator, God.
Establish firmly
all we undertake.

30. Song of the Protector

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 91

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

Fine

Your life will be long and full; you will know my sa - ving power.

If you live in the Most High's sha - dow and re - side in the Al - migh - ty's

shade, then you'll say "the Most High is my re - fuge; the God I trust to be my aid."

Antiphon: *Your life will be long and full;
you will know my saving power.*

2

From the bird-catcher's trap he'll free you,
and protect you from the hunter's sling.
He will cover you over with feathers
and shelter you beneath his wing.

3

Have no fear for the night-time's terrors,
nor the arrow that may fly by day;
for the plague that steals round in the darkness,
nor fever that at noon may prey.

4

Though a thousand shall fall beside you,
or ten thousand perish at your side,
you yourself will be free from such terror,
his faithfulness your shield and guide.

5

You have only to look about you:
you will see how wickedness is paid.
Then you'll say, "The Most High is my refuge,
the God I trust will be my aid."

6

No disaster can overwhelm you,
no disease can ever make you break.
He will order his angels to guard you,
to cover every path you take.

7

On their hands you will be supported
so your foot will never stall nor trip.
You will vanquish tigers and adders
and hold the dragon in your grip.

8

"I will rescue the one who loves me;
and the one who knows my name, defend.
I will answer the one who invokes me;
the one in trouble I'll befriend."

Colin Hodgetts

31. Song of the Upright

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 92

VERSE

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to se - re - nade the Most High,

to sing of your love with the dawn; your faith - ful - nessthrough the night.

ANTIPHON

Make mu - sic for the Lord on pipe and drum.

ANTIPHON: *Make music for the Lord
on pipe and drum.*

2
Your creation is filling my heart;
I sing, "How great are your deeds!"
The foolish are failing to grasp
the depth of your wisdom, Lord.

4
Your opponents will fade into dust,
and evil ones be dispersed;
you make me as strong as an ox,
anointing my head with oil.

3
Though the wicked may flourish like weeds,
and evil-doers may thrive,
they will not survive by their works,
for you are triumphant, Lord.

5
I have watched as my enemies fled;
my ears have heard of their rout.
The righteous will thrive like a palm
or cedar of Lebanon.

6
They will flourish in sight of the Lord,
be fruitful in their old age,
proclaiming the Lord God is true:
our help and a faultless rock.

32. The Lord is King

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 93

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE

The Lord is King, a-dorned in ma - jes-ty. His robes are might se - cured with

ANTIPHON

belt of strength. *The Lord is King, a - dorned in ma - jes-ty.*

Antiphon: *The Lord is King, adorned in majesty.*

2

You formed the earth and set her on her course.
Of old your throne is firm, eternal God.

3

The sea lifts high, the sea lifts high its voice;
the ocean heaps its waves in mountain walls.

4

Your might, O Lord, is greater than the noise
of breakers pounding down or surging seas.

5

Your people's beauty is their holiness,
and while time lasts, O Lord, this law stays true.

33. The God of Justice

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 94 (vv.8-23)

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE

Shall he who sculp-ted the ear not hear? Shall he who moul-ded the

eye not see? Shall he who tea-ches the world not pu-nish, a - ware their

schemes are as thin as air? *Fools!* when will you learn sense?

ANTIPHON: *Fools! When will you learn sense?*

2

How happy those you instruct, O Lord,
how happy those who have learnt your law,
they'll know your comfort in times of trouble
until the guilty ones' fate is sealed.

3

You'll not abandon your people, Lord,
you'll not let go of your heritage,
for governments will again seek justice
and all true hearts shall embrace your way.

4

Against the wicked who'll take my side?
Who'll rise to challenge the evil ones?
If from my Lord help were not forthcoming
then I should live in a soundless world.

5

And if I cry that my foot has slipped
you'll give support in your faithful love;
however anxious my state of heart is,
your consolation will soothe my cares.

6

Will evil rulers be on God's side,
who fashion mischief and twist the law?
Against the souls of the just they gather
condemning innocent lives to death.

7

To me the Lord is a tower of strength;
my God, a refuge, a solid rock.
He turns their evil against the doers
annihilating them for their sins.

34. Song of the Powerful

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 95 (vv. 1-7)

Colin Hodgetts

1. Sing a rous-ing song to the Lord; shout tri-um-phant-ly to our
 2. He the Lord our God is so great; o-ver o-ther gods a great
 3. His the seeth-ing sea which he made; his the dry land, work of his
 4. He is Chief-tain, we are his clan; he is Shep-herd, we are his

1. Rock. Come in-to his pre-sence with praise;
 2. king; earth's far cor-ners rest in his hands;
 3. hands. Come, we'll throw our-selves at his feet,
 4. flock. This day you shall know his great power

1. raise a vic-t'ry song to his name.
 2. he holds firm the folds of the hills.
 3. fall be-fore our ma-ker and Lord.
 4. if you turn your ear to his voice.

ANTIPHON

Sing a rous-ing song to the Lord;

34. Song of the Powerful (Venite)

Psalm 95 (vv. 1-7)

Second version

Verse

Sing a rous-ing song to the Lord;— shout tri-um-phant-ly to our Rock.—

Come in - to his pre-sence with praise; raise a vic-t'ry song to his name.

Antiphon

Sing a rous - ing song to the Lord.

ANTIPHON:

Sing a rousing song to the Lord

2

He the Lord our God is so great,
over other gods a great king;
earth's far corners rest in his hands;
he holds firm the folds of the hills.

3

His the seething sea which he made;
his the dry land, work of his hands.
Come, we'll throw ourselves at his feet,
fall before our maker and Lord.

4

He is Chieftain, we are his clan;
he is shepherd, we are his flock.
This day you shall know his great power
if you turn your ear to his voice.

35. Song of Praise to a Just Judge

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 96

Colin Hodgetts

Sing to the Lord, sing a new song; sing to the Lord, child-ren of
light; sing to the Lord, bless-ing his name. Tell of his tri-umph
day af - ter day; tell of his glo - ry, spread it a -
-broad; tell of his mar - vels, fan - fare the world.

2

Great is the Lord, worthy of praise;
hold him in awe, more than the gods;
worthless these gods, idols of tin.
He who is Lord fashioned the skies.
Majesty stands, splendour attends,
beauty and might brighten his courts.

3

Give to the Lord, nations and states,
give to the Lord glory and might,
give him the glory due to his name.
Bring him a gift, enter his courts;
bow to the Lord, splendidly robed;
dance in his honour children of light.

4

Tell all the world, "He is our king";
he who made earth firm and secure;
he will be just, judging the earth.
Heaven shall shout, earth shall exult!
let the sea roar, fishes cry out!
let the fields sing, nature rejoice!

5

Then shall the trees shout out for joy;
forests shall stir, leaves whisper praise,
praise to the Lord coming to earth;
coming to rule, Lord of us all;
judge of the earth, righteous and just
who, with his truth, judges us all.

36. A New Song

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 98

Colin Hodgetts

A new song sing to God to

celebrate his deeds, the triumph of his arm.

ANTIPHON

Sing a new song.

1
A new song sing to God
to celebrate his deeds,
the triumph of his arm.

2
His constancy and love
for children of his choice
are ever on his mind.

3
The near and distant lands
were privileged to see
the power of God to save.

4
Let everyone on earth
acclaim the Lord in song,
break into songs of joy.

5
With harp and voice praise God;
with trumpet, horn and drum
acclaim the Lord, the King.

6
Let sea and fishes roar,
let earth and people roar;
roar out with thund'rous voice.

7
Let rivers clap their hands
and mountains shout for joy
to greet the coming Lord.

8
He comes to rule the world,
to justly judge the earth;
with justice he will rule.

37. Processional Song of Joy

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 100

Colin Hodgetts

1. With joy greet the Lord all you peo - ple,
 2. Know sure - ly the Lord is our God;
 3. Pro - cess through his gates with thanks - giv - ing
 4. Give God your thanks - giv - ing and bless - ing,

1. and wor - ship our God with great glad - ness;
 2. for we are his own and he made us;
 3. and en - ter his courts sing - ing prai - ses,
 4. whose good - ness and love live for e - ver,

1. ec - sta - tic with song, seek his pre - sence.
 2. his peo - ple, the flock which he shep - herds.
 3. with prai - ses pass in - to his pre - sence.
 4. whose faith - ful - ness thrives through all ag - es.

ANTIPHON

A - le - lu - ia!

38. Song in Praise of Love

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 103

Colin Hodgetts

Come, bless the Lord, my soul, with all my being bless his name;

come, bless the Lord, my soul, remember all his glo - ri - ous gifts.

2

He takes away our guilt
and saves us from our suffering.
He lifts us from the grave,
surrounding us with tenderness.

6

Our days are as the grass,
we blossom like the dandelion;
the wind will puff us off,
our place forget that we were there.

3

He meets our every need,
and keeps us in our youthful strength.
His goodness fills our lives,
his justice saves those most oppressed.

7

Yet God's love reaches out
to children and their children's child,
to those who keep the pact
and those most mindful of his will.

4

He showed his face and hand
to Moses and to Israel;
compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, swift to love.

8

You messengers of light,
fulfillers of his word: praise God.
You fellowship of faith,
fulfillers of his will: praise God.

5

As parents love their child
so he loves those who turn his way.
He knows how we are made,
remembers that we are but dust.

9

You wonders of the world,
revealers of his rule, praise God.
My soul give thanks to God,
give thanks, my soul, and praise his name.

39. Song of Creation

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 104

Colin Hodgetts

O bless the Lord, my soul! How great you are, my God, in might and glo - ry
The pla - nets and the stars you spread a - cross the sky and where they touch in -
clothed and robed in rays of light.
-fi - ni - ty you have your throne. With clouds as cha - ri - ot you ride on wings of
air, make winds your mes - sen - gers, tame flames of fire to serve.

2

You fixed the earth in place and it will keep its course,
you wrapped it round with sea - the waters dwarf the hills.
At your command they ran as thunder made them flee
down mountainsides and vales to their appointed place.
You set them in their banks lest they should drown
the earth.
In valleys you made streams to flow between the hills.

3

From these the cattle drink; wild asses quench their thirst;
the birds nest on their banks and, perched in trees, they sing.
You give the hills your rain: earth prospers at your gift;
the grass grows for the cow and plants to serve our needs.
Earth's fruits sustain our lives, the wine to cheer the heart,
the oil to shine the face and daily bread for strength.

4

You planted cedar trees and sowed the great sequoias
and gave them rain enough to raise them to the sky.
Among the boughs the birds have built themselves
their nests
and on the highest branch the stork has made her home.
The hills are haunts for goats, rock badgers hide in caves.
The moon marks out the months, the sun sets out the days.

5

And in the black of night the forest beasts roam wild,
young lions roar for prey which you in love provide.
Then with the rising sun they shrink away to rest
as we crawl out to toil, to labour through the day.
What great and varied works your wisdom birthed,
O Lord:
the earth and oceans teem with creatures great and small.

6

These creatures turn to you for food at feeding time.
You spread a lavish feast: they gather all you give.
Denied your breath they die and fast return to dust,
but when you breathe they live and earth receives new
life.
Creation, give him joy! Give glory to the Lord,
who makes earth tremble and volcanoes burst with fire.

7

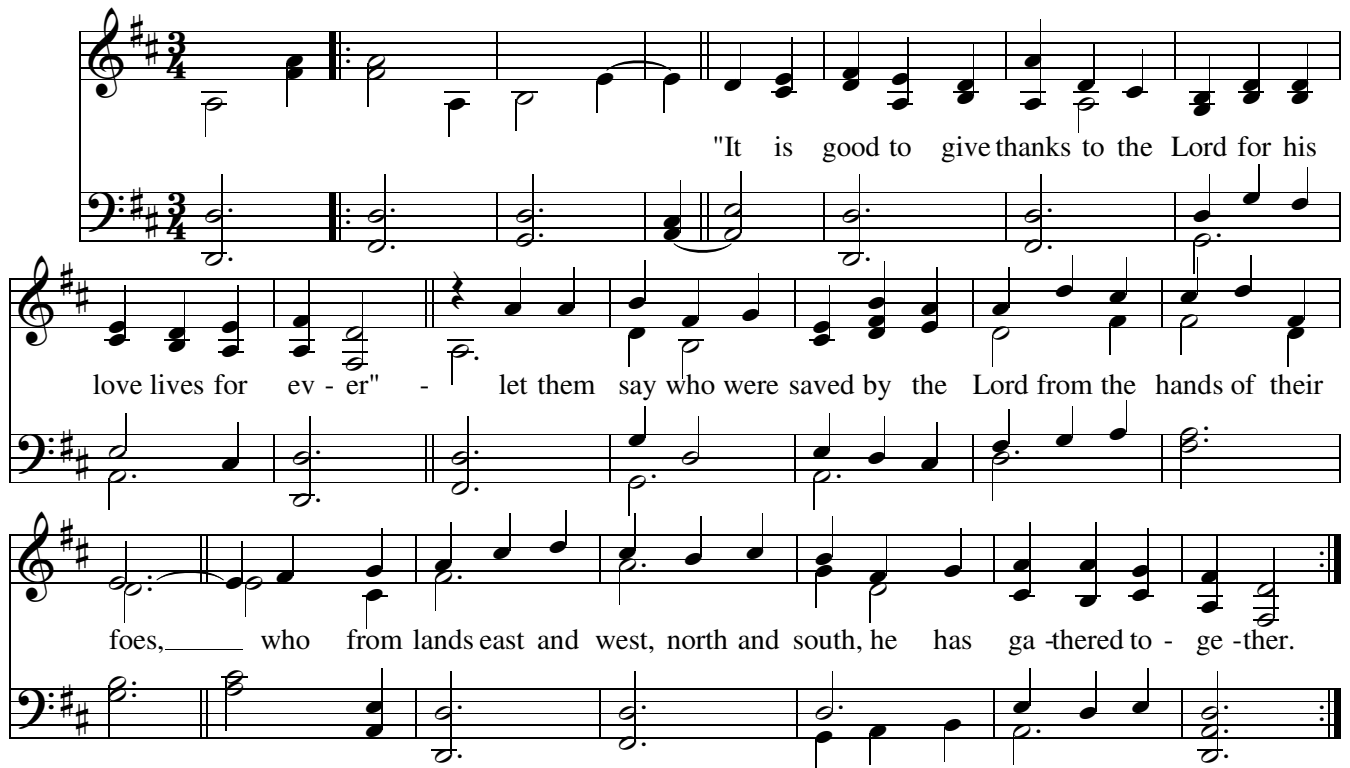
I mean to sing this praise to God for evermore;
I mean to play for him as long as I have life.
May he be pleased to hear the burden of my song
for I would give the pleasure he has given me.
May sinners flee the earth, the wicked disappear.
O praise and bless the Lord, O bless the Lord my soul.

40. A Record of Love

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 107

Colin Hodgetts



"It is good to give thanks to the Lord for his
love lives for ev - er" - let them say who were saved by the Lord from the hands of their
foes, who from lands east and west, north and south, he has ga - thered to - ge - ther.

2

In the wilderness some lost their way,
not a track leading homeward.
They were famished, their throats dry as dust
and their spirits depressed.
So they cried to the Lord in distress,
from their sorrows he saved them.

3

He assisted their trek to a town
where they set up their households.
Let them thank him for love that lives long,
for his marvellous works;
he has given the thirsty fresh springs,
with good things fed the hungry.

4

In pitch dark, deep as death, cowered men
clapped like prisoners in irons;
they had acted against God's commands
and had shrugged off his plans.
By hard labour their spirit was cracked,
when they fell no one helped them.

5

So they cried to the Lord in distress,
from their sorrows he saved them,
set them free from that deep as death dark
and unfettered their limbs.
Let them thank him for marvellous works,
for his love everlasting.

6

Some were fools, they rose up in revolt
and their folly was punished;
the appearance of food turned them up,
they were close by death's gate.
So they cried to the Lord in distress,
from their sorrows he saved them.

7

To bring healing he sent out his word
and prevented their dying.
Let them thank him for love that lives long,
for his marvellous works.
Let them offer a gift and with joy
give account of his loving.

(contd.)

8

There are some who set out in stout ships,
made their living by trading.
They, too, tasted the acts of the Lord
and his deeds in the deep,
for a storm wind rose up at his word
lashing waves into towers.

9

Carried skywards, then plunged to the depths,
to and fro tossed in peril
sailors tottered and staggered like drunks,
all their skill was no help.
So they cried to the Lord in distress,
from their sorrows he saved them.

10

To a whisper the storm wind died down
and the rough sea subsided.
They rejoiced that the water was still
as he led them to port.
Let them thank him for marvellous works,
for his love everlasting.

11

Let the people's assembly give praise
and the elders exalt him.
Rushing streams he may turn into sand,
flowing springs to dry earth,
fertile land be transformed to salt waste,
a reward for wild living.

12

He turns deserts to fresh water lakes
and parched land into rivers.
There he offers the hungry a home
and they throw up a town;
they sow seed in the fields and plant vines
and their harvest is heavy.

13

They are blessed and their numbers increase,
herds and flocks he keeps healthy.
He saps tyrants of strength so they fall
to misfortune's firm grip;
he brings princes and kings to contempt,
leaves them wander in wasteland.

14

But the poor he lifts out of distress,
makes their families prosper.
When they see it the upright are glad
whilst the wicked are riled.
Let the wise store these things in their hearts,
the Lord's record of loving.

41. Song of the Compassionate One

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 113

Colin Hodgetts

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The third system is an antiphon, also with vocal and piano parts. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: 'Praise the Fa - ther, you child - ren, praise the name of the Lord. From this mo - ment for e - ver may his name_ be a - dored. Praise the Fa - ther, you chil - dren.'

ANTIPHON: *Praise the Father, you children*

2

From the day's dawn to darkness
the Creator we praise;
who is greater than nations,
who outshines heaven's blaze.

3

Not on earth nor in heaven
is there one of such might
who, though throned at such distance,
keeps the lowly in sight,

4

lifts the weak from the gutter,
shakes the dust from the poor
to reseat them with princes,
those the world holds in awe.

5

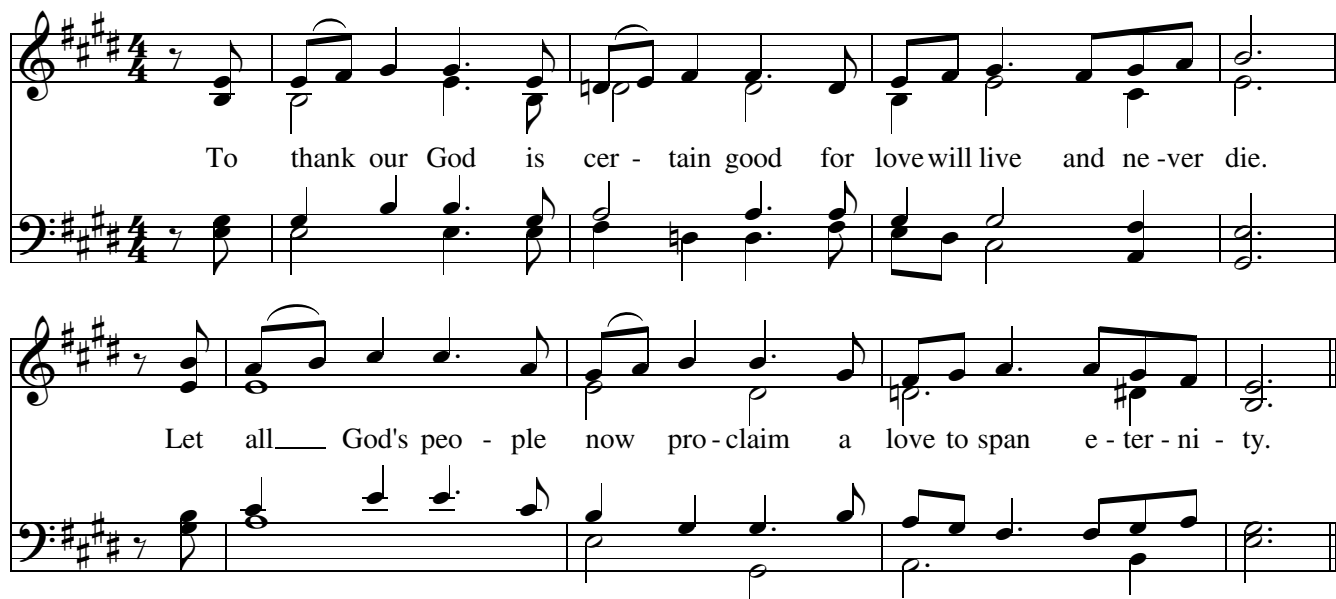
For the mother of children,
for the woman with none,
half the world is a daughter,
half the world is a son.

42. The Corner Stone

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 118

Colin Hodgetts



To thank our God is cer - tain good for love will live and ne - ver die.

Let all God's peo - ple now pro - claim a love to span e - ter - ni - ty.

2

When in distress I called for help
the Spirit rose and set me free.
The Spirit answers when I cry,
why need I fear an enemy?

3

To trust in God is safer far
than giving presidents control.
The foes who take me prisoner
will have my flesh but miss my soul.

4

They swarm like bees around a hive;
as fire strikes furze they then attack.
I face them with nonviolent love
and in this power compel them back

5

So you, my song and my defence,
become the one who rescues me.
The way that seemed to be so weak
becomes the path to victory.

6

I shall not die, no, let me live
to praise your deeds with every breath
for, though you thought to chasten me,
you did not give me up to death.

7

Throw wide the gates of victory
that I may pass with songs of praise;
the lap of triumph I will take
to celebrate the way of ways.

8

I praise you: you have answered me;
my freedom stems from you alone.
The stone the builders cast aside
has now become the corner-stone.

9

This is a deed that you have done,
a marvel to our jaded sight;
this is the day that you have made,
a joy in which to take delight.

10

We pray you, Lord, deliver us;
we pray you, send prosperity.
May all who come be blessed in you:
we bless you in this certainty.

11

The Lord has given light to us,
the pilgrims who for ever cry:
"To thank our God is certain good
for this, his love, will never die."

43. The Guardian

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 121

Colin Hodgetts

First system of musical notation for 'The Guardian'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in common time (C). The treble staff contains a melody with a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure. The lyrics are: 'If I raise my eyes to the hills will they come to my aid?_____'. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Second system of musical notation for 'The Guardian'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in common time (C). The treble staff contains a melody with a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure. The lyrics are: 'No, the Lord a - lone is my help, who made hea-ven and earth.'. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

2

Could she let your foot strike a stone,
could your guardian sleep?
No, the one who watches a child
neither slumbers nor sleeps.

3

She, the Watcher, guards and defends
and she stands close at hand;
so the sun won't strike you by day
nor at night will the moon.

4

From all evil you will be kept,
shielded body and soul.
As you come and go she will watch
from this day evermore.

44. Song of the City of Peace

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 122

Colin Hodgetts

1. I was glad when they called to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
 2. Let all sects come to-ge-ther here gi-ving praise to the name of the Lord.
 3. For the peace of the bo-dy pray: "May your child-ren have peace in their homes;

1. Now our feet stand with-in your walls_____ we are one in the ci - ty of peace.
 2. In this bo - dy is jus - tice found,_____ here the saints and the pro-phets have seats.
 3. may your peace be wi-thin these walls_____ and your peace rest in all that we do."

1. Here we ga - ther in u - ni - ty for your house is the ci - ty of peace.
 2. Out of love I will pray_ for you for the king - dom is built with your names.
 3. I will say, "peace be with_ you now" for the sake of this house and the world.

ANTIPHON

Pray for u - ni - ty; pray for life to - ge - ther

45. A Plea

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 123

Colin Hodgetts

My eye seeks you out as the slave's eye fol-lows the mas-ter's hand,
 as the la-dy's maid un-der-stu-dies hermis-tress, my eye seeks you out.

2

Our eyes seek you out
 and we turn to fathom the face of love,
 to await the mercy held in that vision.
 Our eyes seek you out.

3

Be gracious to us
 who have felt the scorn of the proud and borne
 for too long the insults of those who are wealthy.
 Be gracious to us.

46. Song to the Saviour

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 124

Colin Hodgetts

1. If the Lord had not been on our side -
 swal - lowed us up in their wrath,
 drowned in the tur - bu - lent waves
 let us es - cape like a bird

1. let Is - rael re - peat it out loud -
 3. and burnt us to death in their rage.
 5. of ei - ther the ri - ver or sea.
 7. that flees from the bird - catch - er's net.

2. if the Lord had not been on our side
 4. Then the sea would have closed o - ver us,
 6. Bless the Lord who did not let us fall
 8. And the Lord is our help and our aid,

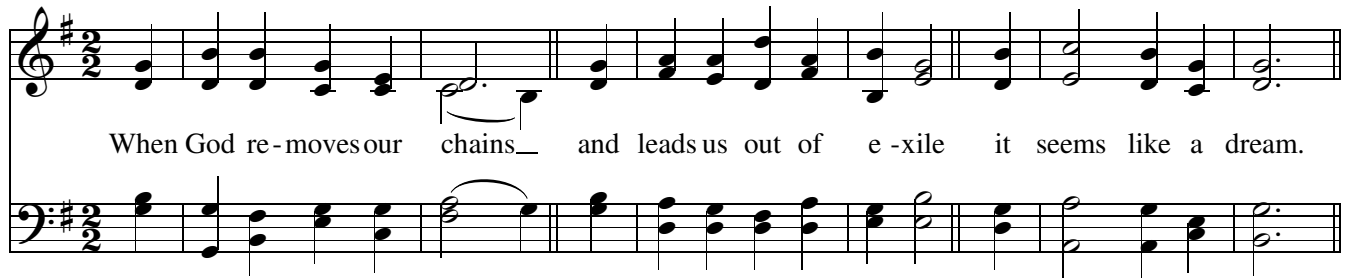
2. when we were at - tacked by our foes. 3. they'd have
 4. a tor - rent have washed us a - way. 5. We'd have
 6. a prey to the power of their teeth. 7. For he'd
 8. cre - a - tor of hea - ven and earth.

47. Song of Return

Colin Hodgetts

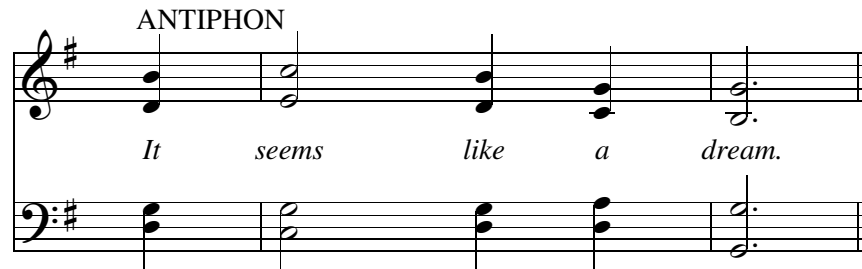
Psalm 126

Colin Hodgetts



When God re-moves our chains_ and leads us out of e-xile it seems like a dream.

ANTIPHON



It seems like a dream.

2
Our mouths break out with song,
our lips vibrate with laughter;
the world sees his deeds.

3
It tells of miracles;
indeed we know his marvels;
we gladden in God.

4
Restore our fortunes, Lord,
as streams that feed the desert
return in the spring.

5
The ones who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of gladness,
shall joy as they reap.

6
A girl may go in tears,
may tread the day in sorrow
and sow as she goes, *~*

7
but she'll return in joy,
come home, head high and singing,
her sheaves in her arms.

48. The Builder

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 127

Colin Hodgetts

1. Un - less the Lord con-struct the house the buil-der works in vain.
 2. In vain you rise to greet the sun or late re-tire to bed;
 3. Your child - ren are a gift from God, your seed en-rich your name.

1. Un - less the Lord pro-tect the town the watch-man guards in vain.
 2. you sweat to live while his own sleep and in their sleep are fed.
 3. De - light - ing in your pa - rent - hood you'll not be put to shame.

49. A Cry from the Depths

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 130

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

From the depths I call you, Lord; Lord, hear my cry.

From the depths I call you, Lord;

Let your ear re - ceive my plea my mer - cy sigh.

Fine

VERSE

1. If you keep ac - count of our sins who can hold up his head?
 2. For the Lord my soul pines in hope that his word be ful - filled.
 3. As we watch for morn - ing to break let us look for the Lord.

1. As in you for - give - ness is found we look on you with awe.
 2. As the watch - man longs for the dawn so I wait for the Lord.
 3. For his power to free knows no bounds and his love ne - ver fails,

50. Song of Humility

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 131

Colin Hodgetts

I am too lit - tle Lord to look down on oth - ers.

2

I've not chased great affairs
nor matters beyond me.

3

I've tamed my wild desires
and settled my soul.

4

My soul's a new fed child
at rest on the breast.

5

My sisters, seek the Lord,
my brothers, pursue him.

51. The Blessing of Community

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 133

Colin Hodgetts

What wealth, what plea - sure, liv - ing as bro - thers and sis - ters to - ge - ther.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the left hand, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

2

How sweet, how fragrant,
like oil poured over the head, an
annointing.

3

The beard is dripping,
oil flowing over the collar,
descending.

4

As dew of Hermon
settles on hillsides of Zion,
a blessing.

5

So here, together,
blessings of life everlasting
flow through us.

52. Litany of Thanksgiving

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 136

Colin Hodgetts

1. Give thanks for the Lord is good;
 2. His won - ders he works a - lone; *he is faith - ful for e - ver.*
 3. He fash - ioned the lights a - bove;
 4. He smote Eg - ypt's first-born sons;

1. Give thanks to the God of gods,
 2. through wis - dom he made the skies; *he is faith - ful for e - ver.*
 3. the sun to con - tain the day,
 4. saved Is - ra - el from their hands;

1. Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
 2. on wa - ters he laid the earth; *he is faith - ful for e - ver.*
 3. the moon and the stars, the night;
 4. so power - ful his out - stretched arm;

5
 The Red Sea he split in two;
he is faithful for ever,
 led Israel through the sea;
he is faithful for ever,
 drowned Pharaoh and all his men;
he is faithful for ever.

6
 He led them through wilderness;
he is faithful for ever,
 and slew famous kings like Sehon
he is faithful for ever,
 the king of the Amorites
he is faithful for ever.

7
 and Og, king of Bashan, too;
he is faithful for ever,
 gave Israel all their lands,
he is faithful for ever,
 a birthright and heritage.
he is faithful for ever.

8
 He held us in troubled times
he is faithful for ever,
 and rescued us from our foes.
he is faithful for ever,
 He gives all his creatures food.
he is faithful for ever.

53. Song in Exile

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 137 (1-6)

Colin Hodgetts

Fine

By Bab - y - lon's ri - vers we sat down and wept, re - mem - ber - ing Zi - on;
On wil - lows that grew there we hung up our harps, re - mem - ber - ing Zi - on.

For there those who car - ried us cap - tive a - way called for a song;

our cap - tors re - quired of us joy, "Sing a song, a song of your ci - ty."

2

But how could we offer a song of the Lord
on alien soil?
My right hand shall wither, O city of peace,
if I should forget you.
My tongue will adhere to the roof of my mouth,
should I forget you,
not setting the city of peace before all,
before every pleasure.

By Babylon's rivers we sat down and wept,
remembering Zion.

54. Song of Thanksgiving

Psalm 138

Colin Hodgetts

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

Fine

Fill the air with song!— High praise and hear - ty thanks, my Lord,

for you have lis-tened to my prayer. With all your peo - ple

I will sing to laud your faith - ful love and care.

ANTIPHON: *Fill the air with song!*

2

For you have kept your promises,
your word is greater than your fame.
The day I called you answered me
and set my hardened heart aflame.

4

You, Lord, though high, uplift the low
and from afar put down the proud.
You guard me though I walk with foes
and keep me from the raging crowd.

3

Let heads of state confess your name
for, when they've heard your living word,
they'll celebrate that name in song
and praise the glory of the Lord.

5

To save me you stretch out your hand;
in me your purpose you'll fulfill.
Your grace and love for ever thrive;
we ask your help to do your will.

55. The Hound of Heaven

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 139 (vv. 19-22 omitted)

Colin Hodgetts

You search me and know me, my Lord, you see my sleep-ing and wak-ing,

you know all my ways and in - ten-tions, you mark when I wan-der or rest.

2

Before a word touches my tongue
 you know the phrase I will utter.
 Behind and in front you besiege me
 and over my head hangs your hand.

3

This power confuses my mind,
 surpassing all understanding;
 for where can I hide from your spirit
 and where can I run from your face?

4

I climb to the sky - you are there,
 and in my coffin I find you;
 so where can I hide from your spirit
 and where can I run from your face?

5

I fly where the sun starts to rise
 and seek the ocean's horizon,
 and there, even there, you are present
 and ready to offer your hand.

6

I say, 'I will wrap up in night
 and pull the gloom close around me'
 to find that for you there's no darkness
 and night is as bright as the day.

(contd.)

7. For you it was gave me this shape and in my mo-ther e -volved me: your mar-vels a-rouse me to praise you, your won der-ful ways fire my mind.

8

My intimate workings you know,
and my mysterious making;
the way I was secretly kneaded
and moulded in earth's darkest depths.

9

You noted my embryo limbs:
your book recorded their progress,
how day after day they developed
not one of them late growing strong.

10

So deep and profuse are your thoughts,
like grains of sand in the desert,
that were I to reckon their number
my years must be long spun like yours.

11

Examine me, God, know my heart;
yes, test me, know my misgivings.
Prevent me from taking blind alleys
and let my feet tread living ways.

56. Praise to the King

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 145

Colin Hodgetts

I shall bless you, God my King, I shall praise your name for e - ver;

I shall bless you day by day, I shall praise your name for e - ver.

ANTIPHON

Great is God, great our king, great be - yond all re - ckon - ing.

ANTIPHON: *Great is God, great our king,
great beyond all reckoning.*

2

Age will praise your deeds to age,
prizing all your mighty actions.
Your renown is splendour's crown,
I will ponder on your wonders.

5

Every creature offers thanks;
all your faithful people bless you.
Of the glory of our king,
and your might, we'll tell the story.

3

Wonders tell of awesome power;
I will tell of your perfection.
Those who count your acts of love
will be joyful at your justice.

6

There is promise in his word,
there is rightness in his actions;
he lifts those whose backs are bowed,
lends support to those who stumble.

4

You, the Lord, of tender heart,
anger slowly, love us fully;
infinitely kind to all,
holding every creature gently.

7

Those who look to you in hope
will be fed with food in season.
In your generosity
you will satisfy each creature.

57. Song to Celebrate God's Rule

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 146

Colin Hodgetts

Musical score for '57. Song to Celebrate God's Rule'. The score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line starts with 'Praise the Lord, my soul. Through - out my life I'll' and ends with a fermata. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line starts with 'praise the Lord and sing him psalms. Hal - le - lu - jah!' and ends with a fermata. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/2.

ANTIPHON: *Hallelujah!*

2

Set no faith in kings,
nor faith in anyone
without the power to save.

3

Breathing our last breath
we turn to dust, and in
that hour our thinking ends.

4

Happy is the heart
that knows the Father's help,
whose hopes are in the Lord.

5

Heaven, earth and sea,
and in them all that swims
and creeps and flies, he made.

10

God shall ever reign,
the God of peace rule
every age. Hallelujah!

6

Tyrants earn their due
while justice rests on those
oppressed, as he has sworn.

7

Hungry mouths he feeds,
the prisoner frees and to
the blind restores his sight.

8

Burdened backs are eased;
the sinner has his love
and strangers have his eye.

9

Wicked men are wrecked
while orphan child and
widow woman have his heart.

58. The Pleasure of Praise

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 147

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

Fine

What joy to sing to the Lord, what pleasure to praise him, What joy to sing to the

Lord, what pleasure to praise him, who builds the city of peace and gathers his children.

The broken spirit is healed, the bruised are attended.

The stars are named one by one, displaying his power.

ANTIPHON: *What joy to sing to the Lord,
what pleasure to praise him.*

2

Our Lord is mighty, and filled
with wisdom past telling.
He gives the humble new heart
and tramples down evil.
Raise up a thanksgiving song,
sing psalms in his honour,
who fills the heavens with clouds
to bless us with showers.

3

The hills are covered with grass
and fruits to sustain us.
He gives the cattle their feed
and fills the young ravens.
He sets no store by the horse
nor legs of a runner,
but those who long for his love,
and fear him, he treasures.

4

Now praise, you people, your God;
let everyone praise him!
Who puts new bars in your gates
to safeguard your children.
Who brings his peace to your realm,
gives fine wheat in plenty,
conveys his word to the world,
commands his dominions.

He sprinkles white-as-wool snow,
spreads hoar frost like ashes,
commands the freeze and the thaw,
with winds frees the waters.
His word and law he declared
to Jacob and Israel.
His mark and favour he shows
to heirs of their spirit.

59. Praise to the Lord of Heaven

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 148

Colin Hodgetts

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 5/4. The lyrics are: 'Praise the Lord of heaven; praise him in the height; praise him heaven's daughters; praise him sons of light.'

2
Praise him sun and moon,
sing praise you shining stars;
praise him distant planets,
Jupiter and Mars.

3
Let them praise his name, he
spoke, and evermore
they have kept the course
determined by his law.

4
Praise the Lord from earth
you seas, and all that swim;
fire, hail, snow and ice, with
winds that answer him.

5
Valleys, hills and mountains,
fruit and cedar trees,
all wild beasts and cattle,
snakes and birds and bees.

6
People and their leaders,
politician, priest;
young and old together,
greatest with the least.

7
Let them praise his name,
the name of highest worth;
majesty exalted
over heaven and earth.

8
Marking their great might
he crowns his saints with praise.
Children of his love
your Alleluias raise.

60. Festival of Praise

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 150

Colin Hodgetts

f Praise_ God in his earth - ly place, praise_ him in the height of hea - ven;

f

This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is the vocal line, and the bottom staff is the piano accompaniment. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is common time (C). The music begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "Praise_ God in his earth - ly place, praise_ him in the height of hea - ven;"

praise_ him for his migh - ty works, praise_ his trans - cen - dent great - ness.

This system contains the next two staves of music. The top staff is the vocal line, and the bottom staff is the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "praise_ him for his migh - ty works, praise_ his trans - cen - dent great - ness."

Praise him with a trum - pet fan - fare, praise_ him with gui - tars and harps.

mp

This system contains the final two staves of music. The top staff is the vocal line, and the bottom staff is the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Praise him with a trum - pet fan - fare, praise_ him with gui - tars and harps." The music concludes with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The bottom staff features a final chord with a sharp sign above it, indicating a key change or a specific harmonic resolution.

mf Praise__ him with drums and danc-ing, *p* praise__ him with strings and pipe.

mf *p*

f Praise__ him with clash - ing cym bals, let the ring - ing__ cym-bals praise him.

f

Let__ all that breathes sing praise: O__ praise__ the Lord!

f