

Give Thanks to the Lord

For SATB choir and piano

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SATB with Piano

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Allegro, in one $\text{d} = 78$

This section of the score shows the vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and the piano part. The vocal parts are mostly silent, while the piano provides harmonic support with eighth-note chords and sustained bass notes. Measure 1 starts with a piano introduction. Measures 2-8 show the piano playing eighth-note chords in the treble and bass staves, with dynamic markings *p*, *f*, *p*, and *p*.

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This section continues the musical setting. The vocal parts begin singing "Al le lu ia," followed by "Give thanks to the Lord, call up -". The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note chords. Measures 10-11 show the piano playing eighth-note chords in the treble and bass staves, with dynamic markings *p*, *mp*, *mf*, and *mf*. Measures 12-13 show the piano playing eighth-note chords in the treble and bass staves, with dynamic markings *f* and *f*. Measures 14-15 show the piano playing eighth-note chords in the treble and bass staves, with dynamic markings *f* and *f*.

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S. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

A. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

T. on His name make known His deeds a - mong the na - tions, pro -

B. on His name, make known His deeds a - mong the na - tions, pro -

Pno.

25

S. Al - le - lu ia. f

A. Al - le - lu ia. f

T. claim that His name is ex - alt ed. f

B. claim that His name is ex - alt ed.

Pno.

33

S. Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His

A. Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His

T. *mf*
8 Al le lu ia, Al le lu ia,

B. *f* Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Pno.

41

S. name, make known His deeds a - mong the na - tions, pro - claim that His name is ex -

A. name, make known His deeds a - mong the na - tions, pro - claim that His name is ex -

T. *p* 8 Al le lu ia, Al - le - lu -

B. Al le lu ia, Al - le - lu ia, Al - le - lu -

Pno.

Slower

49

S. *ff* alt - ed. Sing *p* prais - es to the Lord for

A. *ff* alt ed. Sing prais - es to the Lord for

T. *ff* ia. Sing prais - es to the Lord for

B. *ff* ia. Sing prais - es to the Lord for

Pno. *ff* *p*

57

cresc. (no breath) *f* glo - rious things, O let this be known in all the earth, O

S. He hath done (no breath) *f* glo - rious things, O let this be known in all the earth, O

A. He hath done (no breath) *f* glo - rious things, O let this be known in all the earth, O

T. He hath done (no breath) *f* glo - rious things, O let this be known in all the earth, O

B. He hath done (no breath) *f* glo - rious things, O let this be known in all the earth, O

Pno. cresc. *f* *p*

65

S. shout — for joy — and sing — for joy — O all — ye in ha - bi tants of Zi
A. shout for joy and sing for joy O all ye in ha - bi tants of Zi
T. shout for joy and sing for joy O cresc. all ye in ha - bi tants of Zi
B. shout for joy and sing for joy O all ye in ha - bi tants of Zi ff.
Pno. cresc. ff.

73

S. on, dim. for great in your midst is the
A. on, dim. for great in your midst is the
T. on, dim. for great in your midst is the
B. on, dim. for great in your midst is the
Pno. (piano optional)

81

S. molto rit.

A. molto rit.

T. molto rit.

B. molto rit.

Pno. molto rit.

Tempo Primo

Holy One of Isra-el.

89

S.

A. mp

T. p

B. p

Pno. p

mf

f

f

f

f

Al - le - lu - ia, Give thanks to the Lord, call up -

Al - le - lu - ia, Give thanks to the Lord, call up -

Al - le - lu - ia, Give thanks to the Lord, call up -

Al - le - lu - ia, Give thanks to the Lord, call up -

Al - le - lu - ia, Give thanks to the Lord, call up -

Al - le - lu - ia, Give thanks to the Lord, call up -

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S. on His name, make known His deeds a - mong the na - tions, pro - claim that His name

A. on His name, make known His deeds a - mong the na - tions, pro - claim that His name

T. on His name, make known His deeds a - mong the na - tions, pro - claim that His name

B. on His name, make known His deeds a - mong the na - tions, pro - claim that His name

Pno.

105

S. is ex - alt - ed. A - men, A - men, A - men,

A. is ex - alt - ed. A - men, A - men, A - men,

T. is ex - alt - ed. A - men, A - men, A - men,

B. is ex - alt - ed. A - men, A - men, A - men,

Pno.

114

S. A. T. B. Pno.

A men. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

mf

f

f

mp

122

S. A. T. B. Pno.

A men.
A men.
A men.
A men.

p *f*

p *f*

p *f*

p *f*

pp *f*

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"Give Thanks to the Lord" is my attempt to write an old-fashioned, rousing SATB-church-choir-and-piano anthem, one that can be learned quickly and sung lustily by most any chorus. As with all of my music offered in this web page, it can be downloaded and reprinted by anyone and for no charge. Don't hesitate to make a pile of copies for your church choir -- help yourself! It has been fashioned to fit onto eight pages so that, with very little effort, it can occupy the front and back sides of four pieces of 8 and 1/2 by 11" paper, or two pieces of 11 by 17" paper folded in half. (Hey! Don't laugh! Details like this are important!)

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I also have about 35 unpublished choral scores, both sacred and secular, photocopies of which can be obtained only from myself.

One of my published choral works, a hilarious (if I may say so) three-movement suite about the ancient wag Diogenes, entitled "Philosophical Anecdotes," has been recorded by The Gregg Smith Singers on an album entitled "Songs of Humor & Satire" for Premiere Records. This CD is also available from myself. For more information, please contact me by e-mail at rick@sowash.com.