

Blessed be the Lord my strength

Christopher Hoyt

text from Psalm 144

Commissioned by Mark Scott, Director of Music,
St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas

Andante; vigorous (♩ ca. 72)

5 *f*

Tenor Bass

Organ

Andante; vigorous (♩ ca. 72)
sempre marcato; detached

p *f*

Bless-ed be the

6

T B

Lord my strength, who teach-eth my hands to war, O bless-ed be the Lord my strength, who

Org.

11 13 *f*

T

8 teach-eth my fin-gers to fight. My de-fen-der in whom I trust;

B

teach-eth my fin-gers to fight. My hope, my for-tress, and my cas-tle,

Org.

mf *p* *f*

(17) *f*
 T the peo - ple that is un - der me.
 B *mf*
 My de - li - ver - er who sub - du - eth
 Org. *p* *f*

(21) *f*
 S Bless - ed be the Lord my strength, who teach - eth my hands to war. O bless - ed be the
 A
 T *f*
 B
 Org.

(26)
 S Lord my strength, who teach - eth my fin - gers to fight. ← . = . →
 A
 T
 B
 Org. ← . = . →

Org. (31)

decresc. poco a poco

S (36)

molto legato pp *molto legato pp* *f*

Or the son of man, that thou so re-gard-est him?

A *molto legato pp* *f*

Lord, what is man, that thou hast such re-spect to him? Or the son of man, that thou so re-gard-est him?

T *molto legato pp* *f*

Lord, what is man, that thou hast such re-spect to him? Or the son of man, that thou so re-gard-est him?

B *molto legato pp* *f*

Lord, what is man, that thou hast such re-spect to him? Or the son of man, that thou so re-gard-est him?

Org. (for rehearsal only; *molto legato*)

S (44)

p

Man is but a thing of nought;

A *p*

T *p*

B his time pass - eth a - way like a sha - dow.

Org. *pp*

Org.

52

cresc. poco a poco

S
A

60 *f*

SAMPLE

I will sing a new song, a new song un - to thee, O God; and I shall sing thy prais - es u -

T
B

Org.

f

← ♩ = ♩ →

S
A

66

pon a ten-stringed lute

T
B

Org.

dim. e decel. poco a poco

decresc. poco a poco

← ♩ = ♩ →

75

S
A
T
B

pp
Send down thy hand from a - bove and de - li - ver me; take me out of great

pp
Send down thy hand from a - bove and de - li - ver me; take me out of great

pp
Send down thy hand from a - bove and de - li - ver me; take me out of great

Org.
molto legato
pp

SAMPLE

80

S
A
T
B

f *p*
wa-ters, and from the hand of stran-gers; whose mouth talk - eth of van - i - ty,

f *p*
wa-ters, and from the hand of stran-gers; whose mouth talk - eth of van - i - ty, and their

f
wa-ters and from the hand of stran - gers.

f
wa - ters and from the hand of stran - gers.

Org.
f *p*

// poco piu mosso (♩ ca. 76)

S their right hand is a right hand of wick - ed - ness.

A right hand is a right hand of wick - ed - ness.

T That our sons may grow

B // poco piu mosso (♩ ca. 76)

// poco piu mosso (♩ ca. 76)

Org. **SAMPLE**

mp *ff*

S and that our daugh - ters may be as the cor - ners of the tem - ple.

A as the young plants, and that our daugh - ters may be as the cor - ners of the tem - ple.

T as the young plants, and that our daugh - ters may be as the cor - ners of the tem - ple.

B *mp* *ff*

and that our daugh - ters may be as the cor - ners of the tem - ple.

Org. *p* *mp* *mp* *ff*

101 *f*

S That our gar-ners may be full and plen-teous with all man-ner of store; that our sheep may bring forth ten

A That our gar-ners may be full and plen-teous with all man-ner of store; that our

T That our gar-ners may be full and plen-teous with all

B That our gar-ners may be

Org. *f*

SAMPLE

106

p

S thou-sands in our fields, may bring forth thou-sands in our fields; That our ox-en may be strong; That there

A sheep may bring forth ten thou-sands, ten thousands in our fields; That our ox-en may be strong;

T man-ner of store; ten thou-sands That our ox-en may be strong;

B full; and plen-teous with all man-ner of store; That our ox-en may be strong to la-labor.

Org.

S *p* be no more de-cay, no lead - ing in - to cap - ti - vi - ty in our streets.

A *p* no lead - ing in - to cap - ti - vi - ty, and no com - plain - ing in our streets.

T *p* no lead - ing in - to cap - ti - vi - ty, and no com - plain - ing in our streets.

B no com - plain - ing in our streets.

Org. *p*

SAMPLE

S *ppp* *mp* *mf* Hap - py are the peo - ple, Hap - py are the peo - ple, yea, bless - ed are the peo - ple that have the

A *ppp* *mp* *mf* Hap - py are the peo - ple, Hap - py are the peo - ple, yea, bless - ed are the peo - ple that have the

T *ppp* *mp* *mf* Hap - py are the peo - ple, Hap - py are the peo - ple, yea, bless - ed are the peo - ple that have the

B *ppp* *mp* *mf* Hap - py are the peo - ple, Hap - py are the peo - ple, yea, bless - ed are the peo - ple that have the

Org. *ppp* *mp* *mf*

124

subito andante; vigorous (♩. ca. 72)

fff

S
Lord for their God.

A
Lord for their God.

T
Lord for their God.

B
Lord for their God.

subito andante; vigorous (♩. ca. 72)

(Solo reed)

SAMPLE

(Solo reed)

mf

p

Org.

129

ff

Bless-ed be the Lord my strength, who

S
A
T
B

sempre marcato; detached

Org.

135

S
A

teach-eth my hands to war, O bless-ed be the Lord my strength who teach-eth my hands who

T
B

Org.

141

146

S
A

teach - eth my hands who teach - eth my fin - gers to

T
B

Org.

SAMPLE

148

S
A

fight.

T
B

Org.

rit.

fff