

Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!

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SATB

1) O how amiable are thy dwellings,

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for Soprano (S) and Alto (A), and the bottom staff is for Bass (B) and Tenor (T). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The music is in common time. The vocal parts are mostly sustained notes with occasional dynamics (p, f).

thou LORD OF hosts!

The continuation of the musical score follows the same structure with two staves (Soprano/Alto vs. Bass/Tenor) and the same key signature and time signature.

2) My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord;

The continuation of the musical score follows the same structure with two staves (Soprano/Alto vs. Bass/Tenor) and the same key signature and time signature.

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The continuation of the musical score follows the same structure with two staves (Soprano/Alto vs. Bass/Tenor) and the same key signature and time signature.

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TB

The musical score consists of four staves of music for the Tenor Bass (TB) part of a four-part setting. The music is in common time, with a key signature of two flats. The vocal line is accompanied by a piano or organ bass line.

The lyrics are as follows:

3) Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young;
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts,
my KING and my God.

Accompanying chords are indicated above the staff lines:

- Staff 1: C major (I)
- Staff 2: G major (IV)
- Staff 3: D major (V)
- Staff 4: A major (VI)

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SA

The musical score consists of four staves of music for two voices: Soprano (S) and Alto (A). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats), and the time signature is common time (indicated by 'C'). The vocal parts are written in soprano and alto clefs. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, with each line containing four measures of music. The first section (measures 1-4) corresponds to Psalm 84:4, the second section (measures 5-8) to Psalm 84:5, and the third section (measures 9-12) to Psalm 84:6.

4) Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;

they will be al - way prais - ing thee.

5) Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;

in whose HEART are thy ways.

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6) Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well;

This musical score for SATB (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of two flats. The vocal parts are represented by open circles (circumflexes). The lyrics "Who going through the vale of misery" are in the first measure, followed by a repeat sign. The second measure contains the lyrics "use it for a well;". The music concludes with a final repeat sign.

and the pools are filled with water.

This section continues the SATB score. The top staff begins with a soprano eighth note (open circle). The lyrics "and the pools are filled with water." are written below the notes. The bass staff begins with a bass eighth note (open circle).

7) They will go from strength to strength,

This section continues the SATB score. The top staff begins with a soprano eighth note (open circle). The lyrics "7) They will go from strength to strength," are written below the notes. The bass staff begins with a bass eighth note (open circle).

and unto the God of gods appeareth ev'ry one of them in Sion.

This section continues the SATB score. The top staff begins with a soprano eighth note (open circle). The lyrics "and unto the God of gods appeareth ev'ry one of them in Sion." are written below the notes. The bass staff begins with a bass eighth note (open circle).

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TB

8) O Lord God of hosts,
hear my
prayer;

SA

hearken, o
God of Jacob.
8

TB

9) Behold, o
God our de - fender,

Unison

and look upon the face of thine a - nointed.

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10) For one day in thy courts

is bet - ter than a thousand.

TB

11) I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God,

than to dwell in the tents of un - godliness.

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Unison

12) For the Lord God is a light and de - fence;

the Lord will give grace
and worship;) and no good thing
shall he withhold from them that live a god - ly life.

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13) O Lord God of hosts,

blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world without end.) A - - men.