God's Promised Seed, the Christ

An Oratorio

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Lyrics: From the Scriptures. The text of the Scriptures used in this work is taken from the Authorized King James Version and from a working translation of the Hebrew and Greek texts with consideration of the context and other Scripture passages relating to the same subjects.

Music: The original music score of this work was composed by Walter J. Cummins. Extra parts of the score for violin, tenor saxophone, and trombone were composed by Luke Hill. The harp music was composed by Shelley Fairplay.

Score: Most of the extra parts of the score in this volume have been combined and are represented in the treble clef staff directly above the piano or keyboard treble and bass clef staves at the bottom of the score. The vocal parts are labeled as they appear on the top staves of the score.

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Follow the promises of God regarding the Christ in this musical presentation of the Scriptures. Beginning with God's first promise of the Seed of the woman in Genesis 3:15, the musical takes us through the promises God made to Abraham, to King David, and to all Israel by the prophets, including Isaiah 53 entirely set to music.

The presentation of this oratorio includes selections from Jesus Christ's earthly life and ministry as he fulfilled what God promised. The redemption and salvation of the people in the world lay on the Christ's accomplishing what God had promised and declared needed to be done. The entire production is a dynamic musical presentation of the Scriptures regarding God's promises and Jesus Christ's fulfillment of what God set forth in His Word.

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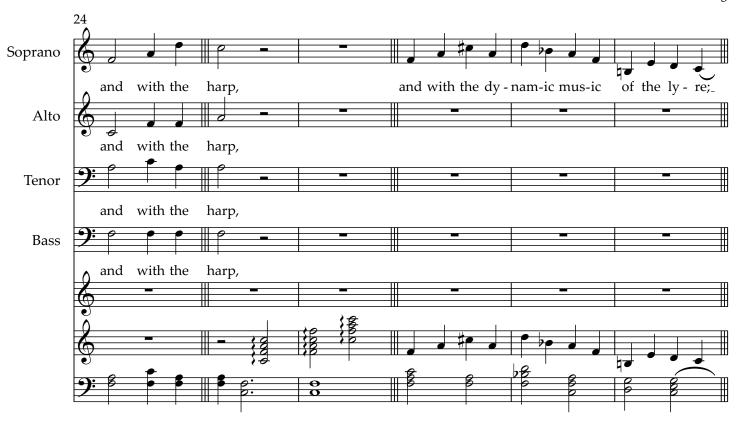


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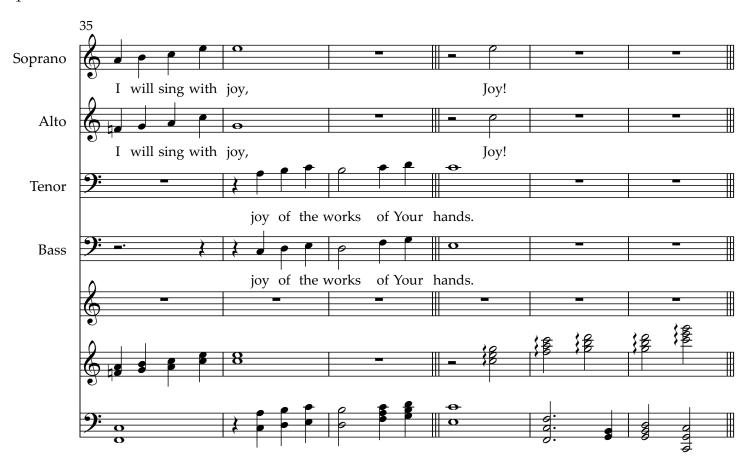
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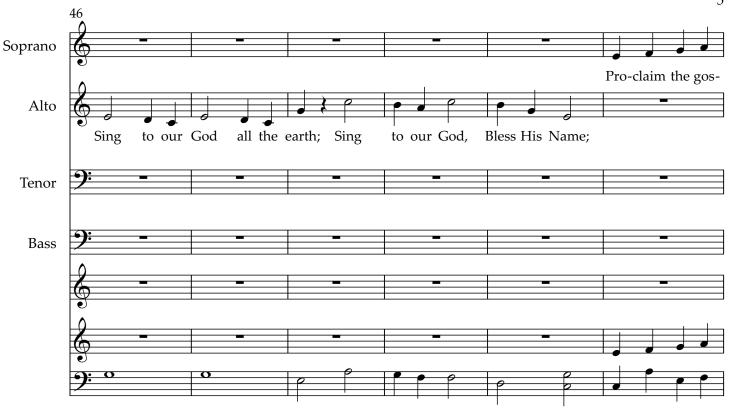


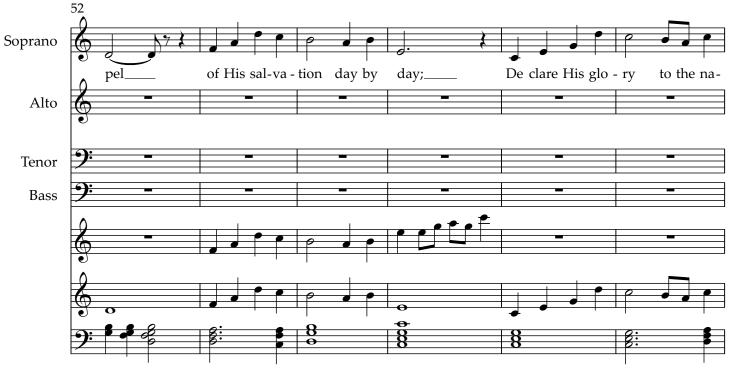


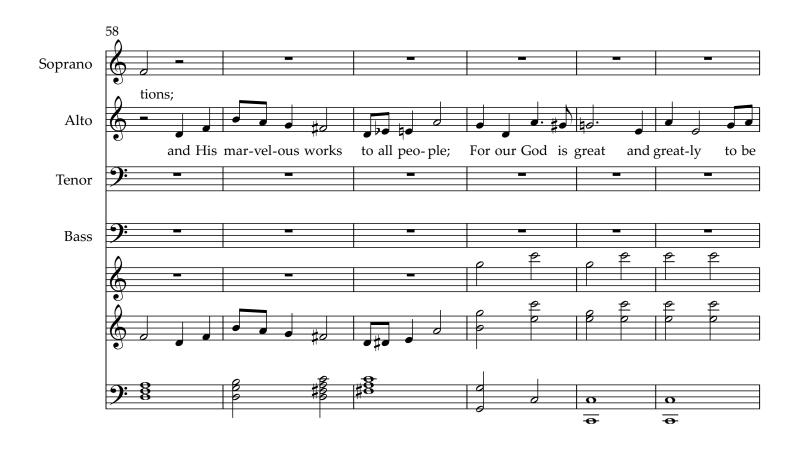


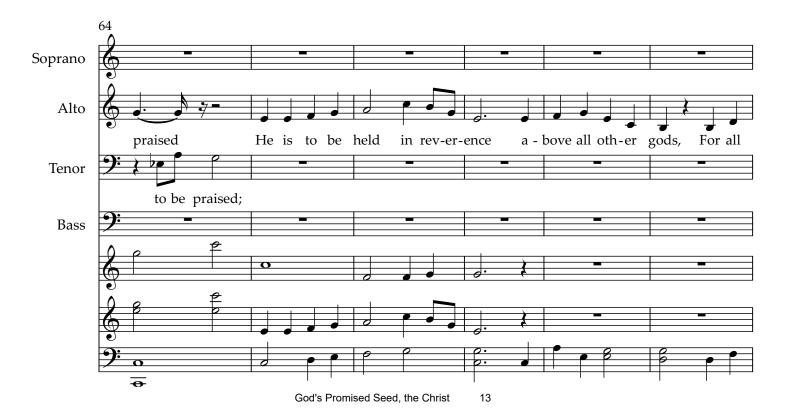




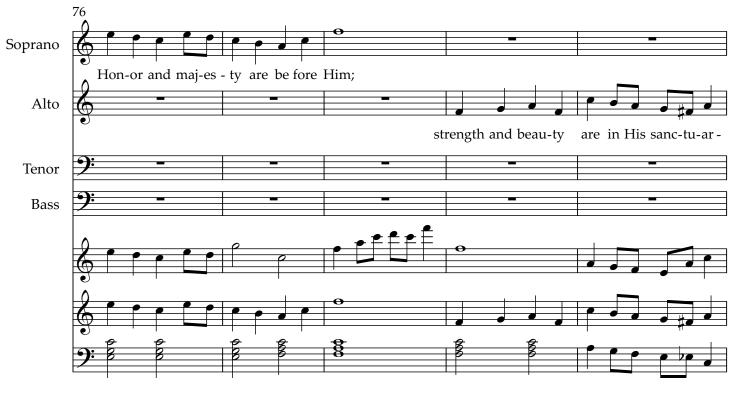


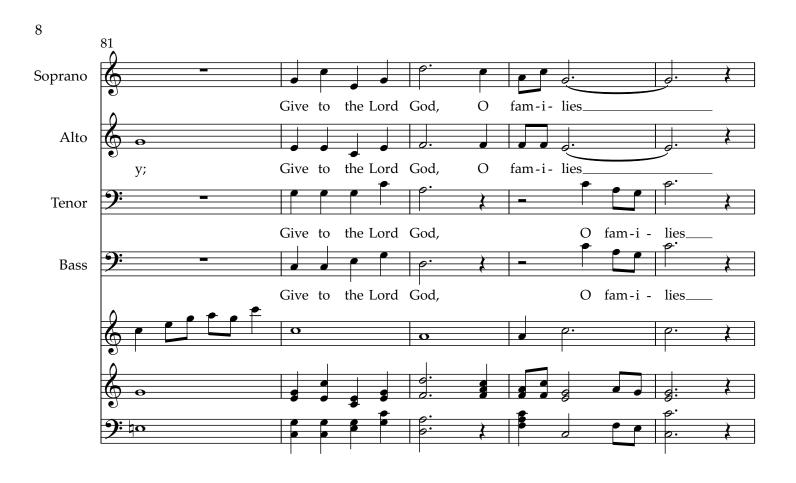


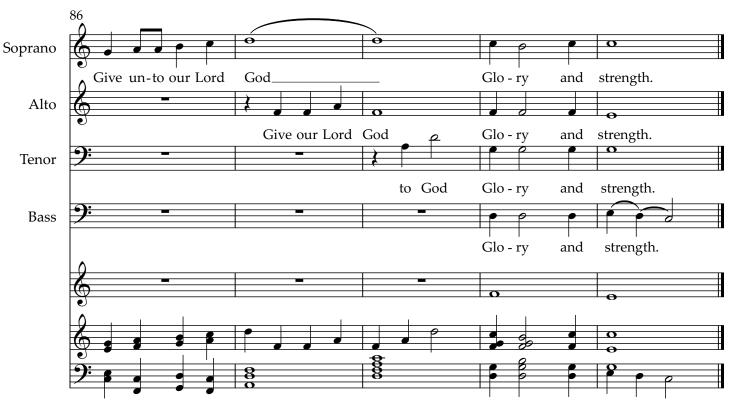












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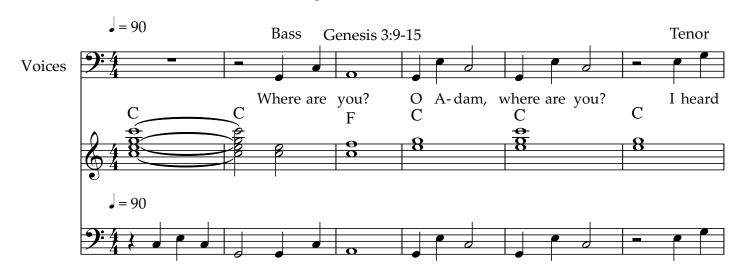
God had placed the first man and woman in a beautiful environment where they could commune with God and where they could freely eat of every tree except one. After they chose to eat of the tree that they were not to eat of, they hid themselves from God among the trees of the garden.

Then Genesis 3:9 tells us that the Lord God called for Adam.

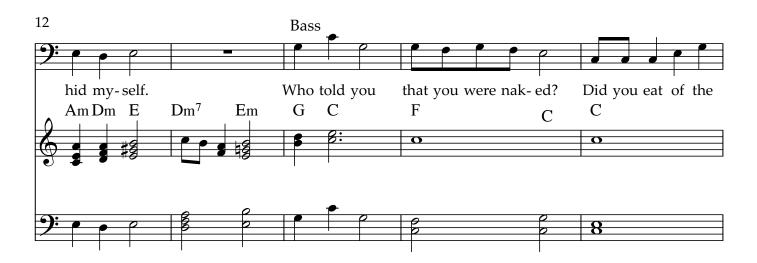
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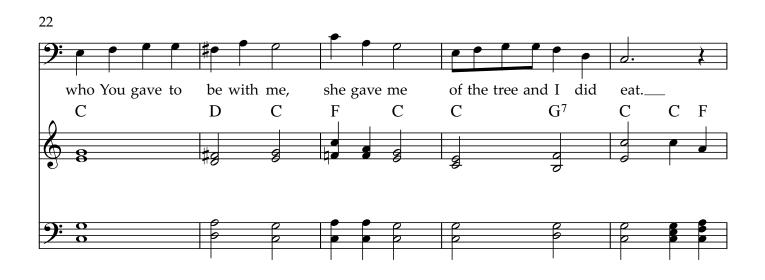
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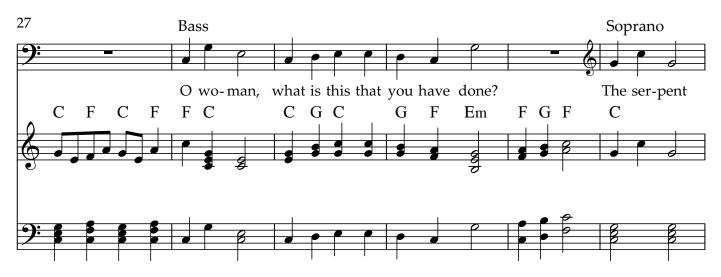


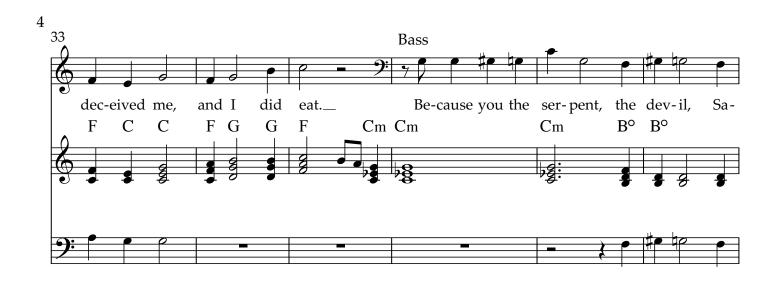


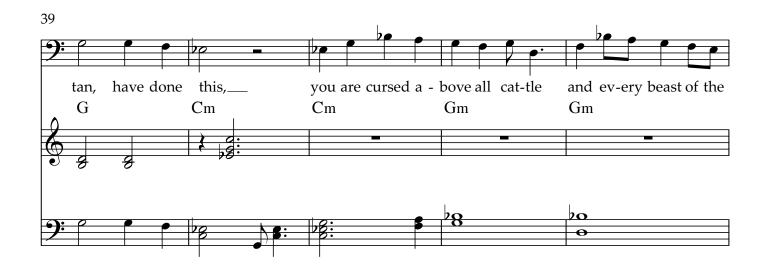


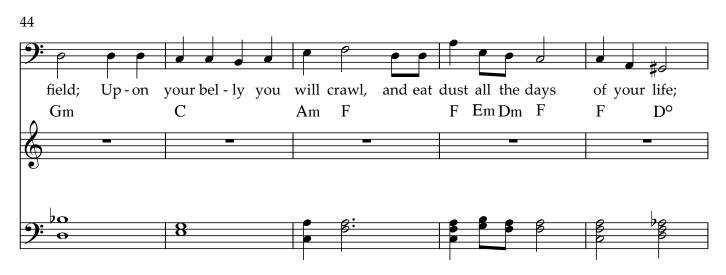


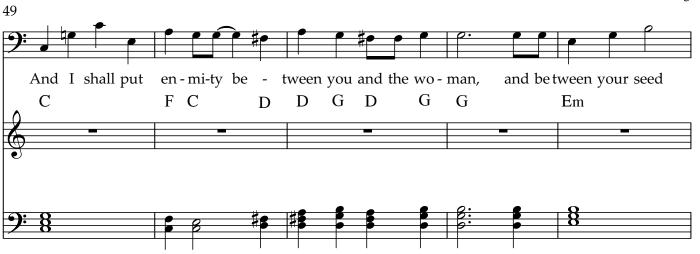


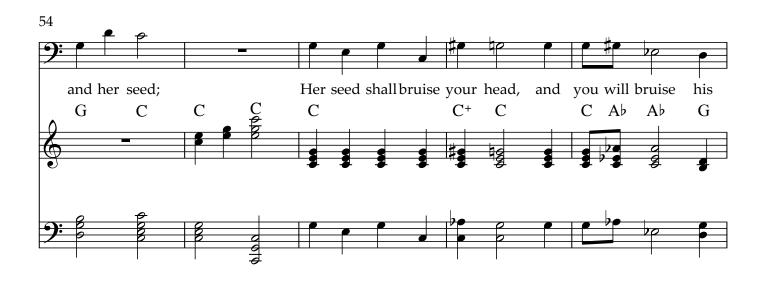


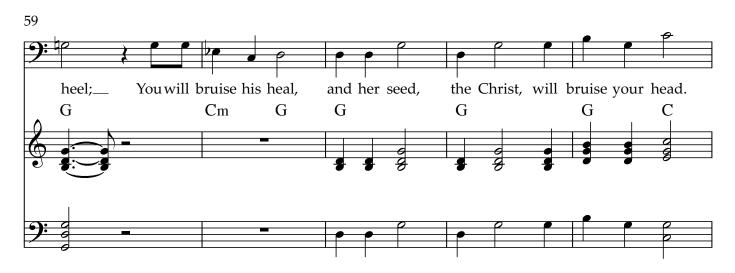


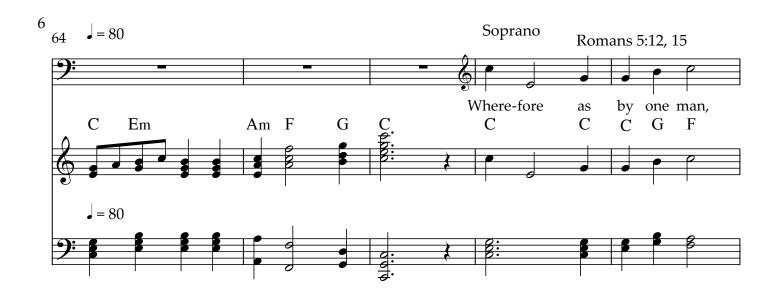


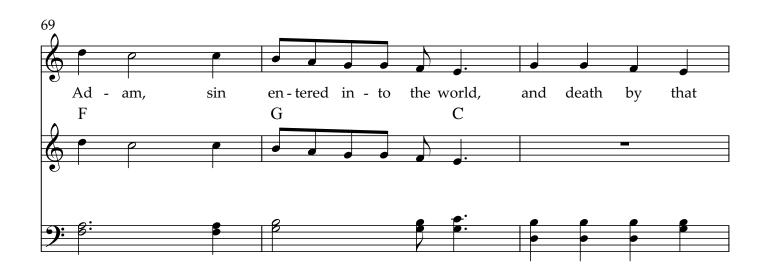


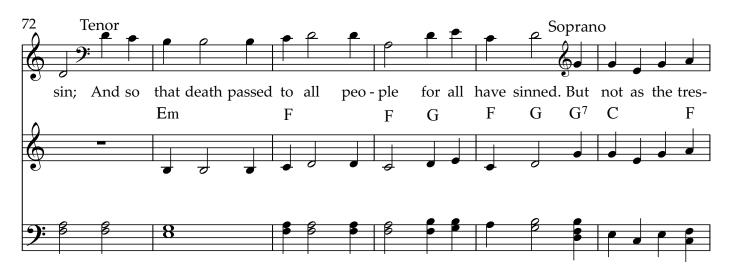






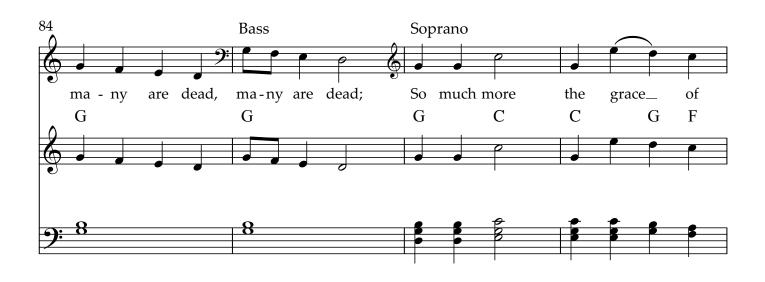


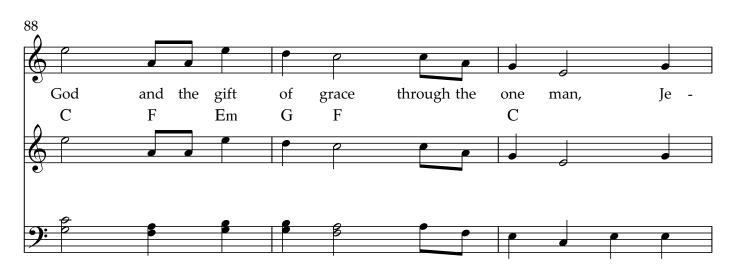


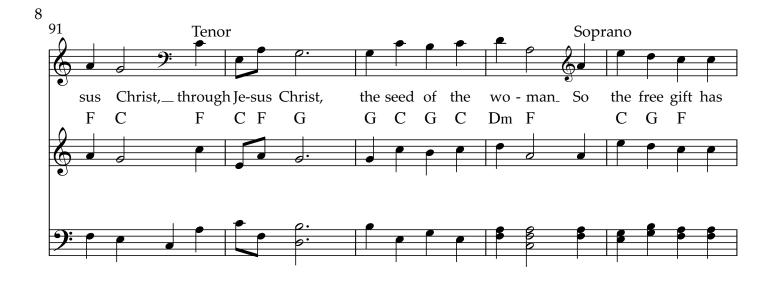


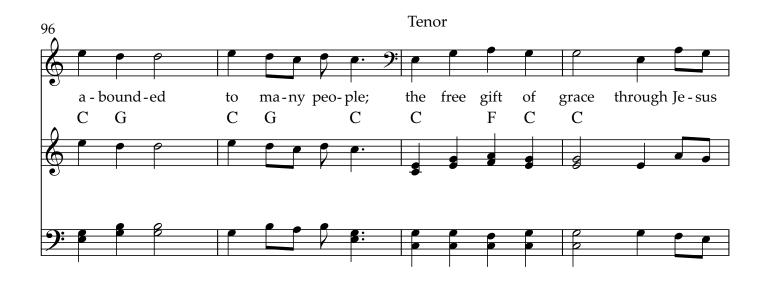


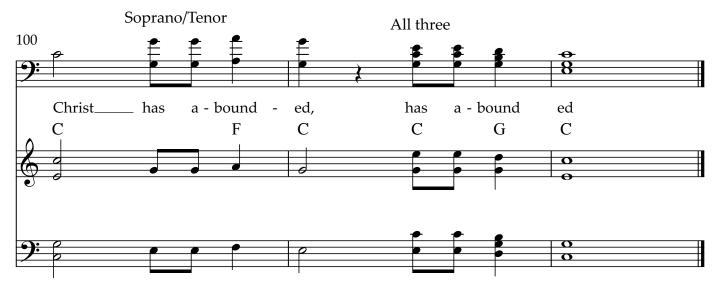












03 Promised Seed of Abraham

Narrative:

The seed of the woman was the first promise of God regarding the Christ, the anointed one, who would redeem mankind from the consequences of Adam's disobedience. In time, God found a friend in Abram, whose name He changed to Abraham. And God spoke with Abraham several times about things to come, as recorded in Genesis, chapters 12, 15, 17, and 21.

03 Promised Seed of Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3; 15:5; 17:6-7; 21:12.

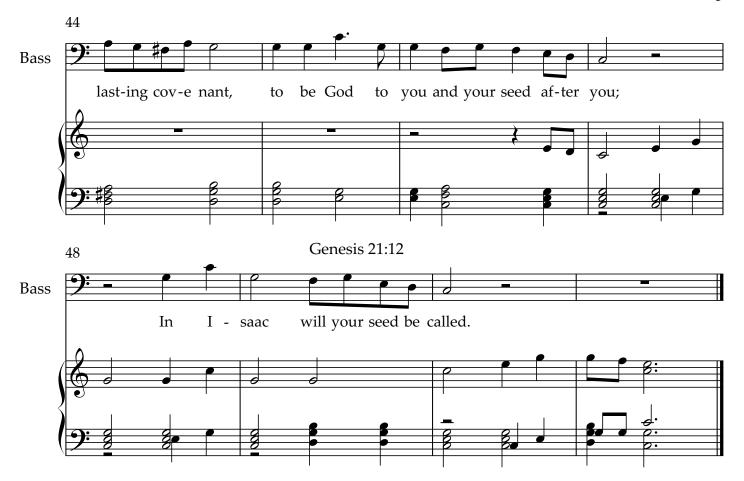






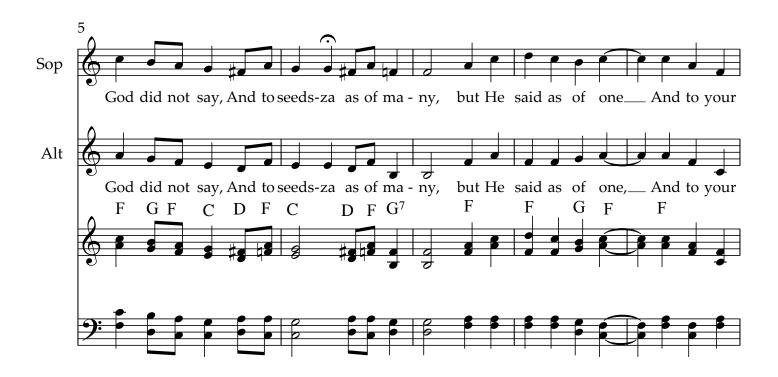


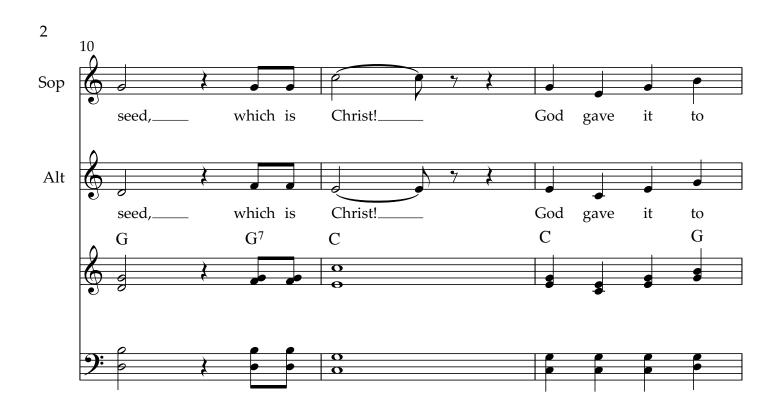


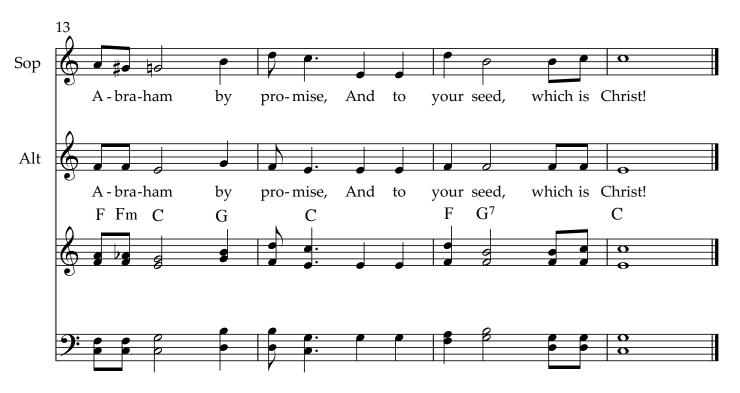


04 To Your Seed the Christ

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05 Promised Seed of David

Narrative:

Abraham's grandson, Jacob, whom God named Israel, had twelve sons. Of the descendants of Israel, a star was to come. A "Sceptre shall rise out of Israel," according to Numbers 24:17. Jacob prophesied that the scepter representing the king would not depart from his son Judah, and indeed, in due time, David the king arose from the descendants of Judah. Psalm 89 speaks of God's covenant with David and his seed.

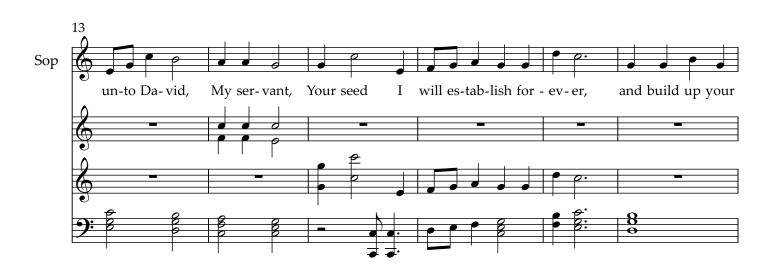
05 Promised Seed of David

Psalm 89:3-4, 20-21, 26-29. for Soprano Solo

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06 Branch of Righteousness

Narrative:

Two records in Zechariah spoke of a man to come, who was called "The Branch."

Zechariah 6:12:

6:12 And speak unto him [Joshua, the high priest], saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name *is* The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

Zechariah 3:8-9:

3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they *are* men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

3:9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone *shall be* seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

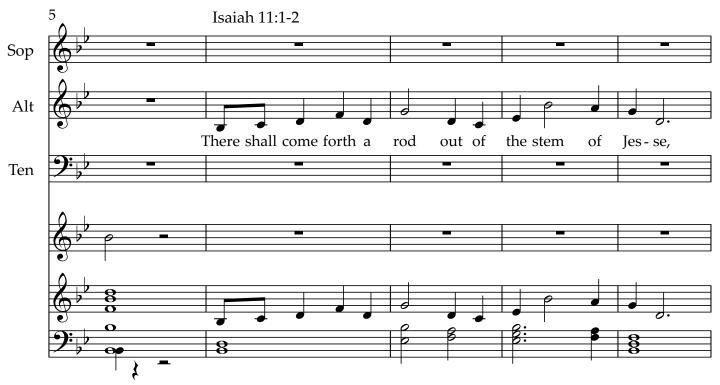
Isaiah 11 and Jeremiah 23 and 33 also spoke of that Branch to come from the seed of David, the son of Jesse.

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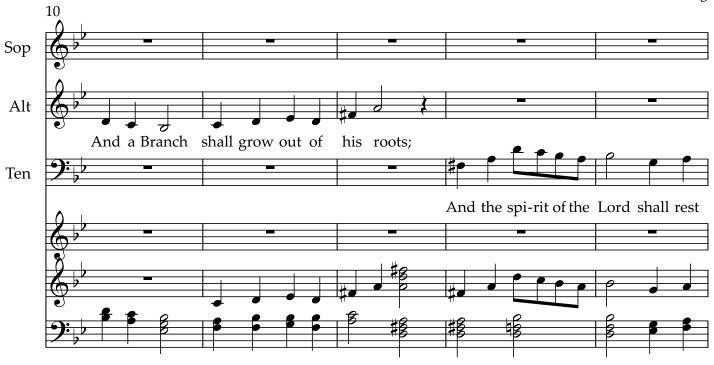
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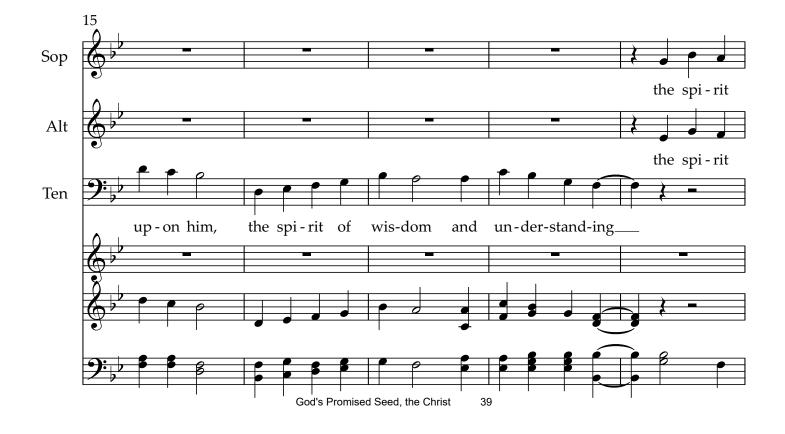
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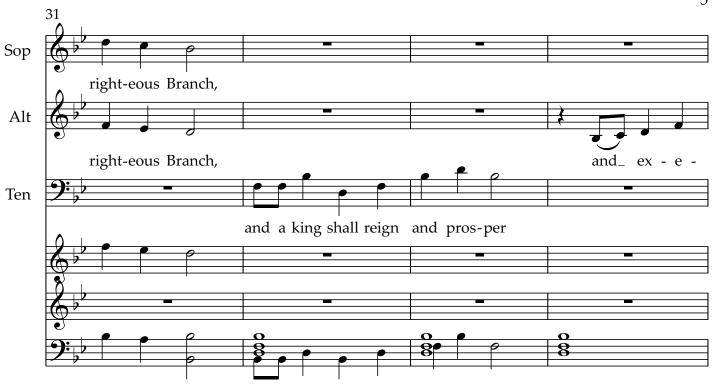


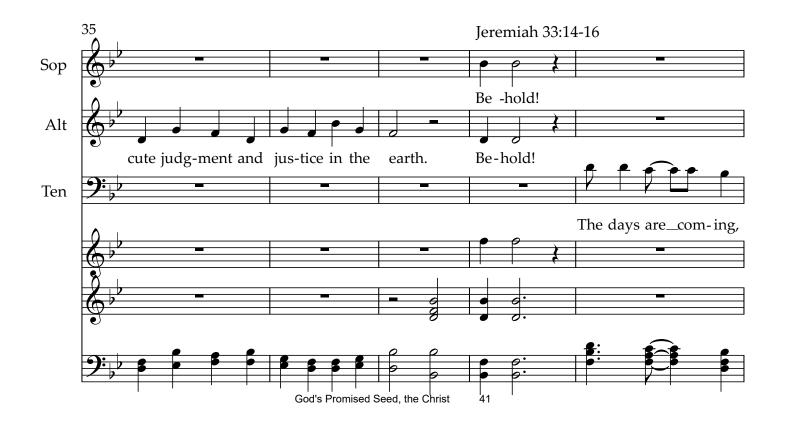


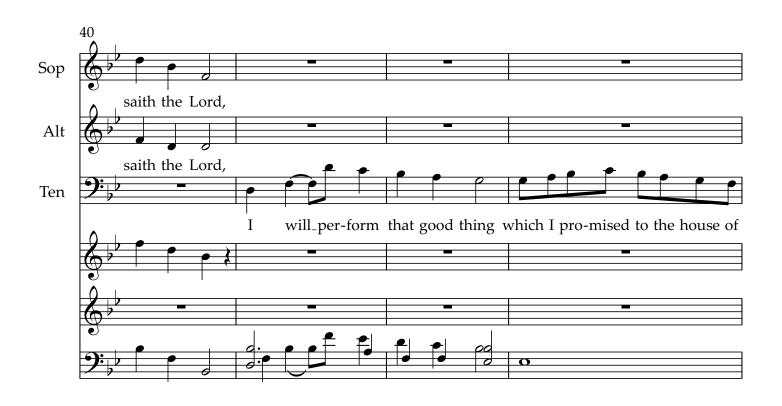


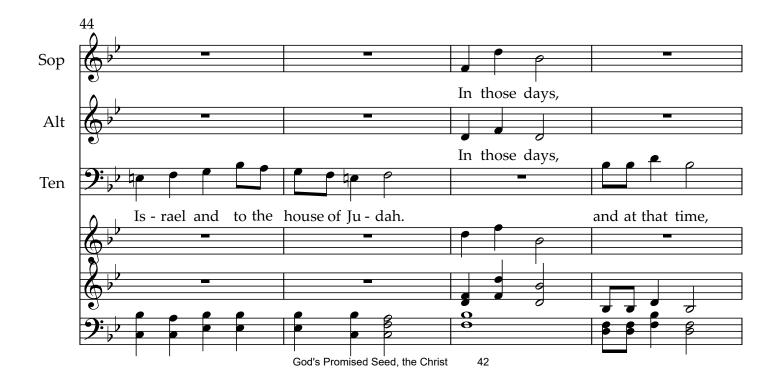




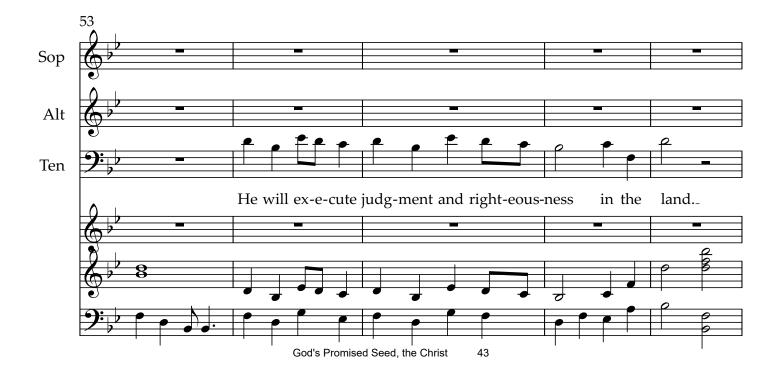


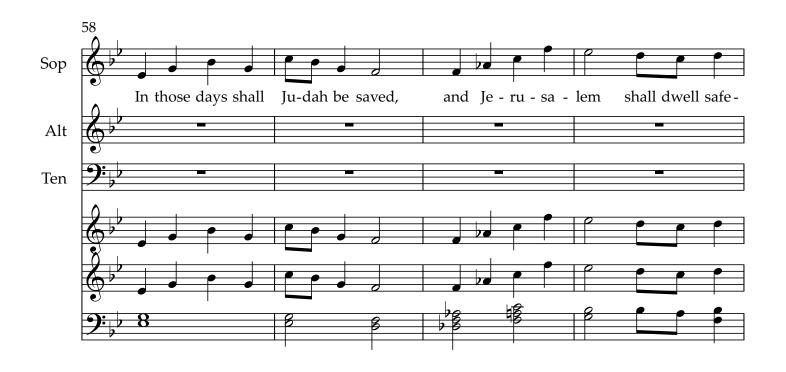


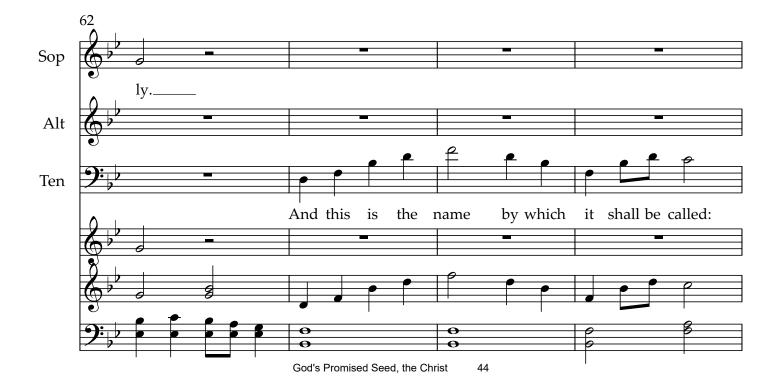


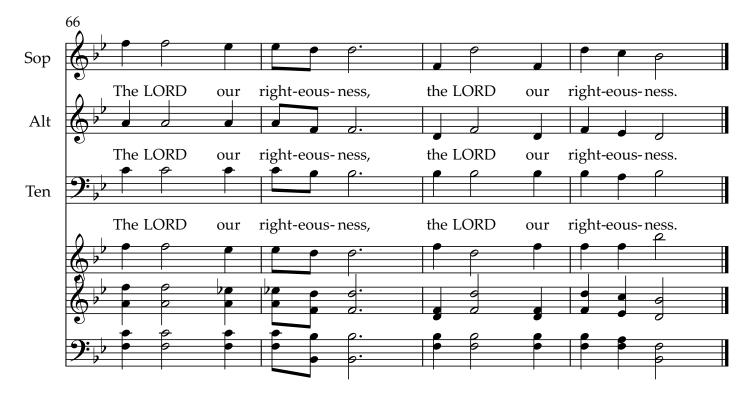












07 Promised Seed of God

Narrative:

God's promised seed was to come from the woman, from Abraham, from the tribe of Judah, and from the kingly line of David. That seed was also to be the seed of God.

Luke 1:28-30:

1:28 And the angel came in unto her [Mary, a descendant of King David], and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee:

1:29 And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

1:30 And the angel said unto her

07 Promised Seed of God

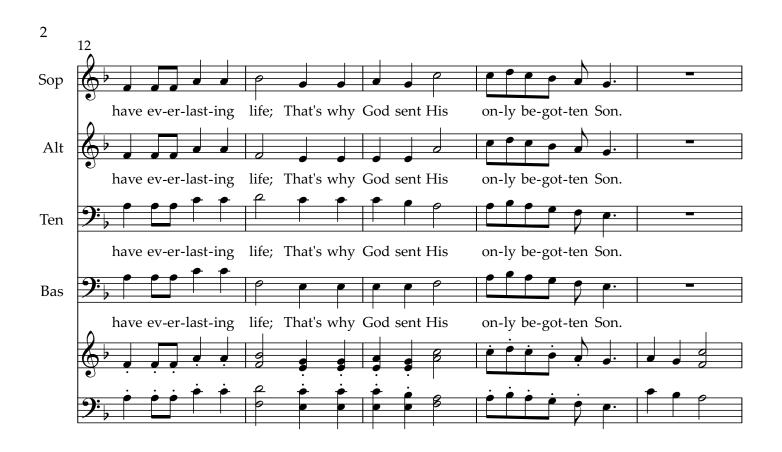


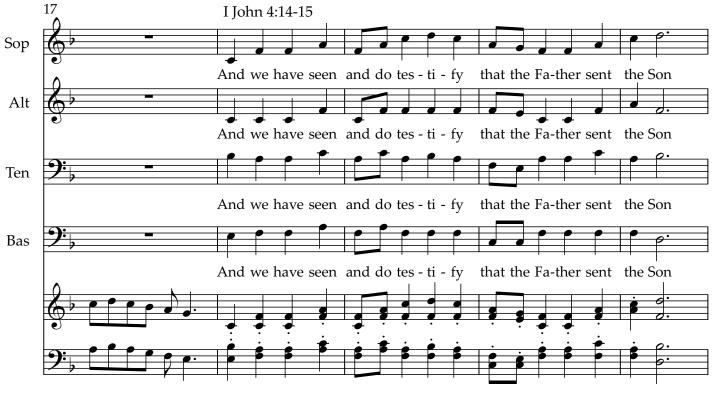




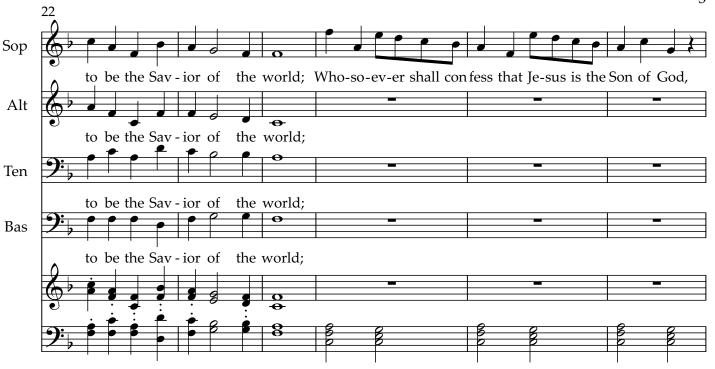
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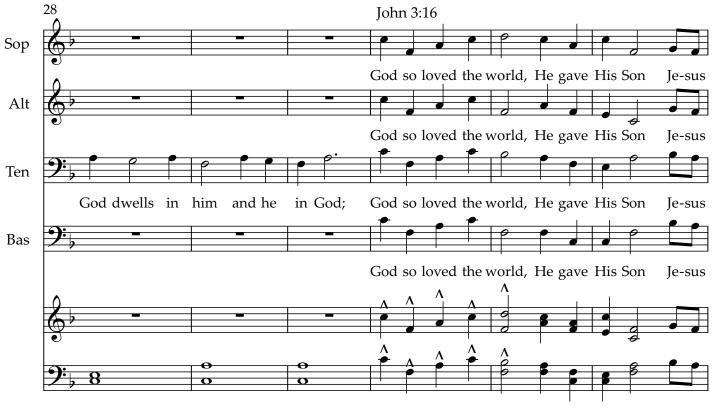


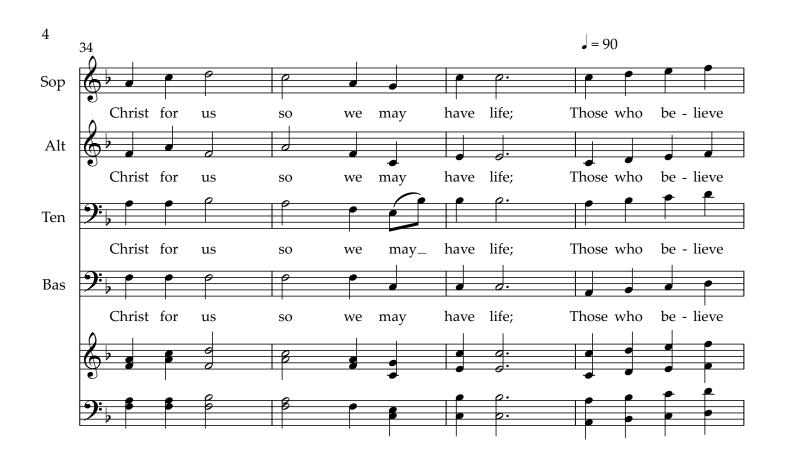


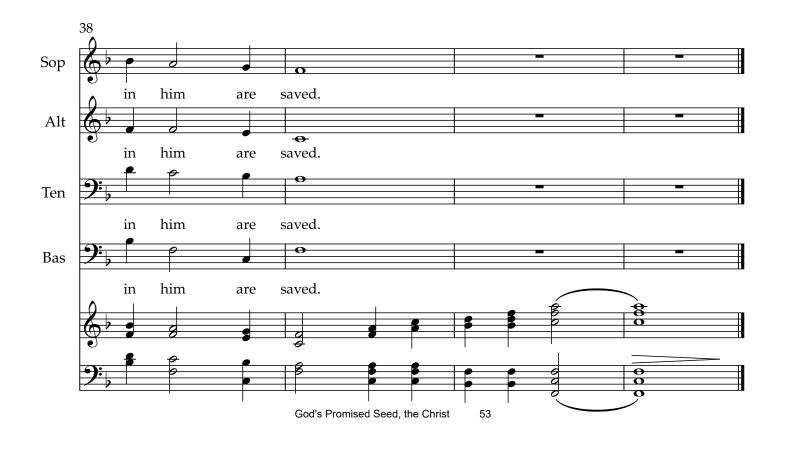












09 Prophet Like Moses

Narrative:

God also spoke to Moses about the one to come.

Deuteronomy 18:18-19:

18:18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

18:19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

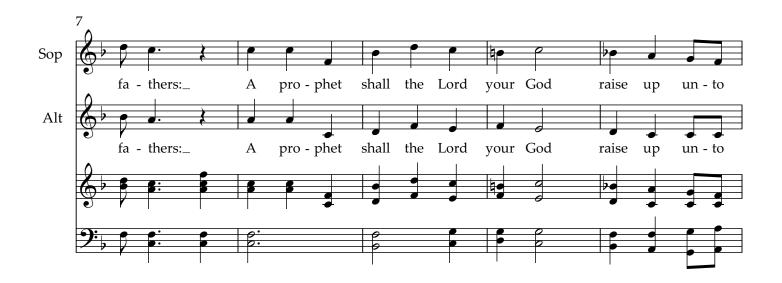
Peter also spoke of this prophet like Moses, as recorded in Acts 3.

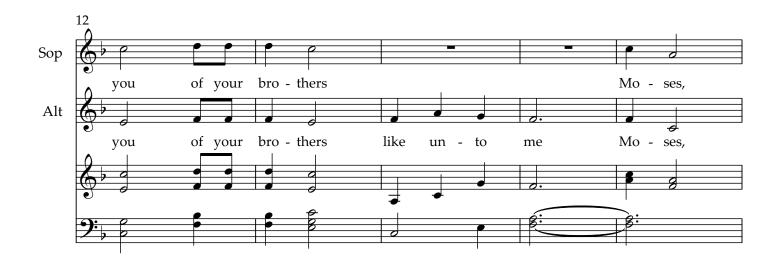
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Acts 3:22-25; Deuteronomy 18:18. for Soprano and Alto

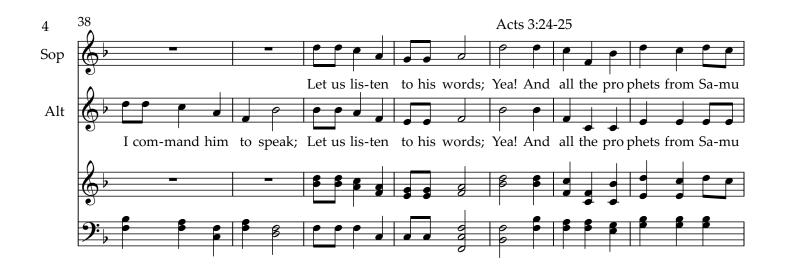
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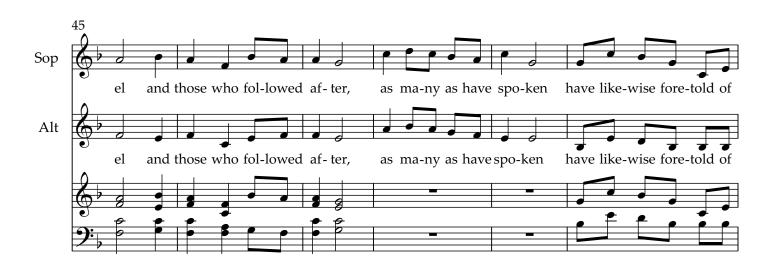


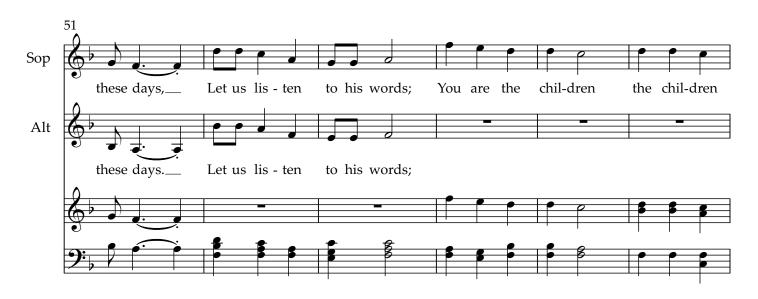




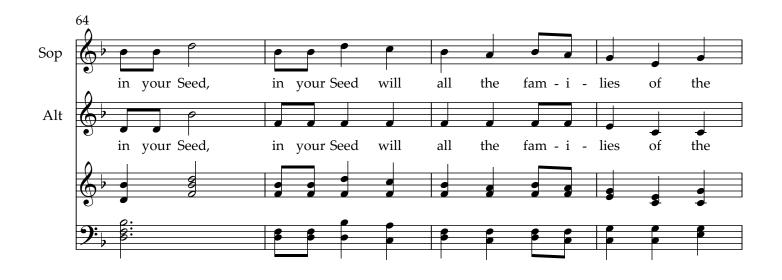


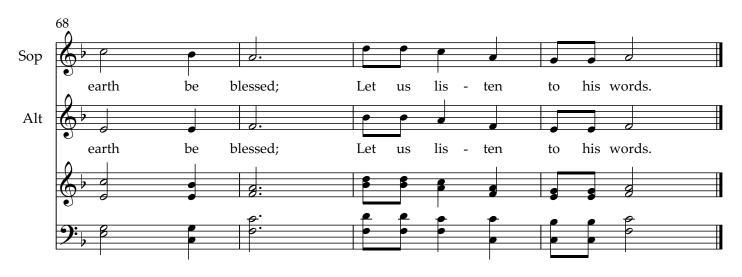












10 God's Righteous Servant

Narrative:

Matthew 12:9-13 tells us that Jesus healed a man with a withered hand. However, the Pharisees opposed Jesus.

Matthew 12:14-17:

12:14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

12:15 But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence [there]: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;

12:16 And charged them that they should not make him known:

12:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias [Isaiah] the prophet, saying:

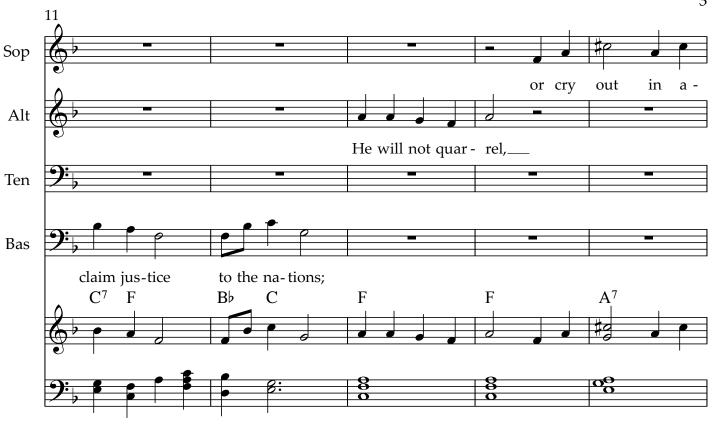
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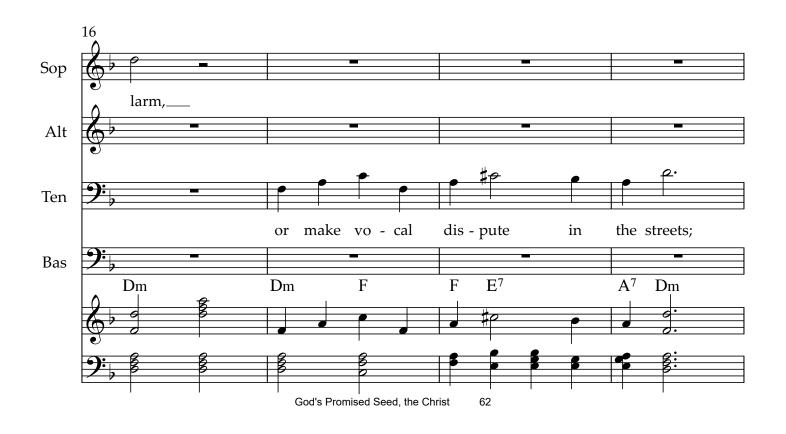
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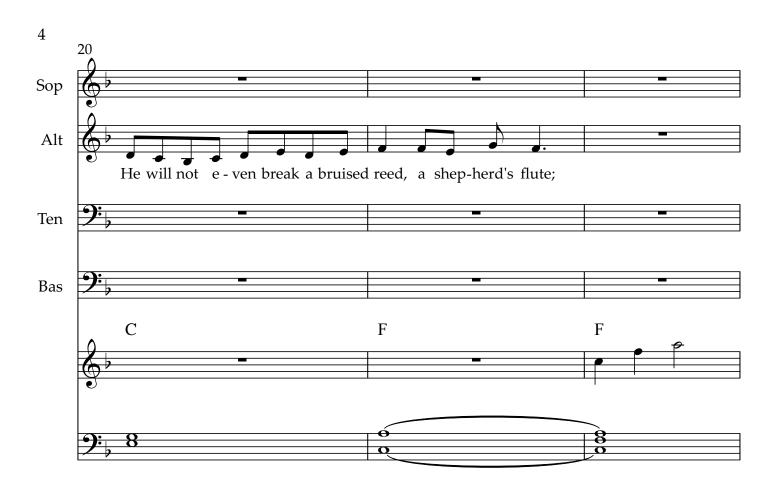
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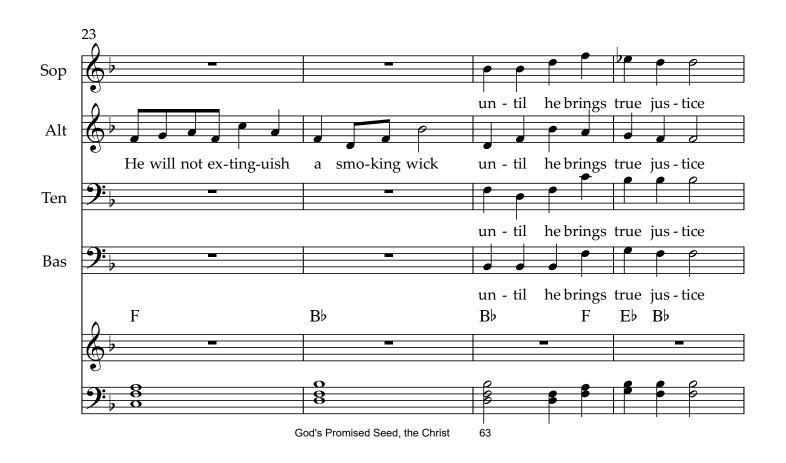




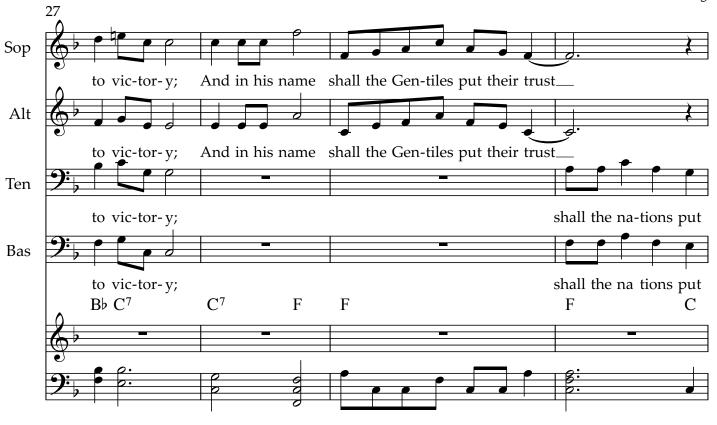


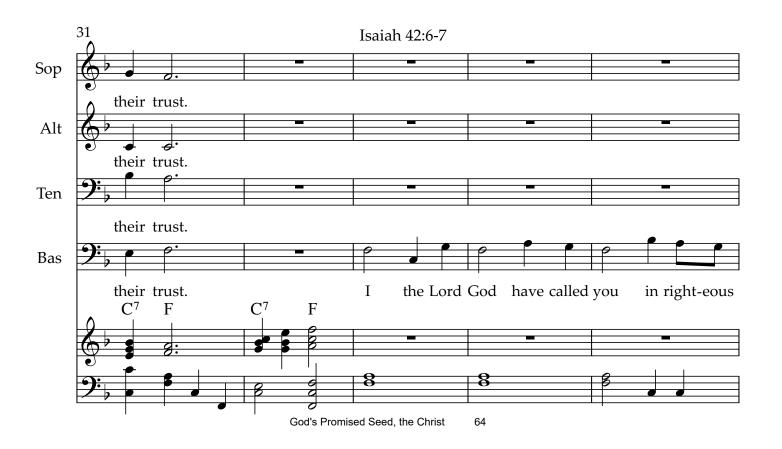


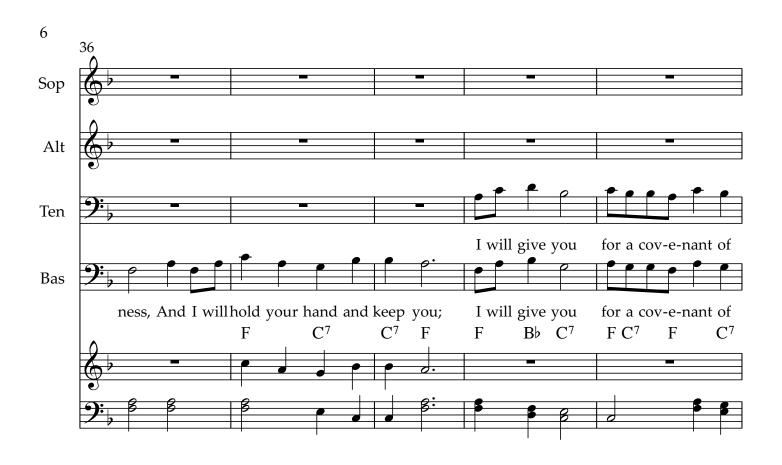


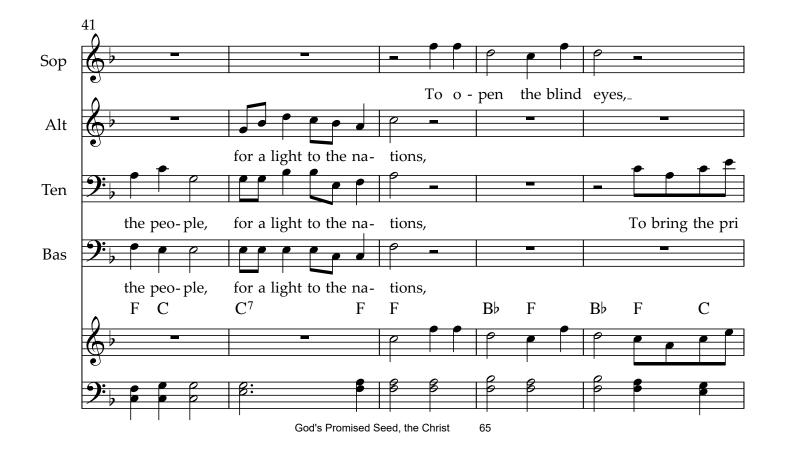


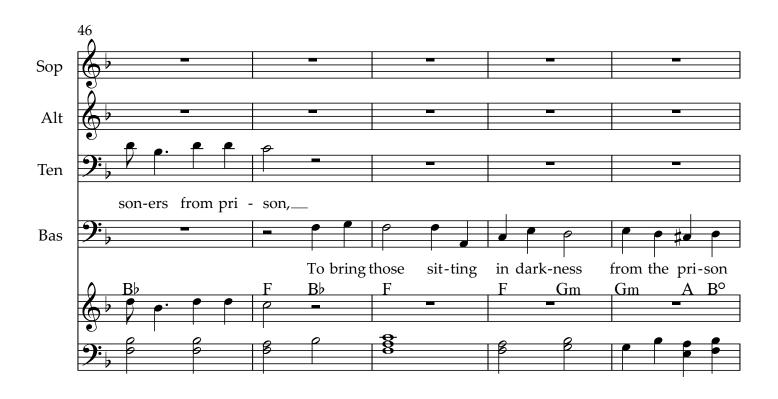


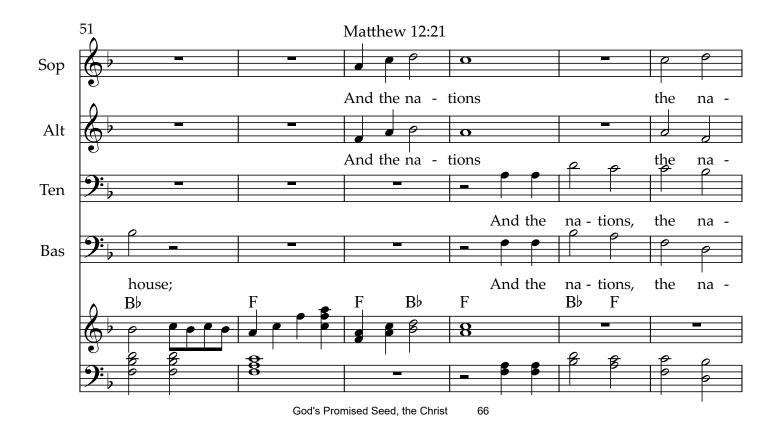


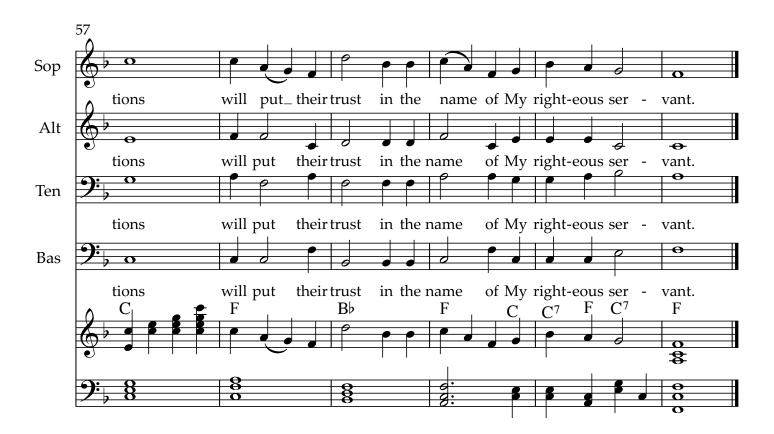












11 Healing the Blind

Narrative:

God's righteous servant was to open the eyes of the blind. One of those healing occasions is recorded in John 9:1-7.

John 9:1-7:

9:1 And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.

9:2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

9:3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him, [comma, not period]

9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

9:6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

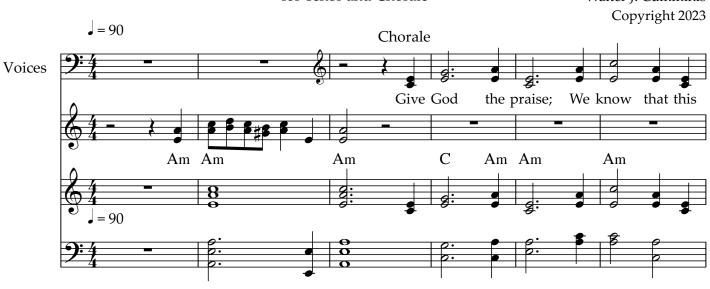
9:7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

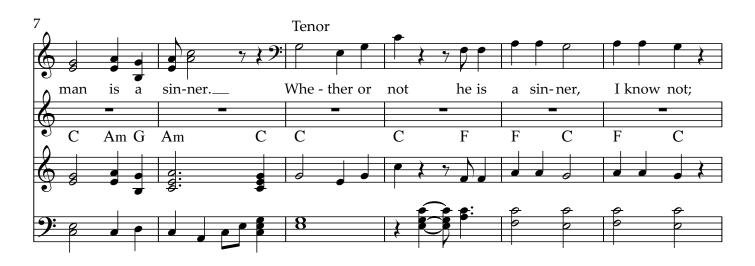
Afterward, the neighbors and the Pharisees questioned how the blind man had been healed. The Pharisees said that Jesus was not from God. Then they called the blind man again, and said to him:

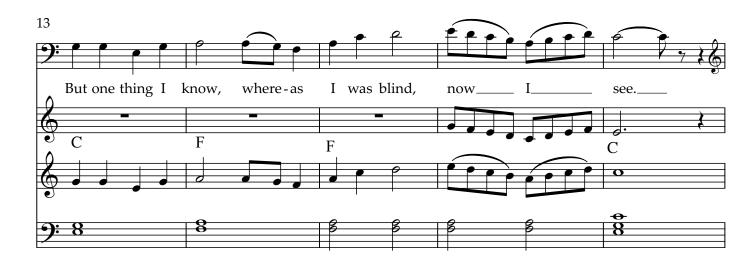
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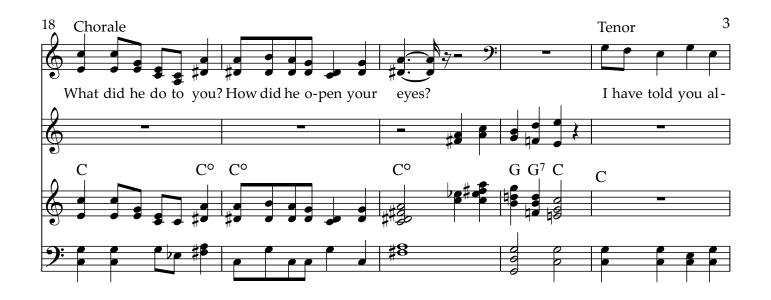
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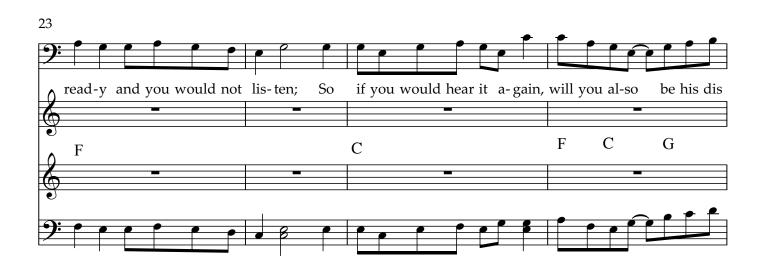
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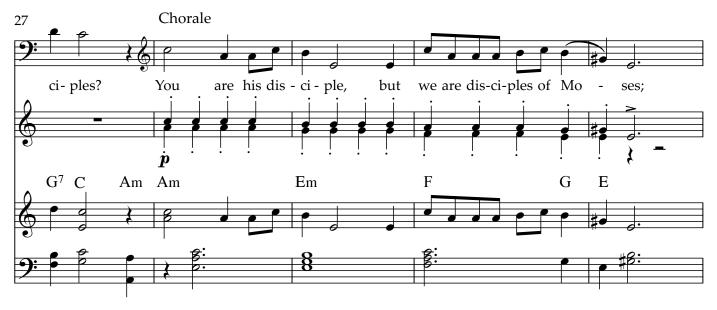




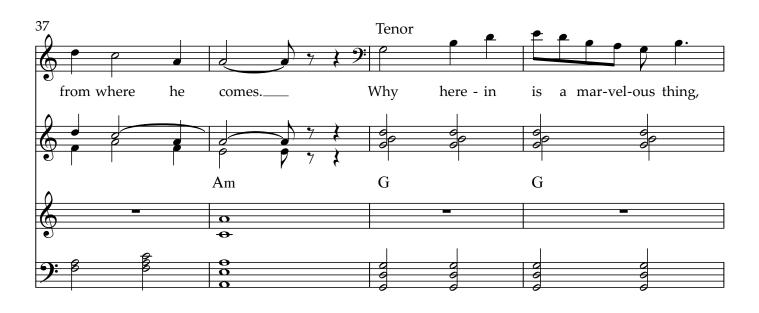


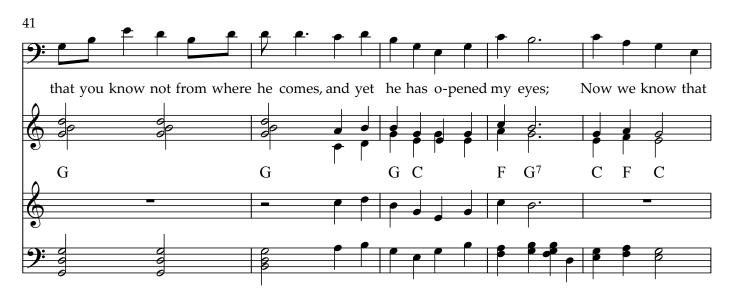


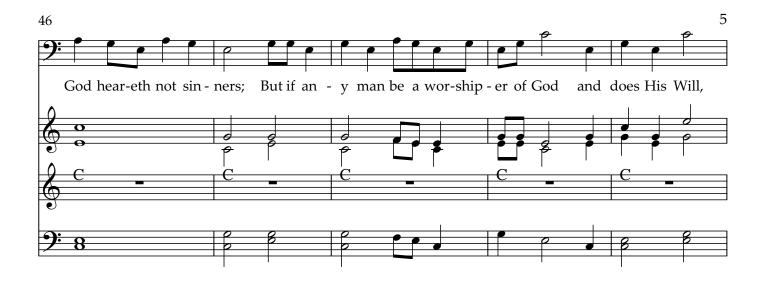


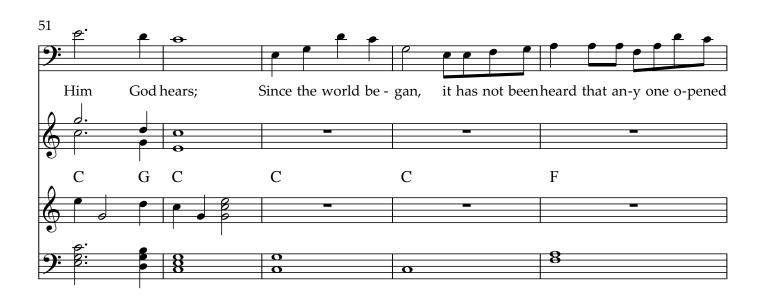


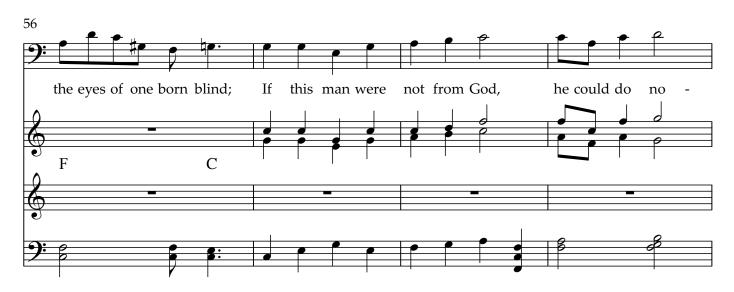
















12 Cornerstone

Narrative:

Isaiah 28:16:

Therefore thus saith the LORD God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Matthew 21:42:

Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

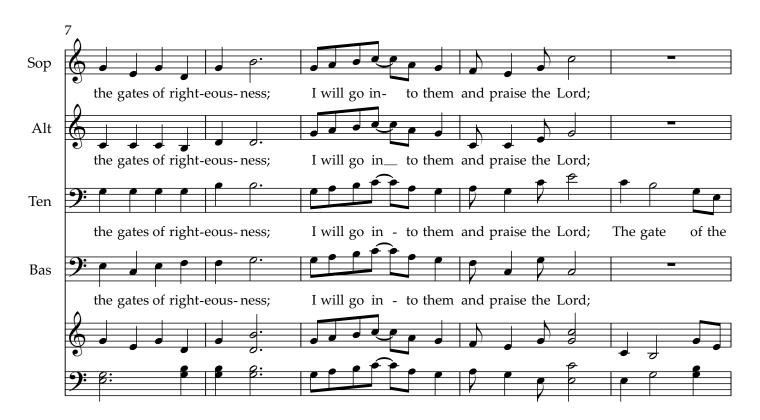
This precious stone is also spoken of in Psalm 118, Acts 4, and Ephesians 2.

12 Cornerstone

Psalm 118:19-23; Acts 4:10-12; Ephesians 2:19-22. for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass

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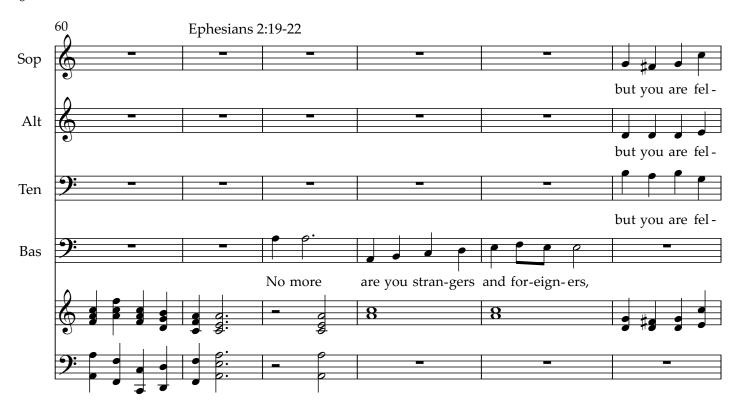


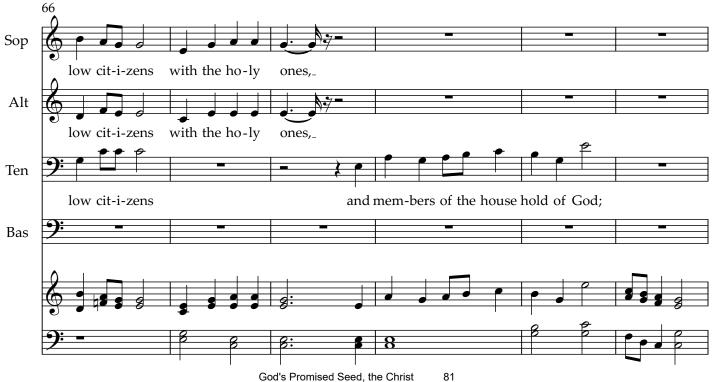


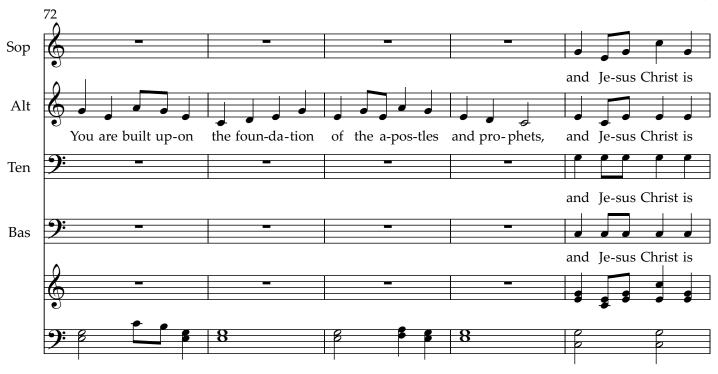


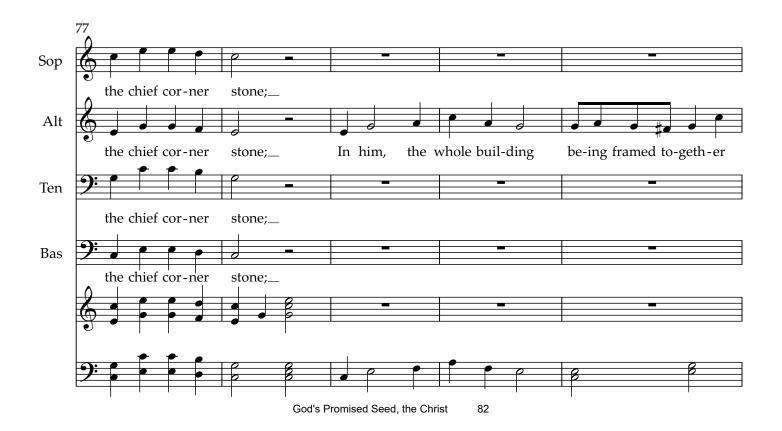
















13 Hosanna

Narrative:

Psalm 118:22-26:

118:22 The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner.

118:23 This is the LORD's doing; it *is* marvellous in our eyes.

118:24 This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

118:25 Save now, I beseech thee [or "Save now please." These words in Hebrew were the basis for the derived word "Hosanna": Save now please. Hosanna], O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

118:26 Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

This prophecy is referred to in Matthew 21.

13 Hosanna

Matthew 21:6-9. for Chorale

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Interlude

















God's Promised Seed, the Christ Part Two

Interlude

14 The Price He Paid

Narrative:

Isaiah 52:13-15:

52:13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

52:14 As many [as] were astonied [astonished] at thee; his visage [appearance] was so marred [disfigured] more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

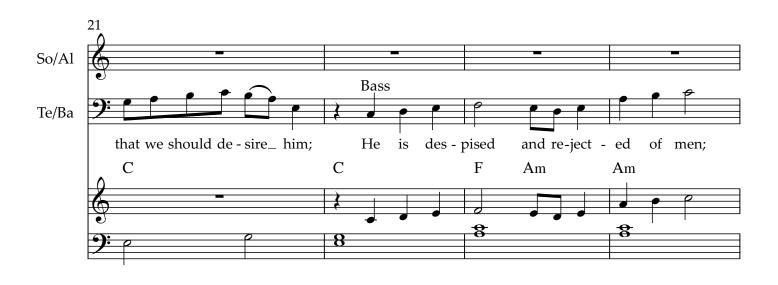
52:15 So shall he sprinkle [by his blood sacrifice] many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for *that* which had not been told them shall they see; and *that* which they had not heard shall they consider.

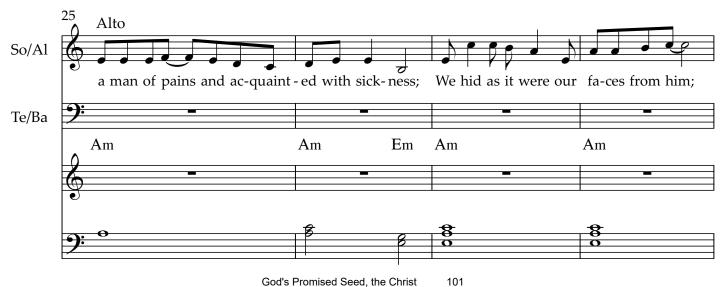
The record of God's righteous servant and what he was to do is continued in the next chapter, Isaiah 53.

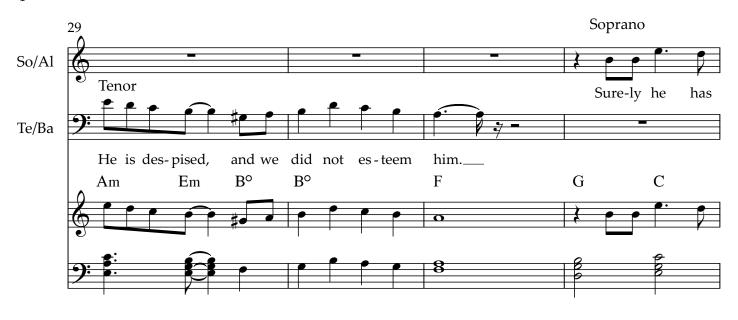
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Isaiah 53:1-12; Zechariah 12:10. for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass Walter J. Cummins Copyright 2023 = 80All Four Voices Isaiah 53 Who has be-lieved our re-port? And to whom is the arm Te/Ba Who has be-lieved our re-port? And to whom is the arm \mathbf{C} Dm Am Em Em Am \mathbf{C} Am Em Em Em F Soprano/Alto So/Al of the Lord For he re vealed? Tenor Te/Ba of the Lord vealed? God'sright-eous ser-vant re F C C C 12 So/Al will grow up be-fore Him as a ten-der plant, and out of dry ground. as a root Te/Ba \mathbf{C} $G G^7$ F \mathbf{G} \mathbf{C} G^7 F Am Em \mathbf{C} G C

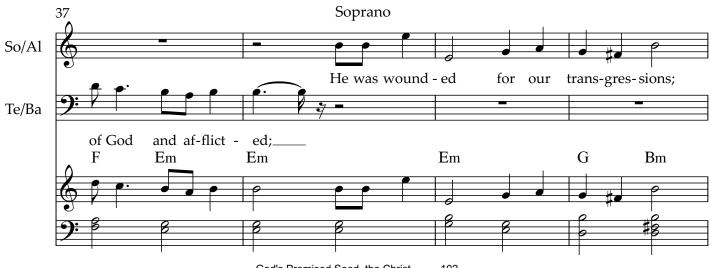


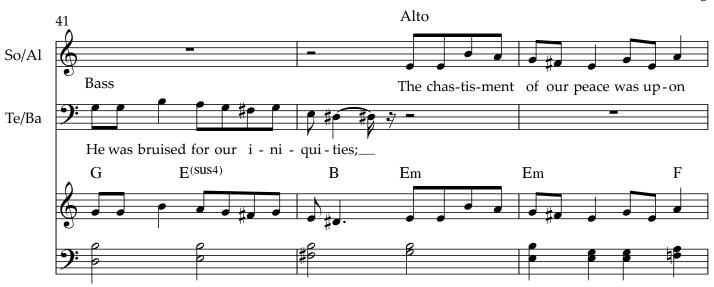


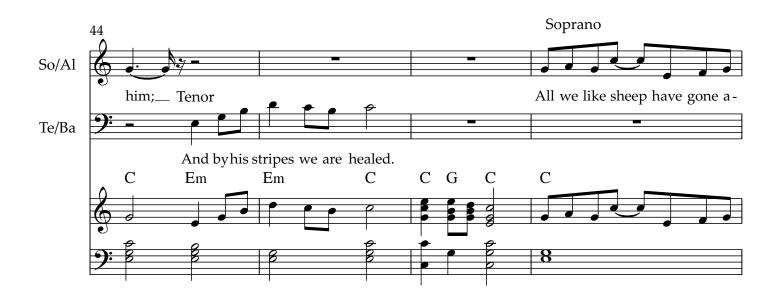


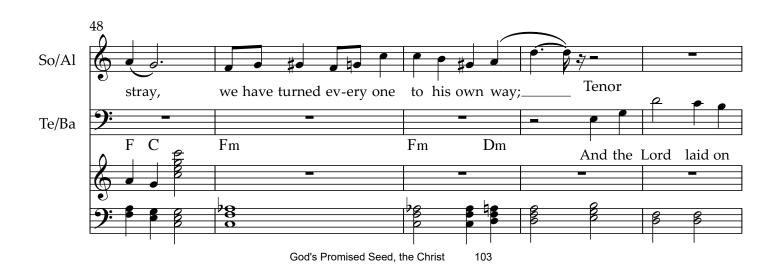










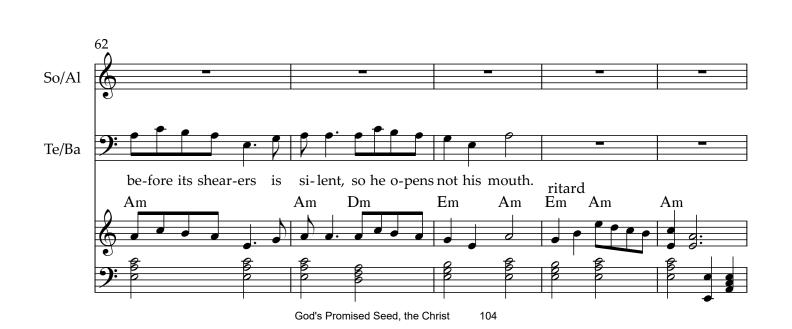




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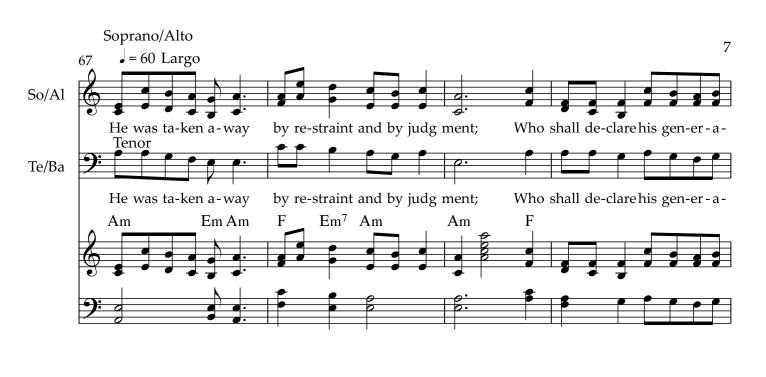


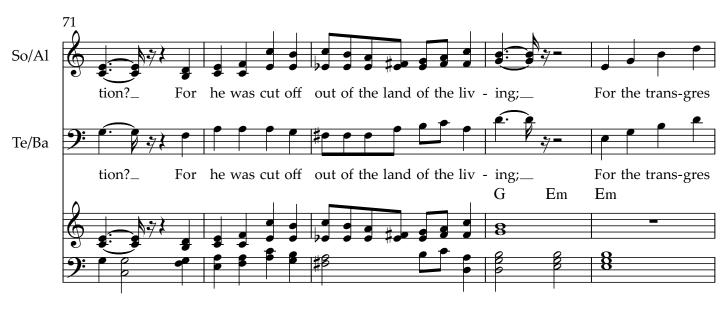
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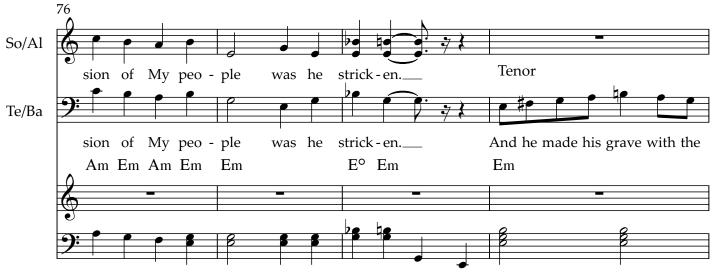
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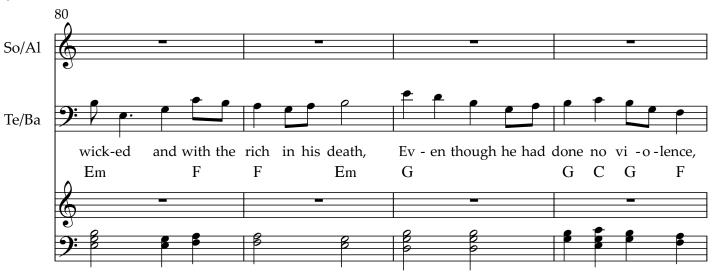
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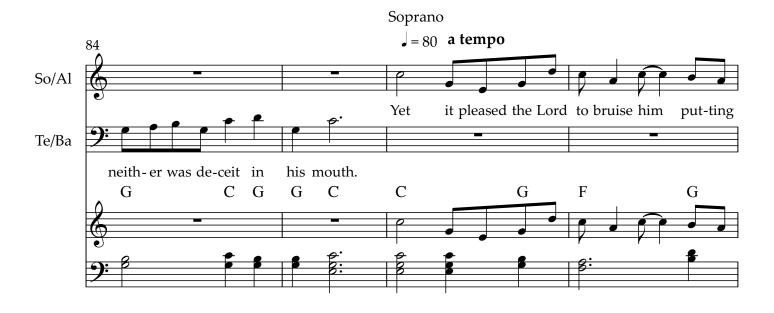


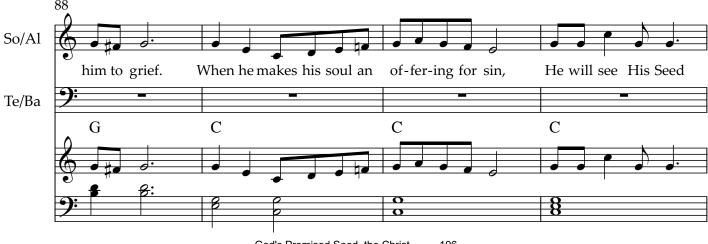


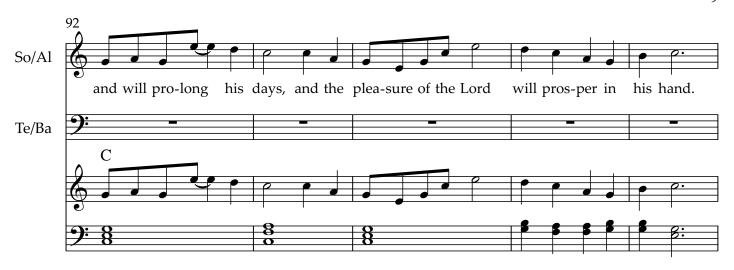


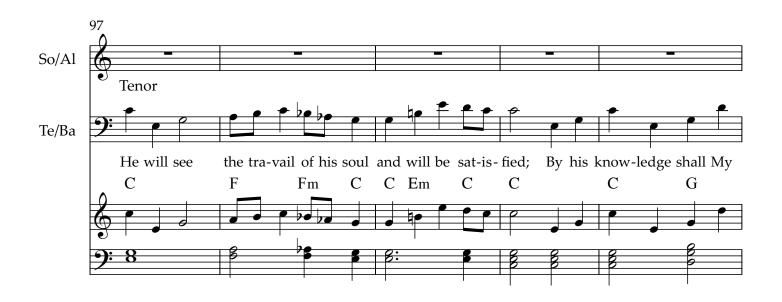


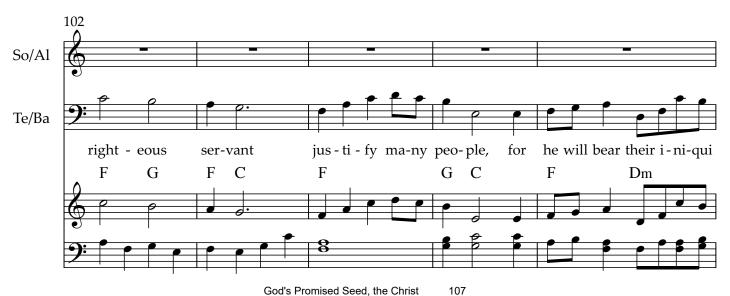






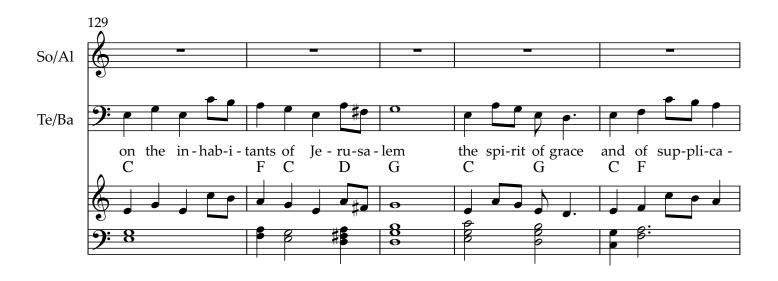


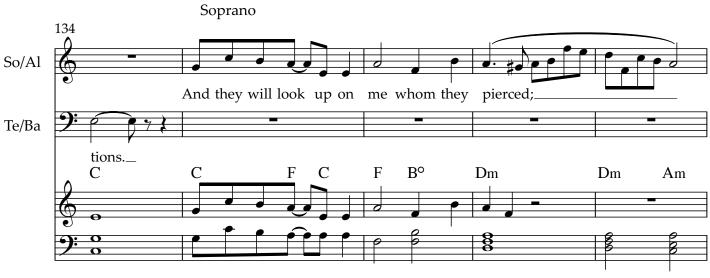














15 Redeemed with the Precious Blood of Christ

Narrative:

Acts 8:34-35:

8:34 The eunuch answered Philip and said: "I ask you, concerning whom is the prophet saying this? Concerning himself or concerning some other person?" 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this scripture [from Isaiah 53], he proclaimed the gospel regarding Jesus to him.

II Corinthians 5:21:

For he hath made him who knew no sin *to be* sin [a sin offering] for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

I Peter 2:24-25:

2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the wood post, that we, being removed from sins, might live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed. 2:25 For you were like sheep being misled, but you have now returned unto the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The first chapter of this epistle of Peter also speaks of our redemption by the precious blood of Christ.

15 Redeemed with the Precious Blood of Christ





16 Your Holy One Will Not See Corruption

Narrative:

God raised him from the dead. God did not allow His holy one to see corruption, as it says in Psalm 16, a psalm of David.

Psalm 16:8-11:

16:8 I have set the Lord always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

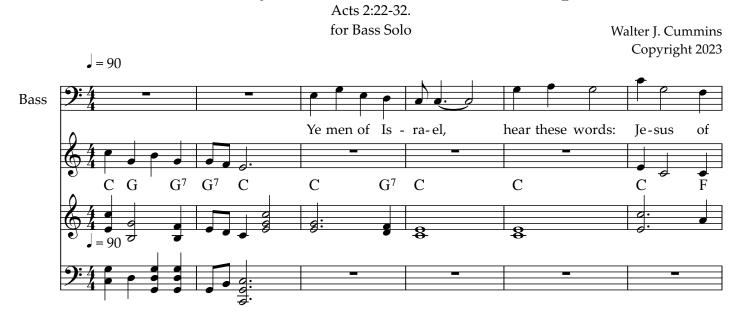
16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

16:10 For You will not leave my soul in the state of death; neither will You allow your Holy One to see corruption.

16:11 You will show me the path of life: in Your presence *is* fulness of joy; at Your right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

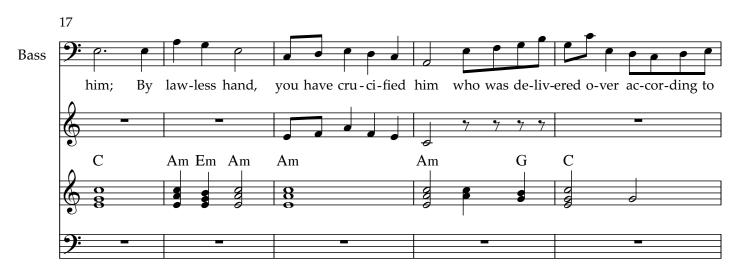
On the Day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter spoke of this psalm, as recorded in Acts 2.

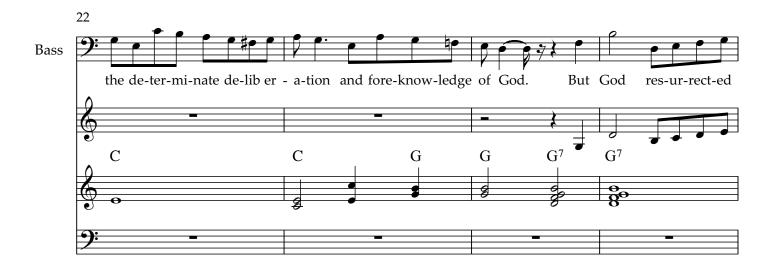
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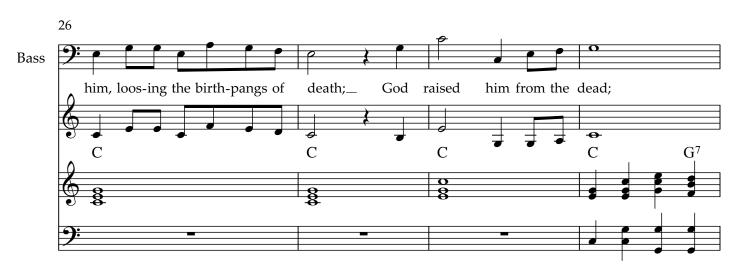




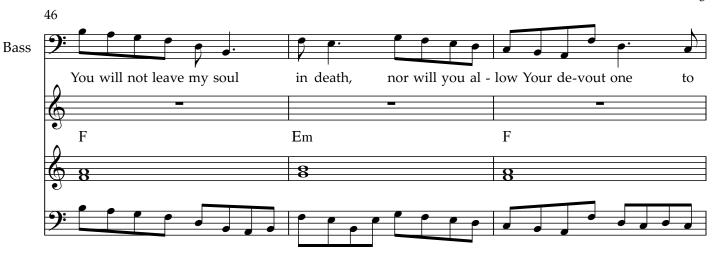




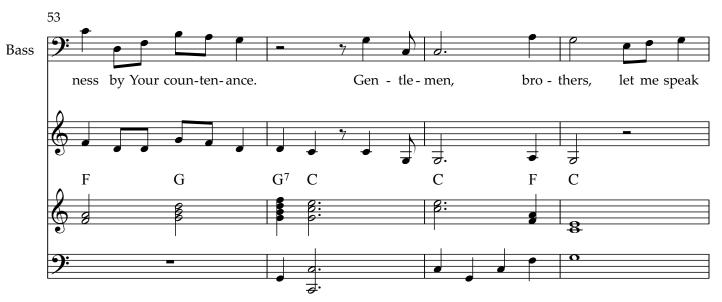


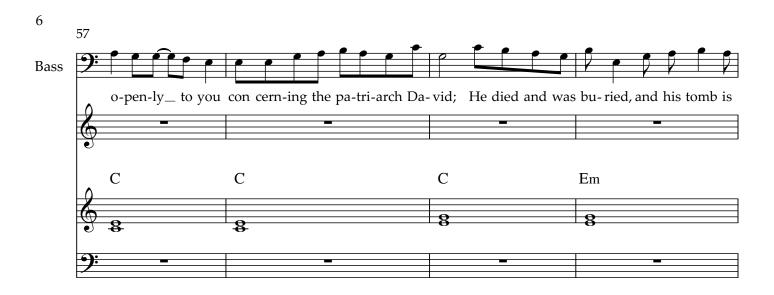


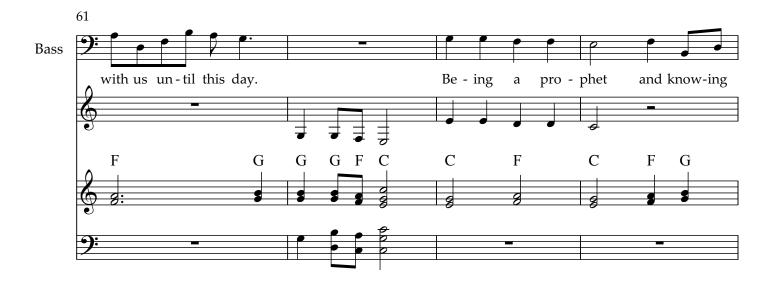


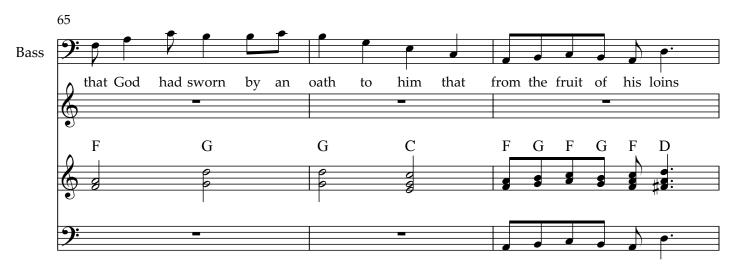




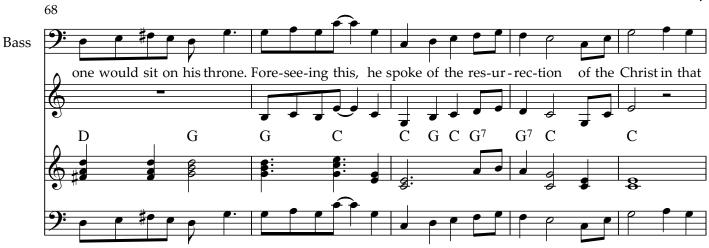


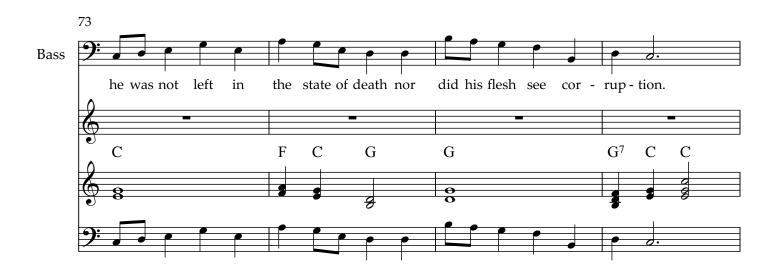


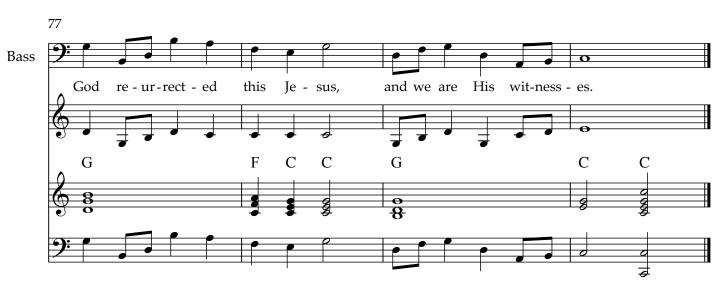












17 First Born from the Dead

Narrative:

The Apostle Paul also spoke of these matters to the people at Antioch in Pisidia.

Acts 13:30-33:

13:30 But God raised him from the dead:

13:31 And he was seen many days of them who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.

13:32 And we declare the gospel to you, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

13:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he resurrected Jesus; as it is also written in the second psalm, You are My Son. Today have I begotten you.

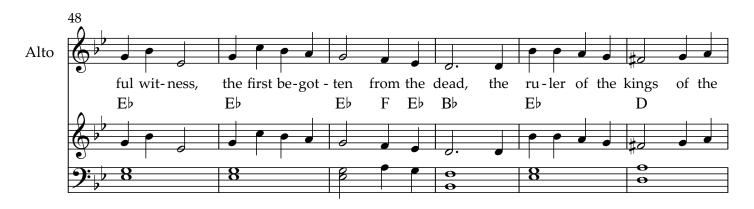
Jesus Christ was the first born from the dead.

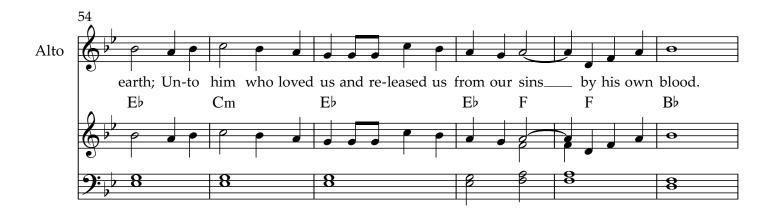
17 First Born from the Dead

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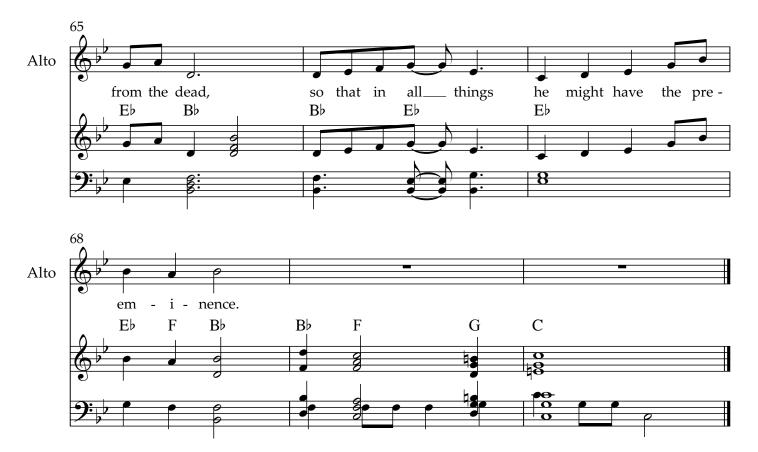








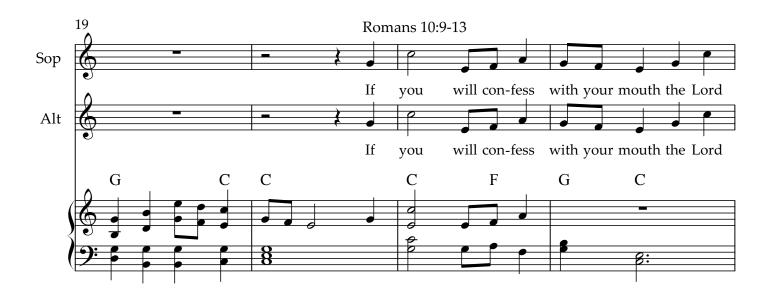


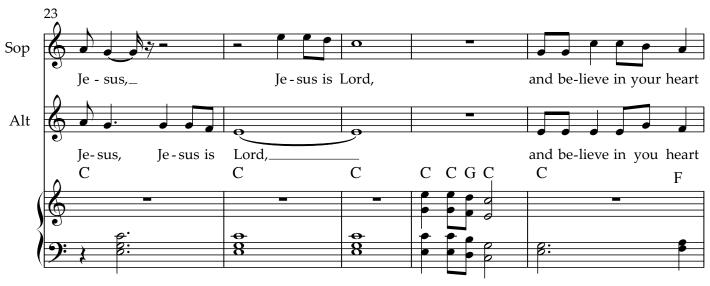


18 Jesus Christ Is Lord

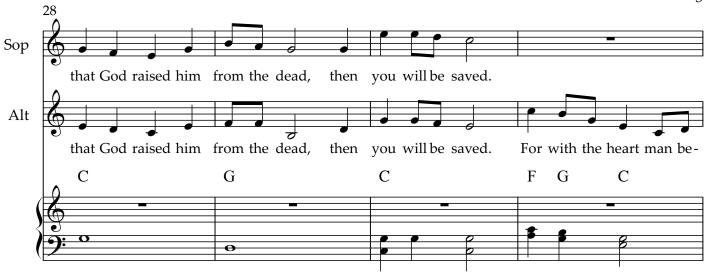


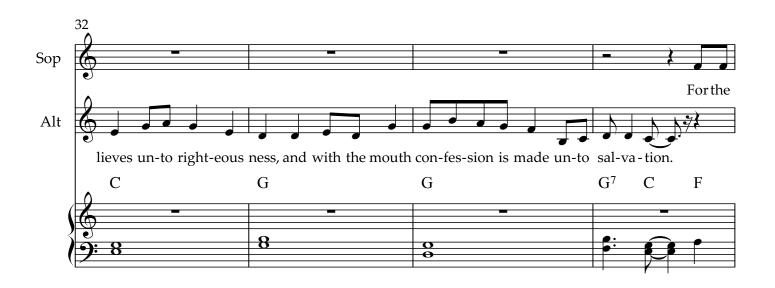


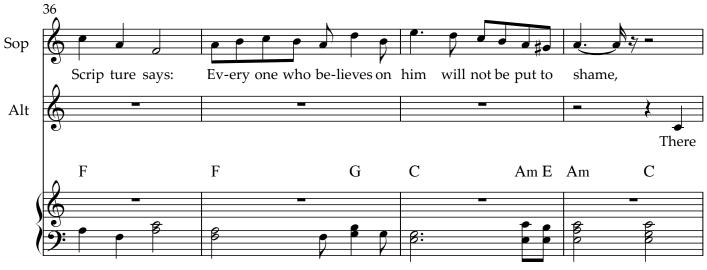


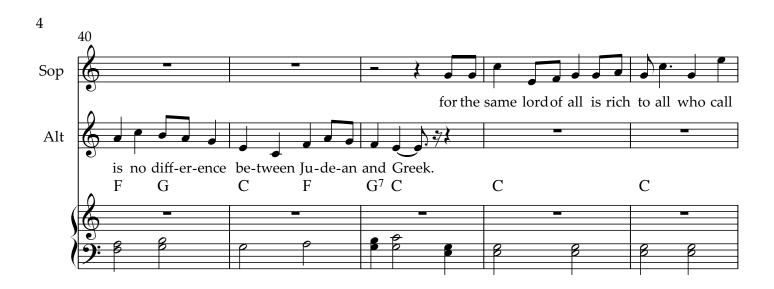


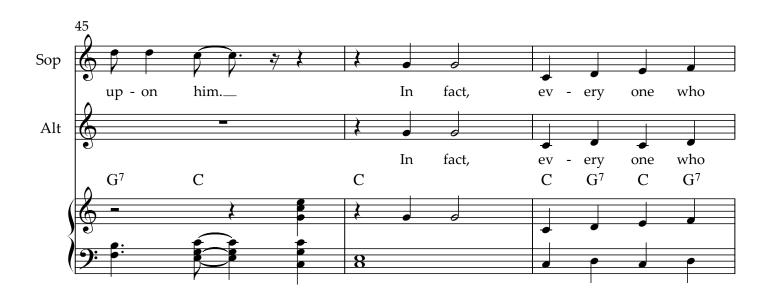


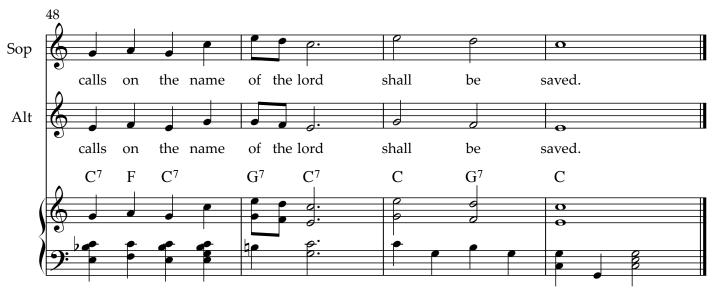












19 What God Has Prepared

Acts 1:5, 8; 2:1-4, 14-21, 32-33. for Tenor Solo Walter J. Cummins Copyright 2023 =90Acts 1:5 Tenor John in-deed bap - tized with wa - G^7 C C F G F O 5 Tenor but you will be baptized with ho - ly spi-rit not ma-ny days from now.___ ter. C F C F F G C \mathbf{C} 11 Acts 1:8 Tenor You will re-ceive pow - er when the ho-ly spi-rit comes up-on and you you, CG C D G F G C







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20 Sealed with Holy Spirit

Narrative:

Acts 2:38-39:

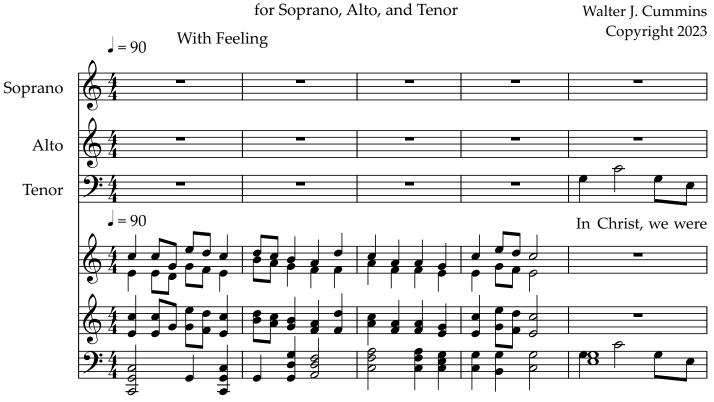
2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

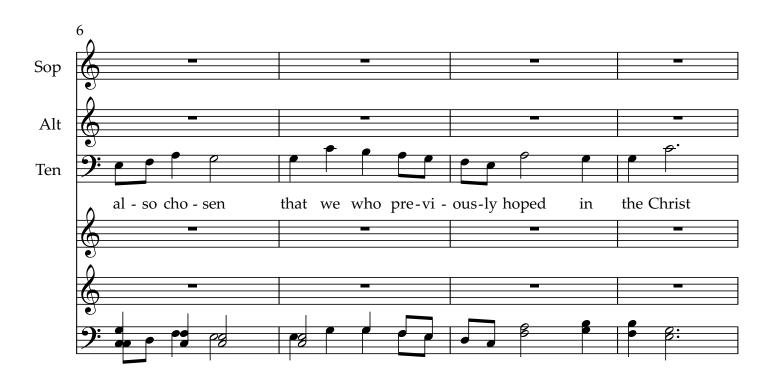
2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Ephesians 1 tells us that those who believe in the Christ are sealed with holy spirit.

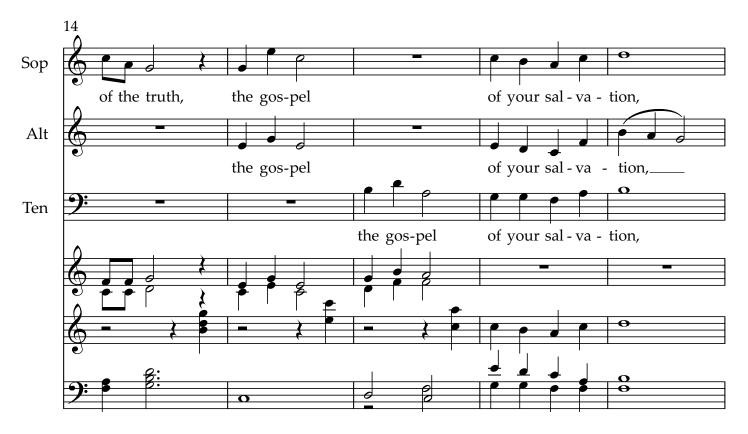
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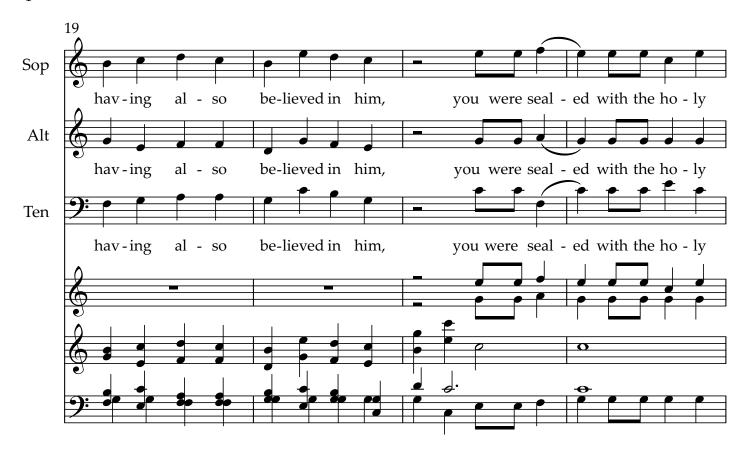
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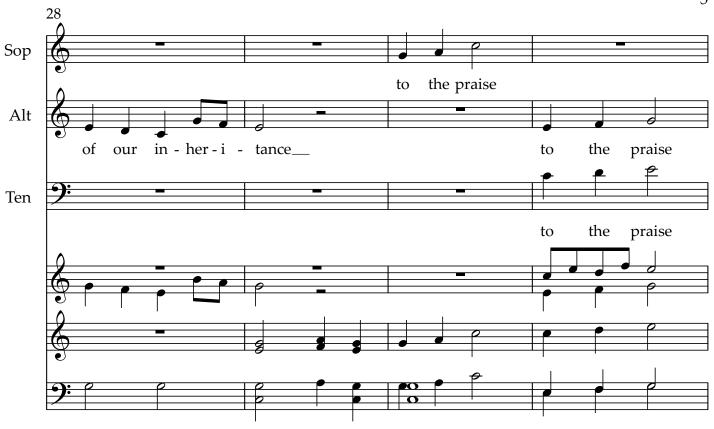














21 Sons of God

Narrative:

Romans 8:14-17:

8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

8:15 For you have not received the spirit of bondage to again *cause* fear; but you have received the spirit of sonship [making you sons], whereby we shout, Abba, that is, Father.

8:16 The spirit itself bears witness with our own spirit that we are children of God:

8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; so that if we do suffer together, we shall also be glorified together *as heirs*.

Romans 8 tells us of other honors bestowed upon the sons of God.

21 Sons of God























22 We Shall All Be Raised

Narrative:

Ephesians 2:4-10:

2:4 But God, Who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us,

2:5 even when we were dead in trespasses, has has made *us* alive with Christ, (by grace you are saved;)

2:6 and He raised *us* up together and caused *us* to sit together in the heavenly *realm* in Christ Jesus,

2:7 so that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

2:8 For by grace are you saved through faith; and that [salvation] *is* not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God,

2:9 not of works, lest any man should boast.

2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus on the basis of good works that God previously prepared, so that we may walk in them.

The Scriptures also speak of our hope for the ages to come.

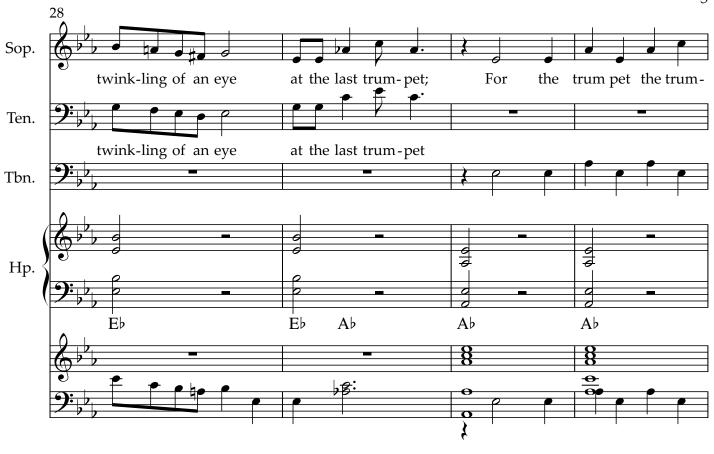
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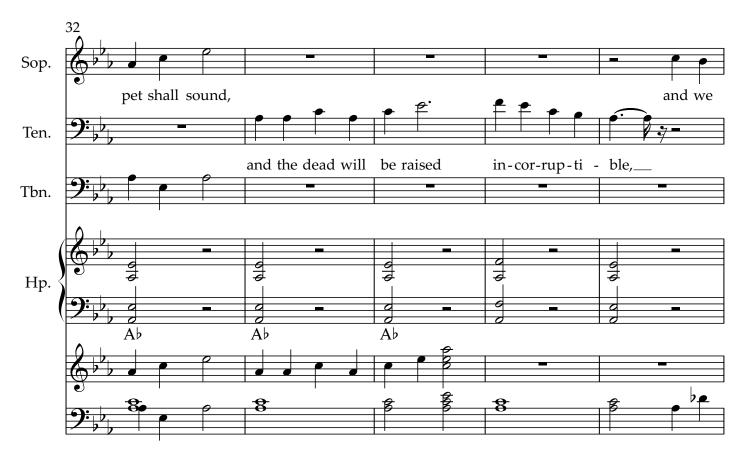




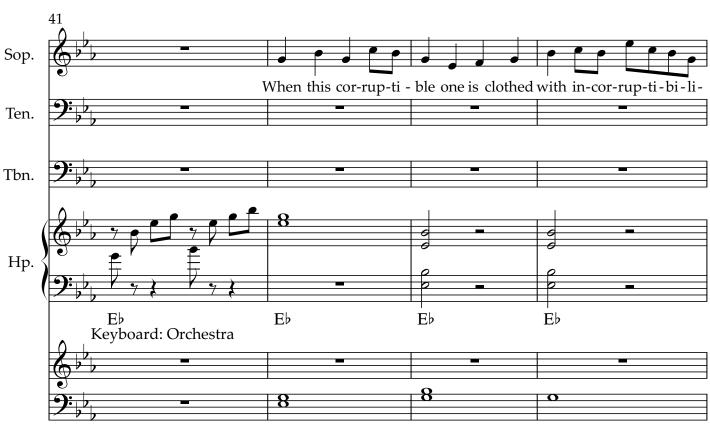




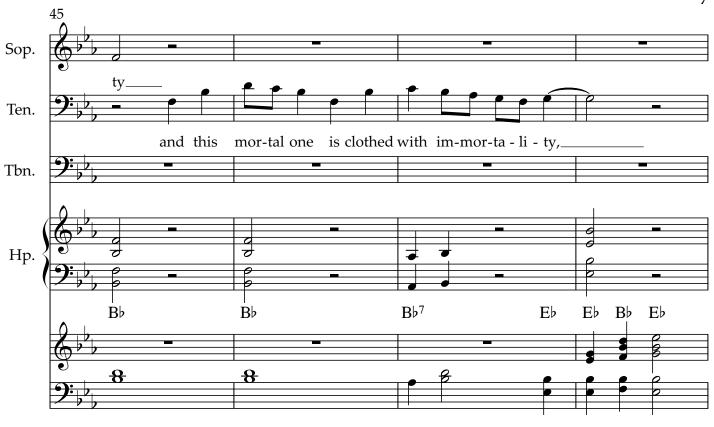


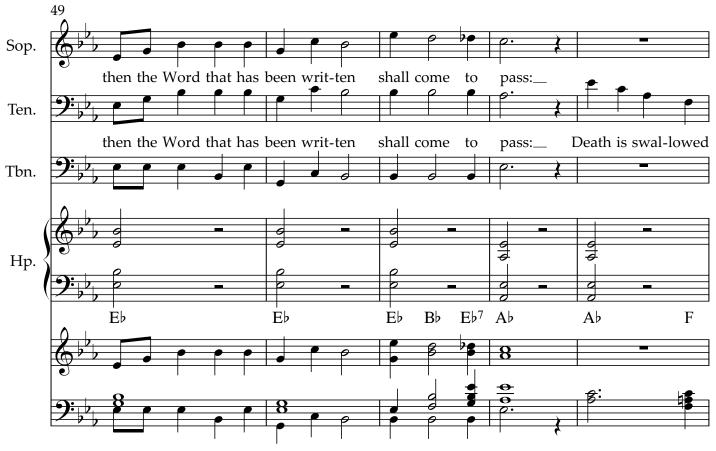


















23 He Is Coming Back

Colossians 3:1-4; I Thessalonians 4:13-18. for Chorale

