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Psalm 148 (Praise!)

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Christopher Alexander

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SATB Divisi, a cappella

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THE MUSIC OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

About the Work

A strong, organum-style setting of this psalm moves the melody between all voices as the supporting divisi chorus create echoes within the harmonic progressions. Homophony gets embellished into lyrical phrasings, building and expanding the voice leading toward contrary motion between the upper and lower voices. A final resolve brings the work to a triumphant conclusion. Ideal for worship services, but is also perfect for high school and collegiate concerts and festivals.

¹*O praise the Lord from the heavens:
praise Him in the heights.*

²*Praise Him, all ye angels of His:
praise Him, all His host.*

³*Praise Him, sun and moon:
praise Him, all ye stars and light.*

⁴*Praise Him, all ye powers,
and ye waters that are above the heavens.*

⁵*Let them praise the Name of the Lord:
for he spoke the word, and they were made;
He commanded, and they were created.*

⁶*He hath made them fast for ever and ever:
He hath given them a law which shall not be broken.*

⁷*Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all deeps;*

⁸*Fire and hail, snow and vapours,
wind and storm, fulfilling His word;*

⁹*Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars;*

¹⁰*Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowls;*

¹¹*Kings of the earth, and all peoples;
princes, and all judges of the world;*

¹²*Young men and maidens, old men and children,
praise the Name of the Lord:*

*For His Name only is excellent,
and His praise above heaven and earth.*

¹³*He shall exalt the horn of his people:*

*all His saints shall praise Him;
even the children of Israel,
even the people that serveth Him.*

— Psalm 148

(United States Book of Common Prayer)

About the Composer



Mr. Christopher Alexander is an award-winning composer and arranger from St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Science in Vocal Music Education degree from Missouri Western State University in 2009. A self-taught pianist, his compositions and arrangements ranging from instrumental works to vocal solo and choral literature. Mr. Alexander has been commissioned numerous times by singing groups and church choirs within the northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas regions. He is also active in musical theatre productions as a music director and pianist. His works have been published with GIA Music Publications and Hal Leonard.

In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2022, he was inducted into the New Generation Singers Hall of Fame.

Mr. Alexander currently serves as the pianist and primary arranger for The New Generation Singers, a Christian singing youth group based in St. Joseph, Missouri. He is a member of NAFME, ACDA, MCDA, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

He is available for commissions and conducting events on request.

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Words from
U.S. BOOKS OF COMMON PRAYER

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Lento sostenuto stretto (♩ = 56)

mf

SOPRANO

O Praise the Lord from the heav - ens:

praise Him in the heights.

ALTO

Praise!

Praise!

TENOR

Praise!

Praise!

BASS

Praise!

Praise!

PIANO

(for rehearsal only)

Lento sostenuto stretto (♩ = 56)

f > mf

f > mf

3

f > mp

f > mp

f > mp

Praise!

Praise!

Praise!

f > mp

f > mp

mf

Praise!

Praise!

Praise Him, sun and moon:

mf

f > mp

Praise Him, all ye an-gels of His:

Praise Him all his host.

Praise!

f > mp

f > mp

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Praise!

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6 *f* *mp* *f* *mp*

Praise! Praise!

praise Him, all ye stars and light. Praise!

8 *f* *mp* *f* *mp*

Praise! Praise!

f *mp* *mf*

Praise! Praise Him, all ye heav - ens,

6 *f* *mf* *f* *mf*

8 *f* *mp* *rit.* *a tempo* *mf* *cresc.*

Praise! Let them praise the Name of the Lord:

f *mp* *rit.* *mf* *a tempo* *cresc.*

Praise! Praise!

f *mp* *rit.* *mf* *a tempo* *cresc.*

Praise! Praise!

8 *rit.* *mf* *a tempo* *cresc.*

and ye wa - ters that are a - bove the heav - ens. Praise!

8 *f* *mf* *rit.* *mf* *a tempo* *cresc.*

10

f

for He spoke the word, and they were made; He com-mand-ed, and they were cre-a - ted.

f

Praise!

f

Praise!

f

Praise!

f

Praise!

10

12

rit.

He hath made them fast for ev-er and ev-er: He hath giv-en them a law which shall not be bro - ken.

rit.

Praise!

rit.

Praise!

rit.

Praise!

rit.

Praise!

12

Psalms 148 (Praise)

Maestoso, poco più mosso

14

ff con fuoco

espress.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye drag - ons and all deeps; Fire _____ and

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14

Maestoso, poco più mosso

ff con fuoco

espress.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye drag - ons and all deeps; Fire and

17

hail, snow _____ and va - pours, wind and storm, ful - fill - ing His word;

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17

hail, snow and va - pours, wind and storm, ful - fill - ing His word;