

SATB

Welcome to the Table

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Christopher Alexander

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SATB and Piano

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THE MUSIC OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

About the Work

A calling to the communion table is resembled within this choral work. Its ballad feel retains a lilting meter, while the lyrical melodic treatment makes this work accessible to choirs of all sizes. The choral texture expands the dramatic nature, creating a powerful and emphatic welcome to all who dine with the Lord.

*This is the feast of heavenly wine,
And God invites to sup;
The juices of the living Vine
Were press'd to fill the cup.*

*Oh! bless the Saviour, ye that eat,
With royal dainties fed;
Not heaven affords a costlier treat,
For Jesus in the bread.*

*The meek and lowly One calls to them;
Ye trembling souls, appear!
The righteous in their own esteem
Have no acceptance here.*

*Approach, ye poor, nor dare refuse
The banquet spread for you;
Dear Saviour, this is welcome news,
Then I may venture too.*

*If guilt and sin afford a plea,
And may obtain a place,
Surely the Lord will welcome me,
And I shall see his face.*

— William Cowper (1731-1800)

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, Hal Leonard, and Excelcia Music Publishing.

In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2023, 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.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

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Words by
WILLIAM COWPER (1731-1800). alt.

Music by
CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

Larghetto con poco moto (♩. = c. 60-64)

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

Four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) showing rests for the first four measures of the piece.

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PIANO

mp

Pedal harmonically

Piano accompaniment for measures 1-4. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth notes and quarter notes, while the left hand provides harmonic support with chords and single notes. A dynamic marking of *mp* is present, and the instruction *Pedal harmonically* is written below the left hand.

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mf

Piano accompaniment for measures 5-8. The right hand continues the melodic line, and the left hand provides harmonic support. A dynamic marking of *mf* is present.

9

mp

Piano accompaniment for measures 9-12. The right hand continues the melodic line, and the left hand provides harmonic support. A dynamic marking of *mp* is present.

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13 *mp unis.*

This is the feast of heav-en - ly wine, And God has made them blessed, The

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ho - ly blood of an - ti - cip - ing vine In - to the cup was pressed, Oh!

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21

bless the Sa - vior, ye that eat, With roy - al dain - ties fed; Not

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Welcome to the table

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heav - en af - fords a cost - li - er treat, For Je - sus is the

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28

bread, for Je - sus is the

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bread. The

mf

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