

# PSALM 104: BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL

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Stately (♩. = 50)

Flute *ff*

Organ *mf*

## REFRAIN:

Fl. <sup>5</sup>

**Descant:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, my soul! God how great you

**Choir/  
Assembly:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, Lord God,

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, God how great you

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord,

Org. <sup>5</sup>

8

Fl.

8

are, \_\_\_\_\_ God how great you are!

are, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord God, how great you are!

Org.

8

To Verses

**VERSE 1:**

11 Cantor:

11

Lord God, how great you are, clo - th ed in ma - jes - ty and glo - ry, \_\_\_\_\_

11

mp

15

15

wrapped in light as in a robe, you stretch out the hea - vens \_\_\_\_\_ like a tent.

Org.

15

To Refrain

**VERSE 2:**

**Cantor:**

19

A - bove the rains you build your dwell - ing, ma - king the clouds your

23

cha - ri - ot. You walk on the wings of the wind,

26

ma - king the winds your messen - gers and flash - ing fire your ser - vants.

*To Refrain*

**VERSE 3:**

30

Fl.

Cantor:

How ma-ny are your works, O Lord! In wis-dom, you made them all. The

Org.

35

Fl.

earth is full of your ri-ches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its

Org.

39

Fl.

mo - ving swarms past count-ing, li - ving things great and small.

Org.

*To Refrain*

**VERSE 4:**

**Cantor:**

43  
All of these, they look\_\_ to you to give them their food in due sea - son.\_\_\_\_

Org. *mp*

47  
Fl. You\_\_ give it, they ga - ther it up: you o - pen your hand, they have their fill.

Org.

*To Refrain*

**VERSE 5:**

51  
Fl. Cantor:  
You take back your spi - rit, they die, they re - turn to the dust;\_\_\_\_\_ you

Org. *mp*

55

Fl.

send forth your spi - rit, they are cre - a - ted, and you re - new the face of the earth.

Org.

*To Refrain*

**PSALM TONE VERSES:**

59

Org.

1. Lord God, how great you are,  
Clothed in majesty and glory,  
Wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
You walk on the wings of the wind,  
You make the winds your messengers,  
And flashing fire your servants.

3. How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches,  
There is the sea, vast and wide,  
With its moving swarms past counting -  
Living things, great and small.

4. All of these look to you  
To give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
You open your hand, they have their fill.

5. You take back your spirit, they die,  
Returning to the dust from which they came,  
You send forth your spirit, they are created,  
And you renew the face of the earth.

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**Composer's Notes:**

Psalm 104 appears a number of times in the Lectionary: Pentecost and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord among others, and is also suitable for the sacraments of initiation, or for services where the theme is creation. The psalm tone verses may be used for a simpler setting.