

PSALM 128: MAY THE LORD BLESS US

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Very gently and tenderly (♩ = 78)

Organ

p

The organ introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a series of chords in the treble clef, starting with a half note chord (F4, A4, C5) and moving through several other chords. The left hand plays a simple bass line in the bass clef, primarily using half notes and quarter notes.

REFRAIN:

5 Descant:

May the Lord bless us, keep us. May the Lord

The vocal line is written in a single treble clef staff. It begins with a descant marked with a '5' and a fermata. The lyrics are: "May the Lord bless us, keep us. May the Lord".

Choir/
Assembly (with soprano):

May the Lord _____ bless us and keep us. May the Lord _____

The choir/assembly line consists of two staves. The right hand has a treble clef staff with lyrics: "May the Lord _____ bless us and keep us. May the Lord _____". A triplet of eighth notes is marked above the word "and". The left hand has a bass clef staff with accompaniment.

Org.

The organ accompaniment for the refrain consists of two staves. The right hand has a treble clef staff with chords and moving lines. The left hand has a bass clef staff with a simple bass line. A descant marked with a '5' is indicated at the beginning of the organ part.

8

shine on us, all shine our life.

shine his face up - on us,

shine up - on us, all the days of our life.

Org.

To Verses

VERSES 1, 2:

12 **Cantor:**

1. How hap - py those who love the Lord, o - bey - ing God's com - mands. Your

2. Your mar - riage shall be fruit - ful, and your house - hold filled with joy, your

12

Org. *leggiero*

16

work will pro - vide for your needs. Your life will be hap - py and pro - spe - rous.

chil - dren like shoots of the o - live tree, a - round your ta - ble.

16

Org.

To Refrain

Detailed description: This system contains two vocal staves and an organ accompaniment. The vocal staves are in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The organ part is in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat. The organ part consists of chords and some moving lines. The lyrics are: 'work will provide for your needs. Your life will be happy and prosperous. children like shoots of the olive tree, around your table.' The organ part is marked 'To Refrain' at the end.

VERSE 3:

20 **Cantor:**

3. All those who o - bey the Lord will re - ceive all these bles - sings.

20

Org.

mf pesante

Detailed description: This system is for Verse 3. It features a Cantor's line in treble clef and organ accompaniment in grand staff. The Cantor's line has the lyrics: '3. All those who obey the Lord will receive all these blessings.' The organ part is marked 'mf pesante' and features a steady bass line with chords in the treble. The organ part is in a grand staff with a key signature of one flat.

24

May the Lord bless you from Zi - on. May you see the great Je - ru - sa - lem.

Choir:

Ah. Oo.

24

Org.

mp

Detailed description: This system contains two vocal staves and an organ accompaniment. The vocal staves are in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The organ part is in a grand staff with a key signature of one flat. The organ part consists of chords and some moving lines. The lyrics are: 'May the Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the great Jerusalem.' The organ part is marked 'mp'.