

psalm 23. the lord is my shepherd, i shall not want. in verdant pastures he gives me repose. beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. he guides me in right paths for his name's sake. even though i walk in the dark valley i fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and staff that give me courage. you spread a table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. surely goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and i shall dwell in the house of the lord for years to come. psalm 24. the lord's is the earth and its fullness; the world and all who dwell in it. for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. who can ascend the mountain of the lord? or who may stand in his holy place? those whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desire not what is vain, nor swear deceitfully to their neighbour. they shall receive blessings from the lord, a reward from god their saviour. such is the race that seek the

**PSALM 122:  
I REJOICED  
WHEN I HEARD  
THEM SAY**

For cantor, assembly,  
SATB choir, and organ

**EPHREM FEELEY**

# PSALM 122: I REJOICED WHEN I HEARD THEM SAY

Ephrem Feeley

## REFRAIN:

With energy (♩. = 60)

♫ Cantor/  
Assembly:

I re - joiced when I heard them say: "Let us

Organ *mf*

Detailed description: This system contains the first four measures of the refrain. The vocal line (Cantor/Assembly) begins with a whole rest in the first measure, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5 in the second measure. The organ accompaniment starts in the third measure with a melody of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics "I re - joiced when I heard them say: 'Let us" are placed under the vocal line.

5 go to the house of the Lord." I re - joiced when I heard them

Org.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 5 through 8 of the refrain. The vocal line continues with quarter notes D5, E5, F5, and G5 in measure 5, followed by a half note G5 in measure 6, and quarter notes A5, B5, and C6 in measure 7. The organ accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note melody. The lyrics "go to the house of the Lord." I re - joiced when I heard them" are placed under the vocal line.

8

say: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Org.

**VERSES:**

11 **Cantor:**

Org. *mp*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say,  
 "Let us go to God's house."  
 And now our feet are standing  
 Within your gates, O Jerusalem.

2. It is there that the tribes go up,  
 The tribes of the Lord.  
 For Israel's law it is,  
 There to praise the Lord's name.  
 There were set the thrones of judgement  
 Of the house of David.

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
 "Peace be to your homes!  
 May peace reign in your walls,  
 In your palaces, peace!"

4. For love of my brethren and friends,  
 I say: "Peace upon you!"  
 For love of the house of the Lord  
 I will ask for your good.