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BLESS THE  
LORD

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for SATB Choir, Organ, and optional Percussion

# BLESS THE LORD

*for the Festival Celebration Choir of Albany, NY*

## **Text: Psalm 104:1-4, 13, 31-35**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
O Lord my God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and honor,  
wrapped in light as with a robe!

You stretch out the heavens like a tent.  
On the waters you establish your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.  
You make the winds your messengers,  
flame and fire your servants.

From your dwelling you water the hills;  
by your works the earth has its fill.

May the glory of the Lord last forever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
He looks on the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord all my life,  
sing psalms to my God while I live.  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners vanish from the earth,  
and the wicked exist no more.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Alleluia!

## **Instrumentation**

Mixed Choir: Sopranos  
Altos  
Tenors  
Basses

Percussion (Optional): 2 Bongos (with Snare Sticks)  
Crash Cymbals

Organ

# BLESS THE LORD

♩ = 50

Sopranos

Altos

Tenors

Basses

Percussion

Organ

Flutes

*pp*

*mf < f*

*pp*

*mf < f*

*pp*

*pp*

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High Bongo (Sticks)

*mf < f*

*mf < f*

*mf < f*

*pp*

*pp*

S

A

T

B

Perc.

Org.

*p*

*p*

*mf < f*

*mf < f*

*mf < f*

*mf < f*

*p*

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are, clothed in

are, clothed in

*mf < f*

*mf < f*

*mf < f*

*mf < f*

*p*

13 *f* *mp* *ff* *p* *mp*

S maj-es-ty and hon-or, wrapped in light as with a robe! You stretch out the heav-ens like a tent, like a

A maj-es-ty and hon-or, wrapped in light as with a robe!

T maj-es-ty and hon-or, wrapped in light as with a robe!

B maj-es-ty and hon-or, wrapped in light as with a robe! On the wa-ters you es-tab-lish your

Perc.

13 *f* *mp* *f* *p*

Org. *Mixtures* *Mixtures* *Flutes*

13 *f* *mp* *f* *p*

13 *Mixtures* *f*

19 *mf* *f*

S tent, like a tent, like a

A You make the clouds your char-riot;

T you

B dwell - in on the wa - ters you es - tab - lish your

Perc.

19 *Mixtures* *mp* *mf*

Org. *Mixtures*

19

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Doppio piu vivo  $\text{♩} = 100$  5

21 *ff*  
 S tent, like a tent.

21 *f* *ff*  
 A You make the clouds your cha - riot.

21 *f* *ff*  
 T wind, you ride on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your

21 *ff* *mf*  
 B dwell - ing, on the wa - ters. You make the winds your

Perc. *ff*  
 Bongos (Sticks)

Org. *f* *ff*

21 *ff*  
 +Reeds

24 *f* *mf*  
 S flame and fire your ser - vants. From your dwell - ing you wat - er the hills;

24 *f* *mf*  
 A flame and fire your ser - vants. From your dwell - ing you wat - er the hills

24 *f*  
 T mes - sen - gers, fire your ser - vants. by your

24 *f*  
 B mes - sen - gers, fire your ser - vants. by your

Perc. *f*

Org. *f*  
 +Reeds Mixtures *mf* *f*  
 +Reeds

24 *ff*  
 +Reeds

29 *f* the earth has its fill. *ff*

29 *f* the earth has its fill. *ff* *p* May the glo - ry of the

29 works the earth has its fill. *ff* May the glo - ry of the

29 works the earth has its fill. *ff*

29 Perc. *ff*

29 Org. *f* +Reeds *ff*

29 *ff*

34 *p* May the glo - ry of the Lord last for - ev - er. *mp*

34 Lord last - ev - er. *mp* for - ev - er,

34 ord last for - ev - er, *mp* for - ev - er,

34 May the glo - ry of the Lord last for - ev - er. *mp*

34 Perc.

34 Org. *p* *mp*

34

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38 *mf* *f* *ff*

S er, for - ev - er, for - ev - er!

A for - ev - er, for - ev - er!

T for - ev - er, for - ev - er!

B er! Bless the Lord, O my soul! the Lord re -

Perc. Cymbals

Org. *mf* *f* *ff*

38

43 *p* *p*

S May the Lord re - joice in his works! He looks on the earth and it trem - bles;

A May the Lord re - joice in his works! he

T May the Lord re - joice in his works!

B joice in his works, in his works!

Perc.

Org. *ff* *p* Flutes

43

43

48 *mp*  
S and they smoke.

48 *mp*  
A touch - es the moun - tains and they smoke.

48 *mf*  
T I will sing to the Lord

48 *mf*  
B I will sing to the Lord

48 Perc. Bongos (Stick) *ff*

48 Org. *mp* Mixtures *mf* +Reeds

53 *f*  
S all my life, sing psalms to my God while I live. May my

53 *f* *mf*  
A all my life, sing psalms to my God while I live. May my

53 *f*  
T all my life, May my thoughts be

53 *f*  
B all my life, May my thoughts be

53 Perc. *f*

53 Org. Mixtures *mf* *f* +Reeds

53 *ff* +Reeds *ff*



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58 *ff*

S thoughts please him. I will re-joyce in the Lord. I will re-joyce in the Lord.

A thoughts please him. I will re-joyce in the Lord. I will re-joyce in the Lord.

T pleas - ing to him. I will re-joyce in the Lord. I will re-joyce in the Lord.

B pleas - ing to him. I will re-joyce in the Lord. I will re-joyce in the Lord.

Perc. *ff* Cr. Cymbals

Org. *ff*

58 *ff*

64 *pp*

S Let sin - ners van - ish from the earth and the wick - ed ex - ist no

A and the wick - ed ex - ist no

T *pp* Let sin - ners van - ish from the earth and the wick - ed ex - ist no

B

Perc.

Org.

64 *pp* Flutes

*pp*

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S more. *mp* Bless the Lord, *mf* Bless the Lord! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-

A more. *p* Bless the Lord, *mp* O my soul! *mf* O my soul! Al-le-lu-ia!

T more. *pp* Bless the Lord, *mp* O my soul! *mf* O my soul! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

B Bless the Lord, *pp* bless the Lord, O my soul! *mp* O my soul! *mf* Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Perc.

Org. *Flutes* *pp* *mf* *mf*

Doppio piu vivo  $\text{♩} = 100$

S lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

A Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

T Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

B Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Perc. *Cr. Cymbals*  $>$

Org. *Mixtures* *+Reeds* *ff* *ff*

*+Reeds* *ff*

This musical score is for the hymn "Bless the Lord". It includes vocal parts for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B), a Percussion part for Bongos (Sticks), and an Organ (Org.) part. The score is divided into two systems, with measures 83-85 in the first system and measures 86-88 in the second. The vocal parts feature lyrics: "Al - - - le - lu -". The organ part consists of a right-hand melodic line and a left-hand accompaniment. The percussion part provides a rhythmic accompaniment. The score includes dynamic markings such as *fff* and *ff*, and articulation marks like accents and slurs. A large watermark "SAMPLE FOR PERUSAL PURPOSES ONLY" is overlaid on the page, along with the website address "www.NorthernSpireMusic.com".