

A Psalm of Faith and Love

For SATB Chorus, Solo Voice, and Organ

***Commemorating the 125th Anniversary of
St. John's Lutheran Church, Millheim, Pennsylvania***

**Text arranged by
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**Music by
BRUCE TRINKLEY**

A Psalm of Faith and Love was commissioned by St. John's Lutheran Church of Millheim, Pennsylvania, to commemorate its 125th Anniversary. The work is dedicated to the Choir of St. John's Lutheran Church, with special gratitude to Helen Wise, Dan Warntz, and Rev. James K. Rill, Pastor.

The two sections of the piece may be performed separately. The optional transitional measure should be included only if the two sections are performed together. The solo may be performed by either female or male vocalist.

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*Faith is the substance of all that we hope for,
and the evidence of all that is unseen.
By faith we come to understand
that all of the world was formed
by the Word of God.*

*By faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice.
By faith Enoch was taken and never saw death.
By faith Noah was moved to build the ark.
By faith Sarah believed and grew big with child.
By faith Jacob,
By faith Joseph,
By faith Moses,
And all of these lived lives of good report.
But something even better was saved for us.*

*That which was from the Beginning,
which we have heard,
which we have seen with our own eyes,
which we have looked upon and our hands have touched:
the Word of Life!
That which we have seen and heard we declare unto you.
And truly our fellowship is with the Father
and with his Son Jesus Christ.*

*Beloved
Let us love one another
for love is of God,
and everyone that loves
is born of God
and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love
can never have known God.
For God is Love.*

*By faith our Father Abraham,
By faith the walls of Jericho,
By faith Samson and David and Samuel,
who by faith subdued kingdoms,
wrought righteousness,
quenched the violence of fire,
escaped the edge of the sword,
out of weakness were made strong.
For God is Love.*

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from *The Letter to the Hebrews* and *The First Epistle of John*

1. Psalm of Faith

Maestoso $\text{♩} = 60$

The musical score is written for SATB Chorus, Solo Voice, and Organ. It begins with an organ introduction in 3/2 time, marked **Maestoso** with a tempo of $\text{♩} = 60$. The organ part features a series of chords and moving lines in the right hand, with the left hand providing a steady bass line. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass) enter at measure 6, marked **f** and *poco marcato*. They sing the lyrics: "Faith is the substance of all that we hope for, and the". The organ accompaniment continues throughout, with a **mp** (mezzo-piano) dynamic and a *cresc.* (crescendo) marking at the end of the phrase.

S. *f poco marcato* *mp*
Faith is the sub - stance of all that we hope for, and the

A. *f poco marcato* *mp*
Faith is the sub - stance of all that we hope for, and the

T. *f poco marcato* *mp*
Faith is the sub - stance of all that we hope for, and the

B. *f poco marcato* *mp*
Faith is the sub - stance of all that we hope for, and the

mp cresc.

12 *cresc.* *f* *ff* *f*

S. ev - i - dence of all that is un - seen. By faith we

A. *cresc.* *f* *ff* *f*

A. ev - i - dence of all that is un - seen. By faith we

T. *cresc.* *f* *ff* *f*

T. ev - i - dence of all that is un - seen. By faith we

B. *cresc.* *f* *ff* *f*

B. ev - i - dence of all that is un - seen. By faith we



17 *mf* *dim.*

S. come to un - der - stand that all of the world was

A. *mf* *dim.*

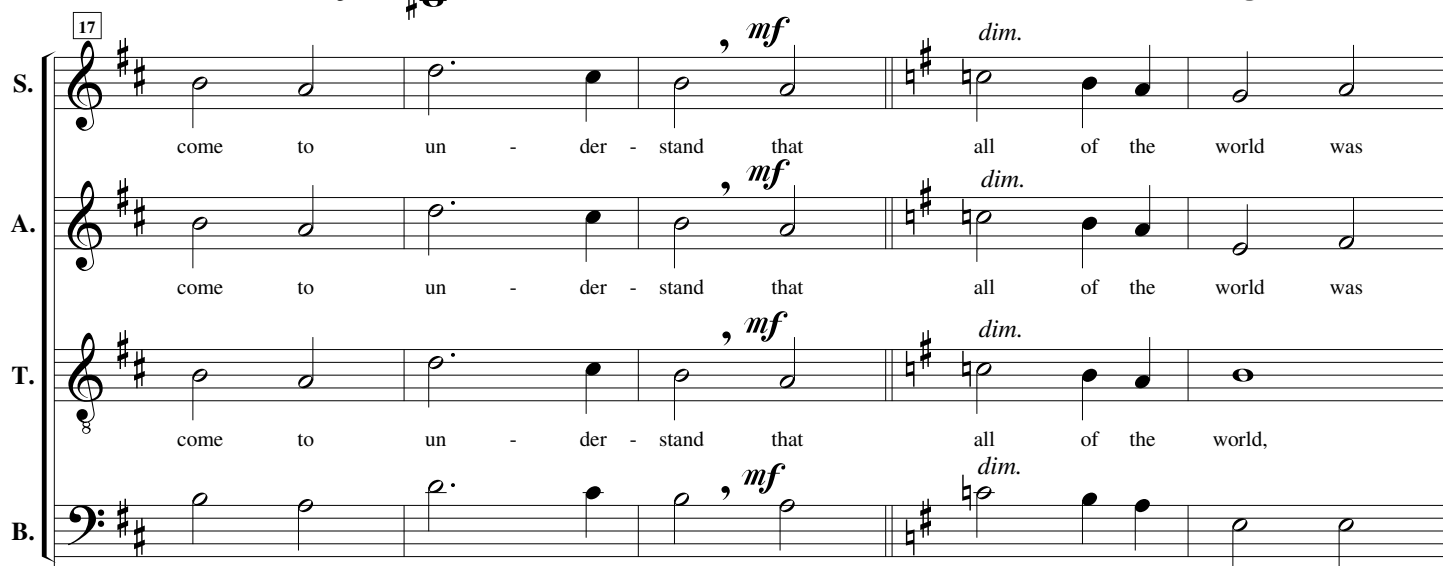
A. come to un - der - stand that all of the world was

T. *mf* *dim.*

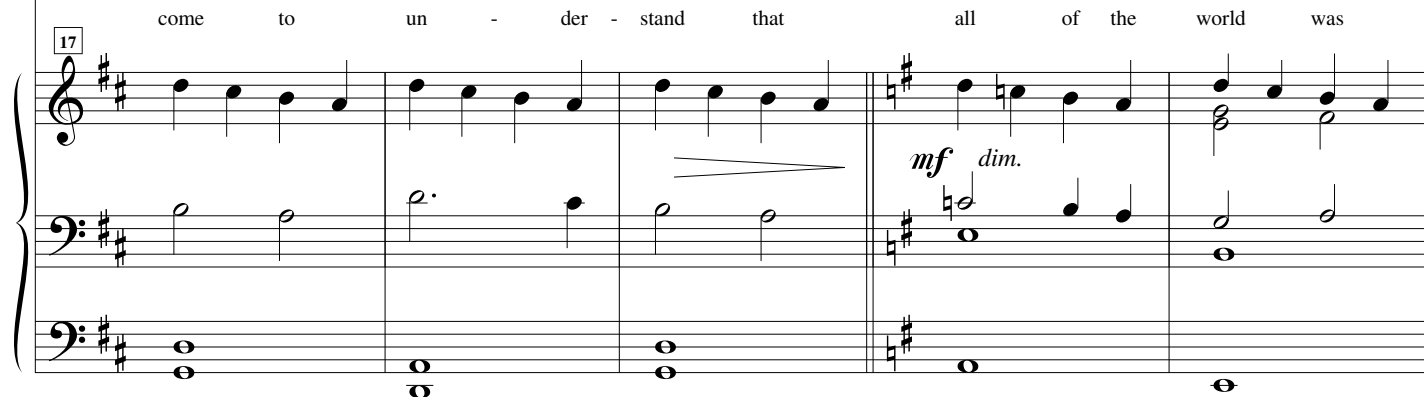
T. come to un - der - stand that all of the world,

B. *mf* *dim.*

B. come to un - der - stand that all of the world was



17 *mf* *dim.*



Calmato $\text{♩} = 56$

allargando *mp* *p*

S. formed by the Word of God, the Word of God.

A. formed by the Word of God, the Word of God.

T. all of the world was formed by the Word of God.

B. formed by the Word of God, the Word of God.

allargando *mp* *p* *pp*

S. *mp espressivo* *mf* *mp*
By faith A - bel of - fered a more ex - cel - lent sac - ri - fice.

A. *mp espressivo* *mf* *mp*
By faith A - bel of - fered a more ex - cel - lent sac - ri - fice.

T. *mp espressivo*
By

B. *mp espressivo*
By

mp legato

33

S. By

A. By

T. By
 faith E-noch was tak - en and nev - er saw death.

B. By
 faith E-noch was tak - en and nev - er saw death.

39 *cresc. poco a poco*

S. *f intensely*
 faith No - ah was moved to build the ark. By faith Sa - rah be -

A. *f intensely*
 faith No - ah was moved to build the ark. By faith Sa - rah be -

T.
 faith No - ah was moved to build the ark.

B. *f intensely*
 faith No - ah was moved to build the ark. By faith Sa - rah be -

39 *p cresc. poco a poco*

44

S. *lieved* _____ *and* *grew* *big* *with* *child.* _____

A. *lieved* _____ *and* *grew* *big* *with* *child,* *with* *child.* _____

T. *f* *intensely* _____

B. *lieved* _____ *and* *grew* *big* *with* *child,* *with* *child.* _____

44

f

49

S. *mp* *mf*
By faith Ja - cob, By faith Mo - ses,

A. *mp* *cresc.* *mf*
By faith Ja - cob, Jo - seph, Mo - ses,

T. *mp cresc.*
By faith Jo - seph,

B. *f*

49

mp cresc. poco a poco

And

54

S. *f* But some-thing e - ven

A. *f* And all lived lives of good re - port.

T. *f* And all of these lived lives of good re - port.

B. all of these lived lives of good re - port. But some-thing e - ven

54

f

59

S. *poco rit.* bet - ter was saved for us. *a tempo poco marcato* That which was from the Be - gin - ning,

A. *poco marcato* was saved for us. That which was from the Be - gin - ning,

T. *poco marcato* was saved for us. That which was from the Be - gin - ning,

B. *poco marcato* bet - ter was saved for us. That which was from the Be - gin - ning,

59

poco rit. *a tempo*

poco marcato

65 *legato*

S. which we have heard, which we have seen, with

A. *legato*
which we have heard, which we have seen, with

T. *legato*
which we have heard, which we have seen, with

B. *legato*
which we have heard, which we have seen, with

65 I
mp II *legato cresc.*

70 *mp*

S. our own eyes, which

A. *mp*
our own eyes, which

T. *mp*
our own eyes, which

B. *div.* *mp*
our own eyes, which

70 *f*

75 *cresc.* , *poco rit.* *p*

S. we have looked up - on and our hands have touched: the

A. *cresc.* , *p*

A. we have looked up - on and our hands have touched: the

T. *cresc.* , *p*

T. we have looked up - on and our hands have touched: the

B. *cresc.* , *p*

B. we have looked up - on and our hands have touched: the

mp cresc. *poco rit.*

79 **Andante con moto** $\text{♩} = 69$

molto cresc. , *f*

S. Word _____ of Life! _____

A. *molto cresc.* , *f*

A. Word _____ of Life! _____

T. *molto cresc.* , *f*

T. Word _____ of Life! _____

B. *molto cresc.* , *f*

B. Word _____ of Life! _____

p molto cresc. *f simile* *mf*

Quasi recitative

Solo

84 *solo mp*

That which we have seen and

84 *p colla voce*

Solo

89

heard _____ we de - clare un - to you. _____ And tru - ly our

89

Solo

95 *cresc. mf poco rit. mp Andante con moto* $\text{♩} = 69$

fel - low - ship is with the Fa - ther _____ and with his Son Je - sus

95 *poco rit. p cresc. poco a poco*

100

Solo

cresc. poco a poco

Christ. _____ And with his Son Je - sus Christ. _____

A.

p cresc. poco a poco

And with his Son Je - sus Christ. _____

T.

pp cresc. poco a poco

And with his Son Je - sus Christ. _____

100

100

105

Solo

mf cresc. *f* *molto dim.*

S.

And with his Son Je - sus Christ. _____

A.

cresc. *f* *molto dim.* *mf*

_____ Son Je - sus Christ. And with his Son

T.

cresc. *f* *molto dim.* *mf*

_____ Son Je - sus Christ. _____ Son

B.

mf cresc. *f* *molto dim.* *mf*

And with his Son Je - sus Christ. _____ And with his Son

105

105

mf cresc. *f* *molto dim.*

105

111 *mp* *dim. poco a poco*

S. *mp* *dim. poco a poco*

A. *mp* *dim. poco a poco*

T. *mp* *p* *dim. poco a poco*

B. *mp* *p* *dim. poco a poco*

Je - sus Christ. Son Je - sus Christ.

Je - sus Christ. And with his Son Je - sus Christ.

mp *p* *dim. poco a poco*

118 *pp*

S. *pp*

A. *pp*

T. *pp*

B. *pp*

A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

118 *pp* *p*

(Optional transition measure
when Parts 1 and 2 are
performed together.)

2. Psalm of Love

Allegro gioioso $\text{♩} = 72$

125

S. *mp* *cresc.* Be - lov - ed! _____

A. *mp* Be -

T. _____

B. _____

125

pp cresc. poco a poco *mp cresc.*

130

S. *f joyously* Let us love one a - noth - er for

A. *cresc.* *f joyously* lov - ed! Let us love one a - noth - er for

T. *mf* *cresc.* *f joyously* Be - lov - ed! Let us love one a - noth - er for

B. *mf cresc.* *f joyously* Be - lov - ed! Let us love one a - noth - er for

130

f

135

S. love is ___ of God. ___ Let us love one ___ a - noth - er ___ for

A. love is ___ of God. ___ Let us love one ___ a - noth - er ___ for

T. 8 love is ___ of God. ___ Let us love one ___ a - noth - er ___ for

B. love is ___ of God. ___ Let us love one ___ a - noth - er ___ for

139

S. love is ___ of God. ___

A. love is ___ of God. ___

T. 8 love is ___ of God. ___ And ev - 'ry - one that loves is born of God. ___

B. love is ___ of God. ___ And ev - 'ry - one that loves is born of God. ___

139

143

S. Ev - 'ry - one that loves knows _____ God. _____ An - y - one who fails to love can

A. Ev - 'ry - one that loves knows _____ God. _____ An - y - one who fails to love can

T. 8 Ev - 'ry - one knows God. An - y - one who fails to love can

B. Ev - 'ry - one knows God. An - y - one who fails to love can

molto dim.

legato

molto dim.

legato

molto dim.

legato

molto dim.

molto dim.

147

S. *molto allarg.* *mp* *sub. p* *a tempo cresc. poco a poco* nev - er have known God. _____ For God _____ is Love. _____

A. *mp* *sub. p* *cresc. poco a poco* nev - er have known God. _____ For God _____ is Love. _____

T. 8 *mp* *sub. p* *cresc. poco a poco* nev - er have known God. _____ For God _____ is Love. _____

B. *mp* *sub. p* *cresc. poco a poco* nev - er have known God. _____ For God _____ is Love. _____

147

molto allarg. *a tempo*

mp *p cresc. poco a poco*

152 *mp cresc.*

S. *mp cresc.* God is Love.

A. *mp cresc.* God is Love.

T. *mp cresc.* God is Love.

B. *mp cresc.* God is Love.

157 *f* *piu f*

S. *f* *piu f* God is Love. God

A. *f* *piu f* God is Love. God

T. *f* *piu f* God is Love. God

B. *f* *piu f* God is Love. God

162

S. *f marcato*
is Love. By faith our Fa - ther

A. *f*
is Love. Let us love one a -

T. *div. unis f*
is Love. Let us love one a -

B. *f*
is Love. Let us love one a -

166

S. A - bra - ham, by faith the walls of Jer - i - cho, by faith Sam - son and

A. noth - er for love is of God. Let us love one a -

T. noth - er for love is of God. Let us love one a -

B. noth - er for love is of God. Let us love one a -

166

170

S. Da - vid and Sam - u - el who by faith sub - dued king - doms,

A. noth - er for love is of God. who by faith sub - dued king - doms,

T. noth - er for love is of God. Ev - 'ry - one that loves is

B. noth - er for love is of God. Ev - 'ry - one that loves is

174

S. wrought right - eous - ness, quenched the vio - lence of fire, es -

A. wrought right - eous - ness, quenched the vio - lence of fire, es -

T. born of God. Ev - 'ry - one that loves knows God.

B. born of God. Ev - 'ry - one that loves knows God.

174

177 *mf* *molto allarg.* *f*

S. *caped the edge of the sword, out of weak - ness made strong. For*

A. *caped the edge of the sword, out of weak - ness made strong. For*

T. *An - y - one who fails to love can nev - er have known God. For*

B. *An - y - one who fails to love can nev - er have known God. For*

177 *mf* *molto allarg.* *f*

181 *a tempo*

S. *God is Love.*

A. *God is Love.*

T. *God is Love.*

B. *God is Love.*

181 *a tempo* *f legato*

185

S. *mp*
God _____ is Love. _____ God _____

A. *mp*
God _____ is Love. _____ God _____

T. *mp*
God _____ is Love. _____ God _____

B. *mp*
God _____ is Love. _____ God _____

185

190

S. *p*
_____ is Love. _____ God _____ is

A. *p*
_____ is Love. _____ God _____ is

T. *p*
is Love. _____ God _____ is

B. *p*
_____ is Love. _____ God _____ is

190

195

S. *pp*
Love. _____ God is

A. *pp*
Love. _____ God is

T. *pp*
Love. _____ God is

B. *pp*
Love. _____ God is

195

199 *ritard. al fine*

S. Love. _____

A. Love. _____

T. Love. _____

B. Love. _____

199 *ritard. al fine*

I

II

p