

I Rejoiced

In loving memory of my father, Joseph Francis Chiusano, 1933–2002

Based on Psalm 122

Gerard Chiusano

REFRAIN (♩ = 88–92) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Soprano
Alto

I re-joiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house

Tenor
Bass

Keyboard

F B♭ F/A Gm Cm7 F

of the Lord." — At last our feet are stand - ing at your

F7 B♭ D D/F# Gm

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Refrain may be played once instrumentally as an Intro.

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rit. last time 1-5 1st time: *D.C. to Verses* Final

gates, Je - ru - sa - lem! lem!

rit. last time Cm7 Eb/F 1-5 Bb 1st time: *D.C. to Verses* Final Bb

VERSES

1. Je - ru - sa - lem, built as a cit - y, with

2. In ac - cord with the law of Is - rael to give

3. Pray for the peace of Je - ru - sa - lem, may

4. For the sake of my fam - 'ly and friends I will

Ebm Bb/F

1. com - pact u - ni - ty, there the tribes__ go__

2. thanks to the name of the Lord.____ There are the thrones_ of__

3. those who love you pros - per! Peace with - in__ your__

4. say,____ "Peace be with you!" For love of the house__ of our

Ebm Bb/F Ebm

1. up, the tribes__ of the Lord.____ *D.C.*

2. judg - ment for the house__ of__ Da - vid.____ *D.C.*

3. walls, in your pal - ac - es a - bun - dance.____ *D.C.*

4. God I will pray__ for your good.____ *D.C. al fine*

Bb/F Gm7 Cm7 C7sus4 F7sus4 F D.C.

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Capo 3: (D) F (G) B \flat (D/F \sharp) F/A (Em) Gm

I re - joiced when they said to me, "Let us

(Am7) Cm7 (D) F (D7) F7 (G) B \flat (B) D (B/D \sharp) D/F \sharp (Em) Gm

go to the house of the Lord."— At last our feet are stand - ing

(Am7) Cm7 (C/D) Eb/F 1-5 (G) B \flat Final (G) B \flat

at your gates, Je - ru - sa - lem! lem!

1st time: D.C. to Verses

VERSE 1

(Cm) Ebm (G/D) B \flat /F (Cm) Ebm (G/D) B \flat /F

1. Je - ru - sa - lem, built as a cit - y, with com - pact u - ni - ty,

(Cm) Ebm (G/D) B \flat /F (Em7) Gm7 (Am7) Cm7 (A7sus4) C7sus4 (D7sus4) F7sus4 D.C.

1. there the tribes — go — up, the tribes — of the Lord. —

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VERSE 2

(Cm) (G/D) (Cm) (G/D)
Ebm Bb/F Ebm Bb/F

2. In ac - cord with the law of ___ Is - rael to give thanks to the name of the Lord. ___

(Cm) (G/D) (Em7) (Am7) (A7sus4) (D7sus4)
Ebm Bb/F Gm7 Cm7 C7sus4 F7sus4 D.C.

2. There are the thrones ___ of ___ judg - ment for the house ___ of ___ Da - vid. ___

VERSE 3

(Cm) (G/D) (Cm) (G/D)
Ebm Bb/F Ebm Bb/F

3. Pray for the peace of Je - ru - sa - lem, may those who love you pros - per!

(Cm) (G/D) (Em7) (Am7) (A7sus4) (D7sus4)
Ebm Bb/F Gm7 Cm7 C7sus4 F7sus4 D.C.

3. Peace with - in ___ your ___ walls, in your pal - ac - es a - bun - dance. ___

VERSE 4

(Cm) (G/D) (Cm) (G/D)
Ebm Bb/F Ebm Bb/F

4. For the sake of my fam - 'ly and friends I will say, ___ "Peace be with you!" For

(Cm) (G/D) (Em7) (Am7) (D7sus4)
Ebm Bb/F Gm7 Cm7 F7sus4 D.C. al fine

4. love of the house ___ of our God I will pray ___ for your good. ___

Performance Notes

Psalm 122 is a psalm of pilgrimage. The psalmist recalls, upon arrival at Jerusalem, great joy with which he heard the invitation to go to the Temple. He expresses his admiration for the holy city and describes the significance of Jerusalem for the “tribes” and as the place of “judgment” (*The Jerome Biblical Commentary*). He prays for the peace of Jerusalem and of his family and friends.

This psalm is proclaimed on the solemnity of Christ the King in Year C, on the First Sunday of Advent in Year A, and is a common psalm for the last weeks of the year. *I Rejoiced* is appropriate for Advent and for celebrations of lessons and carols, as well as for the dedication of a church. It may also be used for funerals.

—Gerard Chiusano

Preview

Assembly Edition

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Refrain

I re - joiced when they said to me, "Let us
go to the house of the Lord." At last our feet are
stand - ing at your gates, Je - ru - sa - lem!

Verses

1. Jerusalem, built as a city, with compact unity,
there the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
2. In accord with the law of Israel to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
There are the thrones of judgment for the house of David.
3. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, may those who love you prosper!
Peace within your walls, in your palaces abundance.
4. For the sake of my family and friends I will say, "Peace be with you!"
For love of the house of our God I will pray for your good.

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