

You Have Laid Down Your Precepts (Psalm 119)

Psalm 119:10-23

Stephen Dean

REFRAIN: (♩ = ca. 48) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Soprano Alto

You have laid down your pre-cepts to be faith-ful-ly kept.

Baritone

Keyboard

Chords: G^b/A^b, A^b7, Fm7, D^b/F, C^o7/E^b, Fm

1 **2-Final to Verses (Fine)**

D.C.

May my foot-steps be firm to o-bey your com-mands. mands.

1 **2-Final to Verses (Fine)**

D.C.

Chords: G^o/B^b, D^b/F, Fm7, E^bm7/G^b, G^b/A^b, D.C., G^b/A^b, A^b

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Play Refrain as an Intro.

YOU HAVE LAID DOWN YOUR PRECEPTS (PSALM 119) (Keyboard/Choral), cont. (2)

VERSES: *Freely*

Cantor

1. I have sought you with all my heart; let me not stray from your com - mands.
 2. Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.
 3. I rejoiced to do your will as though all riches were mine.
 4. I take delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.
 5. Open my eyes that I may see the wonders of your law.
 6. My soul is ever con - sumed as I long for your de - crees.
 7. Relieve me from scorn and con - tempt for I do your will.
 8. Glory be to the Father and to the Son,

Db Bb Ebm/Gb C#7/Eb

1. I treasure your promise in my heart
 2. With my tongue I have re - counted
 3. I will ponder all your precepts
 4. Bless your servant and I shall live
 5. I am a pilgrim on the earth;
 6. You threaten the proud, the ac - cursed,
 7. Though the powerful sit plotting a - gainst me
 8. and to the Ho - ly Spirit

Bbm7 Fm7

a tempo **D.C.**

1. lest I sin a - gainst you.
 2. the decrees of your lips.
 3. and consid - er your paths.
 4. and o - bey your word.
 5. show me your com - mands.
 6. who turn from your com - mands.
 7. I ponder on your stat - utes.
 8. both now and for ev - er.

Ebm7 Ebm/Gb Cb **D.C.**

a tempo

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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Capo 4: (D/E) (E7) (C#m7) (A/C#) (G#°7/B) (C#m)
G♭/A♭ A♭7 Fm7 D♭/F C°7/E♭ Fm

You have laid down your pre - cepts — to be faith - ful - ly kept. —

(D#°/F#) (A/C#) (C#m7) (Bm7/D) 1 (D/E) 2-Final to Verses
G°/B♭ D♭/F Fm7 E♭m7/G♭ (D/E) (D/E) (E)
G♭/A♭ D.C. G♭/A♭ A♭ (Fine)

— May my foot-steps be firm to o - bey your com - mands. mands. —

VERSES: *Freely*

(A) (F#) (Bm/D) (G#°7/B)
D♭ B♭ E♭m7/G♭ C°7/E♭
Cantor

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| 2. Blessed are you, O LORD; | teach me your statutes. |
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| 7. Relieve me from scorn and con - tempt | for I do your will. |
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(F#m7) (C#m7)
B♭m7 Fm7

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(Bm7) Ebm7	(Bm/D) Ebm/Gb	(G) Cb	<i>a tempo</i>	<i>D.C.</i>
1. lest I	sin	a	-	gainst you.
2. the decrees	of	your		lips. _____
3. and	consid - er	your		paths. _____
4. and	o - bey	your		word. _____
5. show me	your	com	-	mands. _____
6. who turn from	your	com	-	mands. _____
7. I ponder	on	your		stat - utes.
8. both now	and	for		ev - er.

Composer Notes

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This piece, along with “A Lamp for My Steps (Psalm 119),” was written to be sung at simple celebrations of Midday Prayer (Prayer during the Day), which I use at parish music workshops to finish the morning session. The verses provided are only a sample of the 176 verses of Psalm 119, which features prominently in Midday Prayer. Other verses can be used, either from Psalm 119 or another psalm, and could be either sung or spoken. The refrain can be sung on its own at meditative prayer services. On the recording, the two Psalm 119 titles have been combined with linking instrumental passages added to provide a festive setting.

—Stephen Dean

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SOLO INSTRUMENT

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REFRAIN: (♩. = ca. 48) Cantor

Musical notation for the Cantor Refrain, consisting of two staves of music in 9/8 time with a key signature of three flats.

REFRAIN: All

Musical notation for the All Refrain, including lyrics "You have" and a "Fine" marking.

VERSES 1-8: *Freely*

Musical notation for Verses 1-8, marked "Freely", with a "D.S." and "a tempo" marking.

REFRAIN (Alternative Part)

Musical notation for the Alternative Part Refrain, including lyrics "You have" and a "Fine" marking.

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Play first Refrain as an Intro.

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CLARINET in B \flat

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REFRAIN: (♩ = ca. 48) Cantor

Musical notation for the Refrain (Cantor part). It consists of two staves of music in B-flat major, 9/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 9/8 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest followed by eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes and a half note.

REFRAIN: All

Musical notation for the Refrain (All part). It consists of one staff of music in B-flat major, 9/8 time. The melody starts with a quarter rest followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "You have" are written below the first few notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

VERSES 1-8: *Freely*

Musical notation for Verses 1-8. It consists of one staff of music in B-flat major, 9/8 time. The staff is mostly blank, indicating a section to be played freely. It ends with a double bar line, the tempo marking "a tempo", and the instruction "D.S." (Da Capo).

REFRAIN (Alternative Part)

Musical notation for the Refrain (Alternative Part). It consists of one staff of music in B-flat major, 9/8 time. The melody starts with a quarter rest followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "You have" are written below the first few notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and the word "(Fine)".

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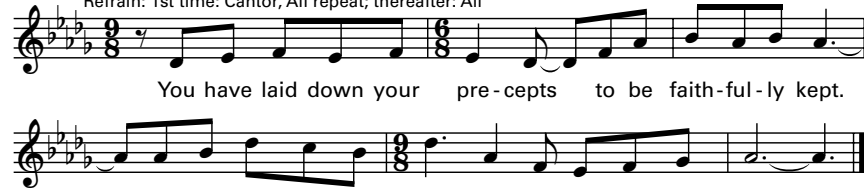
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Assembly Edition

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Verses

1. I have sought you with all my heart;
let me not stray from your commands.
I treasure your promise in my heart
lest I sin against you.
2. Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes.
With my tongue I have recounted
the decrees of your lips.
3. I rejoiced to do your will
as though all riches were mine.
I will ponder all your precepts
and consider your paths.
4. I take delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.
Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
5. Open my eyes that I may see
the wonders of your law.
I am a pilgrim on the earth;
show me your commands.
6. My soul is ever consumed
as I long for your decrees.
You threaten the proud, the accursed,
who turn from your commands.
7. Relieve me from scorn and contempt
for I do your will.
Though the powerful sit plotting against me
I ponder on your statutes.
8. Glory be to the Father
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit
both now and for ever.

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