

God Of Abraham

Litany

Bernadette Farrell

Cantor: All:

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 11. By the wa - ters of heal - ing, lead us to your
 12. Through the word that is spo - ken, lead us to your
 13. God of all liv - ing peo - ple, lead us to your
 14. God of ev - 'ry race lead us, lead us to your
 15. God of wo - men of all time, lead us to your
 16. God of hu - man - kind lead us, lead us to your
 17. Lead us now and for ev - er, lead us to your

Soprano
Alto

Hum/ooh _____ lead us to your


Tenor
Bass

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*Verses 9-12 for RCIA.

Keyboard may double SATB parts if needed.


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king - dom. Hum/ooh



1-16 D.C.
 lead us to - geth - er, lead us to free - dom.



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lead us, O lead us.

The image shows a musical score for a litany. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line with the lyrics "lead us___ to free - dom. Lead us___ to free - dom now." and a "Final" marking above it. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment with the same lyrics. The bottom staff is a bass line with the lyrics "lead us, _____". The music is in a simple, rhythmic style with a 4/4 time signature.

Performance Notes

The ultimate in flexible litanies! This is multi-functional as well as multi-cultural in its possibilities. Use it as a processional piece, recessional for the Rite of Election, a “naming” prayer on occasions of witness, and so on. It was conceived with Christian Initiation in mind, but also grows out of the multi-faith area in which I live and work. Its humble beginnings were at a women’s day in East London at which we remembered and named significant women in our lives and in the story of God’s people. There are no Patriarchs without Matriarchs! It is fitting but not essential to have both male and female cantors. The text can be crafted according to need. For example, in some contexts “*lead us as your people*” might be preferred to “*lead us to your kingdom.*”

As with all litanies, every performance will be different. It is a living, creative form. Cantors should feel free to improvise as the litany progresses (even if less elaborately than the wonderful voices on the recording).

Stylistically, the litany can be interpreted according to your needs. Notice, however, the richness and freedom of the unaccompanied human voice. (There are no keyboard instruments on the recording.)

- (a) SATB gospel style, with or without keyboard, and percussion.
- (b) SATB with bongos and steel band in Carribean style
- (c) Cantor/guitar
- (d) any other variation/combination!

—B.F.

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Litany (Guitar/Vocal)

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Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (A) (G) (A)
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(D) (A) (D) (G) (D)
F C Cantor: F B \flat F

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(A) (D/A) (A) 1-16 (D/A) (A)
All: C F/C C C F/C C D.C.

lead us to - geth - er, lead us to free - dom.

Final
(A) (D/A) (A) (D/A) (A) (D)
C F/C C F/C C F

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Assembly Edition

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All: 1-16 to Verses

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Final

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