

Performance Notes

The House of the Lord is written as an easy-to-sing, repetitive festive processional for the rite of acceptance into the order of catechumens. In the rite of acceptance, the candidates wait outside the church; the presider leads the assembly to the place where the candidates are waiting, to greet and surround them as a loving welcoming community. The candidates are signed with the cross and accepted as seeking membership in the Church. Then all—presider, assembly members, catechumens and candidates for full membership—return, singing, to the worship space for the Liturgy of the Word.

This song can also be used as a gathering or closing song for liturgy, and as a joyful communion processional. It is designed to be sung by the assembly without a worship aid in hand; the assembly follows the cantor/choir's changing phrase.

The Refrain is sung by all. The cantor/choir sings a new text phrase on each verse; that new text phrase forms the repeated element of the next refrain. A descant is provided; it may be sung any time after the refrain melody is fully established.

Since this is “walking music,” it may be sung a cappella or accompanied by guitar and rhythm instruments. A B-flat trumpet or other audible melody instrument will help keep pitch from dropping, especially when the song is sung outdoors.

—*M.D. Ridge*

The House of the Lord

M.D. Ridge
Keyboard accompaniment by Scot Crandal

REFRAIN (♩ = ca. 108)

Descant

(to Candidates) 3. Seek - ing hope in the house of the Lord, — in the
(to Church) 3. Walk with love to the house of the Lord, — to the

Melody Harmony

(Procession to meet Candidates) 1. Seek - ers come to the house of the Lord, — to the
2. Seek - ing truth in the house of the Lord, — in the
3. Seek - ing hope in the house of the Lord, — in the

(Procession into the Church) 1. Come with us to the house of the Lord, — to the
2. Walk with faith to the house of the Lord, — to the
3. Walk with love to the house of the Lord, — to the

A^b E^b A^b D^b

Keyboard

3. house of the Lord — seek - ing hope. — Seek - ing hope,
3. house of the Lord — walk with love. — Walk with love,

1. house of the Lord — seek - ers come. Seek - ers come to the
2. house of the Lord — seek - ing truth. Seek - ing truth in the
3. house of the Lord — seek - ing hope. Seek - ing hope in the

1. house of the Lord — come with us. Come with us to the
2. house of the Lord — walk with faith. Walk with faith to the
3. house of the Lord — walk with love. Walk with love to the

A^b C^m D^b E^b A^b E^b

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Part for B^b Trumpet is available from the publisher, edition 70261.
Part for Solo Instrument in C is available from the publisher, edition 70276.

Fine

3. come to the Lord, ___ to the Lord, ___ seek - ing hope.
 3. walk ___ with love ___ to the Lord, ___ walk with love.

Fine

1. house of the Lord, ___ to the house of the Lord ___ seek - ers come.
 2. house of the Lord, ___ in the house of the Lord ___ seek - ing truth.
 3. house of the Lord, ___ in the house of the Lord ___ seek - ing hope.

1. house of the Lord, ___ to the house of the Lord ___ come with us.
 2. house of the Lord, ___ to the house of the Lord ___ walk with faith.
 3. house of the Lord, ___ to the house of the Lord ___ walk with love.

Fine

A \flat D \flat A \flat Cm D \flat A \flat

*VERSES

Cantor/Choir All

1. Seek - ing truth, ___ seek - ing truth, ___ seek - ing truth in the
 2. Seek - ing hope, ___ seek - ing hope, ___ seek - ing hope in the
 3. Seek - ing joy, ___ seek - ing joy, ___ seek - ing joy in the

1. Walk with faith, ___ walk ___ with faith, ___ walk with faith to the
 2. Walk with love, ___ walk ___ with love, ___ walk with love to the
 3. Walk with truth, ___ walk ___ with truth, ___ walk with truth to the

E \flat E \flat 7 D \flat A \flat Cm Fm

*The first words of the verse become the first words of the following refrain.

1. house of the Lord. ___ Seek - ing truth, ___ seek - ing truth, ___
 2. house of the Lord. ___ Seek - ing hope, ___ seek - ing hope, ___
 3. house of the Lord. ___ Seek - ing joy, ___ seek - ing joy, ___

1. house of the Lord. ___ Walk with faith, ___ walk ___ with faith, ___
 2. house of the Lord. ___ Walk with love, ___ walk ___ with love, ___
 3. house of the Lord. ___ Walk with truth, ___ walk ___ with truth, ___

D.C.

1. ___ seek - ing truth in the house of the Lord. ___
 2. ___ seek - ing hope in the house of the Lord. ___
 3. ___ seek - ing joy in the house of the Lord. ___

1. ___ walk with faith to the house of the Lord. ___
 2. ___ walk with love to the house of the Lord. ___
 3. ___ walk with truth to the house of the Lord. ___

D.C.

Additional verses for the procession to meet candidates

4. Seeking love in the house of the Lord...
5. Seeking faith in...
6. Stand and knock at...
7. Welcome waits in...
8. All are one in...
9. One in truth in...
10. One in love in...
11. One in hope in...
12. One in faith in...

Additional verses for the procession into the church

4. Walk with hope to the house of the Lord...
5. Walk with us to...
6. Hear God's word in...
7. Sing God's song in...
8. We rejoice in...
9. We give thanks in...
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11. Sing with love in...
12. Sing of faith in...
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(Guitar/Vocal)

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Capo 1: (G)
A \flat

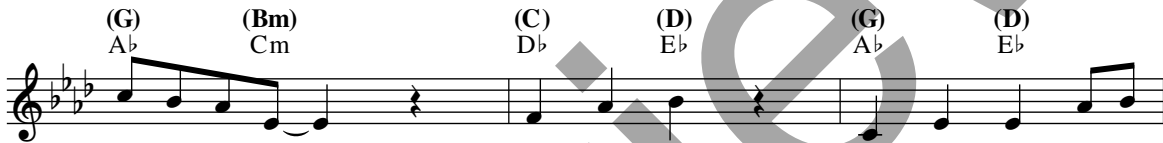
(D)
E \flat

(G)
A \flat

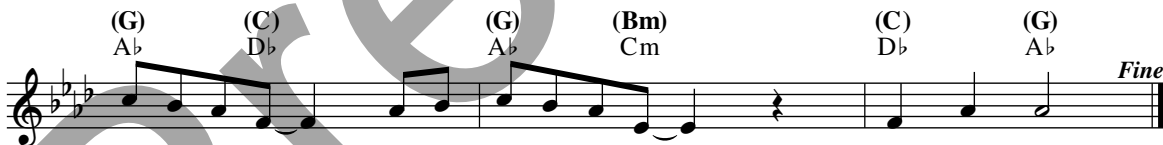
(C)
D \flat



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| (Procession to
meet Candidates) | 1. Seek - ers | come | to the | house of the Lord, — | to the |
| | 2. Seek - ing | truth | in the | house of the Lord, — | in the |
| | 3. Seek - ing | hope | in the | house of the Lord, — | in the |
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|------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------|
| 1. house of the Lord — | seek - ers | come. | Seek - ers | come | to the |
| 2. house of the Lord — | seek - ing | truth. | Seek - ing | truth | in the |
| 3. house of the Lord — | seek - ing | hope. | Seek - ing | hope | in the |
| 1. house of the Lord — | come | with us. | Come | with us | to the |
| 2. house of the Lord — | walk | with faith. | Walk | with faith | to the |
| 3. house of the Lord — | walk | with love. | Walk | with love | to the |




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|-------------------------|--------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. house of the Lord, — | to the | house of the Lord — | seek - ers | come. |
| 2. house of the Lord, — | in the | house of the Lord — | seek - ing | truth. |
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VERSES

Cantor/Choir (D) E \flat	(D7) E \flat 7	All (C) D \flat	(G) A \flat	(Bm) Cm	(Em) Fm
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1. Seek - ing truth, ___	seek - ing truth, ___	seek - ing truth in the
2. Seek - ing hope, ___	seek - ing hope, ___	seek - ing hope in the
3. Seek - ing joy, ___	seek - ing joy, ___	seek - ing joy in the
1. Walk with faith, ___	walk ___ with faith, ___	walk with faith to the
2. Walk with love, ___	walk ___ with love, ___	walk with love to the
3. Walk with truth, ___	walk ___ with truth, ___	walk with truth to the

(C) D \flat	(D) E \flat	(D7) E \flat 7	(C) D \flat	(G) A \flat
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1. house of the Lord. ___	Seek - ing truth, ___	seek - ing truth, ___
2. house of the Lord. ___	Seek - ing hope, ___	seek - ing hope, ___
3. house of the Lord. ___	Seek - ing joy, ___	seek - ing joy, ___
1. house of the Lord. ___	Walk with faith, ___	walk ___ with faith, ___
2. house of the Lord. ___	Walk with love, ___	walk ___ with love, ___
3. house of the Lord. ___	Walk with truth, ___	walk ___ with truth, ___

(Bm) Cm	(Em) Fm	(C) D \flat	(Dsus4) E \flat sus4	(D7) E \flat 7	<i>D.C.</i>
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1. ___	seek - ing truth	in the house of the Lord. ___
2. ___	seek - ing hope	in the house of the Lord. ___
3. ___	seek - ing joy	in the house of the Lord. ___
1. ___	walk with faith	to the house of the Lord. ___
2. ___	walk with love	to the house of the Lord. ___
3. ___	walk with truth	to the house of the Lord. ___

Additional verses for the procession to meet candidates

4. Seeking love in the house of the Lord...
5. Seeking faith in...
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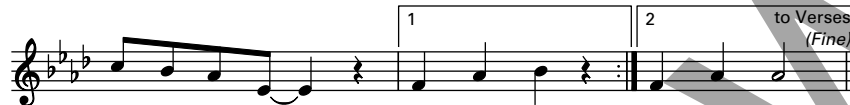
Assembly Edition

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2. house of the Lord	seek - ing truth.	seek - ing truth.
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1. house of the Lord	come with us.	come with us.
2. house of the Lord	walk with faith.	walk with faith.
3. house of the Lord	walk with love.	walk with love.



1. Seek - ing truth,	seek - ing truth,	seek - ing
2. Seek - ing hope,	seek - ing hope,	seek - ing
3. Seek - ing joy,	seek - ing joy,	seek - ing
1. Walk with faith,	walk with faith,	walk with
2. Walk with love,	walk with love,	walk with
3. Walk with truth,	walk with truth,	walk with



1. truth in the house of the Lord.	house of the Lord.
2. hope in the house of the Lord.	house of the Lord.
3. joy in the house of the Lord.	house of the Lord.
1. faith to the house of the Lord.	house of the Lord.
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