

On This Most Holy Day

Based on Exodus 15,
Psalms 16, 19, 30, 33, 42, 104, 118
Isaiah 12

Dan Schutte
Arranged by Bob Harrold

INTRO Joyfully (♩ = ca. 96) ♩.♩ = ♩³♩

Keyboard

REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Soprano

Alto

Baritone

On this most ho - ly day that the Lord has
(Pentecost) Send your Spir - it, O Lord, on the face of the

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A full score and parts for trumpet, flute, violin and triangle are available from the publisher, ed. 70225.

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1 *D.S.*

made, let us ev - er re - joice and be glad!
 earth to re - kin - dle the fire of our love!

Em C Am7 D7 1 G C/G G Dsus4 D *D.S.*

2... *Final*
 to Verses

glad! glad! (and be glad!) On this
 love! love! (of our love!) Send your

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G C/G G G C/G G Dsus4 D

most ho - ly day that the Lord has made, let us
Spir - it, O Lord, on the face of the earth to re -

G A/G B7/D# Em

ev - er re - joice and be glad!
kin - dle the fire of our love!

rit. *Fine*

C Am7 D7 G C/G G *Fine*

rit.

VERSES: Cantor/Choir

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 (after Gn 22 reading) 2. You pro - tect us, O God, with the
 (after Ex reading) 3. Through the wa - ters of death you de -
 (after Is 54 reading) 4. We ex - tol you, O Lord, and give
 (after Bar reading) 5. Let us drink of your grace from the
 (after Ez reading) 6. The com - mands of your love are more
 (after Rom reading) 7. Let us dwell in your house all the
 8. We give thanks to your name, gra - cious
 9. For the hand of the Lord has re -
 10. For the stone cast a - side and re -
 (Pentecost) 11. We will bless you, O God, with the
 12. When you si - lence our breath we will
 13. May your glo - ry en - dure till the

G/B C D/F#

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B/D# Em C

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D.S.

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 2. fend us and keep us from harm. _____ (from harm.)
 3. prom - ise you brought us to stay. _____ (to stay.)
 4. stead - fast, your love nev - er fails. _____ (ne'er fails.)
 5. va - tion our souls will re - joice. _____ (re - joice.)
 6. righ - teous, re - fresh - ing our souls. _____ (our souls.)
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 9. na - tions the glo - ry of God. _____ (of God.)
 10. da - tion, the rock of our hope. _____ (our hope.)
 11. *count - less the works of your hand. _____ (your hand.)*
 12. *spir - it re - news all the earth. _____ (the earth.)*
 13. *mu - sic de - light you, O God. _____ (O God.)*

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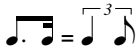
G/B Am7 Dsus4 D *D.S.*

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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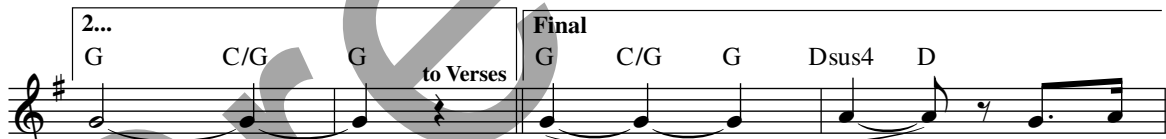


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(Pentecost) Send your Spir - it, O Lord, on the face of the earth to re -




ev - er re - joice and be glad!
kin - dle the fire of our love!


2... G C/G G to Verses Final G C/G G Dsus4 D



glad! On this
love! love! Send your



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Fine

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Performance Notes

The Easter Vigil liturgy is a night watch, hearkening back to the night the Israelites stayed awake all night waiting for the Lord to deliver them from their slavery in Egypt. During this Christian night of vigil, we retell the wondrous stories of our salvation as we wait for news that Jesus, our companion and brother, is risen from death.

Typically, each story from scripture is given its own unique psalm response. The disadvantage of this approach is that the choir and assembly have to struggle with many pieces of music. “On This Most Holy Day” provides an alternative. This setting is designed as a common response to be used after all the readings. The verses are based on the text of the psalms that normally follow each reading. In other words, a verse of the designated psalm is sung with a common refrain. The lyric texts are based on the following:

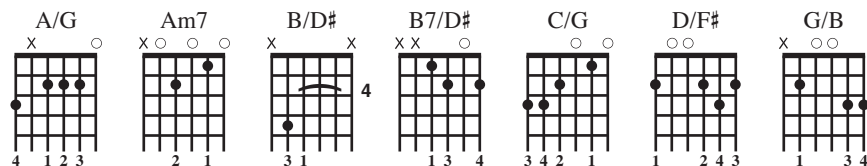
Refrain	..... Psalm 118
Verse 1	..... (following Reading 1) Psalm 33
Verse 2	..... (following Reading 2) Psalm 16
Verse 3	..... (following Reading 3) Exodus 15
Verse 4	..... (following Reading 4) Psalm 30
Verse 5	..... (following Reading 5) Isaiah 12
Verse 6	..... (following Reading 6) Psalm 19
Verse 7	..... (following Reading 7) Psalm 42
Verses 8–10	..... (following Epistle) Psalm 118
Pentecost Refrain and verses	..... Psalm 104

As musicians and liturgists, one of the challenges of the vigil, because of the many readings, is to keep the rhythm of reading-response-prayer moving. The tempo of the ritual becomes sluggish when there is a long pause between the end of a reading and beginning of a sung response. The same is true after the response. And should we sing every verse of the psalm? The risk we face on this night is that people become so saturated with words that they end up actually assimilating very little. During the vigil liturgy, it is arguably more important that we hear the stories of our salvation than that we sing the entire psalm.

In light of this, one possibility is to vary the length of the response for each reading. For example, after the creation reading let the response be very simple, just a refrain, first by the cantor, then repeated by the assembly. Then, after the next reading, the psalm response can be more extended. When the final psalm is sung after the reading from Romans, a fully rendered version of the psalm might be sung. This kind of variety helps give the Liturgy of the Word a dynamic rhythm and helps people remain fully attentive. Allow the piece to grow and develop each time it is sung. First time sing in unison. Next time, add the SAB choral part. And the next time, add an instrument or two. This keeps the sound new each time, while still providing a source of unity throughout the vigil readings. Instrumental parts for trumpet, flute, violin, and triangle are available separately (ed. 70225).

In addition to its use during the vigil, “On This Most Holy Day” may readily be used during the entire Easter Season. An alternative refrain text and verses are also provided for the feast of Pentecost, allowing the assembly to sing a new psalm for Pentecost without having to learn new music.

—Dan Schutte



Assembly Editions

ON THIS MOST HOLY DAY (Easter Vigil) Dan Schutte

REFRAIN

On this most ho - ly day that the Lord has made,
let us ev - er re - joice and be glad!
glad! On this most ho - ly day that the Lord has
made, let us ev - er re - joice and be glad!

VERSES

1. By your wis - dom,	O God,	you cre -
2. You pro - tect us,	O God,	with the
3. Through the wa - ters	of death	you de -
4. We ex - tol you,	O Lord,	and give
5. Let us drink of your	grace	from the
6. The com - mands of your	love	are more
7. Let us dwell in your	house	all the
8. We give thanks to your	name,	gra - cious
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9. na - tions the glo - ry of	God. _____
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REFRAIN

Send your Spir - it, O Lord, on the face of the earth
to re - kin - dle the fire of our love! _____

Final

love! _____ Send your Spir - it, O Lord, on the face of the
earth to re - kin - dle the fire of our love! _____ *Fine*

VERSES

1. We will bless you, O God, with the
2. When you si - lence our breath we will
3. May your glo - ry en - dure till the

1. song of our hearts. How a - maz - ing and
2. per - ish and die, but the fire of your
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_____ *to Refrain*

1. count - less the works of your hand. _____
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