

# OCP Choral Series

## Behold The River Of Life

Assembly, SAB Choir, Keyboard, and Guitar

Based on John 19:34; Ezekiel 47;  
Revelation 5 21:2

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The image displays a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music. The first two systems are vocal staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). Each vocal staff has five lines of lyrics below it. The lyrics are: 1. life that flows, 2. dry, cries out, 3. you, O God, my, 4. thirst: with - in your, 5. God de - scend. The piano accompaniment is shown in the bottom two systems, with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in the same key signature. A large, semi-transparent watermark reading 'Preview' is oriented diagonally across the center of the page.

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five systems. The first two systems are vocal lines with lyrics. The third system is a bass line. The fourth and fifth systems are piano accompaniment, with the right hand playing chords and the left hand playing a bass line. A large, semi-transparent watermark 'PREVIEW' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

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 2. grace a - bound! \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. heart with \_\_\_\_\_ joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. end - less \_\_\_\_\_ days! \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. days, A - men! \_\_\_\_\_

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**REFRAIN:**

**Soprano Descant**  
 Let the peo - ple sing, "Al - le - lu - ia!" Cre -

**Alto (Melody)**  
 Let the peo - ple sing, "Al - le - lu - ia!" Let cre -

**Baritone**  
 Let the peo - ple sing, "Al - le - lu - ia!" Let cre -

a - tion shout, "A - men! Al -  
 a - tion shout, "A - men!" Let the riv - er roll, heal - ing  
*div.* a - tion shout, "A - men! Al - le -  
*unis.*

le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A -  
 wa - ter flow from the tem - ple of God, through - out all the  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A -

1-4 *D.S.* 5 Repeat Refrain Final

men!'' \_\_\_\_\_ men!'' \_\_\_\_\_ men!'' \_\_\_\_\_

land. \_\_\_\_\_ land. \_\_\_\_\_ land. \_\_\_\_\_

men!'' \_\_\_\_\_ men!'' \_\_\_\_\_ men!'' \_\_\_\_\_

1-4 *D.S.* 5 Repeat Refrain Final

*Fine*



## Performance Notes

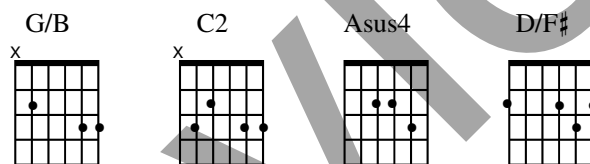
While the newly baptized are dressing, the Rite of Sprinkling commences. The presider (and, sometimes, other ministers) sprinkles the congregation with water to remind us of our own baptism. A large bowl and a thick pine branch would be useful to help the people to experience the waters of Baptism more fully.

The choir could probably sing several verses of this song while the Sprinkling Rite continues. As always, director, keep a good sense of the tempo. The choir can enter after the first Refrain. (A recording of this song is available from *Behold The Glory Of God*, edition no. 9582.) This is truly a joyful song. Keep the gospel feel of the music; make it dance!

—R.O.

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## Guitar Chord Charts



# Behold The River Of Life

(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO: (♩ = ca. 56)

D G/B C2 G/B D G/B C2 G/B

VERSES:

A D G/B C2 G/B D G/B C2 G/B D

1. Be - hold \_\_\_\_\_ the riv - er of life \_\_\_\_\_ that
2. The earth, \_\_\_\_\_ so bar - ren and dry, \_\_\_\_\_ cries
3. My soul \_\_\_\_\_ is thirst-ing for you, \_\_\_\_\_ O
4. And you, \_\_\_\_\_ my peo - ple who thirst: \_\_\_\_\_ with-
5. Be - hold \_\_\_\_\_ the cit - y of God \_\_\_\_\_ de -

G Bm7 Em C D G/B Asus4 A D

1. flows \_\_\_\_\_ from the tem - ple of God! \_\_\_\_\_ Sal -
2. out \_\_\_\_\_ for the wa - ters of life! \_\_\_\_\_ O
3. God, my God, like a wa - ter - less land! \_\_\_\_\_ By
4. in your hearts shall a foun - tain ap - pear! \_\_\_\_\_ The
5. scend - ing from the heav - ens a - bove! \_\_\_\_\_ All

G D/F# Em Bm G D Em Bm7

1. va - tion and light stream-ing from the o - pen side; \_\_\_\_\_ the
2. Lord, let your rain fall on this, a des - ert land; \_\_\_\_\_ O
3. night I cry out; through the day I wait \_\_\_\_\_ for you \_\_\_\_\_ to
4. Spir - it of Christ o - p'ning wide the springs \_\_\_\_\_ of life \_\_\_\_\_ to
5. glo - ry and pow'r to the Lamb and to \_\_\_\_\_ our God, \_\_\_\_\_ for

C G/B D G/B A Asus4 A

1. side of Je - sus the Lord! \_\_\_\_\_
2. let your grace a - bound! \_\_\_\_\_
3. bless this heart with \_\_\_\_\_ joy. \_\_\_\_\_
4. flow for end - less \_\_\_\_\_ days! \_\_\_\_\_
5. end - less days, A - men! \_\_\_\_\_

**REFRAIN:**

(tacet) D C2 Em G G/B

Melody  
Let the peo - ple sing, "Al - le - lu - ia!" Let cre -

Descant  
Let the peo - ple sing, "Al - le - lu - ia!" Cre -

Em C Asus4 A D C

a - tion shout, "A - men!" Let the riv - er roll, heal - ing

a - tion shout, "A - men!" Al -

F#m Bm F C Em G A

wa - ter flow from the tem - ple of God, through - out all the

le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A -

1-4 D G/B C2 G/B A D G/B C2 G/B D.S. 5 D G/B Asus4 A

land. \_\_\_\_\_ land. \_\_\_\_\_

men! \_\_\_\_\_ men! \_\_\_\_\_

**Final** D G/B C2 G/B A D G/B C2 G/B A D *Fine*

land. \_\_\_\_\_

men! \_\_\_\_\_

## Assembly Edition

### BEHOLD THE RIVER OF LIFE

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1. side; \_\_\_\_\_ the side of Je - sus the Lord! \_\_\_\_\_
2. land; \_\_\_\_\_ O let your grace a - bound! \_\_\_\_\_
3. you \_\_\_\_\_ to bless this heart with \_\_\_\_\_ joy.
4. life \_\_\_\_\_ to flow for end - less \_\_\_\_\_ days!
5. God, \_\_\_\_\_ for end - less days, A - men! \_\_\_\_\_

REFRAIN:



Let the peo - ple sing, "Al - le - lu - ia!" Let cre -



a - tion shout, "A - men!" Let the riv - er roll, heal - ing



wa - ter flow from the tem - ple of God, through - out all the land. \_

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