Rejoice in the Promise of Jesus
(The Beatitudes)
Assembly, Cantor, SAB Choir, Descant, Keyboard, Guitar, and Solo Instrument in C
Based on Matthew 5:15; Luke 6:20–23
Delores Dufner, OSB & Scot Crandal

INTRO Unhurried (≈ ca. 68)

Keyboard

C

D7sus4

B7

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*VERSES: Cantor/Choir or All

**Melody**

1. Blest are you low - ly and poor in spir - it,
2. Blest are you mourn - ers who live with sor - row,
3. Blest are you mer - ci - ful, swift to par - don,
4. Blest are you, hearts that are pure and faith - ful,
5. Blest are you scorned and re - viled, in - sult - ed,
6. Blest are you peace - mak - ers, build - ing bridg - es,

**Harmony**

1. find - ing your wealth not in gold,
2. griev - ing the e - vil on earth,
3. show - ing com - pas - sion to all,
4. whol - ly sur - ren - dered to Love,
5. scoffed at, de - spised by the strong,
6. gen - tle in speak - ing your truth,

* Some verses may be sung consecutively, for example, in groups of two, without a Refrain in between.
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1. setting your sights not on power and glory, but
2. hung’ring for righteousness, thirsting for justice; for
3. patient with failings and tender toward weakness; God’s
4. giving of self to your Maker and neighbor; the
5. slandered because of me, mocked by the mighty, but
6. listening and learning from others who differ, all

Em D/F#

D.S. to Verse to Refrain

1. trusting in God alone.
2. you are consoled by God.
3. mercy is shown to you.
4. favor of God is yours.
5. honored by God, and praised.
6. children of God, like you.

C D7sus4 B7 D.S. to Verse D.S. to Refrain
Rejoice in the Promise of Jesus

Soprano

Rejoice in the promise of Jesus, for yours is the

Alto

kingdom of God, glad in Jesus

Baritone

kingdom of God. Be glad in the gospel of Jesus

Am/D G G/B C D Em

Em D/F♯ G C Am6 Em D C/E D/F♯
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sus, for you are beloved and blest.

Optional Interlude before Verse

G G 7/B C Am/D G B 7/D# D.S.
to Refrain

Optional Interlude before Verse

G/F C/E B 7/D# D.S.
to Refrain

G/D
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6

Final

Be glad in Jesus for you are beloved and blest.

rit.

D C/D Am/D G C/E D/F# G

molto rit.
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Em
D/F#

1. Bllest are you low-ly and poor in spir-it,
2. Bllest are you mourn-ers who live with sor-row,
3. Bllest are you mer-ciful, swift to par-don,
4. Bllest are you, hearts that are pure and faith-ful,
5. Bllest are you scorned and re-viled, in-sult-ed,
6. Bllest are you peace-mak-ers, build-ing bridg-es,

Em
D/F#

1. find-ing your wealth not in gold,
2. griev-ing the e-vil on earth,
3. show-ing com-pas-sion to all,
4. wholly sur-ren-dered to Love,
5. scoffed at, de-spised by the strong,
6. gen-tle in speak-ing your truth,

Em
D/F#

1. set-ting your sights not on pow-er and glo-ry, but
2. hung-ling for right-eous-ness, thirst-ing for jus-tice; for
3. pa-tient with fail-ings and ten-der t'ward weak-ness; God's
4. giv-ing of self to your Mak-er and neigh-bor; the
5. slan-dered be-caus-e of me, mocked by the might-ly, but
6. lis-t'ning and learn-ing from oth-ers who dif-fer, all

C
D7sus4
B7

1. trust-ing in God a-lone.
2. you are con-soled by God.
3. mer-cy is shown to you.
4. fa-vor of God is yours.
5. hon-ored by God, and praised.
6. chil-dren of God, like you.

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REFRAIN: All
Am/D G G/B C D
Re - joice in the prom - ise____ of Je - sus, for___

Em D/F# G C Am6
yours is the king - dom of God.____ Be___

Em D C/E D/F# G G7/B
glad in the gos - pel of Je - sus, for___

C Am/D G to Verses B7/D# D.S.
you are be - lov - ed and blest.____

Optional Interlude before Verse
G/F C/E rit. B7/D# D.S. to Refrain G/D

Final G/B C D C/E D/F# G G7/B
Be glad in the gos - pel of Je - sus, for___

C D C/D Am/D G molto rit. C/E D/F# G
you are be - lov - ed____ and blest.____
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SOLO INSTRUMENT in C

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Notes

This musical setting of the Beatitudes may be used in a variety of ways. The verses are easily sung by the assembly or could be sung by a cantor or choir, especially when introducing the piece. Also, the verses can be sung consecutively, perhaps in groups of two, with the Refrain coming in as desired. Liturgically, this piece works well during Communion. Other uses include All Saints, Funerals, and RCIA.

—Scot Crandal

Jesus turned upside-down the conventional values of power, wealth, and status. Instead, he preached mercy, simplicity, and inclusivity. This paraphrase of the Beatitudes challenges us to be as countercultural as Jesus was, trusting in God rather than in human solutions.

—Dolores Dufner, OSB
REJOICE IN THE PROMISE OF JESUS  (THE BEATITUDES)

Verses

1. Blést are you low-ly and poor in spir-it,
2. Blést are you mourn-ers who live with sor-row,
3. Blést are you mer-ci-ful, swift to par-don,
4. Blést are you, hearts that are pure and faith-ful,
5. Blést are you scorned and re-viled, in-sult-ed,
6. Blést are you peace-mak-ers, build-ing bridg-es,

Refrain

Rejoice in the prom-ise of Je-sus, for
yours is the king-dom of God. Be glad in the

gos-pel of Je-sus, for you are be-loved and blést.

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