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In Your Presence, O God

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Preview

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(a cappella)

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REFRAIN *Calmly, yet with longing* (♩ = ca. 160)



In your pres-ence, O God, the full-ness of mer-cy, the full-ness of life.

VERSES *More quickly, with confidence* (♩ = 168-176)



1. Of your kind-ness, ___ of your ev-er-last-ing love I will
 2. My heart re-new, ___ place your life with-in my soul! O my
 3. Lord, re-mem-ber ___ that your faith-ful love is sure! Hear our
 4. Teach me wis-dom, ___ show me how to walk your way. Lead me



1. sing for- ev- er. ___ In ev-ery age you are our God.
 2. God, be gra-cious! ___ For you a-lone can make me whole.
 3. cry for mer-cy. ___ In ev-ery age, the Ho-ly One!
 4. to your dwell-ing, ___ for this I seek: your pres-ence, Lord.

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Composer Notes

In the wake of a seminar on the personalist philosophy of John MacMurray at the (former) Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, Mass. (Fall 1992), I wanted to put that personalism to work in liturgical praying. I-Thou.

Refrain: Lean into the words, “presence... fullness... fullness...,” then release into a slight decrescendo to end each phrase. Explore the slower tempo. Trust it. Begin quietly. Let it expand and breathe to the tacet. Express love for God gently. The verses speed up and are sung with intensity, joyfully. Then become quieter, slower. The recording demonstrates how to add basses and tenors a minor third below and a third above F to add depth to the melody sung by sopranos.

Note how choir and people are singing it now. Does the refrain need to expand and grow stronger? Does it need to become even gentler? You make the call. Trust the slower tempo!

- **Liturgical seasons:** Easter season to express the quieter side of joy, Ordinary Time (for reflections on discipleship, trusting in Jesus, abiding in Jesus – especially in Cycle B with John’s Gospel in the summer).
- **Parts of liturgy:** Prelude, Preparation of Gifts, Song of Praise after Communion, Rite of Acceptance, Rite of Election, Dedication of churches & altars, Parish anniversaries.

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Assembly Edition

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