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I Love the Lord
Two-part Choir, Descant, Keyboard, Guitar,
Solo Instrument in C, Assembly (includes Hymn Version)

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CHORAL SERIES

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Preview



to all the vulnerable, those who are grieving, those who are searching for God
or for meaning in their lives, and those who just want to express their love of God
and their dependence on God

I Love the Lord

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(♩ = ca. 63) VERSES 1-2

Melody

1. I love the Lord who has heard my
2. I seek the Lord through each night and

Keyboard

mp *mf*

1. cry. I love the Lord, stand-ing at my side. I love the Lord,
2. day. I seek the Lord as I walk my way. I seek the Lord

1. al- ways close to me. I love the Lord, love the Lord _____ who
2. when the light seems gone. I seek the Lord, seek the Lord _____ who

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1. saves and sets me free.
2. calls me to go on.

mp

VERSE 3: More urgent

Descant

3. I need, more than I can tell. I need the Lord—

Melody

3. I need the Lord more than I can tell. I need the Lord—

mf

3. this I know so well! I need the Lord, how I need the Lord!

3. this I know so well! I need the Lord, how I need the Lord! I

Note: When used with unison voices, the Descant may be played by a solo instrument.

3. I need, I need the Lord with love on me _____ out-poured. _____

3. need the Lord, need the Lord _____ with love on me out-poured. _____

VERSE 4

4. I praise _____ the Lord. I

4. I praise the Lord, sing-ing clear and strong. I

p
più f

4. praise _____ the Lord, the fo - cus of my song. I praise _____ the

4. praise the Lord, fo - cus of my song. I praise the Lord, strength-en - ing my

4. Lord. Praise the Lord, O praise the Lord and

4. voice. I praise the Lord, praise the Lord _____ and

4. rap - t'rous - ly re - joice!

4. rap - t'rous - ly re - joice!

rit.

rit.

rit. *ff*

Composer Notes

Verse 1, the origin of the song, may be sung as an ostinato meditation, over and over again, without the other verses. Verse 2 takes up the psalmist's theme: constantly seek his face! Verse 3 acknowledges our need for God, even if we do not know our need, and Verse 4 reflects those who have come through the midst of trials and are now ready to give praise and thanksgiving to the God they love.

The song can be sung by unison voices, two treble voices, or SA choir. When sung in unison with the assembly, the descant may be played by a solo instrument.

See the hymn version for a simple accompaniment for all four verses.

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Capo 3: (Cmaj7) (Dm/F) (Em7/B) (Am) (Am7/G) (Dm/F) (Dm6) (Am/C) (Dm)
 Ebmaj7 Fm/A♭ Gm7/D Cm Cm7/B♭ Fm/A♭ Fm6 Cm/E♭ Fm

1. I love the Lord who has heard my cry. — I
 2. I seek the Lord through each night and day. — I
 3. I need the Lord more than I can tell. — I
 4. I praise the Lord, sing - ing clear and strong. — I

(Am) (C/E) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (D) (Am/C) (Am) (Dm) (C/E) (Dm/F) (G)
 Cm Eb/G F Dm7 Gm F Cm/E♭ Cm Fm Eb/G Fm/A♭ B♭

1. love the Lord, stand - ing at my side. — I love the Lord, al - ways close to me. — I
 2. seek the Lord as I walk my way. — I seek the Lord when the light seems gone. — I
 3. need the Lord — this I know so well! — I need the Lord, how I need the Lord! — I
 4. praise the Lord, fo - cus of my song. — I praise the Lord, strength - en - ing my voice. — I

(C) (G/B) (Em7) (F) (Em/G) (F) 1-3 Final
 Eb B♭/D Gm7 A♭ Gm/B♭ A♭ (Am)
 Cm

1. love the Lord, love the Lord — who saves and sets me free. —
 2. seek the Lord, seek the Lord — who calls me to go on. —
 3. need the Lord, need the Lord — with love on me out-poured. —
 4. praise the Lord, praise the Lord — and rap-t'rous-ly re - joice! —

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SOLO INSTRUMENT in C

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VERSE 1

VERSE 2

3 15 3 15

VERSE 3

2

VERSE 4

2

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Note: This part for Solo Instrument in C is for use with the hymn version.

Assembly Edition

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1. I love the Lord who has heard my cry. |
 2. I seek the Lord through each night and day. |
 3. I need the Lord more than I can tell. |
 4. I praise the Lord, sing - ing clear and strong. |

1. love the Lord, stand - ing at my side. | love the Lord,
 2. seek the Lord as I walk my way. | seek the Lord
 3. need the Lord— this I know so well! | need the Lord,
 4. praise the Lord, fo - cus of my song. | praise the Lord,

1. al - ways close to me. | love the Lord, love the Lord
 2. when the light seems gone. | seek the Lord, seek the Lord
 3. how I need the Lord! | need the Lord, need the Lord
 4. strength - en - ing my voice. | praise the Lord, praise the Lord

1. who saves and sets me free.
 2. who calls me to go on.
 3. with love on me out - poured.
 4. and rap - t'rous - ly re - joice!

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