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May the Lord, Mighty God
Unison Choir, Descant, Piano and/or Organ,
Guitar, Assembly

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CHORAL SERIES

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Preview



for Elizabeth

May the Lord, Mighty God

(Piano/Vocal)

Based on Numbers 6:24-26

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Vs. 1, anonymous

Vs. 2 adapted by Robert Noble

INTRO (♩ = ca. 72)

E♭ E♭maj7 A♭/E♭ E♭ E♭maj7 A♭/E♭

Piano *mf*

VERSES

mf

1. May the Lord, might - y God, bless and keep you for -
 2. Lift your eyes and see God's face, source of grace for -

E♭ E♭maj7/G Fm7/A♭ B♭ E♭ E♭maj7/G

1. ev - er, grant you peace, per - fect peace,
 2. ev - er. May the Lord, might - y God,

A♭ B♭ Cm B♭7 E♭ G7 Cm

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1. cour - age in ev - ery en - deav - or.
2. bless and — keep you for -

Ab Ebmaj7/G Fm7 Bbsus4 Bb Bbsus4 Bb

2
(Descant)

(Melody)
2. ev - er. May the Lord, — might - y — God,

Ab Bb Cm Bb7 Eb G7 Cm

rit.

2. bless and — keep you for - ev - er.

Ab Ebmaj7/G Fm7 Ab/Bb Eb Ab/Eb Eb

rit. *p*

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Organ

VERSES

mf

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mf

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1

1. cour - age in ev - ery en - deav - or.
2. bless and keep you for -

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of the musical score. The top line is a vocal melody in G major (one flat) with lyrics. The bottom line is a piano accompaniment. A first ending bracket labeled '1' spans the final two measures of the system.

2 (Descant)

(Melody)

2. ev - er. May the Lord, might - y God,

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of the musical score. The top line is a vocal melody with lyrics. The bottom line is a piano accompaniment. A second ending bracket labeled '2' spans the final two measures of the system. The word '(Descant)' is written above the first measure of the vocal line.

rit.

2. bless and keep you for - ev - er.

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of the musical score. The top line is a vocal melody with lyrics. The bottom line is a piano accompaniment. The word 'rit.' (ritardando) is written above the first measure of the vocal line. The piano accompaniment also includes a 'rit.' marking and a 'p' (piano) dynamic marking in the final measures.

Composer Notes

In 2017, I was searching for short choral works that could be used in a variety of circumstances. After finding a few, I decided to set “May the Lord, Mighty God,” an anonymous text based on the benediction from the Book of Numbers. I am grateful to Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, who suggested some textual edits to make it more theologically sound. This passage from Numbers is the first reading every year on January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

In the context of Mass, I’ve used this as a post-communion meditation, while the sacred vessels are being purified. It could be sung as a closing hymn at evening prayer, or as a benediction at inter-faith gatherings. The piano/organ/guitar scores are compatible and may be used together, but be careful not to make it too heavy. It is simple enough that assemblies can quickly join in, or it can be sung by a soloist or choir alone. Add an instrumental verse following Verse 1 to lengthen the piece if desired. The descant on the final ending could be sung, or it could be played by a solo instrument.

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Capo 3: (C) Eb (Cmaj7) Ebmaj7 (F/C) Ab/Eb (C) Eb (Cmaj7) Ebmaj7 (F/C) Ab/Eb

VERSES

(C) Eb (Cmaj7/E) Ebmaj7/G (Dm7/F) Fm7/Ab (G) Bb (C) Eb (Cmaj7/E) Ebmaj7/G

1. May the Lord, might - y God, bless and keep you for -
 2. Lift your eyes and see God's face, source of grace for -

(F) Ab (G) Bb (Am) Cm (G7) Bb7 (C) Eb (E7) G7 (Am) Cm

1. ev - er, grant you peace, per - fect peace,
 2. ev - er. May the Lord, might - y God,

(F) Ab (Cmaj7/E) Ebmaj7/G (Dm7) Fm7 (Gsus4) Bbsus4 (G) Bb (Gsus4) Bbsus4 (G) Bb

1. cour - age in ev - ery en - deav - or.
 2. bless and keep you for -

(F) Ab (G) Bb (Am) Cm (G7) Bb7 (C) Eb (E7) G7 (Am) Cm

2. ev - er. May the Lord, might - y God,

(F) Ab (Cmaj7/E) Ebmaj7/G (Dm7) Fm7 (F/G) Ab/Bb (C) Eb (F/C) Ab/Eb (C) Eb

rit.

2. bless and keep you for - ev - er.

Assembly Edition

MAY THE LORD, MIGHTY GOD

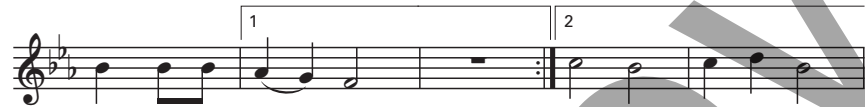
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2. Lift your eyes and see God's face, source of grace for -



1. ev - er, grant you peace, per - fect peace, cour - age in
2. ev - er. May the Lord, might - y God, bless and



1. ev - ery en - deav - or.
2. keep you for - ev - er. May the Lord,



2. might - y God, bless and keep you for - ev - er.

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