

OCP CHORAL SERIES

for the solemn profession of vows of Br. Dominick Jean, O.P., August 12, 2023

See How Good

Refrain: Psalm 133

Orin Johnson

Verses: Based on Pauline epistles from *The World English Bible (WEB)*

INTRO *Andante* (♩ = ca. 60)

Keyboard

The musical score for the keyboard introduction is written in 3/2 time and D-flat major. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the right hand and a bass clef staff for the left hand. The tempo is marked 'Andante' with a quarter note equal to approximately 60 beats per minute. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score begins with a D-flat chord in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The right hand then plays a series of chords: D-flat, G-flat, and D-flat. The left hand plays a melodic line that moves from a low D-flat to a higher D-flat. The score ends with a repeat sign.

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REFRAIN

Soprano
Alto
 O — see how good it is, how pleas-ant it is for God's

Baritone

Ebm7/Ab **Db** **Db/F** **Gb** **Ebm7** **Ab**

chil-dren to live in u - ni - ty, live to -

Ebm7 **Db/F** **Gb** **Absus4** **Ab**

ge-ther in u - ni - ty!

to Verses
(Fine)

Ebm7 **Absus4** **Ab** **Db** **Gb** **Db**

to Verses
(Fine)

*Optional repeat of initial refrain (jump back to m. 3).

VERSES: Choir/Cantor

1. I beg you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called
 2. There is one body and one Spirit,
 3. If there is any exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love,
 4. Now I beg you, brothers and sisters,
 5. Even as we have many members in one body
 6. Now the God of perseverance and of en - couragement
 7. Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and be - lovèd,
 8. There is neither Jew nor Greek,

B \flat m F/A

1. with all lowliness and humility, with patience,
 2. even as you also were called in one hope of your calling,
 3. if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and com - passion,
 4. through the name of our Lord, Je - sus Christ,
 5. and all the members do not have the same function,
 6. grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,
 7. a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, humility, and per - se - verance;
 8. there is neither slave nor free,

D \flat /A \flat E \flat 7/G

1. bearing with one another in love,
 2. one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,
 3. make my joy full by being like - minded,
 4. that there be no divisions a - mong you,
 5. so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,
 6. that with one accord you may with one mouth
 7. bearing with one another, and forgiving each other.
 8. there is neither male nor female;

Chords: G \flat , D \flat /F

1. being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Eph. 4:1-3)
 2. who is over all and through all, and in us all. (Eph. 4:4-6)
 3. having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (Phil. 2:1-2)
 4. but that you be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment. (1 Cor. 1:10)
 5. and individually members of one a - nother. (Rom. 12:4-5)
 6. glorify the God and Father of our Lord Je - sus Christ. (Rom. 15:5-6)
 7. Above all these things, walk in love, which is the bond of per - fection. (Col. 3:12-14)
 8. for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal. 3:28)

Chords: E \flat 9, A \flat

a tempo *D.S.*

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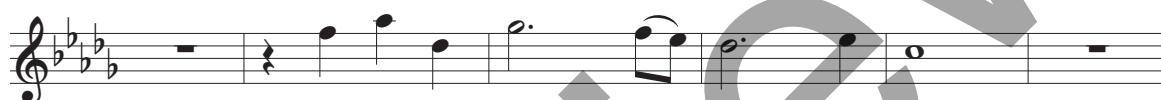
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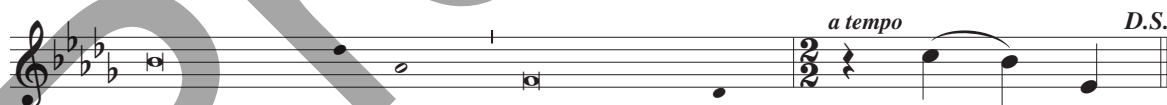
INTRO *Andante* ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 60$)



REFRAIN



VERSES 1-8: Choir/Cantor



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(Guitar/Vocal)

Refrain: Psalm 133

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Verses: Based on Pauline epistles from *The World English Bible (WEB)***INTRO** *Andante* (♩ = ca. 60)

Capo 1: (C) (F) (C)
D^b G^b D^b

(Kbd)

REFRAIN

(Dm7/G) (C) (C/E) (F) (Dm7) (G)
Eb7/A^b D^b D^b/F G^b Eb7 A^b

O — see how good it is, how pleas-ant it is for God's

(Dm7) (C/E) (F) (Gsus4) (G)
Eb7 D^b/F G^b Absus4 A^b

chil-dren to live in u - ni - ty, live to -

(Dm7) (Gsus4) (G) (C) (F) (C)
Eb7 Absus4 A^b D^b G^b D^b * to Verses
(Fine)

ge-ther in u - ni - ty!

VERSES: Choir/Cantor

(Am) (E/G#)
B^bm F/A

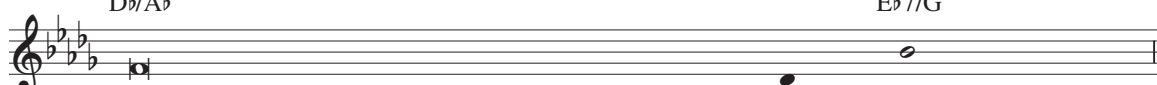
1. I beg you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called
2. There is one body and one Spirit,
3. If there is any exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love,
4. Now I beg you, brothers and sisters,
5. Even as we have many members in one body
6. Now the God of perseverance and of en - couragement
7. Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and be - lovèd,
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(C/G)
Db/A^b

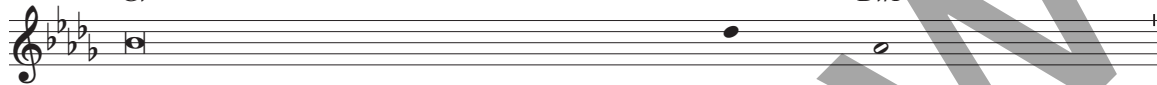
(D7/F#)
Eb7/G



1. with all lowliness and humility, with patience,
 2. even as you also were called in one hope of your calling,
 3. if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and com - passion,
 4. through the name of our Lord, Je - sus Christ,
 5. and all the members do not have the same function,
 6. grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,
 7. a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, humility, and per - se - verance;
 8. there is neither slave nor free,

(F)
Gb

(C/E)
Db/F




1. bearing with one another in love,
 2. one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,
 3. make my joy full by being like - minded,
 4. that there be no divisions a - mong you,
 5. so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,
 6. that with one accord you may with one mouth
 7. bearing with one another, and forgiving each other.
 8. there is neither male nor female;

(D9)
Eb9

(G)
Ab
a tempo

D.S.



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 2. who is over all and through all, and in us all. (Eph. 4:4-6)
 3. having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (Phil. 2:1-2)
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Composer Notes

When my friend, Br. Dominick Jean, O.P., asked me to help with the music for his solemn profession, he mentioned a part of the rite known as the *embrazo*, during which all the others in the community offer a welcoming embrace to the newly professed brothers. He indicated that it's prescribed to sing Psalm 133, with its themes of unity, during this beautiful moment, and hoped I could find something suitable. For my friend, I chose to create, rather than to find, and this piece quickly sprang to life.

As I searched for other scriptural texts on unity to complement Psalm 133, it quickly became clear that the vast majority of them were to be found in Pauline epistles. These texts of varying length became the verses, demanding the chant-like structure seen here. These verses should not at all feel slow, but rather speech-like—perhaps even like forceful exhortations. The refrain, in contrast, should be warm, lush, and inviting.

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Assembly Edition

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Refrain

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is for God's chil-dren to live in u - ni -
ty, live to - ge-ther in u - ni - ty!

Verses

<p>1. I beg you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called with all lowliness and humility, with patience, bearing with one another in love, being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.</p> <p>2. There is one body and one Spirit, even as you also were called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all, and in us all.</p> <p>3. If there is any exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and compassion, make my joy full by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.</p> <p>4. Now I beg you, brothers and sisters, through the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment.</p>	<p>5. Even as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.</p> <p>6. Now the God of perseverance and of encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>7. Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, humility, and perseverance; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other. Above all these things, walk in love, which is the bond of perfection.</p> <p>8. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.</p>
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