

Commissioned by Cappella Clausura, Amelia Leclair, Director,
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BIRDS OF THE PSALMS*

7. Psalm 148 (Creeping Things and Winged Birds)

Halleluia! Halleluia! Sun and moon, all you shining stars and heav'n of heav'ns praise you.

Halleluia! Fire and hail and snow and fog and wind praise you.

Wild, wild beasts, cows and sheep and little lambs, creeping, creeping, creeping things and all winged birds. praise you.

Halleluia...

Adapted from *The Psalter,*
The Book of Common Prayer

Music by Patricia Van Ness (1951)
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*From *Music for the Psalms,*
dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes

$\text{♩} = 140$
lightly, with whimsy



Soprano

Soprano *mf*
zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, _

Alto *mf*
zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom,

Tenor *mf*
(Hal - le hal - le-lu-jah hal-le-lu - jah, sun and moon,

Baritone *mf*
Hal-le-lu - jah! hal - le-lu - jah (jah sun and moon,

Bass *mf*
Hal-le-lu - jah! (hal le (hal (jah sun and moon, _

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S.

S.

A.

T.

all you shin-ing stars and heav'n of heav'ns_ praise_____ praise you,

Bar.

all, stars and heav'n of heav'ns praise_____ you praise,_____ you_____

B.

all you shin-ing stars heav'n of heav'ns praise_____ you, praise_____

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A *mf*

S.

Hal-le - lu - ia,_____ (hal hail

S.

Hal-le - lu - ia_____ hal - le - lu - ia

A.

Hal - le - lu - ia, ia, hal - le - lu - ia_____ hail and

T.

praise_____you! (le - lu - ia_ (lu - jah,_____ (hal - le - lu - fire and hail and

Bar.

praise you! Hal - le - lu - ia_ Hal-le - (hal,_____ fire and hail_____

B.

praise you! (lu,_____ fire and hail_____

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S. snow and fog and wind praise you praise.

S. snow and fog and praise you praise.

A. snow and fog praise you you praise you.

T. snow wind praise, you, praise praise you.

Bar. snow, and wind praise you praise praise you.

B. and praise, praise praise you.

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S. Wild wild beasts

S. zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, cows and sheep and lit - tle lambs

A. Wi - ld (wi cows and sheep

T. zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, cows and sheep

Bar. (Wi beasts

B. beasts lit - tle lambs

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S. *mp* creep-ing creep-ing creep-ing *mf* and all wing-ed birds, ah ah

S. *mp* creep ing creep-ing things and *mf* all wing-ed birds

A. *mp* (cree things *mf* all zoom Wild wild

T. *mp* (cree (cree things and *mf* all wing - ed birds Wild wild beasts

Bar. _____

B. *mp* (cree (cree things and birds Wild

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S. ah ah *mp*

S. cows lit-tle lambs cree *mp* (cree

A. cows and sheep (cree

T. *mp* creep-ing creep-ing creep-ing *mp* and

Bar. cows and sheep and lit-tle lambs creep ing creep-ing things and

B. cows and sheep (cree (cree and and *mp*

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mf

S. all wing-edbirds. (Hal - le - lu (lu

mf

S. all wing-edbirds. (Hal - le (jah hal - le (lu

mf

A. all birds. Hal - le - lu - jah hal - le - lu -

mf

T. all wing - edbirds. (lu (le (lu

mf

Bar. all wing - ed birds. Hal - le - lu - jah

mf

B. all birds. (Hal (Hal - le -

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C *mf*

S. (lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - ia,

mf

S. jah! zoom zoom zoom zoom Hal - le - lu - ia

mf

A. (lu jah! Hal - le - lu - ia, ia,

mf

T. (jah! (le - lu - ia (lu - jah,

mf

Bar. (lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - ia Hal - le -

mf

B. lu - (lu,

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S. (hal hail snow and fog and wind

S. hal - le - lu - ia snow and fog and praise you

A. hal - le - lu - ia hail and snow and fog praise you

T. hal - le - lu - jah, fire and hail and snow wind praise, you,

Bar. (hal, fire and hail and snow, and wind praise you

B. fire and hail and praise, praise

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D *mf*

S. praise you praise, Hal - le - lu - ia, (hal

S. *mf* praise, hal - le - lu - ia hal - le - lu -

A. *mf* you praise you, hal - le - lu - ia, ia, hal - le - lu - ia

T. praise praise you, (lu - ia (lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

Bar. *mf* praise praise hal-le-lu-ia (ia hal - le - (hal,

B. *mf* praise hal-le-lu-ia (lu,

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S. hail and snow and fog wind praise you

S. ia snow and fog and praise you

A. hail snow and fog and wind

T. fire and hail and snow fog and praise, you,

Bar. fire and hail and snow, and wind praise you

B. fire and hail and praise, praise.

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S. praise you praise! A - - - men!

S. praise! A - - - men!

A. you praise you! A - - - men!

T. praise praise you! A - - - men!

Bar. praise praise you! A - - - men!

B. praise you! A - - - men!