

Commissioned by Liz Bradley and Coro Allegro, David Hodgkins, Artistic Director,  
and Premiered on 20 May 2018 by Coro Allegro, Sonja Dutoit Tengblad, soprano, Church of the Covenant, Boston  
In Memory of Our Foremothers, Who Fought For Our Deliverance

# PSALMS OF LUMINOUS RESCUE\*

## 5. Psalm 68 (Let Us Be Glad)

*Let us be glad and rejoice, let us be merry and joyful!  
I sing to you, sing praises to your name. It is you by whom we escape death.  
Let us be glad...*

Music by Patricia Van Ness (1951)  
Score rev. 13 February 2018  
\*from MUSIC FOR THE PSALMS,  
dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes

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

♩ = 110

Soprano Solo

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto 1

Tenor 1

Bass

♩ = 110

Oboe

Bowings optional. *f* *Leggiero e vivo; senza vibrato*

Viola

*f* *Leggiero e vivo; senza vibrato*

Bowings optional.

Violoncello

*f* *Leggiero e vivo; senza vibrato*

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2

8 A

Ob.  
Vla.  
Vc.

16

*mp* *f*  
*p* *f*

B

23

*mf* *Leggiero e vivo; senza vibrato*

S. Let us be\_ glad and

*mf* *Leggiero e vivo; senza vibrato*

S. Let us be\_ glad and

*mf* *Leggiero e vivo; senza vibrato*

A. and\_ (re\_

*mf* *Leggiero e vivo; senza vibrato*

T. and\_

*mf* *Leggiero e vivo; senza vibrato*

B. Let B be glad\_ and\_ (re\_

Ob.  
Vla.  
Vc.

30 note *tenutos*: slight emphasis

S. re - - - - - joice, and be mer - -

S. re - - - - - joice, and be (mer - -

A. (ee - - - - - joice, and (mer - -

T. re - - - - - joice, (mer - -

B. re - - - - - joice, and (re - -



38 **C**

S. - ry! and joy-ful, be

S. and and be joy, be

A. and joy-ful, be

T. mer-ry! joy be be be

B. be joy you

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4

45

S. joy - ful! We we

S. be be joy - ful! We we

A. be joy - ful! We we

T. (ful! We

B. joy We we

**D**

53

S. Solo I sing praise, sing praise

S. sing

S. sing

A. sing

T. we sing

B.

Ob.

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

**E**

59

S. Solo

prais - - es to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ to your name

S.

lu \_\_\_\_\_ lu \_\_\_\_\_ It

S.

Lu lu lu lu lu lu It

A.

It

T.

It

B.

It

Ob.

Vla.

Vc.

**F**

*p* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

G

66

S. is you by whom we es - cape death. Let

S. is you whom we es - cape death. Let us be

A. is you by whom we es - cape death.

T. is you we (cape death.

B. by whom (cape death. Let be

Ob. *f*

Vla. *f*

Vc. *f*

G

74

S. glad, re - - - - -

S. glad re - - - - -

A. re - - - - -

T. re - - - - -

B. glad re - - - - -

Ob. no chorus chorus

Vla.

Vc.

81

S. *p* *f*  
joice, and

S. *p* *f*  
joice, and be

A. *p* *f*  
joice, and

T. *p* *f*  
joice, and

B. *p* *f*  
joice and be joy

Ob. *H*

Vla. no chorus chorus

Vc.



89

S. joy-ful, be joy -

S. joy, be be joy -

A. joy-ful, be be joy -

T. joy be be be

B. you joy

Ob.

Vla.

Vc.

95

S. - ful!

S. - ful!

A. ful!

T. (ful!

B. (ful!

Ob.

Vla.

Vc.