

Commissioned by Coro Allegro, David Hodgkins, Artistic Director,  
in honor of Coro Allegro's past, present and future Presidents for their  
leadership, vision, and tireless dedication.

## Psalm 116 (Alleluia)\*

*I love you, for you heard my prayer when cords of death had bound me.  
O, how can I repay you? I will lift up my voice to you, "Alleluia."  
You dried my tears, and kept my feet from stumbling.  
You rescued my life when I had come to sorrow.  
I will lift up my voice to you, "Alleluia."*

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*

Notes: Please stagger breathing within  
each part to create a seamless sound.  
Drones and chant pass between parts;  
please make entrances and releases smooth.

♩ = 60 *mf* *mp*

Descant/  
Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Tenor

Bass

I love you, (lu -

I love you,

I love

I love love

I love love

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Des./ S.1  
- ia, bound

S.2  
you prayer

A.  
*mf* for you *mp* heard my prayer

T.  
*mp* you, *mf* for you *mp* heard my prayer

B.  
*mp* you, for when cords of death had bound me.

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Des./ S.1  
can I I will lift lift up my voice

S.2  
*mp* How can I you I lift voice

A.  
*mf* How I re - pay you? lift voice

T.  
*mf* How I lift

B.  
*p* can I re - pay you? *mf* *mp*

19 **A** *mp* *mp* *mf* *mp* *ah*

Des./ S.1 to you Ah al - le - lu - ia

S.2 to you Ah al - le - lu - ia

A. you "Al - le - lu - ia ah

T. you, "Al - le - lu - ia ah

B. to you, "Al - le - lu - ia (al - le - lu - ia ah

26 *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

Des./ S.1 ah ah ah

S.2 ah ah ah al - le - lu -

A. ah ah ah ah al - le - lu -

T. ah ah al - le - lu -

B. ah ah (al - le -

**B**

31 *mp* *f*

Des./ S.1  
ah ah ah

S.2  
-ia, ah ah ah al - le - lu -

A.  
ia, ah ah ah al - le - lu -

T.  
-ia, ah ah ah ah al - le - lu -

B.  
ia, ah ah ah ah al - le - lu -

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Des./ S.1  
ah al-le-lu - ia ah ah ah

S.2  
ia, ah al - le - lu - - ia

A.  
-ia, ah al - le - lu - - ia al -

T.  
-ia, ah ah ah

B.  
-ia, al-le-lu-ia ah ah ah al -

C

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Des./ S.1  
al - le - lu - ia! You

S.2  
al - le - lu - ia! You

A.  
- le - lu - ia! You dried my tears,

T.  
al - le - lu - ia! You dried my tears,

B.  
- - le - lu - ia! You

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Des./ S.1  
stum - bl'ing You res - cued my life,

S.2  
tears you you res - cued my life,

A.  
- you res - cued my life I

T.  
- you res - cued my life

B.  
you kept my feet from stum bl'ing, (cued my when I had

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Des./ S.1 *f* I will lift lift up my voice to you *mp*

S.2 *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* I lift voice to you

A. *mf* *mp* come lift voice you

T. *mp* *p* lift you,

B. *mp* *p* come to sor-row. to you,

60

Des./ S.1 *mp* *ah* *mf* *mp* *mf* Ah al - le - lu - ia ah

S.2 *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf* Ah al - le - lu - ia ah ah

A. *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf* "Al - le - lu - ia ah ah ah

T. *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf* "Al - le - lu - ia ah ah

B. *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf* "Al - le - lu - ia (al - le - ia ah ah

E

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Des./ S.1

S.2

A.

T.

B.

ah ah

ah al - le - lu - ia, ah ah ah

ah ah al - le - lu - ia, ah ah ah

ah al - - le - lu - ia, ah

ah (al - le - ia, ah

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

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Des./ S.1

S.2

A.

T.

B.

ah ah ah ah

ah al - le - - lu - - ia, ah

al - le - - lu - - ia, ah

ah ah ah al - le - lu - ia,

ah ah ah al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

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Des./ S.1 al - le - lu - ia ah ah

S.2 al - le - lu - - -

A. al - le - lu - - -

T. ah ah

B. *mf* ah ah ah

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Des./ S.1 ah al - - - le - lu - ia! *ff*

S.2 - ia al - - - le - - - lu - ia! *ff*

A. - ia al - - - le - - - lu - ia! *ff*

T. al - - - le - - - lu - ia! *ff*

B. al - - - le - - - lu - ia! *ff*