

for Daryl Bichel, Artistic Director, Night Song
First Church in Cambridge, MA USA

Psalm 4 (Answer When I Cry)*

*Answer when I cry, O God, defender of my cause. You set me free when I am hard pressed; have mercy, hear my prayer.
Tremble then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence on your bed. Offer the appointed sacrifice; put your trust in God.
You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
I lie down to sleep; at once I fall asleep; for only you, God, make me dwell in safety.*

The Psalter
The Book of Common Prayer

Music by Patricia Van Ness
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*from MUSIC FOR THE PSALMS,
dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes

Note: Chant lines (beginning and B) pass
between parts; blend with care. Please make
all entrances and releases seamless.

mf *Sempre molto legato*
cry - O God, de - fend-der of my cause;

mf *Sempre molto legato*
Ans-wer when I cry cause

p *Sempre molto legato*
O cause you

p *Sempre molto legato*
God

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S.

S.

A. *mf* have mer - cy hear *p* hear

T. *p* set me free when I *mf* hear, hear my prayer.

B. *p* you *mf* I am hard pressed, *p* hear prayer.

A

11 *mp* alto carries melody; dolce, legato

S. Trem - - - ble heart on (poin sac

A. *mf* alto carries melody; dolce, legato
Trem-ble then and do not sin; speak to your heart in si-lence on your bed. Of-fer ap - poin - ted sac-ri-fice,

T. *mp* soprano carries melody; dolce, legato
Trem-ble then do not sin, speak on on

B. *mp* soprano carries melody; dolce, legato
Trem - - - ble heart on (poin sac

15 **B** *mf* *p*

S. put God. (ou) have put glad-ness in my

A. put your trust in God. You (glad

T. put trust in God. You my

B. put trust God. You glad - ness

20

S. heart,

A. *p* heart, more more than *mf* grain and oil *p* (in in - crease.

T. *mf* more than when *p* in - crease.

B. heart more grain and wine oil (in

26 *mp* **C**

S. *mp*
I down peace_____ fall a - sleep, you_____ make me

A. *mf*
I lie down in peace__ at__once I fall__ a - sleep;__ for on-ly you__ God make me

T. *mp*
I lie down peace at once_____ sleep you__ God

B. *mp*
I_____ a - sleep_____ you__ God



30 *rit.*

S. dwell safe - ty, on-ly you_____ make me dwell_____ safe - ty,

A. dwell_____ in safe - ty on-ly you__ God, make me dwell_____ in safe - ty,

T. dwell__ safe - ty on-ly you God dwell dwell safe - ty.

B. dwell__ safe - ty you__ God,__ dwell_____ safe - ty