

for Cristi Catt and Viriditas,  
Night Song, Daryl Bichel, Artistic Director

# MUSIC FOR THE PSALMS

## Psalm 40 and "Birdsong" by Rumi

Birdsong brings relief to my longing  
I'm just as ecstatic as they are, but with nothing to say!  
Please universal soul,  
practice some song or something through me!  
You heard my cry. You put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to you: amen.

Rumi; and Ps 40  
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

$\text{♩} = 60$   
*mp* *mf*

Soprano  
Bird (bird bird-song brings re - lief to my

*mp* *mf*  
Bird bird brings re - lief to my

Soprano  
*mf* *mp*  
Bird - - - - song (re

Alto  
*mf* *mp*  
Bird - - - - song brings (lief, lief

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S. *mp* **A**  
long-ing, I'm just as ec sta - tic (no Please

S.  
long-ing, I'm just as ec sta - tic with no - - thing to say,

S. *mf*  
long - ing (sta-tic Please un-i-

A. *mf*  
just (tic

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*mf*

S. (sal soul, \_\_\_\_\_ prac - - tice some song, \_\_\_\_\_

S. (ver - sal soul, \_\_\_\_\_ prac - tice\_ some \_\_\_\_\_ song \_\_\_\_\_ song \_\_\_\_\_

S. ver - sal soul, \_\_\_\_\_ prac - tice\_ some \_\_\_\_\_ prac - tice\_ song \_\_\_\_\_

A. *mp*  
ver - sal soul \_\_\_\_\_ (prac \_\_\_\_\_ (tice \_\_\_\_\_ (prac \_\_\_\_\_ (tice \_\_\_\_\_ some\_ song

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*mp* **B**

S. \_\_\_\_\_ some - thing through me!

S. \_\_\_\_\_ some - thing me! *mp* You *mp*

S. *mp* \_\_\_\_\_ some - thing through me! *mf* You *mf*

A. \_\_\_\_\_ song \_\_\_\_\_ some - thing me! *mf* You *mf*

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*mp* *mf*

S. heard You \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ put a new \_\_\_\_\_

S. cry. You \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ put a new \_\_\_\_\_

S. *mp*  
heard my cry. You you \_\_\_\_\_ new, new

A. *mp*  
heard my cry. You \_\_\_\_\_ you you \_\_\_\_\_ put \_\_\_\_\_ new, new

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S. song, on a of praise

S. song, in my mouth, song of praise

S. a song of praise to

A. song a song of praise

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S. to you: a - - men, (a a -

S. to you a - men (a

S. to you a - men, (a

A. to (a a - men, a - -

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S. - - - men, a - - - men.

S. a - - - men, a - - - men.

S. a - - - men a - - - men.

A. men a - - - men, a - - - men.