

Premiered at Night Song, Daryl Bichel, Artistic Director,
by Canticum vespertinum, 3 February 2013,
First Church in Cambridge (USA), Congregational

Psalm 134 (Behold Now, Bless God)*

*Behold now, bless God, all you servants of God, you that stand by night in the house of God.
Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless God; God, maker of heaven and earth, bless you out of Zion.*

The Psalter from
The Book of Common Prayer
St. Benedict: Compline

Music by Patricia Van Ness (1951)
Score rev. 25 May 2017
*from MUSIC FOR THE PSALMS,
dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes

Note: This piece creates single lines
between parts and is to be as seamless
as possible.

$\text{♩} = 50$

SOPRANO
mf *Sempre molto legato.*
Be-hold, be - hold now, - - - - - bless - - - - - bless - - - - -

ALTO
mf *Sempre molto legato.* *mp*
Be-hold, be - hold now - - - - - bless - - - - -

TENOR
mf *Sempre molto legato.* *mp*
(Be - - - - - (hold

BASS
mp *Sempre molto legato.*
(Be - - - - -

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bless God, _____

_____ all_ you ser-vants of _____ God,

bless God, _____ of God, you _____ that stand by _____ night,

all you _____ that stand night _____

A Slightly louder; moving lines prominent

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of God. _____ Lift _____

night_ in the house of _____ Lift _____

house _____ Lift _____

house _____ Lift _____

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lift _____ up your hands_ in the ho - ly place, _____ and bless _____

lift hands_ ho - ly and bless bless _____

lift _____ hands_ ho - ly place, _____ and _____

_____ place _____

21

God; hea - ven, earth,
 God; God, hea - ven earth
 God; ma-ker of hea - ven, and earth bless
 bless God; hea - ven earth

25

of Zi - - on. of Zi - on.
 out_ bless Zi - on.
 you_ out_ of_ of_
 bless_ you_ bless_ you_ out_ of