

Commissioned by The Choir of First Church in Cambridge, Congregational
to Honor Peter Sykes on His Farewell Service As Music Director and Organist
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Psalm 86 (Great is Your Love)*

*Show me a sign that you hear me,
for I am filled with despair, with sorrow.*

*I call on you in my trouble;
and you answer me!*

*Great is your love, your eternal love,
for you have delivered me!*

Adapted by Patricia Van Ness
from the Psalter,
The Book of Common Prayer

Alleluia!

Music by Patricia Van Ness (1951)
Score rev. 25 October 2026
*From Music for the Psalms,
dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes

Notes: . *Sempre molto legato.*
Senza vibrato. Stagger breathing
as needed.

$\text{♩} = 100$

Descant *mf*

Soprano *mf*

Alto *mf*

Tenor *mf*

Bass *mf*

Organ *mf*

Pedals *mf*

$\text{♩} = 100$

Show, show, show, show me a sign that you

Show, show, show, show me a sign_____

Show, show, show, show me a sign you

Show show sign you

Show, show, show me sign you

mf

9 A

Des. hear me, _____ for I am filled, _____ filled, filled with des - pair, _____ des -

S.1&2 hear me, _____ for I am filled, _____ filled, filled with des - pair, _____ des -

A. hear me, _____ for I am filled, filled, filled with des - pair, des -

T. hear me, _____ for I am filled, _____ filled, _____ filled with des - pair, (deh -

B. hear me, _____ for I _____ filled, _____ filled with des - pair,

A

Org.

Ped.

16

Des. *f* **B** Descant breathe as needed

pair, _____ with sor - row. Call, _____ call, call, call,

S.1&2 *f*

pair, _____ with sor - row. Call, _____ call, call, call, I

A. *f*

pair, _____ with sor - row. Call, call, _____ call, _____ I

T. *f*

sor - row. Call, _____

B. *f*

(pair with with (row. Call, _____ call _____

Org. organ phrasing *sim.* **B**

f

Ped. *f*

26 C

Des. call, you trou - ble, and you me, (ah

S.1&2 call on you, in my trou - ble, and you an - swer me, an -

A. call on you, my trou - ble, and you an - swer me, an -

T. call you in my trou - ble, and you an - swer me,

B. call on you in my trou - ble, and you an - swer me an -

C

Org.

Ped.

34

Des. *mf* D

— you an - swer, an - swer me. Great,

S.1&2 *mf*

- swer an - swer, you an - swer me. Great,

A. *mf*

- swer, an - swer, you an - swer me. Great,

T. *mf*

an - swer an - swer me.

B. *mf*

- swer, an - swer, me. Great,

Org. D

Ped.

41

Des. *cresc. to m. 50* E

great, great, great is your love, your e - ter-nal love, _____ for you, _____ you, _____

S.1&2 *cresc. to m. 50*

great, great, great is your love, your e - ter-nal love, _____ for you, _____ you, _____

A. *cresc. to m. 50*

great _____ great, _____ great is your love, your e - ter-nal love, _____ for you, _____ you, _____

T. *mf*

Great _____ great love, _____ e - ter-nal love, _____ for you, you, you,

B. *cresc. to m. 50*

great _____ great is your love, _____ e - ter-nal love, _____ for you, you, you, _____

Org. *cresc. to m. 50* E

Ped. *cresc. to m. 50*

49 ♩ = 90

Des. *f* you de - liv-ered me, have (liv (liv me! *f* Al-le - lu-ia

S.1&2 *f* you have de - liv - ered me, have, de - liv - ered, de - liv - ered me! *f* Al-le - lu-ia

A. *f* you you de - liv-ered me, have de - liv - ered, de - liv - ered me!

T. *f* you, you de - liv-ered me, de liv - ered me!

B. *f* you, you de - liv-ered me, de - liv - ered, (de - liv - ered me!

Org. ♩ = 90

Ped. *f* *f*

57 **F** *cresc. to m. 71* **G**

Des. *cresc. to m. 71*
al - le - lu - ia, (ah _____ ev - er! _____ (ah _____ (ah

S.1&2 *cresc. to m. 71*
Al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, for - ev - er! _____ Al - le - lu -

A. *f cresc. to end*
Al - le - lu - ia, _____ al - le - lu - (ah for - ev - er! _____ Al - le - lu -

T. *f cresc. to m. 71* *f*
Al - le - lu - ia (ah _____ ia, _____ for - ev - er! _____ Al - le - lu -

B. *f cresc. to m. 71* *f*
Al - le - lu - ia (ah _____ al - le - lu - ia, _____ for - ev - er! _____ Al - le - lu -

Org. **F** *cresc. to m. 71* **G**

Ped. *cresc. to m. 71*

66

rit. *ff*

Des. al - le - lu - ia, (ah (ev - er for - ev - er! *ff*

S.1&2 - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, for - ev - er! for - ev - er! *ff*

A. - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, for - ev - er! for - ev - er! *ff*

T. ia, al - le - (lu - ia, for - (ev - er! for - ev - er! *ff*

B. ia, al - le - lu - ia (ah for - ev - er! for - ev - er!

Org. *ff*

Ped.