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# Psalm 47

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SATB and Organ

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Although trained as a professional forensic officer, crime scene examiner and fingerprint expert, Martin Leadbetter has been an active and prolific composer since his twenties.

Born in London England 1945 his output has been considerable, including four symphonies, six string quartets, sonatas for string and wind instruments, an oratorio, "Every Eye Shall See," numerous chamber works, songs and many instrumental and orchestral pieces and he has completed more than 400 works. But his real love is in writing sacred works for chorus, in particular Christmas carols.

A Fellow of Trinity College, London (FTCL) and a graduate of the UK's Open University (BA Hons), he studied composition initially with Eric Matthes and later, advanced composition and orchestration with Dr. Alan Bush.

He has enjoyed numerous performances, including his Violin Concerto (1972), which was premiered in London, his 2<sup>nd</sup> Symphony, 'The Pastoral', which was dedicated to Alan Bush, his anthem, 'Laudate Dominum' which was performed in Fontainebleau, France and he has been featured on BBC Radio and British television. His recent work, 'The Song of Agincourt' was performed in June 2015 at a concert of the Hitchin Festival, Hertfordshire, Great Britain.

*For my wife, Ivy, on her birthday*

# Psalm 47

## O Clap Your Hands

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Vivo gioioso  $\text{♩} = 128$

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Organ

Pedal

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5  
clap your hands, all ye people;

8  
clap your hands, all ye people;

9  
shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

10  
shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

13

For the Lord most high is ter-ri-ble;

For the Lord most high is ter-ri-ble;

For the Lord most high is ter - ri-ble;

For the Lord most high is ter - ri - ble;

13

he is a great King o-ver all the earth.

he is a great King o - ver all the earth.

8 he is a great King o - ver all the earth.

he is a great King o - ver all the earth.

17

f

f

21

*mf*

He shall sub - due the peo - ple  
*mf*  
 He shall sub - due the peo - ple  
*mf*  
 He shall sub - due the peo - ple  
*mf*  
 He shall sub - due the peo - ple

21

*mf*

— un - der us, and the na - tions un - der our feet. — He shall

*mp* *mf*

— un - der us, and the na - tions un - der our feet. — He shall

*mp* *mf*

— un - der us, and the na - tions un - der our feet. — He shall

*mp* *mf*

— un - der us, and the na - tions un - der our feet. — He shall

25

*mp* *mf*

*mp* *mf*

*mp* *mf*

29

choose our in - her - it-ance for us, the  
choose our in - her - it - ance for us, the  
choose our in - her - it - ance for us, the  
choose our in - her - it-ance for us, the

29

ex - cel-lent - cy of Ja - cob whom he loved. \*Selah,  
ex - cel-lent - cy of Ja - cob whom he loved. \*Selah,  
ex - cel-lent - cy of Ja - cob whom he loved. \*Selah,  
ex - cel-lent - cy of Ja - cob whom he loved. \*Selah,

33

f ff

\*Selah is a Hebrew word of spurious meaning which can be translated as 'forever'.

Musical score for voice and piano, page 6. The score consists of two systems of music.

**System 1 (Measures 37-38):**

- Two staves for voice (soprano and alto) in G clef, common time, key signature of B-flat major (two flats).
- Piano accompaniment in bass clef, common time, key signature of B-flat major.
- Text: "se - - lah." repeated twice.
- Dynamic: *mf* (measures 37-38).
- Measure 38 ends with a forte dynamic *f*.

**System 2 (Measures 41-42):**

- Two staves for voice (soprano and alto) in G clef, common time, key signature of B-flat major.
- Piano accompaniment in bass clef, common time, key signature of B-flat major.
- Text: "God is gone up with a" repeated three times.
- Dynamic: *f* (measures 41-42).
- Measure 42 ends with a forte dynamic *f*.

45 ***ff*** ***mf molto***

shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet, of a

***ff*** ***mf molto***

shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet, of a

***ff*** ***mf molto***

shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet, of a

***ff*** ***mf molto***

shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet, of a

***ff*** ***mf molto***

shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet, of a

***ff***

45

***ff***

trum-pet. Sing prai - ses to God,

***ffz***

trum-pet. Sing prai - ses to God,

***ffz***

trum-pet. Sing prai - ses to God,

***ffz***

trum-pet. Sing prai - ses to God,

***ff***

***ff***

53 *f* *mf*

sing prai - ses, sing prai - ses un-to our  
 sing prai - ses, sing prai - ses un-to our  
 sing prai - ses, sing prai - ses un-to our  
 sing prai - ses, sing prai - ses un-to our

*f* *mf*

53 *mf* *mf*

King, sing prai - ses un - to our King, sing  
 King, sing prai - ses un - to our  
 King, sing prai - ses un - to our King,  
 King, sing prai - ses

*ffz*

*ffz*

*ffz*

*ffz*

61

prai - ses, sing prai - ses, sing  
King, sing prai - ses, sing  
un - to our King, sing prai - ses, sing  
un - to our King, sing prai - ses, sing

61

prai - ses.

65

prai - ses.

65

prai - ses.

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*mf*

For God \_\_\_\_\_ is the King \_\_\_\_\_ of all the

*mf*

For God \_\_\_\_\_ is the King \_\_\_\_\_ of all the

*mf*

For God \_\_\_\_\_ is the King \_\_\_\_\_ of all the

*mf*

For God \_\_\_\_\_ is the King \_\_\_\_\_ of all the

69



earth: \_\_\_\_\_ sing ye prai-ses with \_\_\_\_\_

earth: \_\_\_\_\_ sing ye prai-ses with \_\_\_\_\_

8 earth: \_\_\_\_\_ sing ye prai-ses with \_\_\_\_\_

earth: \_\_\_\_\_ sing ye prai - ses with \_\_\_\_\_

73

*f*

73

*f*

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un - der - stand - ing. God reign - eth o - - - ver the  
 un - der - stand - ing. God reign - eth o - - - ver the  
 un - der - stand - ing. God reign - eth o - - - ver the  
 un - der - stand - ing. God reign - eth o - - - ver the

77

- - - - - fz  
 f

heav - then: God sit - teth up-on the throne  
 hea - then, hea - then: God sit - teth up - on the throne  
 hea - then, hea - then: God sit - teth up - on the throne  
 hea - then, hea - then: God sit - teth up-on the throne

81

mf

heav - then: God sit - teth up-on the throne

85 *fz*

of his ho - li - ness. *fz*  
of his ho - li - ness. *fz*  
of his ho - li - ness. *fz*  
of his ho - li - ness.

85 *f*

molto rit. *ff* *Meno mosso*  $\text{♩} = 118$   
The prin - ces of the  
molto rit. *ff* *Meno mosso*  $\text{♩} = 118$

89 *mf* *ff*

93

people are ga - thered to - geth - er, ev'n the peo-ple of the  
 people are ga - thered to - geth - er, ev'n the peo-ple of the  
 people are ga - thered to - geth - er ev'n the peo-ple of the  
 people are ga - thered to - geth - er ev'n the peo-ple of the

93

God of A-bra-ham: for the shields of the earth be -  
 God of A-bra-ham: for the shields of the earth be -  
 God of A-bra-ham for the shields of the earth be -  
 God of A-bra-ham: for the shields of the earth be -

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God of A-bra-ham: for the shields of the earth be -

101

-long un - to God: he is

101

great - - - ly exalt - ed, he is great - - -

great - - - ly exalt - ed, he is great - - -

great - - - ly exalt - ed, he is great - - -

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f

ff

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- ly ex - alt - ed, great-ly ex - alt - ed, great - ly  
- ly ex - alt - ed, great-ly ex - alt - ed, great - ly  
- ly ex - alt - ed, great-ly ex - alt - ed, great - ly

109

- ly ex - alt - ed, great-ly ex - alt - ed, great - ly

113 senza rit.

sec.  
— ex - alt - ed, great - ly ex - alt - ed!  
— ex - alt - ed, great - ly ex - alt - ed!  
— ex - alt - ed, great - ly ex - alt - ed!

113

sec.  
— ly ex - alt - ed, great - ly ex - alt - ed!  
— ly ex - alt - ed, great - ly ex - alt - ed!  
— ly ex - alt - ed, great - ly ex - alt - ed!

fffz sec. 3'42.6"

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