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Psalm 150

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Bruce Saylor

SATB and organ

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Bruce Saylor holds degrees from The Juilliard School and from The City University of New York, where he received his PhD. He has also studied at the Accademia di S. Cecilia in Rome under a Fulbright fellowship. The winner of more than 40 awards in his field, he has received honors from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Society of Arts and Letters, the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Ingram Merrill Foundation, and the Mellon Foundation.

Saylor was the Brena and Lee Freeman Composer-in-Residence at Lyric Opera of Chicago (1992–94) where he composed the third of his four operas, “Orpheus Descending,” set to J. D. McClatchy’s libretto after the Tennessee Williams play. His orchestral music has been commissioned and performed by the Houston, San Francisco, Nashville, Saint Louis, and Yale symphonies, and by the American Composers Orchestra, Incontri di Musica Sacra e Contemporanea of Rome, and Musica Viva of New York. His vocal and instrumental chamber music has been performed in the US, Europe, and Japan. The Yard has commissioned numerous dance scores, and Nine Circles Chamber Theater has toured with his operas and theater pieces. Saylor has produced nine cantatas and two major works for voice and orchestra. He has also composed large-scale choral works for Pope John Paul II and Benedict XVI’s visits to St. Patrick’s Cathedral, President Clinton’s Second Inaugural and Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold’s Investiture at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, and much sacred choral music. He has written the original music and arrangements for two holiday CDs of American soprano Jessye Norman and concert arrangements of the sacred music of Duke Ellington, the latter most recently performed at Miss Norman’s “Honor!” festival in New York City in March, 2009. Mezzo-soprano Constance Beavon has recorded four of his vocal chamber cycles.

An award-winning teacher, as well, Saylor is a professor at the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College and at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

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Alla marcia, bright but not too fast $\text{d} = 80$

Organ { *mf* staccato

5

S A T B

9 *p* Hal - le - lu - jah! _____
Hal - - le - lu - jah! _____
Hal - - le - lu - jah! _____
Hal - - le - lu - jah! _____

mf

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mf

13 Hal - le - lu - jah! _____

f
Praise God in

Hal - le - lu - jah! _____

f
Praise God in

mf

Hal - le - lu - jah! _____

f
Praise God in

Hal - le - lu - jah! _____

f
Praise God in

più *f*

> > > >

18 God's tem - ple on earth! _____

mf

f

mf

*Stanzas 2 and 4 may be sung in unison if desired.

23

Praise God in God's heav - ens _____ of might!

f *mf* *f* *ff*

28

f *mp*

Ped. Man. Ped. Man.

33

mf

Praise God for God's migh - ty

mf

Ped. Man. sim.

34

p

37

works, praise for God's migh - ty works, Praise God for

38

40

God's sov - reign great - ness, praise for God's sov - 'reign great - ness,

mf

44

great - ness. Praise God with

f

f



48 > > > > > > >

trum-pet blasts! Praise God with trum-pet, trum-pet blasts!

> > > > > >

ff f [reeds] ff ff

53 >

Blasts!

b8 8

Gt. *mf* f legato

57

legato **p**

Praise God with

p

61

harps and gui - tars.

legato

Praise God with harps and gui -

65

- tars.

dim. sempre

69

p

Praise God with drums _____ and

p

73

danc - ing, _____ Praise God with drums _____ and
p Praise God with drums _____ and danc - ing.

77

danc - ing! _____ Praise God with strings _____ and
Praise God with drums - and danc - ing.

81

or - gans. Praise God with strings and or - gans.

p

Praise God with strings and or - gans. *mf*

Praise God with

86

f

Praise God with cym - bals and gongs.

f

strings and or - gans. Praise God with cym - bals and gongs.

mf
solo

f

[reeds]

90

Praise God with crash-ing and chim-ing, cym-bals and

Praise God with crash-ing and chim-ing, cym-bals and

gongs, crash-ing and chim-ing, chim-ing.

gongs, crash-ing and chim-ing, chim-ing.

calando

meno meno

ff

mf

mp

104

p

rit.

110 *a tempo*

pp

Hal le lu -
[strings]

p dolcissimo

Man. Ped.

117

p

live,
jah! Let all _____ that live,
p

Let all _____ that live,

123

— and breathe —————— praise —————— God. ——————

— and live and breathe —————— praise —————— God. ——————

— and breathe —————— praise —————— God. ——————

— and breathe —————— praise —————— God. ——————

130

rit.

134 a tempo

staccato
mp

138 *mp*

Hal - le - lu - jah! _____
Hal - le - lu - jah! _____
Hal - le - lu - jah! _____

142 *mf*

Hal - le - lu - jah! _____
Hal - le - lu - jah! _____
Hal - le - lu - jah! _____

146 *f*

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - - - - - le -

f

Hal - - - - - le -

150

- lu - - jah! _____ Hal - le - lu - jah!

mf ————— *f* ————— *mf* —————

154

This musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the piano, showing two hands playing eighth-note chords. The bottom staff is for the voice, with lyrics "Hal - le - lu - jah!" and "Hal - - - le -". Measure 154 starts with sustained notes, followed by eighth-note chords. Measure 155 begins with a dynamic *f*, followed by *ff*. Measure 156 shows eighth-note chords. Measure 157 continues with eighth-note chords. Measure 158 concludes with sustained notes. A large, diagonal watermark reading "DO NOT COPY" is overlaid across the page.

Hal - - - le - lu - jah!

158

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - - - le -

f

mf

162

- lu - jah!

$\approx ff$

subito meno mosso

166 ff

Hal - le - lu - jah!

rit.

subito meno mosso

ff

rit.

V V

V V

V V

18 a tempo

170

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

a tempo

ff

lu - jah!

174

ff

fff

lu - jah!