

For St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley (Paoli, Pennsylvania),
Martha Johnson, Organist / Choirmaster, on the occasion of the
dedication of the new Fellowship / Worship Hall, January, 2006

How Dear To Me Is Your Dwelling

SATB a cappella

Psalm 84

Bruce Neswick

Poco Adagio (♩ = c. 69) *mp*

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

How dear to me, how dear to
How dear, how dear, how
How dear, how dear, how
How dear, how dear, how

For rehearsal only

Poco Adagio (♩ = c. 69)

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me is your dwell-ing, O Lord of hosts! My
dear, how dear, O Lord of hosts! My
dear, how dear, O Lord of hosts! My
dear, how dear, O Lord of hosts!

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soul, _____ my soul, _____ a de - sire _____

soul, _____ my soul, _____ a de - sire _____

soul, _____ my soul, _____ a de - sire _____

mp _____ ³ _____ ³ _____

My soul has a de - sire, a de - sire and long - ing _____ for the courts.

12

(h) _____ ³ _____ ³ _____

17

_____ for the Lord; *mf* _____ ³ _____ re - jice _____

_____ for the Lord; *mf* _____ ³ _____ re - jice _____

_____ for the Lord; *mf* _____ ³ _____ and my flesh re - jice _____

_____ *mf* _____ ³ _____

_____ of the Lord; my heart _____ and my flesh _____ re - jice _____ in the

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_____ ³ _____ ³ _____

22

mp

in the liv - ing God. The spar - row has found her a

p

in the liv - ing God. How dear, how dear,

p

in the liv - ing God. How dear, how dear,

p

liv - - ing God. How dear, how dear,

29

house, and the swal-low a nest where she may

mp

and the swal - low, swal-low a nest where she may

mp

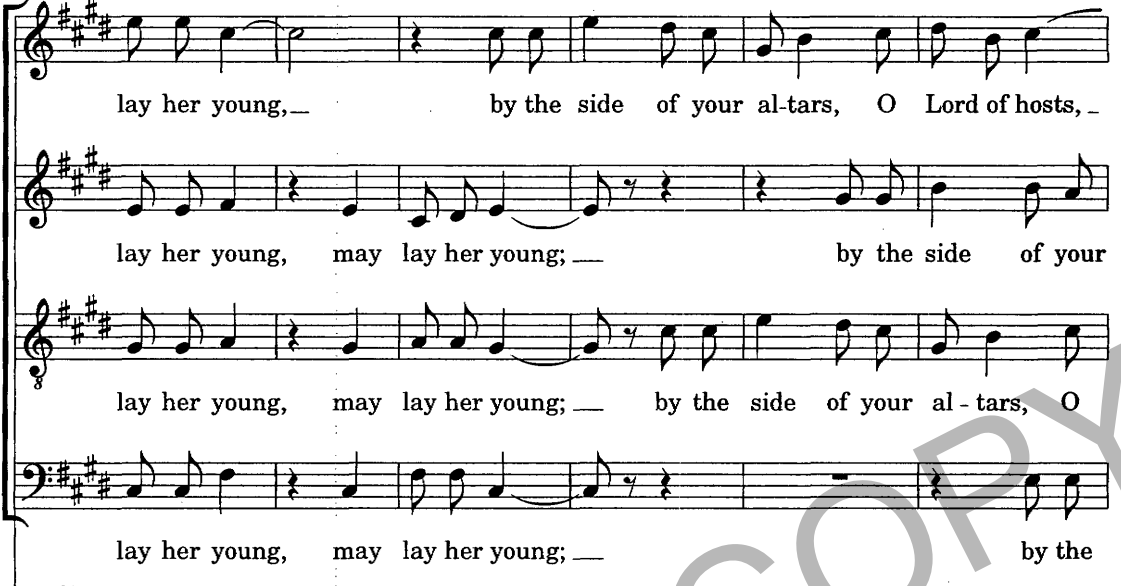
and the swal - low, and the swal - low a nest where she may

mp

and the swal - low, and the swal - low a nest where she may

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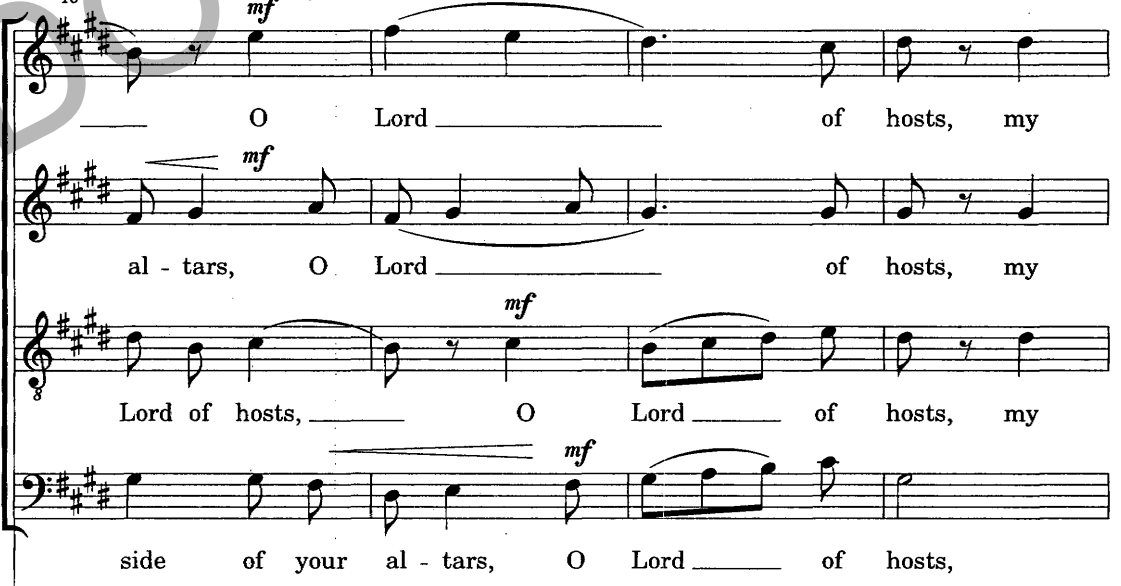


lay her young, — by the side of your al-tars, O Lord of hosts, —
 lay her young, may lay her young; — by the side of your
 lay her young, may lay her young; — by the side of your al-tars, O
 lay her young, may lay her young; — by the

34



40



mf O Lord of hosts, my
mf al-tars, O Lord of hosts, my
mf Lord of hosts, O Lord of hosts, my
mf side of your al-tars, O Lord of hosts,

40



44 *mp* *mp* 3

King _____ and _____ my God. Hap-py are they who

King _____ and _____ my God. How dear, _____ who

King _____ and _____ my God. How dear, _____ who

my King and _____ my God. How dear, _____ who

51 *mf* 3

dwel in your house! _____ They will be al - ways prais-ing you. _____

dwel in your house! _____ They will be al - ways prais-ing you. _____

dwel in your house! _____ They will be al - ways prais-ing you. _____

dwel in your house! _____ They will be al - ways prais-ing you. _____

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— Hap-py are the peo-ple whose strength is in you, — whose
 — Hap-py are the peo-ple whose strength is in you, whose strength is in
 — Hap-py are the peo-ple whose strength is in you, whose strength is in
 — Hap-py are the peo-ple whose strength is in you, whose strength is in

55

60

hearts are set on the pil - grim's way, on the pil - -
 you, whose strength is in you, whose strength is in you, on —
 you, whose strength is in you, whose strength is in you,
 you, whose strength is in you, whose strength is in you, on —

60

65 *mp* *mf* *f*

- grim's way. How dear, how dear,

mp *mf* *f*

the way. How dear, how dear,

mp *mf* *f*

the way. How dear, how dear,

mp *mf* *f*

the way. How dear, how dear,

65

71 *mp*

how dear to me is your dwell - ing O Lord of hosts!

mp

how dear, Lord of hosts!

mp

how dear, Lord of hosts!

mp

how dear, Lord of hosts!

71

78 *p*

For one day in your courts is bet - ter than a

p

For one day in your courts is bet - ter than a

p

For one day in your courts is bet - ter than a

p

For one day in your courts is bet - ter than a

78

82 *mp*

thou-sand in my own room, and to stand in the thresh-hold of the

mp

thou-sand in my own room, and to stand in the thresh-hold of the

mp

thou-sand in my own room, and to stand in the thresh-hold of the

mp

thou-sand in my own room, and to stand in the thresh-hold of the

82

87

house of my God than to dwell _____ in the tents of the

house of my God than to dwell _____ in the tents of the

house of my God than to dwell in the

house of my God than to dwell in the

87

92

wick - ed. _____ How dear, _____

wick - - - ed. _____ How dear, _____

tents _____ of the wick - ed. How dear, _____

tents of the wick - ed. How dear, _____

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98

how dear, O Lord of hosts, hap-py are

how dear, O Lord of hosts,

how dear, O Lord of hosts, hap-py

how dear, O Lord of hosts,

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104

they who put their trust in you, who put

hap-py are they who put their trust in you, who put

are they who put their trust in you, who

hap-py are they who put their trust in you, who

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mf *mp*

their trust in you! How dear to

mf *p*

their trust in you! How dear, how

mf *p*

put their trust in you! How dear, how

mf *p*

put their trust in you! How dear, how

110

116

me, how dear to me is your dwell-ing, O Lord of

dear, how dear, how dear,

dear, how dear, how dear,

dear, how dear, how dear,

116

121 *p*

hosts! _____ My soul, _____ my

_____ O Lord of hosts! My soul, _____ my

_____ O Lord of hosts! My soul, _____ my

_____ O Lord of hosts! My soul has a de -

121

126

soul, _____ a de - sire _____ for the Lord;

soul, _____ a de - sire _____ for the Lord;

soul, _____ a de - sire _____ for the Lord;

sire, a de - sire and long - ing _____ for the courts _____ of the Lord; my

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126

131 *mf* 3

my heart and my flesh re - jice in the

mf 3

my heart and my flesh re - jice in the

mf 3

and my flesh re - jice in the

heart and my flesh re - jice in the liv

131 3

135 *mp* pp

liv - ing God, *mp* pp

liv - ing God, *mp* the liv - ing God. pp

liv - ing God, *mp* the liv - ing God. pp

ing God, the liv - ing God.

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