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Behold, How Good and Joyful

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SATB a cappella

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He has served on the staff of several distinguished churches, including the Washington National Cathedral (of which he is a Fellow), the Princeton University Chapel, and Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, New York City. For fourteen years he served as organist and choirmaster of historic Christ Church, New Haven, Connecticut where, under his leadership, the choir and music program gained an international reputation for excellence. He has appeared with major symphony orchestras and chamber ensembles as conductor and soloist, has recorded an extensive discography, and his work is heard regularly over NPR and the BBC. In 2008 he joined the staff of the Episcopal Church of St. Michael & St. George in St. Louis as Organist and Choirmaster.

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to Holy Orders as a monk at the Abbey of St. Mary and St. Louis.

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SATB a cappella

Psalm 133

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With great lyricism .. *mp*

Soprano
Be - hold, how good and joy - ful a

Alto
Be - hold, how good and joy - ful a

Tenor
Be - hold, how good and joy - ful a

Bass
Be - hold, be - hold, how good and joy - ful a

For rehearsal only

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thing it is, breth - ren, to dwell to - geth - er in u - ni -

thing it is, breth - ren, to dwell to geth - er in u - ni -

thing it is, breth - ren, to dwell to - geth - er in u - ni -

thing it is, breth - ren, to dwell to - geth - er in u - ni -

7 *poco a poco cresc.*

-ty! It is like the pre - cious oint - ment up -

-ty! It is like the pre - cious oint - ment up -

-ty! It is like the pre - cious oint - ment up -

-ty! It is like the pre - cious oint - ment up -

10 *mf*

- on the head, that ran down un - to the beard: ev'n un-to

mf

- on the head, that ran down un - to the beard: ev'n un-to

mf

- on the head, that ran down un - to the beard: ev'n un-to

mf

- on the head, that ran down un - to the beard: ev'n un-to

13 *dim.* *p*

Aar - on's beard, and went down to the skirts of his cloth - ing.

p

Aar - on's beard, and went down to the skirts of his cloth - ing.

p

Aar - on's beard, and went down to the skirts of his cloth - ing.

p

Aar - on's beard, and went down to the skirts of his cloth - ing.

16 *mp* poco a poco cresc.

Like as the dew of Her - mon, the

mp

Like as the dew of Her - mon, the

mp

8 Like as the dew of Her - mon, the

mp

Like as the dew of Her - mon, the

19 *f*

dew of Her - mon: For

f

dew of Her - mon: For

f

8 dew of Her - mon: For

f

dew of Her - mon: For

21

there the Lord prom - - - ised his

there the Lord prom - - - ised his

there the Lord prom - - - ised his

there the Lord prom - - - ised his

there the Lord prom - - - ised his

there the Lord prom - - - ised his

there the Lord prom - - - ised his

there the Lord prom - - - ised his

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bless - - ing, the Lord prom - ised his

bless - - ing, the Lord prom - ised his

bless - - ing, the Lord prom - ised his

bless - - ing, the Lord prom - ised his

bless - - ing, the Lord prom - ised his

bless - - ing, the Lord prom - ised his

bless - - ing, the Lord prom - ised his

bless - - ing, the Lord prom - ised his

25 *mp*

bless - ing: and life for ev - er - more,

mp

bless - ing: and life for ev - er - more,

mp

bless - ing: and life for ev - er - more,

mp

bless - ing: life for ev - er - more,

28 *rit.* *p* *pp*

life for ev - er - more.

p *pp*

life for ev - er - more.

p *pp*

life for ev - er - more.

p *pp*

life for ev - er - more.