



# O Give Thanks to the Lord

*Text from Psalm 107*

**SSAATTBB a cappella**

## About “O Give Thanks to the Lord”

This setting of Psalm 107 was composed at the invitation of Benjamin Good for inclusion on the 2015 Tapestry Chamber Singers album, “Arise.” At that time, it was a rare opportunity for me to write for a really fine group of singers with a competent conductor (Lyle Stutzman), and I wanted to take full advantage of the dense choral textures possible with such a group. A common recurring motif is a sustained note in one or more parts, while the other voices plane around it with an open-spaced triad. This arises from the idea of the “steadfast love” of the Lord “enduring forever” even (especially?) in the face of changing circumstances and the often-experienced dissonance of life on earth.

### Text:

*O give thanks to the Lord,  
For He is good,  
For his steadfast love endures forever!*

*Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
Whom He has redeemed from trouble,  
And gathered in from the lands  
From the east, and from the west,  
From the north, and from the south.*

*From Psalm 107*



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Douglas Byler (ASCAP)

**Spirited** ♩=82

**Soprano**  
Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good,

**Alto**  
Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good, *mp* For His stead-fast love en-

**Tenor**  
Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good,

**Bass**  
Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good, *mp* For His stead-fast love en-

*for rehearsal only*

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S *f* Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good,

A *mf* dures for - ev - er. For His stead-fast love en-

T *f* Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good,

B *mf* dures for - ev - er. For His stead-fast love en-

S *f* Oh give thanks to the

A *mf* dures for - ev - er. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He

T *mf* Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is

B *mf* dures for - ev - er Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good, give thanks

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S Lord for He is good.

A is good, Oh give thanks to the Lord, For His stead fast love en-

T good, thanks to the Lord to the Lord, For His stead-fast love en-

B to the Lord, Oh give thanks to the Lord, For his stead-fast love en-

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S

A *mp* dures for - ev - er, For His stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er.

T *mp* dures for - ev - er, For His stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er.

B *mp* dures for - ev - er, For His stead - fast love en - dures fore - ev - er.

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*poco rit.*

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34 *mp* *molto legato*

S Let the re - deemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has re - deemed

A Let the re - deemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has re - deemed

T Let the re - deemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has re - deemed

B Let the re - deemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has re - deemed

40 *p*

S from trou - ble, And gath - ered

A from trou - ble, And gath - ered in from the lands,

T from trou - ble, And gath - ered in from the lands, And

B from trou - ble, And gath - ered in

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47 *mf* *f*

S in, And gath - ered in from the lands, From the

A — And gath - ered in from the lands,

T gath - ered in, And gath - ered in, And gath - ered in, And

B — from the lands, from the east and from the west, From the

47

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S east and from the west, from the north,

A *f* Whom He has re - deemed from trou ble. Let the re - deemed of the *mp* *legato*

T gath - ered in from the lands, Let the re - deemed of the *mp* *legato*

B east and from the west, from the north, Let the re - deemed of the *mp* *legato*

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S

A

T

B

Lord say so, — Whom he has re-deemed from trou -

Lord say so, — Whom He has re - deeded from trou -

Lord say so, — Whom He has re - deeded from trou -

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65

S

A

T

B

And gath - ered in from the lands, From the east

ble. — And gath - ered in from the lands, And gath - ered

ble. — And gath - ered in, and gath - ered in And gath - ered

ble, and gath - ered in from the lands From the east

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S and from the west, from the north and from the south. from the

A in, And gath - ered in, from the north and from the south.

T in, from the lands from the north and from the south.

B and from the west, from the north and from the south. from the

rit. *p*

*mp*

*mp*

*p*

Tempo 1, but more contemplative

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S north from the south. For His stead - fast

A Oh give thanks to the Lord, Oh give thanks to the Lord,

T Oh give thanks to the Lord, Oh give thanks to the Lord,

B north from the south. For His stead - fast

*pp*

*mp*

*p*

*pp*

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83 *pp* *mf* *poco meno mosso*

S love en-dures for - ev - er. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good,

A en-dures for - ev - er. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good, For His

T Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good,

B love en-dures for - ev - er. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good, For His

83

87 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

S mm...

A stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er, stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er, mm...

T mm...

B stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er, stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er, mm...

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