

October 27th, 2021

Choral Prelude: Gerre Hancock – Judge Eternal

Judge eternal, throned in splendor,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgement
purge this land of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.

Still, still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release,
and the city's crowded clangor
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavor;
cleave our darkness with thy sword;
feed all those who do not know Thee
with the richness of thy word;
cleans the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.
(Henry Scott Holland, 1847-1918)

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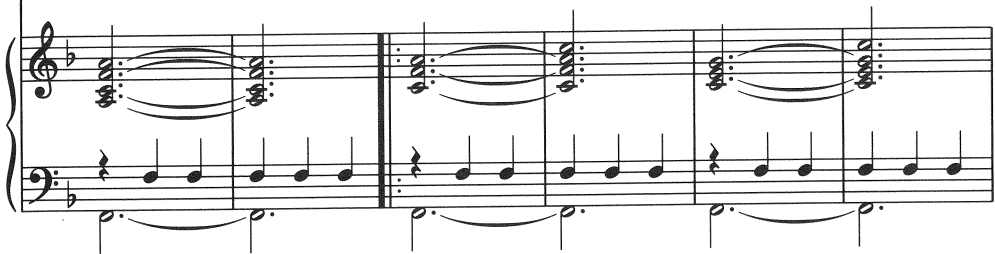
Peace before us

vv. 1, 4

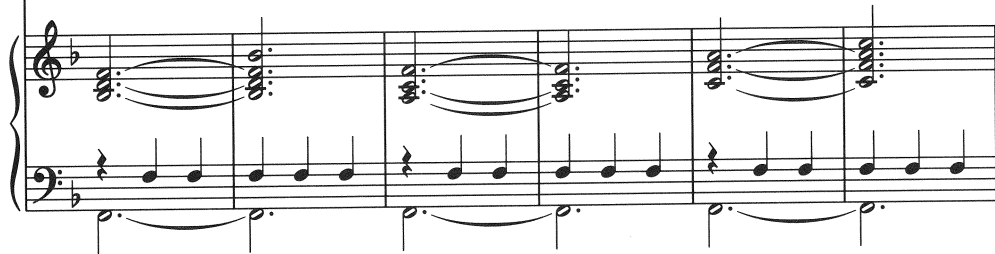
The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six measures. The right hand (treble clef) begins with a chord of F major (F4, A4, C5) in the first measure. In the second measure, it plays a descending eighth-note line: G4, F4, E4, D4. The third measure features a half-note chord of F major (F4, A4, C5) with a slur over it. The fourth measure continues the descending eighth-note line: C4, B3, A3, G3. The fifth measure has another half-note chord of F major (F4, A4, C5) with a slur. The sixth measure concludes with a descending eighth-note line: F3, E3, D3, C3. The left hand (bass clef) plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment: F3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4 in the first measure, and continues with the same pattern in the following five measures.



1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us,
 2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us,
 3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us,
 4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us,



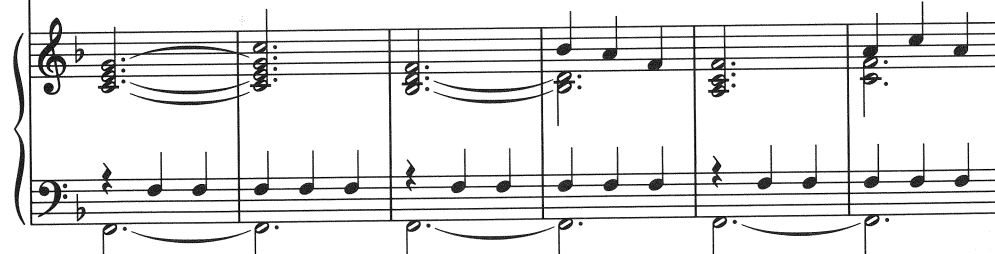
peace	un - der our	feet. _____	Peace	with - in us,
love	un - der our	feet. _____	Love	with - in us,
light	un - der our	feet. _____	Light	with - in us,
Christ	un - der our	feet. _____	Christ	with - in us,



1. 2. 3. 4. 5.



peace	o - ver us,	let all a - round us be	peace. _____
love	o - ver us,	let all a - round us be	love. _____
light	o - ver us,	let all a - round us be	light. _____
Christ	o - ver us,	let all a - round us be	Christ. _____



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6. peace. _____ Let all a - round us be peace. _____

6. Let all a - round us be peace. _____

5. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 6. Peace before us, peace behind us,
 peace under our feet.
 Peace within us, peace over us,
 let all around us be peace. (*three times*)

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All verses

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.