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God's Wisdom Spreads Her Table Well

for Joe Coleman, my friend

Assembly, SATB Choir, Flute, Keyboard, Guitar and Horn in F

Genevieve Glen, OSB

COLEMAN, CMD
Kevin Keil

INTRO Joyfully (♩ = ca. 88)

Keyboard

mf

A D/B A/C# A Bm E A

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VERSE 1, 2: 1st verse: unison; 2nd verse: SATB

(a tempo)

1. God's Wis - dom spreads her ta - ble well And bids her chil - dren
2. (Come, —) rest in Wis - dom's house, they cry, — Come, — eat and drink in

(a tempo)

A/E A D/B A/C# A Bm7 E

(a tempo)

1. in To eat her bread and drink her wine And
2. peace, For God in join you at the board, And

(a tempo)

A Bm7 E A D

(a tempo)

1. leave the husks of sin. She sends her ser - vants
2. share with you the feast. Praise God, who hosts the

Bm Bm7/A E/G# E A D/B

1. out at dawn And noon and of sun To
2. ban-quet hall, Praise Christ, the ing bread, Praise

A/C# A7 C#sus4 C# F#m Amaj7/E

1. call the wea - ry, sore and sad, And wan - d'ers ev - ery
 2. Ho - ly Spir - it, draught of life, Sing, all who have been

2. Ho - ly Spir - it, draught of life, Sing, all who have been

D E E7 A F# F#m9 Bm Bm7 E

1. one. *poco rit.* *f* *D.S.* 2. Come, - 2. fed!

1 A Amaj7 Bm7 C#m7 D6 D#m7 E *poco rit.* *f* *D.S.* 2 A A/G

VERSE 3 *With majesty* (♩ = ca. 80)

Descant *ff*

3. God spreads her ta - ble well,

ff

3. God's Wis - dom sprea her ta - ble well And

ff

F Eb/F F Bb/F Cm6 Bb/D Bb

bids her chil - dren To eat and

bids her chil - dren in To eat her bread and

Cm F F7 Bb9 Bb/C Bb/D Cm Cm7 F

3. drink And leave the husks of sin. Praise God, praise

3. drink her wine And leave the husk of sin. Praise God, who hosts the

Bb Eb Cm Cm7/Bb F/A F Bb Cm7 Cm6

3. God, the host, Praise Christ, the living bread,

3. ban - quet hall, Praise Christ the living bread, Praise

Bb/D Bb7 Eb Dsus4 D7 Gm Bb/F Bb7/F

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God's Wisdom Spreads Her Table Well". It consists of two systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs), and a chord chart. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. A large, stylized watermark "WISDOM" is overlaid across the center of the page. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system covers the first two lines of the score, and the second system covers the last two lines. The chord chart for the first system includes Bb, Eb, Cm, Cm7/Bb, F/A, F, Bb, Cm7, and Cm6. The chord chart for the second system includes Bb/D, Bb7, Eb, Dsus4, D7, Gm, Bb/F, and Bb7/F.

3. Praise — God the Spir - it, All who have been

3. Ho - ly Spir - it, draught of life, Sing, all who — have — been

draught of life, Sing,

E_b F F7 B_b m Gm7 Cm F F7

3. fed! A - men! A - men!

3. fed! A - men! - men!

poco rit. **Broadly** *fff* *rall.*

poco rit. **Broadly** *fff* *rall.*

poco rit. **Broadly** *fff* *rall.* *div.*

B_b **Broadly** Cm F Cm7/F F B_b

poco rit. *fff* *rall.*

8vb

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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mf A D/B A/C# Bm E A

VERSES 1, 2: 1st verse: unison; 2nd verse: SATB
(a tempo) A/E A D/B A/C# A Bm7 E

1. God's ___ Wis - dom spreads her ta - ble well ___ And ___ bids her chil - dren
2. (Come, ___) rest in Wis - do ___ use, they cry, ___ Come, ___ eat and drink in

A Bm7 E A D

1. in To eat her ___ bread and drink her ___ wine And ___
2. peace, For God will ___ give you at the ___ board, And ___

Bm Bm7/A E/G# E A D/B

1. leave the husks of the ___ She ___ sends her ser - vants
2. share with you the ___ feast. Praise ___ God, who hosts the

A/C# A7 D sus4 C# F#m Amaj7/E

1. out at dawn ___ And ___ noon set ___ of sun ___ To
2. ban-quet hall, ___ Praise ___ Christ, the ___ - ing bread, ___ Praise

D E E7 F#m9 Bm Bm7 E

1. call ___ the wea - ry, ___ sad, ___ And wan - d'ers ___ ev - ery
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, draught of life, ___ Sing, all who ___ have ___ been

1 A Amaj7 Bm7 C#m7 D6 D#°7 A/E E *poco rit.* *f* D.S. 2 A A/G

1. one. 2. Come, ___ 2. fed!

VERSE 3 *With majesty* (♩ = ca. 80)

F Eb/F F Bb/F Bb Cm7 Cm6 Bb/D Bb Cm

ff

3. God's Wis - dom spreads her ta - ble well And bids her

F F7 Bbadd9 Bb Bb/C Bb/D Cm Cm7 F Bb Eb

3. chil - dren in to eat her bread and drink her wine And

Cm Cm7/Bb F/A F Bb Cm7 Cm6

3. leave the husks of sin. Praise God, who hosts the

Bb/D Bb7 Eb Dsus4 D7 Gm Bb/F Bb7/F

3. ban - quet hall, Praise v - ing bread, Praise

Eb F F7 Gm Gm7 Cm F F7

3. Ho - ly Spir - it, draught of Sing, all who have been

Bb *poco rit.* *fff* Eb Cm F Cm7/F F Bb *rall.*

3. fed! A - men! A - men!

WISDOMS

God's Wisdom Spreads Her Table Well

HORN in F

Kevin Keil

INTRO *Joyfully* (♩ = ca. 88)

VERSE 1

15

mf

poco rit.

VERSE 2

f a tempo

VERSE 3 *With majesty* (♩ = ca. 80)

ff

fff

rall.

poco rit. Broadly

Composer Notes

“God’s Wisdom Spreads Her Table Well” combines Benedictine Sister Genevieve Glen’s inspired Wisdom text (Proverbs 9:1–6), employing strong feminine imagery, with an elegant, memorable melody. This hymn of noble beauty is appropriate for gathering or the preparation of the gifts on any Sunday celebration. The admonition to leave your sins behind and feast makes it an especially strong choice for Lent.

—Kevin Keil

Textwriter Notes

The book of Proverbs presents Lady Wisdom as a gracious hostess, preparing a feast and sending out her servants to summon all who seek life. One can imagine the prodigal of the Gospel, sharing husks with the pigs, suddenly hearing her summons in the silence of his foolish heart, and deciding that the time has come to abandon folly and go home. The invitation, once heard, is hard to refuse. Wisdom’s servants—in the form of a passing stranger, the words of a song, a sentence in a book, a sudden inspiration in the depths of the heart—call us to the banquet table that God has prepared for us in the Kingdom where God will dwell with us always. The Eucharist is its foretaste: there those who answer Wisdom’s call are fed on Christ, the living Bread, and given the living water of the Spirit to drink.

—Genevieve Glen, OSB

Assembly Edition

GOD'S WISDOM SPREADS HER TABLE WELL

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Kevin Keil

1. God's Wis - dom spread her ta - ble well And
 2. Come, rest in Wis - dom's house, they cry, Come,
 3. God's Wis - dom spread her ta - ble well And

1. bids her chil - dren in T eat her bread and
 2. eat and drink in peace, F God will join you
 3. bids her chil - dren in T eat her bread and

1. drink her wine leave the husks of sin.
 2. at the board, and share with you the feast.
 3. drink her wine And leave the husks of sin.

1. She sends her ser - vants out at dawn And
 2, 3. Praise God, who hosts the ban - quet hall, Praise

1. noon and set of sun call the wea - ry,
 2, 3. Christ, the liv - ing bread, Ho - ly Spir - it,

1. sore and sad, And wan - d'ers ev - ery one.
 2, 3. draught of life, Sing, all who been

2. fed! 3. fed! A - men!

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