

Benediction

Curtis Stephan
Keyboard accompaniment by Rick Modlin

INTRO *Gently* (♩ = ca. 60)

Musical notation for the Intro section, featuring a piano accompaniment with chords Fsus2, F, and Bbadd9.

VERSE 1

1. May the peace of God be with you. May the

Musical notation for the first line of the Verse, including vocal melody and piano accompaniment with chords Fsus2, F, and Bbadd9.

1. fa - vor of the Lord up - on you rest. May his

Musical notation for the second line of the Verse, including vocal melody and piano accompaniment with chords Fsus2, F, and F/Bb.

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1. grace up - on ___ you shine ___ and give you light in dark - est times. _

Am7 Bbadd9 C#°7 (a)

1. ___ May the peace ___ of God ___ be yours. _

Dm Dm/C Gm7 C7sus4

1. ___

Fsus2 F Bbm6/F

VERSES 2, 3

2. May the love ___ of God ___ be with ___ you.
 3. May the joy ___ of God ___ be with ___ you.

Fsus2 F Bbadd9

The first system of the musical score features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The vocal line begins with a repeat sign and contains two verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. Chord markings 'Fsus2', 'F', and 'Bbadd9' are placed above the piano staff.

2. May your faith - ful trust ___ in him ___ nev - er
 3. May you spring up liv - ing wa - ter ___ in your

Fsus2 F

The second system continues the musical score. The vocal line includes a triplet of eighth notes. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. Chord markings 'Fsus2' and 'F' are placed above the piano staff.

2. fail. _____ May he show - er you ___ with grace, -
 3. soul. _____ May you run and nev - er tire, -

F/Bb Am7

The third system concludes the musical score. The vocal line has two lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. Chord markings 'F/Bb' and 'Am7' are placed above the piano staff.

2. ___ may you feel his warm ___ em - brace. ___
 3. ___ may his will be your ___ de - sire. ___

B \flat add9 C \sharp °7 Dm Dm/C

2. May the love ___ of God ___ be yours. ___
 3. May the joy ___ of God ___ be yours. ___

Gm7 C7sus4 Fsus2

F B \flat m6/F

2

3. _____

2

Db Ebsus4 Eb

VERSE 4

4. May the hope of God be with you.

Absus2 Ab Dbadd9

4. May he lift your spir - it up on an - gel's

Absus2 Ab

3

4. wings. _____ May your ver - y pres - ence be _____

Ab/D \flat Cm7

4. _____ a fra - grant of - fer - ing. _____

D \flat add9 E \circ 7 Fm Fm/E \flat

4. May the hope _____ of God: _____ Fa - ther, Son _____ and Spir -

B \flat m7 E \flat 7sus4 C7 C7/E

4. - it— may the bless - ings of God be yours,

Fm Fm/Eb Bbm7 Eb7sus4 Absus2

4. may they be yours.

Ab Ab/Db Absus2

Ab Ab/Db Ab

rit.

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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Choral arrangement by Rick Modlin

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Capo 1: **(Esus2)**
Fsus2

(E)
F

(Aadd9)
B \flat add9



VERSE 1

(Esus2)
Fsus2

(E)
F

(Aadd9)
B \flat add9

(Esus2)
Fsus2



1. May the peace of God be with you. May the fa - vor of

(E)
F

(E/A)
F/B \flat

(G \sharp m7)
Am7



1. the Lord up-on you rest. May his grace up-on you shine

(Aadd9)
B \flat add9

(C \circ 7)
C \sharp \circ 7

(C \sharp m)
Dm

(C \sharp m/B)
Dm/C

(F \sharp m7)
Gm7



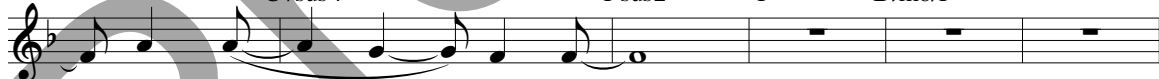
1. and give you light in dark - est times. May the peace

(B7sus4)
C7sus4

(Esus2)
Fsus2

(E)
F

(Am6/E)
B \flat m6/F



1. of God be yours.

VERSES 2, 3

(Esus2)
Fsus2

(E)
F

(Aadd9)
B \flat add9



2. May the love of God be with you.

3. May the joy of God be with you.

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(Esus2)
Fsus2

(E)
F

(E/A)
F/B \flat

Melody

2. May your faith - ful trust in him nev - er fail. May he
3. May you spring up liv - ing wa - ter in your soul. May you

Harmony I (Tenor or Alto/Tenor)

(G#m7)
Am7

(Aadd9)
Bbadd9

(C°7)
C#°7

(C#m)
Dm

(C#m/B)
Dm/C

2. show - er you with grace, may you feel his warm - em - brace.
3. run and nev - er tire, may his will be your de - sire.

Harmony II (Treble or Tenor)

3. Will be your de - sire.

(F#m7)
Gm7

(B7sus4)
C7sus4

1
(Esus2)
Fsus2

(E)
F

2. May the love of God be yours.
3. May the joy of God be yours.

3. _____

(Am6/E)
Bm6/F

2
(C)
D \flat

(Dsus4)
Ebsus4

(D)
E \flat

3. _____

3. The joy of God, the love of God.

3. Peace and love of God.

VERSE 4

(Gsus2) (G) (Cadd9)
Ab sus2 Ab Db add9

4. May the hope of God be with you. May he

3. _____ 4. May the hope lift you up, —

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(Gsus2) (G) (G/C)
Ab sus2 Ab Ab/Db

4. lift your spir - it up on an - gel's wings. May your

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4. _____ lift you up, —

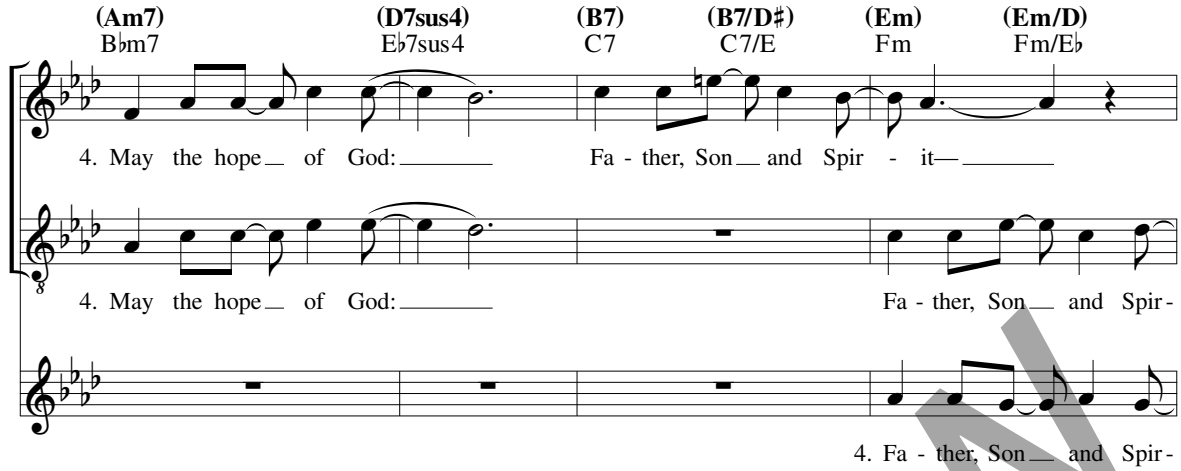
(Bm7) (Cadd9) (D#°7) (Em) (Em/D)
Cm7 Db add9 E°7 Fm Fm/Eb

4. ver - y pres - ence be a fra - grant of - fer - ing.

4. ver - y pres - ence be gift of love.

4. a gift of love.

(Am7) Bbm7 (D7sus4) Eb7sus4 (B7) C7 (B7/D#) C7/E (Em) Fm (Em/D) Fm/Eb

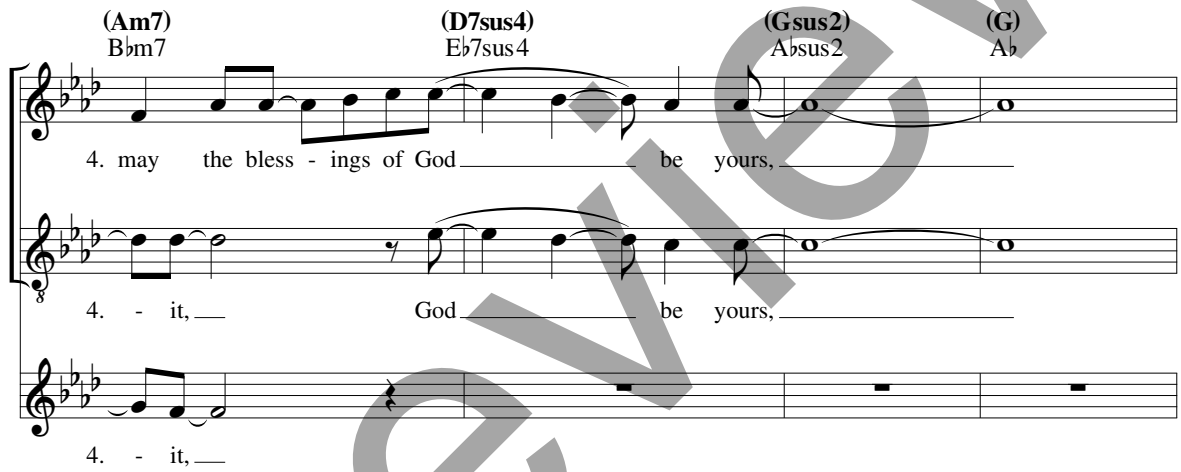


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(Am7) Bbm7 (D7sus4) Eb7sus4 (Gsus2) Absus2 (G) Ab



4. may the bless - ings of God be yours,

4. - it, God be yours,

4. - it,

(G/C) Ab/Db (Gsus2) Absus2 (G) Ab



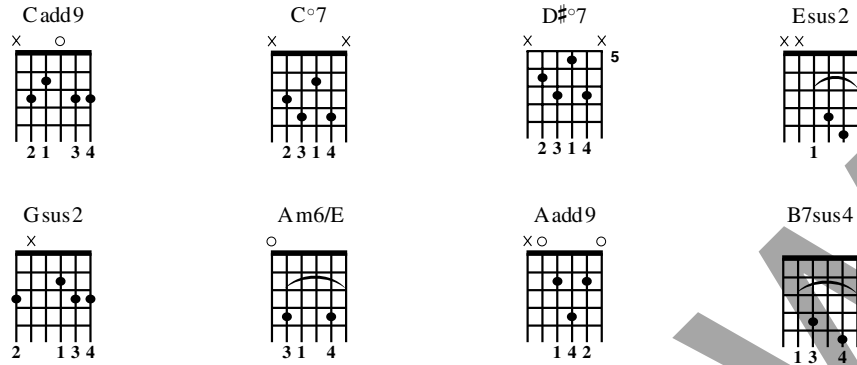
4. may they be yours.

(G/C) Ab/Db (G) Ab

rit.



Guitar Chord Charts



Composer Notes

Benediction begins quietly with a soft piano and solo vocal growing to a broader sound after the first verse. Whether the melody is sung by female voices at pitch or male voices an octave lower (*Bvb*), the Harmony I part is intended to be sung an octave lower by either tenor or alto voices and the Harmony II part at pitch by treble or tenor voices. This piece can be used for Graduation and Baccalaureate ceremonies as well as a general song of blessing.

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Assembly Edition

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