Jesus Christ, Homeless One

Carey Landry
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INTRO  With solemnity (\( \text{c} = \text{ca. 60} \))

Keyboard

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\begin{align*}
\text{Gm} & \quad \text{F} & \quad \text{Gm} & \quad \text{Cm7} \\
\text{Gm} & \quad \text{Bb} & \quad \text{F/A} & \quad \text{Gm}
\end{align*}
\]

REFRAIN

\begin{align*}
\text{Soprano} & \\
\text{Alto} & \quad \text{Jesus Christ, homeless one, make your} \\
\text{Baritone} &
\end{align*}

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home within us, Jesus Christ,

homeless one, may we find our true home in

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Final molto rit. Gm E♭/G Gm to Verses

Final Gm molto rit. Fine
VERSES: Cantor or Choir

(General) 1. Fox - es have dens, birds have a
         2. Bless - ed are the poor, Bless - ed are the
         3. You are near, O Lord, to the last and
         4. Cup of sal - va - tion, Je - sus, Liv - ing
         (Advent) 1. Roy - al child of Mar - y in a sta - ble
              2. Je - sus, Sun of Jus - tice, teach us your
              3. Je - sus, Em - man - u - el, we are your

         

         Bb   E/Bb   Bb/D

1. nest, but the Son of God, the home - less one,
2. meek, Blést are those who strive for peace,
3. least; calling us to serve their needs,
4. Bread, food for all whose hun - gry hearts
1. born. The Prince of Peace, for ev - er one
2. way. “Save us, Lord,” we cry to you,
3. own. Patient ly we wait for you.

Eb  Cm  Gm

1. still has no place to rest,
2. who for the voice - less speak,
3. to kneel and wash their feet,
4. are long - ing to be fed.
1. with the wear - y, weak and worn,
2. “be born in us to - day.”
3. O come, Lord Je - sus, come.

Gm/F  Eb  Dsus4

D.S.  D.S.

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SOLO INSTRUMENT in C

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REFRAIN (tacet first two times)

VERSES (tacet first time)

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Capo 3:  (Em) (D) (Em) (Am7) (Em) (G) (D/F♯)

\( \text{(Kbd)} \)

\( \text{Gm} \) F \( \text{Gm} \) Cm7 \( \text{Gm} \) Bb \( \text{F/A} \)

REFRAIN

(Jesus Christ, homeless one, make your home within us.)

Jesus Christ, homeless one, may we find our true home in you.

VERSES: Cantor or Choir

(G) Bb (C/G) Eb/B \( \text{(C/B)} \) Bb/D \( \text{(C)} \) E♭

(General) 1. Foxes have dens, birds have a nest, but the
2. Blessed are the poor, blessed are the meek.
3. You are near, O Lord, to the last and least;
4. Cup of salvation, Jesus, living bread.

(Advent) 1. Royal child of Mary in a stable born.
2. Jesus, Sun ofjustice, teach us your way.
3. Jesus, Emmanuel, we are your own.
Composer Notes

This poignant hymn calls to mind the homelessness of Jesus and the many who are homeless in this day and age. So many today are able to identify with Jesus, “the homeless one,” who “still has no place to rest,” and who is “forever one with the weary, weak and worn.” This song is also a call to service of the poor, as verse three states: “You are near, O Lord, to the last and least; calling us to serve their needs, to kneel and wash their feet.” The combination of general verses, which includes the eucharistic verse four, and the three verses for Advent, makes it a choice that can be used throughout the year.

The 3/2 and 2/2 measures give the hymn the steady, flowing motion that adds to its solemnity. Even though it is presented here as a choral octavo, it is designed for assembly participation, especially on the refrain, which is a pleading eucharistic chant: “make your home within us” and “may we find our true home in you.”

“Jesus Christ, Homeless One” could be sung for Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts or Communion during Advent or Lent, and at celebrations with themes of justice, homelessness, and advocacy for the poor. It also lends itself to usage during the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday.

—Carey Landry
Assembly Edition

JESUS CHRIST, HOMELESS ONE

Refrain

Jesus Christ, homeless one, make your home with-
in us. Jesus Christ, homeless one, may we
find our true home in you.

Verses (General): Cantor
1. Foxes have dens, birds have a nest,
but the Son of God, the homeless one,
still has no place to rest.
2. Blessed are the poor. Blessed are the meek.
Blest are those who strive for peace,
who for the voiceless speak.
3. You are near, O Lord, to the last and least;
calling us to serve their needs,
to kneel and wash their feet.
4. Cup of salvation, Jesus, Living Bread,
food for all whose hungry hearts
are longing to be fed.

Verses (Advent): Cantor
1. Royal child of Mary in a stable born.
The Prince of Peace, forever one
with the weary, weak and worn.
2. Jesus, Sun of Justice, teach us your way.
"Save us, Lord," we cry to you,
"be born in us today."
3. Jesus, Emmanuel, we are your own.
Patiently we wait for you.
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

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