In the Sight of the Angels
Assembly, SATB Choir, Soloist(s), Piano, and Guitar

Based on Psalm 138

INTRO  Gospel style, moderately  (≈ ca. 120)

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REFRAIN

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

C C6 C7 F Gm/E Am/E Gm/E F/Eb Dm7 G/Db F/C

Dm7 G o/Db

F/C

Aaug F/Bb C Dm7 C C6 C7 F Gm/E Am/E Gm/E

F/Eb Dm7 G/Db F/C Aaug F/Bb C Dm7
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D7  Gm/E  F♯-7  Gm7  F/A  Gm/Bb  Bb
C  F/C  C7  F

C  F/C  C7  D7  Gm/E  F♯-7  Gm7  F/A  Gm/Bb  Bb  C  F/C  C7

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D7  Gm/E  F♯-7  Gm7  F/A  Gm/Bb  Bb  C  F/C  C7  F
**VERSES: Soloist(s)**

1. I will sing to you. I will give thanks, O—God, with

2. I will sing to you, because of your kindness and truth. Your

3. I will sing to you with all the people of earth. We’ll

4. We will sing to you. Your right hand saves us, O—Lord. You

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Composer Notes

“In the Sight of the Angels” is in the style of African American gospel music. Under the title of “Sacred Song,” the U.S. Bishops’ statement, Plenty Good Room, reads:

The “soul” in African American liturgy calls forth a great deal of musical improvisation and creativity. It also calls forth a greater sense of spontaneity. The African American assembly is not a passive, silent, nonparticipating assembly. It participates by responding with its own interjections and acclamations, with expressions of approval and encouragement. (#101)

To this extent, the notation of this score is meant to be more suggestive than prescriptive. Remain open to the interpretive stirrings of the Holy Spirit and proclaim this song with full voice, praise, and thanksgiving!

—Ricky Manalo, CSP
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Capo 3: (A) (A6) (A7) (D) (Em/C#) (F#m/C#) (Em/C#) (D/C) (Bm7) (E/B) (D/A)
C C6 C7 F Gm/E Am/E Gm/E F/Eb Dm7 G7/Db F/C

(F#aug) (D/G) (A) (Bm7) (B7)(Em/C#)(D#7)(Em7) (D/F#)(Em/G)(G) (A) (D/A) (A7) (D)
Aaug F/Bb C Dm7 D7 Gm/E F#7 Gm7 F/A Gm/Bb Bb C F/C C7 F

REFRAIN: All

(A) (A6) (A7) (D) (Em/C#) (F#m/C#) (Em/C#) (D/C) (Bm7) (E/B) (D/A)
F#aug (D/G) (A) (Bm7) (A) (A6) (A7) (D) (Em/C#) (F#m/C#) (Em/C#)
Aaug F/Bb C Dm7 C C6 C7 F Gm/E Am/E Gm/E F/Eb Dm7 G7/Db F/C

In the sight of____ the angels I will sing
your praises, O____ Lord! In the sight of____ the

(D/C) (Bm7) (E/B) (D/A) (F#aug) (D/G) (A) (Bm7)
F/Eb Dm7 G7/Db F/C Aaug F/Bb C Dm7

the angels you are robed in righteousness

(B7) (Em/C#) (D#7) (Em7) (D/F#) (Em/G) (G) (A) (D/A) (A7) (D)
D7 Gm/E F#7 Gm7 F/A Gm/Bb Bb C F/C C7 F
to Verses

1-4 (A) (D/A) (A7) (D)
C F/C C7 F

robed in righteousness! O, you are robed in righteousness!

Final

(A) (D/A) (A7) (B7) (Em/C#) (D#7) (Em7) (D/F#) (Em/G) (G) (A) (D/A) (A7)
C F/C C7 D7 Gm/E F#7 Gm7 F/A Gm/Bb Bb C F/C C7 F

robed in righteousness! O, you are robed in righteousness!

(B7) (Em/C#) (D#7) (Em7) (D/F#) (Em/G) (G) (A) (D/A) (A7) (D)
D7 Gm/E F#7 Gm7 F/A Gm/Bb Bb C F/C C7 F

robed in righteousness! O, you are robed in righteousness!

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VERSE 1: Soloist

1. I will sing to you. I will give thanks, O God, with all of my heart, with the words of my mouth. I will worship you, give thanks and praise: “Holy the Temple that sings!”

VERSAL 2, 4: Soloist(s)

2. I will sing to you, because of your kindness and truth. Your name and your works are great above all things. When I called to you, I answered me and built up my strength and my joy!

VERSE 3: Soloist(s)

3. I will sing to you with all the people of the earth. We’ll open our ears to the words of your mouth, we will sing to you...

(Asus4) (Bm) (Bm/A) (A) (Bm/A) (D/F#) (G) (Dsus4) Dm Dm/C C Dm/C

3. all our days: “Great is the glory of God!”
IN THE SIGHT OF THE ANGELS

Refrain: All
In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises,
O Lord! In the sight of the angels you are robed
in righteousness, O, you are robed in righteousness!

Verses: Soloists!
1. I will sing to you.
I will give thanks, O God,
with all of my heart,
with the words of my mouth.
I will worship you, give thanks and praise:
"Holy the Temple that sings!"
2. I will sing to you,
because of your kindness and truth.
Your name and your promise
are great above all things.
When I called to you, you answered me
and built up my strength and my joy!
3. I will sing to you.
3. I will sing to you.
with all the people of earth.
We'll open our ears
to the words of your mouth.
we will sing to you all our days:
"Great is the glory of God!"
4. We will sing to you.
Your right hand saves us, O Lord.
You bring to completion
the work you have done.
May your kindness overflow.
Forsake not the work of your hands!

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