

Send Forth Your Spirit

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Andrew Wright

INTRO *Allegretto* (♩. = ca. 66)

Keyboard *mp*

Ped.

REFRAIN

Soprano

mp

Send forth, send forth, send forth your Spir - it, Lord; re - new the

Alto *mp* (1st time: tacet)

(*mp*)

face of the earth. Send forth, send forth, send forth your Spir - it,

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Lord; re-new the face of the earth.

VERSES

mf

1. Bless the Lord, — O my soul, bless the Lord! — Bless the Lord, — Lord God,
 3. May the glo - ry of God last for ev - er! May the Lord — in his

mf

2. You take back your spir - it, they die, turn - ing to dust from —

mf

no Ped.

1. how great you are! How man - y ___ are your works, O Lord! ___
 3. works ___ re - jice! May ___ my thoughts de - light ___ him. ___

2. which they came. You send your spir - it, they are cre -

Ped.

1, 2: *D.S.*
 3: to Final Refrain

1. ___ Full is the earth, full of your rich - es.
 3. ___ I find my joy, my joy in the Lord.

D.S.

2. at - ed; and you re - new the face of the earth.

1, 2: *D.S.*
 3: to Final Refrain

FINAL REFRAIN

Descant
sub. p

Oo _____ Oo _____ Oo _____

Melody
sub. p

Send forth, send forth, send forth your Spir - it, Lord; re - new the

sub. p

mf

Oo _____ Oo _____

f

face of the earth. Send forth, send forth, send forth your Spir - it,

f

Oo _____ Oo _____

Lord; re - new the face of the earth. Lord, re - new the

This system contains the first two systems of music. The top system features two vocal staves with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal lines and piano accompaniment.

face of the earth.

mp

This system contains the third and fourth systems of music. The vocal lines continue with the lyrics "face of the earth." The piano accompaniment includes a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic marking.

rit.

p

no Ped.

This system contains the fifth and sixth systems of music. It features a piano accompaniment with a ritardando (*rit.*) marking and a piano (*p*) dynamic marking. The instruction "no Ped." is written below the piano part.

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SOLO INSTRUMENT (FLUTE)

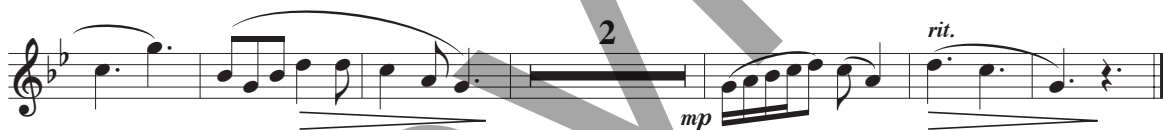
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INTRO *Allegretto* (♩. = ca. 66)REFRAIN
3

VERSES 1-3

1, 2: *D.S.*
3: to Final Refrain

FINAL REFRAIN



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Composer Notes

Send Forth Your Spirit (Psalm 104) speaks powerfully about the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our world. The work of the Holy Spirit is at the heart of human life, growth and development in the threefold elements of human life—body, mind and spirit.

In the Rites of Christian Initiation, those who choose to follow Christ commit themselves to a life of love—they die to their old selves in the waters of baptism, are sealed with the Holy Spirit in Confirmation so their lives may give off the “aroma of Christ” and eat and drink of the Lord’s own sacrifice through the Eucharist.

This setting for two-part equal voice combination and keyboard accompaniment may be sung as the Responsorial Psalm or alternatively as a short and simple anthem during the Easter season or at Pentecost. The piece should be sung lightly and with a strong sense of movement to heighten the text. If accompanied on the organ, the registration similarly needs to be light and also bright in sonority with attention to the dynamics written. Phrase markings for the accompaniment are also indicated.

The setting would also be possible for children’s choir, with the easy (optional) second part deliberately reflecting the first in the way young singers prefer. In terms of phrasing, the refrain works especially well sung two measures to a breath.

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Refrain

Send forth, send forth, send forth your Spir-it, Lord; re - new the

face of the earth. Send forth, send forth, send forth your

1-3

Spir - it, Lord; re - new the face of the earth.

to Verses 2

[Final]

face of the earth. Lord, re - new the face of the earth.

Verses 1, 3

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless the Lord! — Bless the Lord,
3. May the glo - ry of God last for ev - er! May the Lord

1. Lord God, how great you are! How man - y — are your
3. in his works — re - joice! May — my thoughts de -

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SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT (cont.)

1. works, O Lord! Full is the earth, — full of your rich - es.

3. light — him. I find my joy, my joy in the Lord.

Verse 2

2. You take back your spir - it, they die, turn - ing to

2. dust from which they came. You send your spir - it,

to Refrain

2. they are cre - at - ed; and you re - new the face of the earth.

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