Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad

Psalm 118

Assembly, Three-part or SATB Choir; Keyboard, Guitar, and Solo Instrument in C

Based on Psalm 118:1, 4, 13–15, 22–24

Tom Tomaszek

Keyboard acc. by Scot Crandal
Choral arr. by Scott Soper

REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Let us rejoice and be glad.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad.

Let us praise the name of the Lord.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad.

 Glory and praise to God in the highest.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad.

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We will rejoice and be glad.

Note: Keyboard part is compatible with both the SATB arrangement and the three-part vocal arrangement found on the Guitar/Vocal score.
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This is the day that the Lord has made; let us re-

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joyce and be glad. (be glad.)

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This is the day that the Lord has made; let us re-
Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

VERSES 1, 2

1. Give thanks for God’s steadfast love; God’s mercy endures forever.
2. I cried and God answered; the right hand of God.

Em7

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Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad

Let all those who fear the Lord give thanks for God's merciful love.

I fell but God lifted me; give the Lord is my strength and my might.

Am7 C

D.S.
VERSE 3

Cantor

3. The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner-

3. stone.

The Lord has done marvellous things;

3. Ah,
Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad

**FINAL REFRAIN**

Sop./Melody

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Alto

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Tenor

G Am Am7 C G Em7

Bass
Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Glad, rejoice and be glad; that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad.

Am7 D G

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This is the day that the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.

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let us re-joice and be glad.


Note: This three-part vocal arrangement is not compatible with the SATB arrangement of the Keyboard/Choral score.
VERSES 1, 2

Em7 D/F# G G/B Cadd9 Em D

Give thanks for God’s steadfast love; God’s mercy endures forever.
1. Give thanks for God’s steadfast love; God’s mercy endures for ever.
2. I cried and God answered me; the right hand of God has triumphed.

Em7 D/F# B Am7 C Dsus4 D

1. Let all those who fear the Lord give thanks for God’s merciful love.
2. I fell but God lifted me; God is my strength and my might.

VERSE 3

G Am Em B C Dsus4 D

3. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Em7 D/F# Am7 C Dsus4 D

3. The Lord has done marvellous things; let us rejoice and be glad.

3. Ah
Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad
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SÓLO INSTRUMENT in C

INTRO (\( \dot{\underline{q}} = \text{ca.} \, 90 \))

REFRAIN

VERSE 1

VERSE 2

REFRAIN

VERSE 3

FINAL REFRAIN
Assembly Edition

LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD
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Refrain
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Verses 1, 2
1. Give thanks to God's steadfast love; God's steadfast love endures forever.
2. I cried to God; God heard me; the Lord is my strength and my might.

Verse 3
3. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.


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Composer Notes

Psalm 118 is prescribed for the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, and the Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) with alternate refrain. These highpoint celebrations of our faith within the liturgical year — Christ’s triumphant victory of love over death — call us to a response in faith. Truly, “this the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad” for God’s steadfast mercy and love.

In God’s Divine Mercy, it was also the day that the Lord and I were married at an Alverno College weekend Mass and I composed this setting for that occasion.

Originally published for the first edition of Spirit & Song, I wanted to emphasize that joyful response of thanksgiving and delight in giving witness to God’s faithful presence in all times of our lives. All generations, especially youth and young adults, experience life moments when we feel abandoned, and when we can only rely upon our faith in God to sustain us. It is through the lens of those most difficult times in our lives that we can most clearly experience God’s presence. As my patron, Saint Thomas, declares in the upper room, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).

When playing this piece, allow the triplets in verse phrases to emphasize thanksgiving for God’s mercy and to bring attention to the psalmist’s lyrical declarations of gratitude. Consider letting the initial chord of verse three ring out under the first two measures so that the cantor or choir can accentuate Christ’s triumph.

I am grateful for the new life this fresh, choral arrangement provides our prayer on this most holy day of the liturgical year, and for our faith journey each year.

—Tom Tomaszek