

# Choral Series

## In the Sight of the Angels

Assembly, SATB Choir, Soloist(s), Piano, and Guitar

Based on Psalm 138

Steven A. Bell, CSP, and Ricky Manalo, CSP

INTRO *Gospel style, moderately* (♩ = ca. 120)

C C6 C7 F Gm/E Am/E Gm/E F/Eb

Piano *f*

Dm7 G°/Db F/C Aaug F/Bb C Dm7 D7 Gm/E F#°7

Gm7 F/A Gm/Bb Bb C F/C C7 F

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**REFRAIN**

**Soprano**  
**Alto**  
 In the sight of the an - gels I will sing

**Tenor**  
**Bass**

C C6 C7 F Gm/E Am/E Gm/E F/Eb Dm7 G°/D♭ F/C

your prais - es, O Lord! In the sight of the

Aug F/B♭ C Dm7 C C6 C7 F Gm/E Am/E Gm/E

an - gels you are robed in right - teous -

F/E♭ Dm7 G°/D♭ F/C Aug F/B♭ C Dm7

1-4 to Verses

ness, O, you are robed in righ - teous - ness!

D7 Gm/E F#°7 Gm7 F/A Gm/Bb Bb 1-4 C F/C C7 F to Verses

Final

righ - teous - ness! O, you are robed in righ - teous -

Final

C F/C C7 D7 Gm/E F#°7 Gm7 F/A Gm/Bb Bb C F/C C7

*rit.*

ness! O, you are robed in righ - teous - ness!

*rit.*

D7 Gm/E F#°7 Gm7 F/A Gm/Bb Bb C F/C C7 F

*rit.*

## VERSES: Soloist(s)

*mf*

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

*mf*

2. I will sing to you, be - cause of your kind - ness and truth. Your

*mf*

3. I will sing to you with all the peo - ple of earth. We'll

*mf*

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

C6 Fadd9 F/A Bb F/A

*mf*

1. all of my heart, with the words of my mouth. I will wor - ship you,

2. name and your prom - ise are great a - bove all things. When I called to you,

3. o - pen our ears to the words of your mouth, we will sing to you

4. bring to com - ple - tion the work you have done. May your kind - ness

Bb F/C Bb/D F/A G7 C Dsus4 Dm

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1. — give thanks — and praise: “Ho - ly the Tem - ple that sings!” *D.S.*

2. — you an - swered me and built up my strength and my joy! *D.S.*

3. — all — our days: “Great is the glo - ry of God!” *D.S.*

4. — o - ver - flow. For - sake not the work of your hands! *D.S. al fine*

Dm/C C Dm/C F/B $\flat$  B $\flat$ 6 F/A B $\flat$ 6 F/C Gm7 F/A Gm7 F/A B $\flat$  Csus4 *D.S.*

## 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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(Guitar/Vocal)

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**INTRO** *Gospel style, moderately* (♩ = ca. 120)

Capo 3: (A) (A6) (A7) (D) (Em/C#) (F#m/C#) (Em/C#) (D/C) (Bm7) (E°/Bb) (D/A)  
C C6 C7 F Gm/E Am/E Gm/E F/Eb Dm7 G°/Db F/C

(Pno)

(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°/Bb) (D/A)  
C C6 C7 F Gm/E Am/E Gm/E F/Eb Dm7 G°/Db F/C

In the sight of \_\_\_\_\_ the an - gels I will sing

(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

your prais - es, O \_\_\_\_\_ Lord! In the sight of \_\_\_\_\_ the

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

an - gels you are robed in righ - teous -

(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

ness, \_\_\_\_\_ O, you are robed \_\_\_\_\_ in righ - teous - ness!

**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

righ - teous - ness! \_\_\_\_\_ O, you are robed \_\_\_\_\_ in righ - teous -

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

ness! \_\_\_\_\_ O, you are robed \_\_\_\_\_ in righ - teous - ness!

*Fine*

## VERSE 1: Soloist

(A6) (Dadd9) (D/F#) (G) (D/F#) (G)(D/A)(G/B)  
C6 Fadd9 F/A Bb F/A Bb F/C Bb/D

1. I will sing to you. I will give thanks, O God, with all of my

(D/F#) (E7) (A) (Bsus4) (Bm) (Bm/A) (A) (Bm/A)  
F/A G7 C Dsus4 Dm Dm/C C Dm/C

1. heart, with the words of my mouth. I will wor-ship you, give

(D/G) (G6) (D/F#) (G6) (D/A) (Em7) (D/F#) (Em7) (D/F#) (G) (Asus4)  
F/Bb Bb6 F/A Bb6 F/C Gm7 F/A Gm7 F/A Bb Csus4 D.S.

1. thanks and praise: "Ho-ly the Tem-ple that sings!"

## VERSES 2, 4: Soloist(s)

(A6) (Dadd9) (D/F#) (G) (D/F#) (G)(D/A)(G/B)  
C6 Fadd9 F/A Bb F/A Bb F/C Bb/D

2. I will sing to you, be-cause of your kind-ness and truth. Your name and your  
4. We will sing to you. Your right hand saves us, O Lord. You bring to com-

(D/F#) (E7) (A) (Bsus4) (Bm) (Bm/A) (A) (Bm/A)  
F/A G7 C Dsus4 Dm Dm/C C Dm/C

2. prom-ise are great a-bove all things. When I called to you,  
4. ple-tion the work you have done. May your kind-ness

(D/G) (G6) (D/F#) (G6) (D/A) (Em7) (D/F#) (Em7) (D/F#) (G) (Asus4)  
F/Bb Bb6 F/A Bb6 F/C Gm7 F/A Gm7 F/A Bb Csus4 D.S.

2. you an-swered me and built up my strength and my joy!  
4. o-ver-flow. For-sake not the work of your hands!

## VERSE 3: Soloist(s)

(A6) (Dadd9) (D/F#) (G) (D/F#)  
C6 Fadd9 F/A Bb F/A

3. I will sing to you with all the peo-ple of earth. We'll

(G)(D/A)(G/B) (D/F#) (E7) (A) (Bsus4) (Bm) (Bm/A) (A) (Bm/A)  
Bb F/C Bb/D F/A G7 C Dsus4 Dm Dm/C C Dm/C

3. o-pen our ears to the words of your mouth, we will sing to you

(D/G) (G6) (D/F#) (G6) (D/A) (Em7) (D/F#) (Em7) (D/F#) (G) (Asus4)  
F/Bb Bb6 F/A Bb6 F/C Gm7 F/A Gm7 F/A Bb Csus4 D.S.

3. all our days: "Great is the glo-ry of God!"

## Assembly Edition

### IN THE SIGHT OF THE ANGELS

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Refrain: All

In the sight of the an-gels I will sing your prais-es,  
 O Lord! In the sight of the an-gels you are robed  
 in righ - teous - ness, O, you are robed in righ - teous - ness!

Verses: Soloist(s)

<p>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!"</p> <p>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!</p>	<p>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!"</p> <p>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!</p>
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