

VOCAL SCORE

Great is the Lord

Anthem for the foundation or commemoration of a church, or for general use.

Psalm 48, King James Version

Sir Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

Moderato

[org.]

Altos, Tenors and Basses (unis.)
f **Maestoso**

Great is the Lord and

6

great - ly to be prais - ed in the ci - ty of our

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1st Sopranos

Allargando **A** **Animato**
f

Altos, Tenors and Basses

beau -

God, in the moun - tain of His ho - - li - ness

16

1st Sopranos

- ti - ful in e - le - va - tion, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zi -

2nd Sopranos

beau - ti - ful in e - le - va - tion, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zi - on,

1st & 2nd Altos

beau - ti - ful in e - le - va - tion, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zi - on,

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B

- on, on the sides of the north,

on the sides of the north,

on the sides of the north,

26

1st & 2nd Sopranos

beau - ti - ful in e - le - va - tion, the joy of the
 great is the Lord and great - ly to be prais - ed

31

whole earth, is mount Zi - on, mount Zi - on, on the sides of the north, the
 in the ci - ty of our God, in the moun - tain of His ho -

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Sopranos

ci - ty, the ci - ty of the great King God hath made Him-self
 - li - ness. God hath made Him-self
 - li - ness. God hath made Him-self
 - li - ness. God hath made Him-self

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known in her pal - a - ces for a re - - fuge, for a re -
 known in her pal - a - ces for a re - - fuge.
 known in her pal - a - ces for a re - - fuge.
 known in her pal - a - ces for a re - - fuge.

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rit.

- fuge.

[org.]

ped.

D

Allegro moderato

mf ma molto marcato

cresc.

For, lo! the kings as - sem-bled them-selves, they pass-ed by to-

mf ma molto marcato

cresc.

For, lo! the kings as - sem-bled them-selves, they pass-ed by to-

mf ma molto marcato

cresc.

For lo! the kings as - sem-bled them-selves, they pass-ed by to-

mf ma molto marcato

cresc.

For lo! the kings as - sem-bled them-selves, they pass-ed by to-

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f *sf* *ff*

ge - ther; — they saw, then were they a - maz - ed; they were dis-may'd, —

f *sf* *ff*

ge - ther; — they saw, then were they a - maz - ed; they were dis-may'd, —

f *sf* *ff*

ge - ther; — they saw, then were they a - maz - ed; they were dis-may'd, —

f *sf* *ff*

ge - ther; — they saw, then were they a - maz - ed; they were dis-may'd, —

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they hast-ed a - way, they has-ted a - way;
 they hast-ed a - way, they has-ted a - way;
 they hast-ed a - way, they hast-ed a-way;
 they hast-ed a - way, they hast-ed a-way;

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1st Sopranos

E

pain, as of a wo-man in tra - vail,
 trem-bling took hold of them there,
 trem-bling took hold of them there,
 trem - bling took hold of them there,

66

2nd Sopranos

cresc. molto

as with the east wind that break -
 pain, as of a wo-man in tra - vail, as with the east wind that break -
 as with the east wind that break -
 as with the east wind that break -
 as with the east wind that break -

71 1st & 2nd Sopranos

- eth the ships of Tar - shish, that break-eth the ships of

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- eth the ships of Tar - shish, that break-eth the ships of

75

F

Tar - shish: lo! the kings as - sem-bled them-selves, they pass - ed by to-geth-er;

Tar - shish: lo! the kings as - sem-bled them-selves, they pass - ed by to-geth-er;

Tar - shish: lo! the kings as - sem-bled them-selves, they pass - ed by to-geth-er;

Tar - shish: lo! the kings as - sem-bled them-selves, they pass - ed by to-geth-er;

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they saw, then were they a - maz - ed, they were a - maz - ed,

they saw, then were they a - maz - ed, they were dis - may'd, they were a -

they saw, then were they a - maz - ed, they were dis - may'd, they were a -

they saw, then were they a - maz - ed, they were dis - may'd, they were a -

82 **Poco allargando** **a tempo**

ed; they were dis - may'd, they were dis -
 maz - ed; they were dis - may'd, they were dis - may'd, they were dis -
 maz - ed; they were dis - may'd, they were dis -
 maz - ed; they were dis - may'd, they were dis - may'd, they were dis -

86 *dim.*

may'd, they hast-ed a - way, they hast-ed a - way, they hast-ed a-way.
 may'd, they hast-ed a - way, they hast-ed a - way, they hast-ed a-way.
 may'd, they hast-ed a - way, they hast-ed a - way, they hast-ed a-way.
 may'd, they hast-ed a - way, they hast-ed a - way, they hast-ed a-way.

91 **G** **Recit. Maestoso**

so have we seen in the ci - ty of the Lord of
 As we have heard, so have we seen in the ci - ty of the Lord of
 so have we seen in the ci - ty of the Lord of
 As we have heard, so have we seen in the ci - ty of the Lord of

Quasi Recit.

95

hosts, in the ci - ty of the Lord of hosts, in the ci - ty of our God: God will es -

hosts, in the ci - ty of the Lord of hosts, in the ci - ty of our God:_____

hosts, in the ci - ty of the Lord of hosts, in the ci - ty of our God:_____

hosts, in the ci - ty of the Lord of hosts, in the ci - ty of our God:_____

solenne *pp* *f* *maestoso*

solenne *pp*

solenne *pp*

solenne *pp*

99

it for

tab-lish it for ev - er, for ev - er.

for ev - er, for ev - er.

for ev - er, for ev - er.

for ev - er, for ev - er.

for ev - er, for ev - er.

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ff *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *f* *ff*

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H

Andante

Bass Solo

We have thought on Thy lov-ing kind-ness, O God, in the midst of Thy

108

tem - ple:_____ as is Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise un-to the

cresc.

113

ends_____ of the earth, un-to the ends_____ of the earth; Thy right hand is full of

rit. molto espress. *Poco più mosso*

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right - - eous-ness,_____ Thy right hand is full of right -

f

125

I

rit.

Tempo 1mo

poco allarg.

Più lento

eous-ness:_____ we have thought on Thy lov-ing kind-ness, O God, in the

p

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midst of Thy tem - ple._____

[org.]

136 **J** **Andantino**

Let mount Zi - on be glad, let mount Zi - on be glad,

Let mount Zi - on be glad, let mount Zi - on be glad,

Let mount Zi - on be glad, let mount Zi - on be

Let mount Zi - on be glad, let mount Zi - on be

140

let the daugh - ters of Ju - dah re - joice,

let the daugh - ters of Ju - dah re - joice, let the daugh - ters of Ju - dah re -

glad,_____ glad, be-cause of Thy judge - ments,

glad,_____ glad, be-cause of Thy judge - ments, glad, be-cause of Thy

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let mount Zi - on be glad, let mount Zi - on be

joice, let mount Zi - on be glad, let mount Zi - on be

let the daugh - ters of Ju - dah re - joice, let mount Zi - on be glad,

judge - ments,_____ let mount Zi - on be glad,

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glad, _____ be glad, be-cause of Thy judge - ments; walk a-bout

glad, glad, be-cause of Thy judge - ments;

let the daugh-ters of Ju - dah re-joyce; walk a-bout

let mount Zi - on be glad, let the daugh-ters of Ju - dah re - joyce;—

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K (♩ = ♩.)

Zi - on and go round a - bout her,

walk a-bout Zi - on,

Zi - on and go round a - bout her, mark ye well her

walk a-bout Zi - on, tell the towers there-of, —

159

con - sid-er her pal - a-ces, that ye maytell it to the gen - er - a - tion

con - sid-er her pal - a-ces, that ye may tell it to the

bul - warks, con - sid-er her pal - a-ces, that ye may tell it to the

con - sid-er her pal - a-ces, that ye may tell it to the

L

Moderato (come prima) più maestoso

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fol - low - ing. For this God is our God for ev - er and
 gen - er - a - tion fol - ow - ing. For this God is our God for ev - er and
 gen - er - a - tion fol - ow - ing. For this God is our God for ev - er and
 gen - er - a - tion fol - ow - ing. For this God is our God for ev - er and

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ev - - - er, for this God is our God for ev - er and
 ev - - - er, for this God is our God for ev - er and
 ev - - - er, for this God is our God for ev - er and
 ev - - - er, for this God is our God for ev - er and

M

1st Sopranos

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ev - - er; He will be our
 ev - - er; He will be our
 ev - - er; He will be our guide, He will be our
 ev - - er; He will be our guide, He will be our

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1st Sopranos

guide: for this God is our God; He will be our

2nd Sopranos

He will be our guide ev-en un - to death:

Altos

He will be our guide ev-en un - to death, He will be our

Tenors

guide: for this God is our God for

Basses

guide: for this God is our God for

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guide: for this God is our God;

for this God is our God is our God;

guide ev - en un - to death, ev - en un - to death,

ev - er and ev - er; He

ev - er and ev - er;

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He will be our guide ev - en un - to death, un - to

will be our guide ev - en un - to death, un - to

will be our guide ev - en un - to death, un - to

He will be our guide ev - en un - to death, un - to

N *p* **Tranquillo**

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pp **Più lento** *cresc.* **rit.**

death: _____ For this God is our _____ God _____

pp *cresc.*

death: _____ For this God is our _____ God _____

pp *cresc.*

death: _____ For this God is our _____ God _____

pp *cresc.*

death: _____ For this God is our _____ God _____

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Allargando *f* *ff*

— A - - men. _____

f *ff* ^

— A - - men, A - - men.

f *ff* ^

— A - - men, A - - men.

f *ff* ^

— A - - men, A - - men.

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Psalm 48

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

God hath made Himself known in her palaces for a refuge.

For lo! the kings assembled themselves, they passed by together; they saw, then were they amazed; they were dismay'd, they hasted away; trembling took hold of them there, pain as of a woman in travail, as with the east wind that breaketh the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.

We have thought on thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple: as is thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth; Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion be glad, because of Thy judgements, let the daughters of Judah rejoice; walk about Zion and go round about her, tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death. Amen.