

for Isaac, on the occasion of his confirmation

# O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings

Psalm 84 (Coverdale)

For unison choir or solo voice and organ

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With simple expression ♩ = 84

The musical score is written for voice and organ. It begins with a tempo marking of ♩ = 84 and the instruction "With simple expression". The organ part is in 2/2 time and features a 16-foot stop, with a dynamic marking of *p* and the instruction "sw. soft 8' 4'". The organ accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line and a treble line with chords and melodic fragments. The vocal line enters at measure 7 with the lyrics "O how am-ia-ble are thy dwell - ings, thou Lord of hosts! My". The organ part continues with a similar accompaniment. At measure 13, the vocal line continues with "soul hath a de - sire and long - ing to en - ter in - to the courts of the Lord;". The organ part includes a section marked "+ oboe" starting at measure 13, which features a melodic line in the treble clef. The score concludes with a final cadence in the organ part.

19 *mf*

my heart and my flesh re - joyce in the liv - ing God.

25 *mf*

Yea, the spar-row hath found her an house, and the swal-low a nest where she may lay her

31 *f*

young; e - ven thy al - tars, O Lord of hosts,

+ mixture

37 *mf* *p*

my King and my God. Bless - ed are they that

ch. strings

*p* ch.

43 *f* rit. a tempo

dwell in thy house; they will be al - way prais - ing thee.

*f* *sw.* 3 *ff*

49

*f* *dim. poco a poco* *solo* *mf*

55 *p*

Bless - ed is the man whose strength \_\_\_\_\_ is in thee; in whose heart are thy

ch. strings *p*

61 *espress.*

ways. Who go-ing through the vale of mis -

66

- er - y \_\_\_\_\_ use it for a well; and the pools are

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Con fuoco ♩ = 132

72

fill-ed with wa - ter. — They will go from strength to strength, and un-to the

full sw. *f non legato*

78

God of gods ap-pear-eth ev-er-y one — of them in Si - on. O Lord God of hosts, hear my

84

prayer; heark-en, O God of Ja - cob. Be-hold, O God our de - fend -

*ff*

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90 *mf* *rit.* **Tempo I**

- er, and look up - on the face of thine a - noint - ed.

*mf* *p* *sw.* solo

96 *p espress.* *rit.*

The Lord will give grace and wor - ship;

*p* *sw.*

102 **Meno mosso** *p*

and no good thing shall he with - hold from them that

*p*

108 *molto rit.* **Tempo I**  
*pp*

live a god - ly — life.

*pp*

114 *molto rit.*

+32