

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is

Book of Common Prayer

Psalms 133

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The musical score is set in 3/2 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 96. It features a Tenor part, a Bass part, and a Soprano part, each with a corresponding keyboard accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, Brethren to dwell together, in unity, in unity." The score is divided into four systems. The first system covers measures 1-4, the second measures 5-8, the third measures 9-12, and the fourth measures 13-16. The Soprano part begins at measure 8. The keyboard accompaniment provides harmonic support throughout.

8 [♩=96]

Tenor
Be - hold, how good and joy - ful a thing _____ it is,

4 (Bass)
B
Be - hold, how good and joy - ful a thing _____ it is,

8
S
Breth - ren to dwell to ge - ther, in u - ni-ty, in u - ni - ty,

12
S
in u - ni-ty, in u - ni - ty.
A
Breth - ren to dwell to - ge - ther in u - ni-ty, in u - ni - ty.
T
in u - ni-ty, in u - ni - ty.
B
in u - ni-ty, in u - ni - ty.

Kbd.

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36 **C**

S beard, e - ven un - to Aa - ron's beard, And went down to the skirts of his

A beard, e - ven un - to Aa - ron's beard, And went down to the

T beard, e - ven un - to Aa - ron's beard, And went

B beard, e - ven un - to Aa - ron's beard, And went

Kbd.

42 1.

S cloth - ing. of his cloth - ing.

A skirts of his cloth - ing. of his cloth - ing.

T down to the skirts of his cloth - ing, cloth - ing cloth - ing, of his cloth - ing.

B And went down, and went down to the skirts of his cloth - ing, of his cloth - ing.

Kbd.

49 **D** 2.

S - ing. Like as the dew on Her - mon, Like as the dew on Her - mon, on

A - ing. Like as the dew on Her - mon, Like as the dew on Her - mon, on

T - ing. Like as the dew on Her - mon, Like as the dew on Her - mon, on

B - ing. Like as the dew on Her - mon, Like as the dew on Her - mon, on

Kbd.

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56 E

S Her - mon, which fell up - on the hill of Zi - on, For this the Lord pro - mis - ed his
A Her - mon, which fell up - on the hill of Zi - on, For this the Lord pro - mis - ed his
T Her - mon, which fell up - on the hill of Zi - on, For this the Lord pro - mis - ed his
B Her - mon, which fell up - on the hill of Zi - on, For this the Lord pro - mis - ed his
Kbd.

62 F

S bless - ing, his bless - ing, his bless - ing, and life for e - ver - more.
A bless - ing, his bless - ing, his bless - ing, and life for e - ver - more, And life for e - ver -
T bless - ing, his bless - ing, his bless - ing, and life for e - ver - more.
B bless - ing, his bless - ing, his bless - ing, and life for e - ver - more.
Kbd.

68

S
A And life for e - ver - more, And
T more, And life for e - ver - more, And
B And life for e - ver - more, And
Kbd.

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74

S life for e - ver - more, For there the Lord

A life, for e - ver - more, For there the Lord

T life for e - ver - more. For there the Lord

B life for e - ver - more, For there the Lord

Kbd.

G

79

S pro - mis - ed his bless - ing, his bless - ing, his bless - ing, and

A pro - mis - ed his bless - ing, his bless - ing, his bless - ing, and

T pro - mis - ed his bless - ing, his bless - ing, his bless - ing, and

B pro - mis - ed his bless - ing, his bless - ing, his bless - ing, and

Kbd.

83

S life for e - ver - more, and life for e - ver - more,

A life for e - ver - more, and life, for e - ver - more,

T life for e - ver - more, and life for e - ver - more.

B life for e - ver - more, and life for e - ver - more,

Kbd.