

dedicated to Teresa Kasperick-Postellon

THE DESERT WILL BURST INTO BLOOM

INTRO: (♩ = ca. 108) VERSE 1: Soloist/Section

Melody

13 *mp* Can we find peace in our work and our toil?

19 Can we find joy sur - round - ed by pain? With - out God's love, we are

like bar - ren soil. We are a _____ rain.

24 **REFRAIN: slightly faster** (♩ = ca. 116) All

36 *mf* In _____ love, God _____ us a child: _____ Prince of

Peace, our Sa - vior and K _____ The de - sert will burst

_____ in - to bloom; _____ It will re - joice _____ great - ly and sing.

47 **VERSE 2: slightly faster** (♩ = ca. 120) Section/Soloist

60 *mf* God's pres - ence gives peace in our toil; God's

pres - ence gives joy in our pain. God's pres - ence gives life to the

soil. God's _____ pres - ence is like the rain. *accel.*

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70 **BRIDGE: faster** (♩ = ca. 132) All

Our God has ap - peared on the east and life a -

76 *f*

mong us. All the ends of the earth have

82 *molto rit.*

seen the sal - va - tion of our God

86 **REFRAIN: slower** (♩ = ca. 116) All

In his love, God sent his only Son, the Prince of Peace, our

92 *mf*

Sa - vior and King. The desert will burst in - to bloom;

98 *f*

It will re - joice greatly and sing.

105 *rit.*

will re - joice greatly and sing.

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