

BLEST BE GOD

Responsorial Litany from Daniel 3 for Trinity Sunday A
for Psalmists (Cantors) Schola & Assembly
with Keyboard & Guitar

TONY BARR

Blest be God, the Holy and Strong One:

*Joy we bring and psalms we sing
praise unceasing to your Name.*

Blest be the glori'ous name which saves us:

Blest be God in the Temple, among

Bless God whose kingdom spans heaven and earth:

Bless God, enthroned on the wings of the Seraphim:

Blest be God, so radiant, magnificent:

Bless God in the heights of heaven:

Blest be God, the God of the living:

This Litany is a dialogue between the psalmist and the assembly, in which he or she gives voice to the Covenant in which we all gather.

The Verses of this litany may be sung by alternating psalmists or cantors, from the ambo, with the assembly affirming through our Refrain. The women of the choir have two descants, either or both of which may be sung, together cumulatively as the litany approaches a climax.

The ritual dynamic of this piece has been expressed by Joseph Gelineau as a trilogy between assembly, songleader and choir. The element is conversation, and activity of listening to the call which is an echo in our spiritual DNA, and responding to that call as community, a People who have been called. God's presence is at the heart of this conversation and comes alive in our hearts and minds as we come face to face with the Deity and each other again, in song.

- Tony Barr

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VERSES Psalmist/Cantor *at the ambo* (or Schola Sections) ♩. = ca. 54

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1. Blest be God, the Ho - ly and

2. Blest be the glo - rious na - me which saves us:

3. Blest be God in the Tem - ple, a - long us:

4. Bless God whose king - dom spans heav - en and earth:

5. Bless God, en - throned on the wings of the che - ru - bim:

6. Blest be ra - diant, mag - ni - fi - cent:

7. Bless God in the heights of heav - en:

8. Bless be God, the God of the Liv - ing:

F Am/F Gm/F

REFRAIN

Flute on selected Refrains

Descants on selected Refrains

All Joy we bring — and psalms — we sing — in praise — un — ing

Joy we bring — and psalms we sing — praise un — ing

Am Dm Gm7 C Fmaj7

1-8. to Verse or Coda

to — ye

to — your Name

Gm C Bb+2 Am7 Bb+2

CODA

Fine

Bb+2 Fm7 Gm7 F+6

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2. Blest be the glo - ri'ous name which save us:

3. Blest be God in the Tem - ple, a - mong us:

4. Bless God whose king - dom spans hea - ven and earth:

5. Bless God, en - dowed on the wings of the che - ru - bim:

6. Blest be God, so ra - diant, mag - ni - fi - cent:

7. Bless God in the heights of heav - en:

Blest be God, the God of the Liv - ing:

REFRAIN Descants on selected Refrains

Joy we bring — and psalms — we sing — in praise — to — God —

Joy we bring — and psalms we sing — praise un - o - - ing

to — your Name!

to — your Name!

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