

Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Psalm 84, 9-14; refrain v 8

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R Let us see, O Lord, your mer - cy, and give us your sav - ing help.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system shows a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a rest for the first measure, then enters with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines. The second system continues the piano accompaniment with various chordal textures and rhythmic patterns.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. *R*

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heav'n. *R*

3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. *R*

The refrain is heard three times at the start: first played on the organ, then sung by the cantor, and then sung by all; it is then repeated by all after each verse.

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