

# The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Psalm 46, vv 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; refrain v 5

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*R* The wa-ters of a ri-ver give joy — to God's ci-ty, the ho - ly place where the most high dwells.

The musical score consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. The first system is for the first verse, and the second system is for the second verse. Both systems are written in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first system features a treble clef with a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes, and a bass clef with a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. The second system features a treble clef with a melody of quarter and eighth notes, and a bass clef with a steady accompaniment of quarter notes.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength,  
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:  
so we shall not fear, though the earth should rock,  
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. *R*
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within, it cannot be shaken;  
God will help it at the dawning of the day. *R*
3. The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
Come, consider the works of the Lord,  
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. *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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