

# Holy Family (B)

Psalm 127, vv 1-5

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*R* O blest are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

The musical score consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. The first system features a vocal line in the treble clef with lyrics and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system continues the piano accompaniment with chords and melodic lines in both staves. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is common time (C).

1. O blest are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R**
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **R**
3. Indeed thus shall be blest  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life! **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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