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## Psalm 33

Lyrics: Translated by Myles Coverdale (1488-1569)

Music: James Turlle (1802-1882)

Artists: St Paul's Cathedral Choir, John Scott (dir.), Andrew Lucas (organ)

[Psalm 33 opens with words of praise. Both sides singing together.]

1 Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous \*

for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

2 Praise the Lord with harp \*

sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

[Now each verse is sung by a different side of the choir.]

3 Sing unto the Lord a new song \*

sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

[Reasons why God is worthy of praise.]

4 For the word of the Lord is true \*

and all his works are faithful.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgement \*

the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

[God created everything.]

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made \*

and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

[The organ's low notes rumble, sea-like]

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap \*

and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord \*

stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

9 For he spake, and it was done \*

he commanded, and it stood fast.

[God's principles endure.]

10 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought \*

and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.

11 The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever \*

and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

[Those who follow YHWH will be blessed/happy.]

12 Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah \*  
and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.

13 The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men \*  
from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the  
earth.

14 He fashioneth all the hearts of them \*  
and understandeth all their works.

[Earthly powers have their limits.]

15 There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host \*  
neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

16 A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man \*  
neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

[Those who follow YHWH'S ways will be helped.]

17 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him \*  
and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;

18 To deliver their soul from death \*  
and to feed them in the time of dearth.

[A concluding prayer]

19 Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord \*  
for he is our help, and our shield.

20 For our heart shall rejoice in him \*  
because we have hoped in his holy Name.

21 Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us \*  
like as we do put our trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

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