

We Give Praise

Hymn for SATB (or unison) chorus with organ

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Commissioned by the Thanks-Giving Foundation for the 100th anniversary of "Thanksgiving Together."

We give praise with a single voice,
Though it's sung to the words of many tongues,
Clapping hands to the beats of many lands
We give praise with a loud and joyful noise.

We give thanks for the earth we prize,
For the wonderful radiance of sun
And for all living creatures, great and small;
We give thanks for this precious gift of life.

We are all children of one Creator
Who gives us blessings pure and free,
Who grants us all of the joys of nature;
We close the circle, singing in praise and harmony.

With thanks-giving we rise above
And the boundaries between us tumble down,
And we help others as we would ourselves;
We give thanks and we share a greater love.
--Jonathan David

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Prelude*

Flutes

Musical score for Organ and Flutes, measures 1-6. The organ part is in the left hand, and the flute part is in the right hand. The tempo is marked $\text{♩} = 66$. The organ part starts with a *p* dynamic and includes a *16', 8'* registration change. The flute part starts with an *8va* marking and a *mp* dynamic. Both parts feature a steady eighth-note pattern.

Musical score for Organ and Reeds, measures 7-11. The organ part continues with the eighth-note pattern. The reed part enters in measure 7 with a *mf* dynamic and features a melodic line with a long note in measure 8.

Musical score for Organ, measures 12-16. The organ part continues with the eighth-note pattern. A *loco* marking is present above measure 13. The organ part includes a *8va* marking.

Musical score for Organ, measures 17-21. The organ part continues with the eighth-note pattern. The organ part includes a *8va* marking.

*The Prelude may be omitted and the Hymn performed alone. Begin on top of page 3.

22

Org.

5 5 5 5

p Flutes

30

Org.

30

40

Org.

Solo reed

mp

5

rit.

$\text{♩} = 120$

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4/4

Hymn

Joyously (♩ = 120)

Org. *f* Strings (Man.)

Org. *poco rit.*

All voices *f*

We give praise with a sin - gle voice, ——— Though it's sung to the words of ma - ny tongues,
 We give thanks for the earth we prize, ——— For the won - der - ful ra - di - ance of sun,

Org. *mf*

62 Clap - ping hands to the beats of ma - ny lands, We give praise with a loud and joy - ful —
 And for all liv - ing crea - tures, great and small; We give thanks for this pre - cious gift of —

Org.

66 1. 2. *mf*

noise. We are all chil - dren of one Cre - a - tor
 life.

Org. *mp* Mixture

73

Who gives us bles-sings pure and free, — Who grants us

Org.

79

S/A* all the joys of na - ture; We close the cir cle, sing - ing in praise and har - mo -

T/B* *f*

Org. *mf*

85

S/A ny. With thanks-giv - ing we rise a - bove — And the bound-ries be - tween us tum-ble down,

T/B

Org.

Strings

16', 8'

*The harmony is optional. Singers may continue in unison on the melody, if desired.

90

S/A

And we help o - thers as we would our-selves; We give thanks and we share a

T/B

90

Org.

90

94

S/A

great - er love.

T/B

94

Org.

94

rit. Add