

Gracious Lord, Remember David

PSALM 132

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with three lines of text. The first system covers the first line of the psalm, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic structure: Ab, Eb, Ab, Db/Ab, Ab/Eb, Eb, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Ab/Eb, Eb, and Ab.

1. Gra-cious Lord, re-mem-ber Da-vid, how he made Your house his care,
2. Far a-way God's ark was rest-ing, it is with His peo-ple now;
3. Let the king be-hold Your fa-vor for Your ser-vant Da-vid's sake,

how he vowed to seek no pleas-ure till Your house he should pre-pare.
we will go in-to His tem-ple, at His foot-stool we will bow.
un-to whom a sa-cred prom-ise, sure and faith-ful, You had made.

Lord, re-mem-ber his de-vo-tion; rest-less in his courts he trod
With the ark, Your might re-veal-ing, en-ter, Lord, in-to Your rest;
If his chil-dren keep Your stat-utes, and Your tes-ti-mo-ny own,

till he found a hab-i-ta-tion fit for Is-rael's might-y God,
let Your priests be clothed with jus-tice, let Your joy-ful saints be blest,
then, as You, O Lord, have prom-ised, they shall sit up-on his throne,

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 then, as You, O Lord, have prom-ised, they shall sit up - on Your throne.

4. You, O God, have chosen Zion,
 You have ever loved her well;
 "This My resting place forever,
 here," You said, "I choose to dwell.
 Surely I will bless and help her,
 feed her poor, her saints make glad,
 and her priests shall stand before Me
 in salvation's garments clad;
 and her priests shall stand before Me
 in salvation's garments clad."

5. "I will cause the might of David
 ever more and more to grow;
 on the path of My Anointed
 I will make a lamp to glow.
 All His enemies shall perish,
 I will cover them with shame;
 but His crown shall ever flourish—
 Blessed be His holy name!
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