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in honor of Mary Buttermore, organist for 39 years.

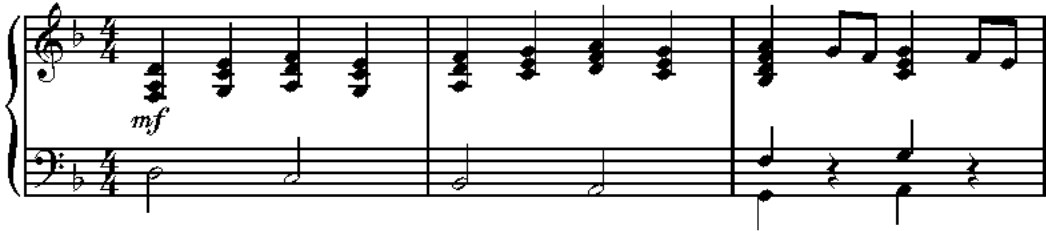
THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH

for S.A.T.B. voices and organ

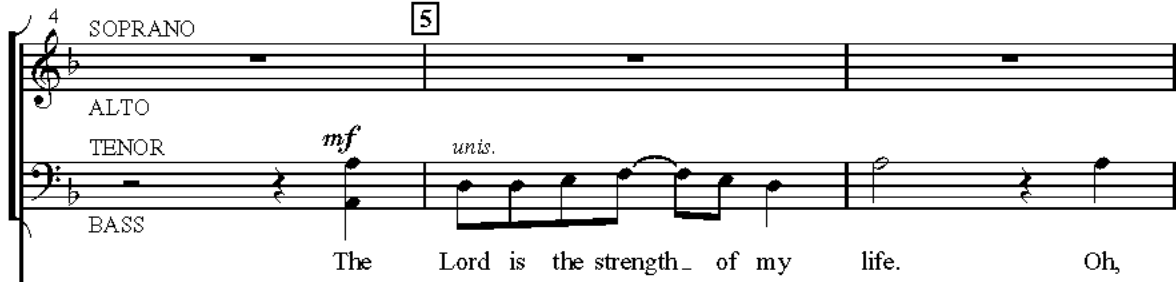
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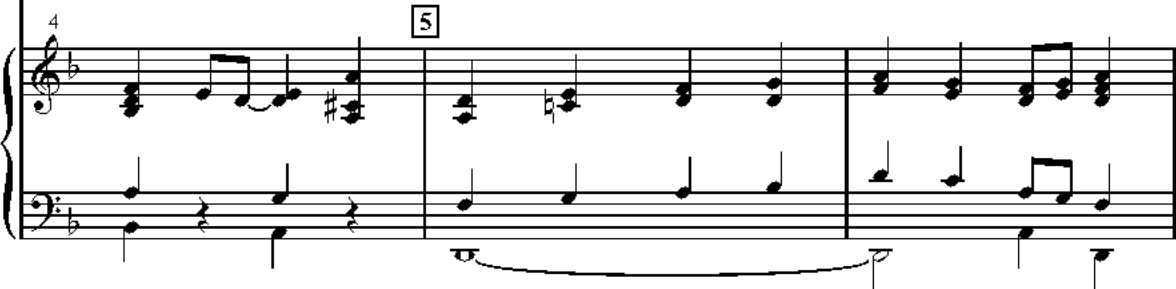
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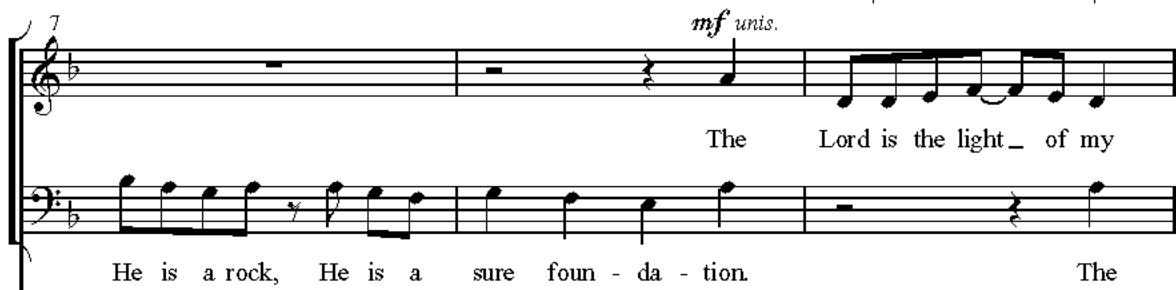
Organ introduction in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The right hand plays a series of chords and eighth notes, while the left hand plays a simple bass line. The dynamic is marked *mf*.



Vocal entry for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The Soprano part begins with a whole note G4. The Tenor and Bass parts enter with a half note G2. The lyrics are: "The Lord is the strength_ of my life. Oh,". The dynamic is marked *mf* and the tempo is *unis.*



Organ accompaniment for the first vocal phrase. The right hand plays a series of chords and eighth notes, while the left hand plays a simple bass line. The dynamic is marked *mf*.



Vocal entry for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The Soprano part begins with a whole note G4. The Tenor and Bass parts enter with a half note G2. The lyrics are: "The Lord is the light_ of my He is a rock, He is a sure foun - da - tion. The". The dynamic is marked *mf* and the tempo is *unis.*



Organ accompaniment for the second vocal phrase. The right hand plays a series of chords and eighth notes, while the left hand plays a simple bass line. The dynamic is marked *mf*.

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life. Oh, He is my hope, He is my joy ev-er-last-ing.

Lord is my light._

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I will not be a-fraid _ for the Lord is ___

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by my side. I will _ give all my praise.

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