

# Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

*Full Anthem in Five Voices*

*Mt. 5:3, 4; Is. 29:19, 23b; Mt. 5:12a.  
(Douay-Rheims Version)*

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*Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land.  
And the meek shall increase their joy in the Lord:  
and the poor men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.  
And they shall sanctify the Holy One of Jacob:  
and shall glorify the God of Israel.  
Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in heaven.  
Hallelujah.*

**Andante**

Treble      Alto      Mezzo      Tenor      Bass

Bless - ed are the poor\_\_\_\_ in spir - it,      bless -

Bless - ed are the poor\_\_\_\_ in

Bless - ed are the poor\_\_\_\_ in

Bless - ed are

ed are the poor in spir - it: for
   
 spir - it, the poor in spir - it: for
   
 spir - it, the poor in spir - it: for
   
 the poor \_\_\_\_\_ in spir - it: for theirs is the
   
 Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it: for theirs

theirs is the king - dom of heav'n,
   
 theirs is the king - dom of heav'n,
   
 for theirs is the king - dom, the king - dom,
   
 king - dom of heav'n, for theirs
   
 is the king - dom of heav'n for

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for theirs is the king - dom of heav'n, of heav'n.

for theirs is the king - dom of heav'n, of heav'n.

of heav'n, the king - dom of heav'n.

is the king - dom, the king - dom of heav'n.

theirs is the king - dom the king - dom of heav'n.

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Bless - ed are the meek,

Bless - ed are the meek, bless - ed are the meek:

Bless - ed are the meek:

bless - ed are the meek, bless - ed are the meek:

Bless - ed are the meek:

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for they shall possess the land, for they shall pos -

8 for they shall possess the land, for

8 for they shall poss - sess the land, shall pos -

for they shall possess the land, for they shall poss -

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shall poss - sess the land. And the

sess, pos - sess the land. And the meek,

8 they shall poss - sess the land.

8 sess, pos - sess the land. And the meek shall in -

sess the land.

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meek shall in - crase their joy  
and the meek shall in - crease their joy  
And the meek shall in - crease  
crease their joy in the Lord,  
And the meek shall in - crease their

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in the Lord: And the poor man shall  
in the Lord: And the poor man shall  
their joy in the Lord: And the poor  
their joy in the Lord: And the poor  
joy in the Lord: And the poor man shall



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And they shall san  
And they shall san - cti - fy, and they shall  
And they shall san - cti - fy,  
And they shall

A musical score for four voices (SATB) in G clef, common time, and B-flat key signature. The vocal parts are arranged in four staves. The lyrics are as follows:

cti - fy, shall sancti - fy the Ho - ly

san - cti - fy the Ho - ly

and they shall sancti - fy, shall sancti - fy the Ho - ly

And they shall sancti - fy the Ho - ly

cti - fy, shall sancti -

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One of Jacob, the Holy One of Jacob:  
One of Jacob, the Holy One of Jacob:  
One, the Holy One of Jacob, of Jacob:  
One of Jacob, the Holy One, the Holy One of Jacob:  
and shall f y the Holy One, the Holy One of Jacob: and shall

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and shall glo ri fy, and shall glo ri fy, and shall glo ri fy, shall  
and shall glo ri fy, shall glo - ri fy, the God of Is ra -

**Allegretto**

Musical score for the first section of the hymn, featuring two staves in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The lyrics are:

fy, shall glo - ri - fy the God of Is - ra - el. Be  
and shall glo - ri - fy the God of Is - ra - el. Be  
glo - ri - fy, and shall glo - ri - fy the God of Is - ra - el. Be  
glo - ri - fy, shall glo - ri - fy the God of Is - ra - el. Be  
el. and shall glo - ri - fy the God of Is - ra - el. Be

Musical score for the second section of the hymn, featuring two staves in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The lyrics are:

glad and re - joice, be glad and re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, be  
glad and re - joice, be glad and re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, be  
glad and re - joice, be glad and re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, be  
glad and re - joice, be glad and re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, be  
glad and re - joice, be glad and re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, be

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glad and rejoice. Be glad and rejoice, be glad and rejoice, re -

glad and rejoice. Be glad and rejoice, be glad and rejoice, re -

8  
glad and rejoice. Be glad and rejoice, be glad and rejoice, re -

8  
glad and rejoice. Be glad and rejoice, be glad and rejoice, re -

glad and rejoice. Be glad and rejoice, be glad and rejoice, re -

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joice, rejoice, be glad and rejoice, for your reward is ver-y great,

joice, rejoice, be glad and rejoice, for your reward is ver-y great,

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joice, rejoice, be glad and rejoice, for your reward is ver-y great,

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joice, rejoice, be glad and rejoice, for your reward is ver-y great,

joice, rejoice, be glad and rejoice, for your reward is ver-y great,

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your re - ward is ver-y great, is ver - y great, is ver - ry

your re - ward is ver-y great, your re - ward is ver - y great, is ver - y

8  
your re - ward is ver - ry great, is ver - ry

8  
your re - ward is ver-y great, for your re - ward is ver - ry

your re - ward, your re - ward is ver - y great, is ver - y, ver - y

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great in heav'n. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

great in heav'n. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

8  
great, ver - y great in heav'n. Hal - le - lu - jah,

8  
great in heav'n. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

great in heav'n. in heav'n. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

**Adagio**

Musical score for 'Adagio' featuring two staves. The top staff uses a soprano C-clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The bottom staff uses a bass F-clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The score consists of four measures per system, with a repeat sign and endings 1 and 2. The lyrics 'Hal - le - lu - jah,' are repeated throughout the piece.

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1. 2.

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah. jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah. jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah. jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah. jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah. jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah. jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah. jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah. jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.