

# Universal Praise

from *Continental Harmony* (1794)

SATB a cappella

William Billings  
(1746-1800)

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SOPRANO

O praise God, O praise God, O praise God, —

ALTO

O praise God, O praise God, O praise God,

TENOR

O praise God, O praise God, O praise God,

BASS

O praise God, O praise God, O praise God,

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praise Him in his Ho - li - ness, praise him ve - ge - ta - tion, and

praise Him in his Ho - li - ness, praise Him pro - pa - ga - tion, and —

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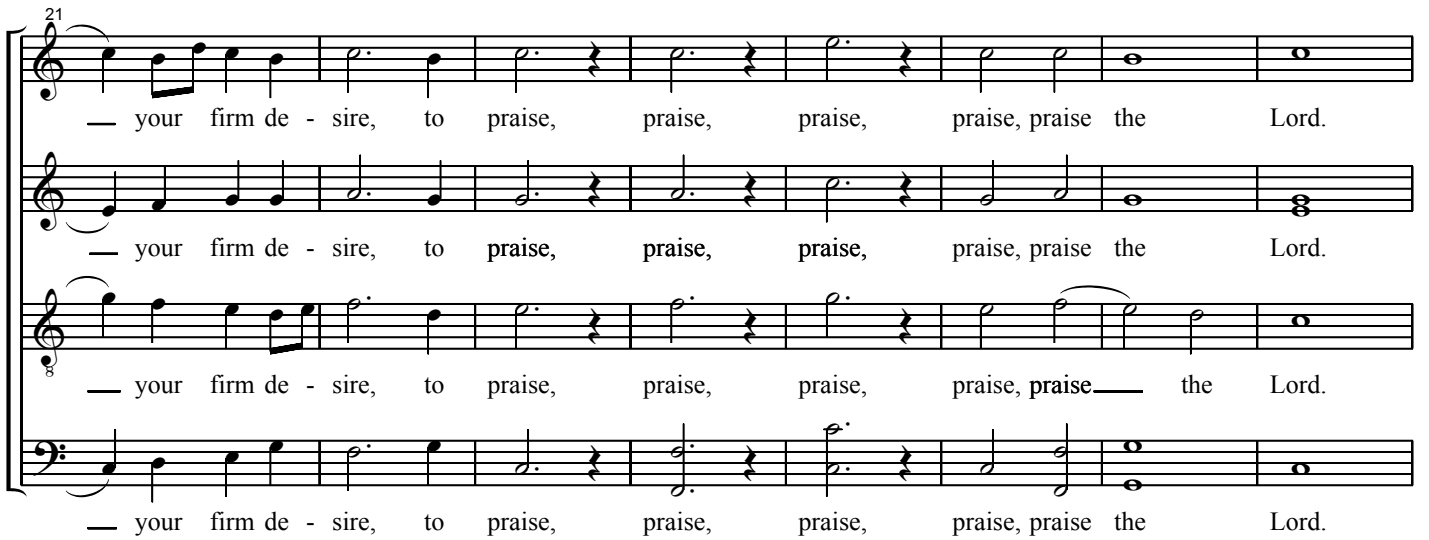
let your voice pro - claim your choice, and — tes - ti - fy to stan - ders — by, with ar - dent fire, —

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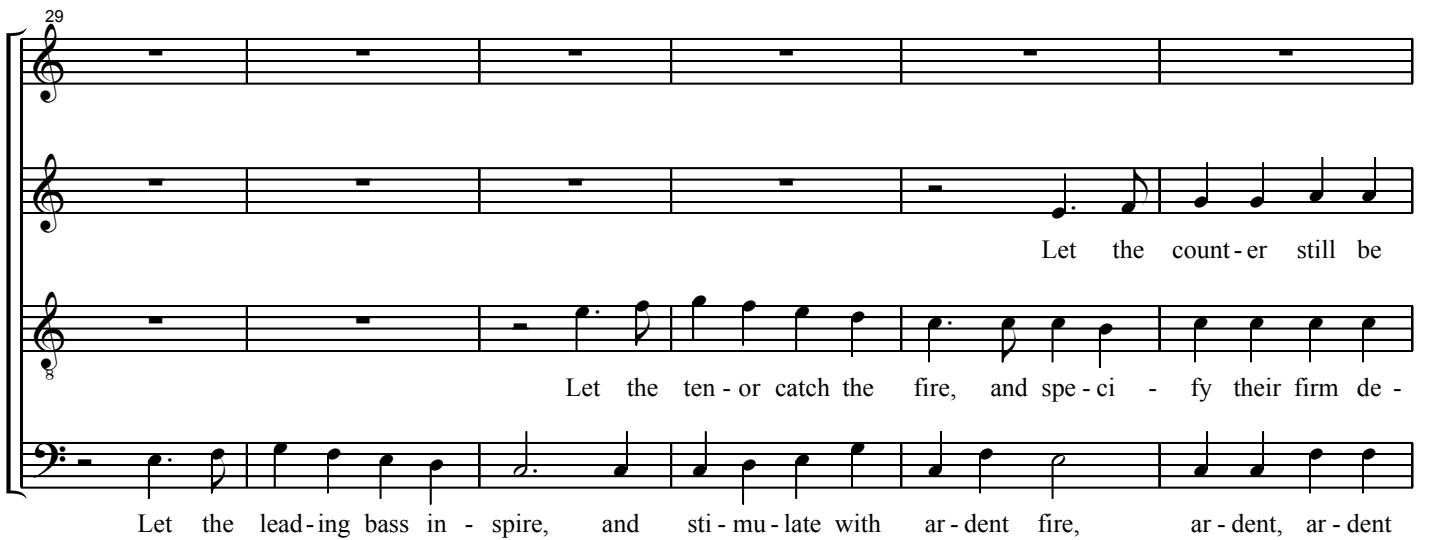
— your firm de - sire, to praise, praise, praise, praise, praise the Lord.

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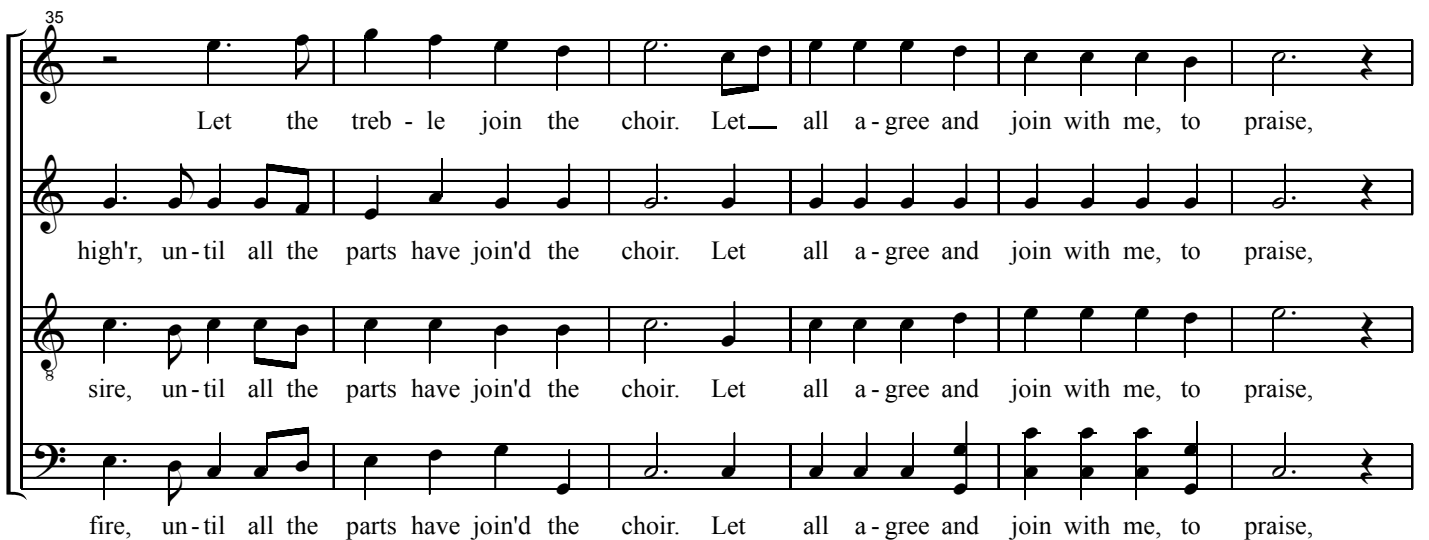


Let the count-er still be

Let the ten - or catch the fire, and spe - ci - fy their firm de -

Let the lead-ing bass in - spire, and sti - mu - late with ar - dent fire, ar - dent, ar - dent

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Let the treb - le join the choir. Let— all a - gree and join with me, to praise,

high'r, un-til all the parts have join'd the choir. Let all a - gree and join with me, to praise,

sire, un-til all the parts have join'd the choir. Let all a - gree and join with me, to praise,

fire, un-til all the parts have join'd the choir. Let all a - gree and join with me, to praise,

41

praise, praise, praise, praise the Lord. Shout ye hills and sing ye—

praise, praise, praise, praise the Lord.

praise, praise, praise, praise— the Lord. Shout ye hills and— sing ye—

praise, praise, praise, praise the Lord.

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plains, sound the trum-pets, beat the

Je - ho - vah reigns, beat the

plains, tell the earth sound the trum-pets,

tell the earth Je - ho - vah reigns, sound the trum-pets, beat the

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drums, tell the earth Je - ho - vah comes, Sound the trum-pets, roll the drums,

drums, tell the earth Je - ho - vah comes, Sound the trum-pets, roll the drums,

tell the earth Je - ho - vah comes, Sound the trum-pets, trum - - - pets,

drums, tell the earth Je - ho - vah comes, Sound the trum-pets, roll the drums,

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roll the drums, sound the trum-pets, roll the drums, sound the trum-pets, beat the  
 sound the trum-pets, beat the drums, beat, beat, beat the drums, sound the trum-pets, beat the  
 sound the trum-pets, trum - pets, roll the drums, sound the trum-pets, beat the  
 sound the trum-pets, beat the drums, beat, beat, beat the drums, sound the trum-pets, beat the

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drums, sound the trum-pets, roll the drums, tell  
 drums, sound the trum-pets, roll the drums, tell  
 drums, sound the trum-pets, roll the drums, tell  
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77

the earth Je - ho - vah comes, to judge the world in right-eous - ness, and e - v'ry in - jur'd  
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84

saint re-dress, let all a-gree, and join with me to praise, praise, praise,

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saint re-dress, let all a-gree, and join with me to praise, praise, praise,

saint re-dress, let all a-gree, and join with me to praise, praise, praise,

90

praise, praise the Lord. O praise the Lord with one consent, and in this grand de-

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praise, praise the Lord. O praise the Lord with one consent, and in this grand de-

praise, praise the Lord. O praise the Lord with one consent, and in this grand de-

96

sign, young men and maids, u-na-ni-mous-ly join, let all a-gree, and

sign, old men and babes, u-na-ni-mous-ly join, let all a-gree, and

sign, young men and maids, u-na-ni-mous-ly join, let all a-gree, and

sign, old men and babes, u-na-ni-mous-ly join, let all a-gree, and

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join with me to praise, praise, praise, praise, praise the Lord. Let the

join with me to praise, praise, praise, praise, praise the Lord. Let the

join with me to praise, praise, praise, praise, praise— the Lord. Let the

join with me to praise, praise, praise, praise, praise the Lord. Let the

110

or-gan— strike— a— chord, and sound the— praise of Ju-bal's God, let the— or-gan—strike— a—

or-gan strike a chord, and sound the praise of Ju-bal's God, let the or-gan strike a

or-gan strike— a— chord, and sound the— praise of Ju-bal's God, let the or-gan strike— a—

or-gan strike a chord, and sound the praise of— Ju-bal's God, let the or-gan strike a

115

chord and sound— the— praise— of Ju - bal's God, Praise him on the harp and lute and

chord and sound the— praise of Ju - bal's God, Praise him on the harp and lute and

chord and sound— the— praise— of Ju - bal's God, Praise him on the harp and lute and

chord and sound— the— praise of Ju - bal's God, Praise him on the harp and lute and—

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let not— a - ny— string be mute— but all a - gree, and join with me to praise, praise,

let not a - ny string be mute but all a - gree, and join with me to praise, praise,

let not— a - ny— string be mute but all a - gree, and join with me to praise, praise,

let not a - ny string be mute but all a - gree, and join with me to praise, praise,

127

praise, praise, praise the Lord. Hark, hear the sheep, how they

praise, praise, praise the Lord. Hark, hear the sheep, how they

praise, praise, praise— the Lord. Hark, hear the sheep, how they

praise, praise, praise the Lord. Hark, hear the sheep, how they

135

bleat, and sound, sound, sound, sound and sound their ma - ker's praise, their

bleat, sound, sound, sound, sound and sound their ma - ker's praise, their

bleat, sound, sound, sound, sound and sound their ma - ker's praise, their—

bleat, and sound, sound, sound, sound and sound their ma - ker's praise, their—

141

voice for shame and catch the flame of u - ni - ver - sal praise, praise, praise,

voice for shame and catch the flame of u - ni - ver - sal praise, praise, praise,

voice for shame and catch the flame of u - ni - ver - sal praise, praise, praise,

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praise, praise the Lord. fill their part, tho' mute in voice yet

praise, praise the Lord. fill their part,

praise, praise the Lord. fill their part, tho' mute in voice yet

praise, praise the Lord. Let the hear-ers fill their part,

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join in heart and praise, praise, praise, praise, praise the Lord. A -

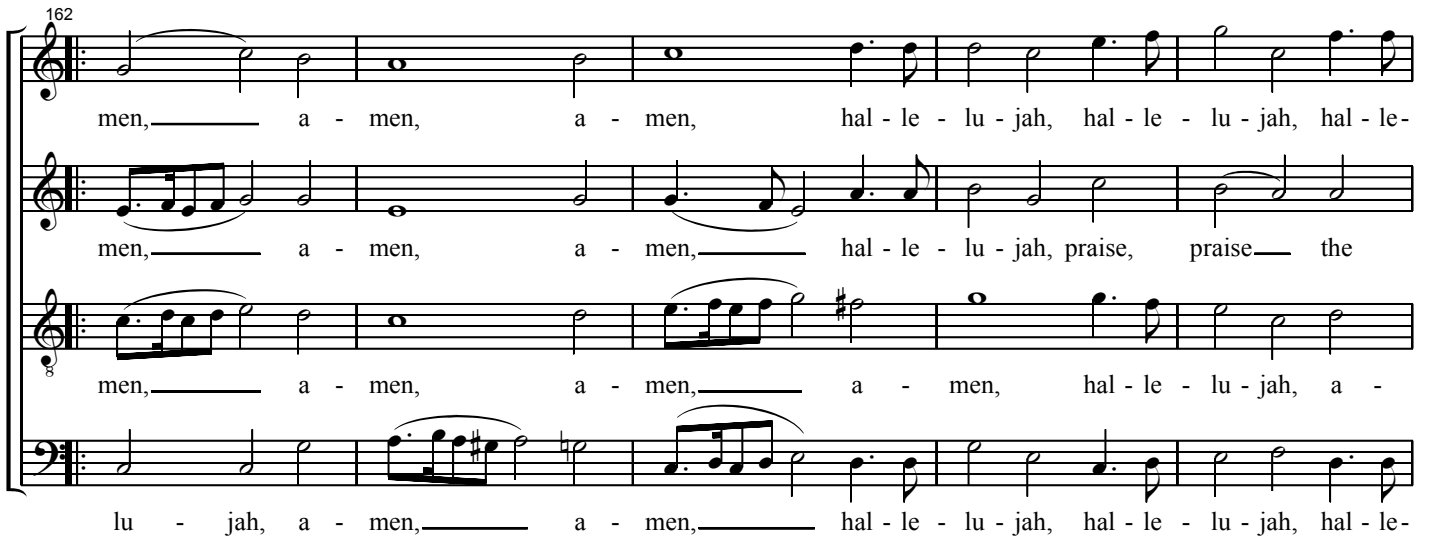
join in heart and praise, praise, praise, praise, praise the Lord. A -

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join in heart and praise, praise, praise, praise, praise the Lord. Hal - le -



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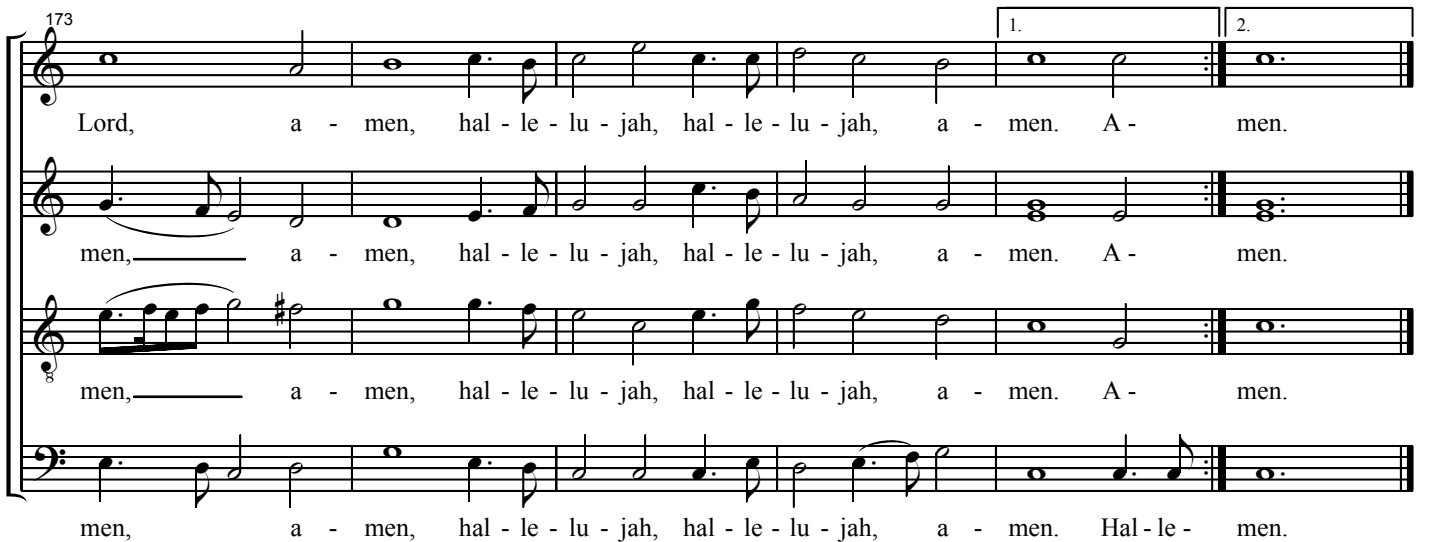
men, a - men, a - men, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -  
 men, a - men, a - men, hal - le - lu - jah, praise, praise the  
 men, a - men, a - men, a - men, hal - le - lu - jah, a -  
 lu - jah, a - men, a - men, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -

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lu - jah, a - men, a - men, hal - le - lu - jah, a - men, praise, praise the  
 Lord, a - men, a - men, hal - le - lu - jah, a - men, a - men, a -  
 men, a - men, a - men, hal - le - lu - jah, a - men, a - men, a -  
 lu - jah, a - men, a - men, hal - le - lu - jah, a - men, a - men, a -

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Lord, a - men, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, a - men. A - men.  
 men, a - men, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, a - men. A - men.  
 men, a - men, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, a - men. A - men.  
 men, a - men, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, a - men. Hal - le - men.