

Based on Ecclesiastes  
Chapter 7 "and other  
scriptures"

# It is better to go

## Funeral Anthem

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A minor  
Daniel Read, 1807

*Grave*

Treble  
Counter  
Tenor  
Bass

It is bet-ter to go to the house of mourn - ing than to the

Detailed description: This system contains the first four staves of the musical score. The Treble staff begins with a treble clef, a 3/4 time signature, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music starts with a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. A triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F#5) is marked with a '3' and a bracket. This is followed by a quarter note G5, a dotted quarter note F#5, and a half note E5. A fermata is placed over the E5. The Counter, Tenor, and Bass staves provide harmonic support with various note values and rests. The lyrics 'It is bet-ter to go to the house of mourn - ing than to the' are written below the Counter staff.

Tr.  
C.  
T.  
B.

house of feast - ing. For that is the

For that is the end of all men,

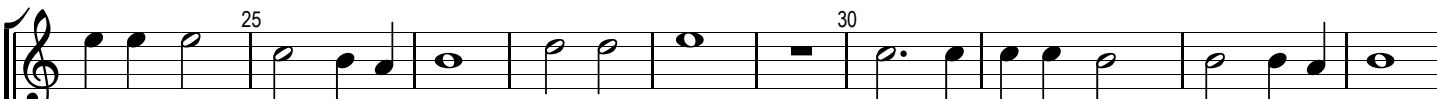
Detailed description: This system contains staves 5 through 8. The Treble staff (Tr.) has a fermata over the first measure and then rests for measures 10-14, with a note in measure 15. The Counter (C.) and Tenor (T.) staves continue the vocal line. The Bass (B.) staff provides a steady accompaniment. The lyrics 'house of feast - ing. For that is the' are under the Counter staff, and 'For that is the end of all men,' is under the Bass staff. Measure numbers 10 and 15 are indicated above the Treble staff.

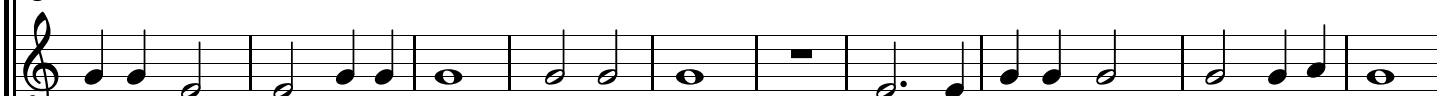
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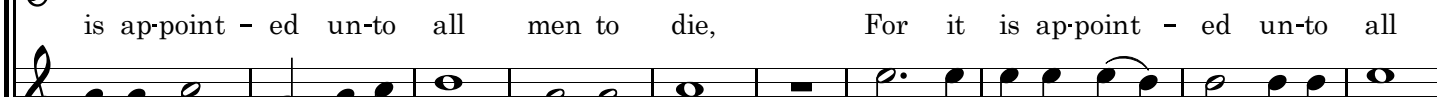
end, For that is the end, For that is the end of all men. For it

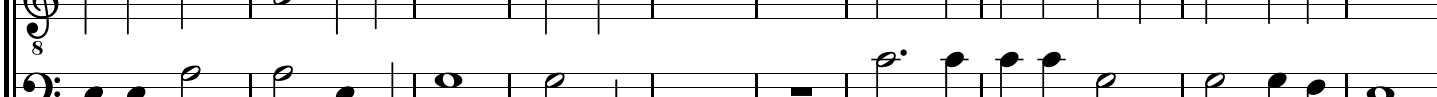
Detailed description: This system contains staves 9 through 12. The Treble staff (Tr.) has a fermata over the first measure and then rests, followed by a double bar line and a repeat sign. The Counter (C.) and Tenor (T.) staves continue the vocal line. The Bass (B.) staff provides a steady accompaniment. The lyrics 'end, For that is the end, For that is the end of all men. For it' are under the Counter staff. Measure number 20 is indicated above the Treble staff.

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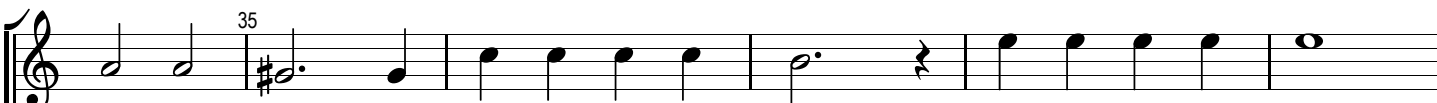
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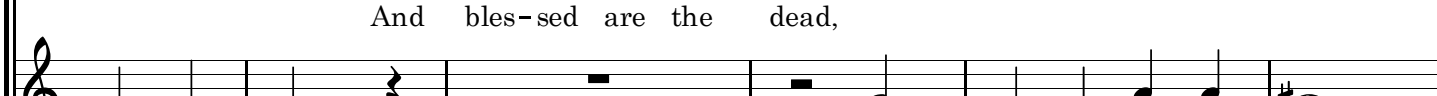
C.   
 is appoint - ed un-to all men to die, For it is appoint - ed un-to all

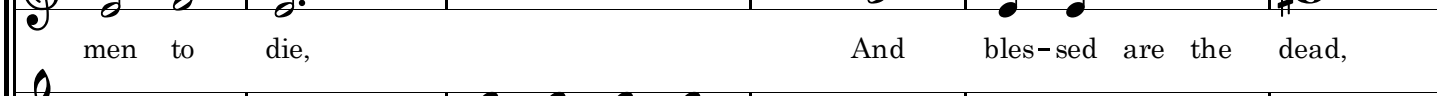
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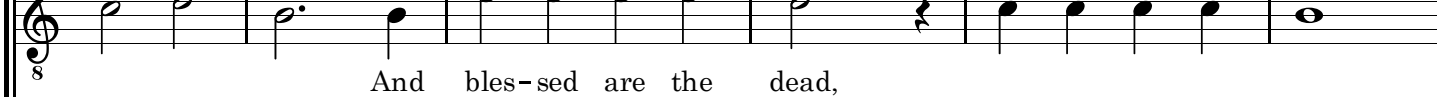
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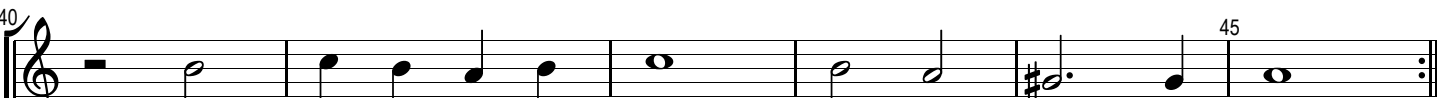
Tr.   
 And bles-sed are the dead,

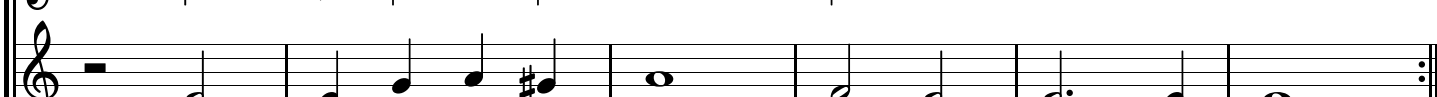
C.   
 men to die, And bles-sed are the dead,

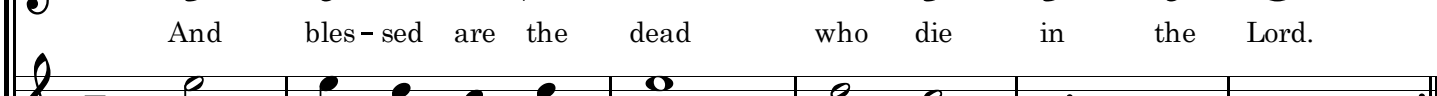
T.   
 8

B.   
 And bles-sed are the dead,

40 45

Tr.   
 And bles - sed are the dead who die in the Lord.

C.   
 And bles - sed are the dead who die in the Lord.

T.   
 8

B. 