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# Like the Stars That Hymned Creation

for SATB voices and organ with opt. assembly

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The musical score is written for organ and SATB voices. It begins with an organ introduction in 3/4 time, marked *mp* and *+ Ped.*. The organ part consists of a treble and bass staff. The vocal part begins at measure 4 with a Soprano line. The lyrics are: "Like the stars that hymned cre - a - tion, sing praise to God; with the". The organ accompaniment continues throughout the vocal lines. The score is in the key of D major and 3/4 time.

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tongues of ev-ry na-tion, sing praise to God. For all

Man. only

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bless-ings, great and grow-ing, for new strength to keep on go-ing, for the

+ Ped.

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gift of peace past know-ing, sing praise to God.

## Un poco meno mosso

53 *p*

As our minds and bod-ies la-bor, God sings through

57

us; when we help and serve our neigh-bor, God sings through

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us. By re-stor-ing and for-giv-ing, when our wor-ship shapes our

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liv-ing, day by day, with love's self-giv-ing, God sings through

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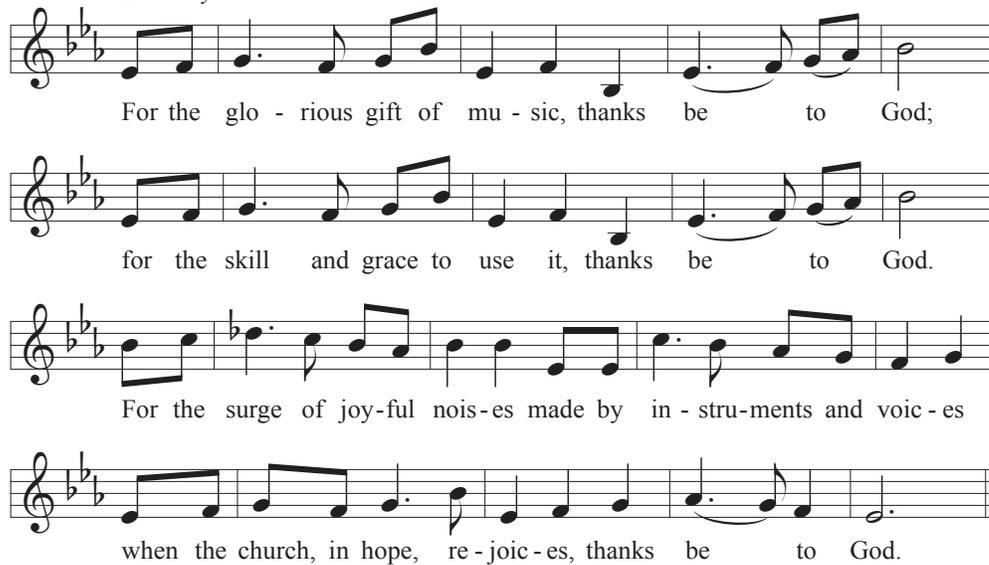
## Choir

Like the stars that hymned creation, sing praise to God;  
with the tongues of ev'ry nation, sing praise to God.  
For all blessings, great and growing,  
for new strength to keep on going,  
for the gift of peace past knowing, sing praise to God.

In the silent pause of wonder, God's song is heard;  
in the hush that follows thunder, God's song is heard.  
When the hum of life surrounds us,  
or a deep-felt presence grounds us,  
most of all, when joy dumbfounds us, God's song is heard.

As our minds and bodies labor, God sings through us;  
when we help and serve our neighbor, God sings through us.  
By restoring and forgiving,  
when our worship shapes our living,  
day by day, with love's self-giving, God sings through us.

## Assembly



For the glo - rious gift of mu - sic, thanks be to God;  
for the skill and grace to use it, thanks be to God.  
For the surge of joy-ful nois-es made by in - stru-ments and voic-es  
when the church, in hope, re - joic - es, thanks be to God.

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