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As the Showers that Water the Earth

for SATB voices and organ

Susan Palo Cherwien, 1953–2021
Psalm 50

David Sims

I: Flute 8', 4'
II: Strings 8'
Ped: 16', 8'
Gently flowing (♩. = 50)

Soprano
Alto

Gently flowing (♩. = 50)

Organ

I } *mp*

4

Soprano

Alto

As the show-ers that wa-ter the

II } *p*

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

7
earth, as the rains that a - wak - en the wood, so comes
Man.

10
God to the hid - den and hurt with heal - ing, with heal - ing, and

13
Soprano *mp*
Alto good. God the Lord, has spo - ken;
Tenor *unis. mp*
Bass The might - y one, God the Lord, has spo - ken;
I

16 *div.*

call - ing the earth from the ris - ing of the

div.

call - ing the earth from the ris - ing of the

II } *p*

19 *Soprano*
mf

sun to its set - ting. Ev - 'ry beast of the for - est is

sun to its set - ting.

I

II: - Celeste; + Fl. 8', 4'

23 + Alto *div.*

God's, and God knows all that moves in the field, so such

unis.
God knows all that moves, such

II

26

love is our wak - ing and cause; — by God all our har - rows are

love is our cause; — by God all our har - rows are

29 *pp* Out _____ of Zi - on, per -
 healed. _____ *pp* Out of Zi - on, *p* per -

healed. _____ *div. pp* Out _____ of Zi -

II } Strings 8' *pp*

34 *mp* fect in beau - ty, God _____ shines
 fect in, per - fect in beau - ty, _____

on, _____ *p* per - fect beau - ty, _____

39 *mf* forth in glo - ry.

shines in glo - ry, in glo -

mp shines in *mf* glo - ry, in glo -

44 *unis. f* ry. Let us turn then to God and a - dore;

ry. *unis. f* Let us turn then to God and a - dore; let us

II: - Strings 8', + Flutes 8', 4'; + II/I *mf*

47

let us kneel in that gen - er - ous gaze, so that God may bind

kneel in that gen - er - ous gaze, so that God may bind up and re -

50

with hushed intensity
div. mp

up and re - store for mer - cy and praise. Our

with hushed intensity
div. mp

store _____ a peo - ple for mer - cy and praise. Our

53 (♩ = ♩) *cresc.*

God will come and will not keep si - lence; with a con - sum - ing flame be - fore, and

God will come and will not keep si - lence; with a con - sum - ing flame be - fore, and

II } 8', 4', 2', Light Rd. 8' *p*

56 (♩ = ♩) *rit.* *f* *accel.*

round a - bout a rag - ing storm.

round a - bout a rag - ing storm.

I: + 2' *f* *accel.*

Slower

71

heal - ing, _____ with heal - ing, _____

mp

with heal - ing, _____ with heal - ing, _____

Slower

Organ ad lib.

74

p

and peace. _____

p

and peace. _____

II } Strings 8' *p*

dim.

pp

