

ALTERNATE TEXT: (Tune: *Be Glad in the Lord and Rejoice*)

1. How blest are the contrite in heart ;
the kingdom belongs to them
who are poor before God.
How blest those who sorrow and mourn;
their comfort shall be from above.
 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice
 for your weeping shall turn to joy.
2. How blest are the lowly and meek ;
the earth shall be their reward,
this the Master declared.
How blest those who eagerly thirst
and hunger for that which is right.
 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice
 for your soul will be satisfied.
3. How blest are the merciful ones,
for mercy shall come to them
in return for their love.
How blest those who keep their hearts pure ;
in holiness shall they see God.
 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice
 in the promise of God to you.
4. How blest are the workers for peace ,
for they shall be called the sons
of the Father in heav'n.
How blest those who suffer rebuke
because of the name of the Lord.
 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice
 for God's kingdom belong to you!

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Performance options: 1) Unison choir (perhaps with audience or congregation) with keyboard accompaniment; 2) Choir singing selected stanzas in unison with accompaniment and other stanzas in harmony with or without accompaniment; 3) Soloist, treble voices or male voices singing selected stanzas in unison with mixed choir singing others.

BE GLAD IN THE LORD AND REJOICE

for Four-part Chorus of Mixed Voices and Keyboard
[Easter Hymn]

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unison

Soprano
Alto

1. Be glad in the Lord and re-joice, O
2. Be glad in the Lord and re-joice! For

Organ
(or
Piano)

right-ous and shout for joy— all ye up-right in heart, — be
Je-sus, the Lord is a-live, He is ris-en to-day! — Come

glad in the Lord and re-joice, be glad in the Lord and re-joice! Be }
here, see the place where He lay, the en-trance stone now rolled a-way! Be }

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for rehearsal only

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