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*Dedicated to my mother,
whose faith in the living Christ has never wavered*

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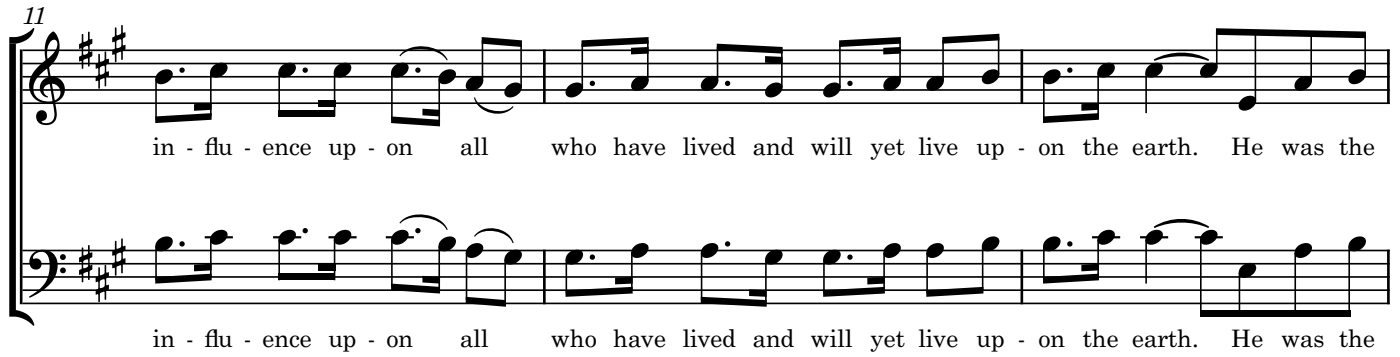
Largo ♩ = 60

A

The musical score is for a SAT vocal part, measures 1 through 8. It is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo is marked 'Largo' with a metronome marking of ♩ = 60. A rehearsal mark 'A' is placed above measure 1. The score consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words split across lines. The dynamic marking 'mf' (mezzo-forte) is placed above the bass staff in measure 1. The lyrics for measures 1-8 are: 'As we com - mem - or - ate the birth of Je - sus Christ, two mil - le - ni - a a - go, we of - fer our tes - ti - mo - ny of the re - al - i - ty of His match - less life and the in - fin - ite vir - tue of His great at - on - ing sac - ri - fice. None oth - er has had so pro - found an'. Measure numbers 3, 6, and 8 are indicated at the beginning of their respective lines.

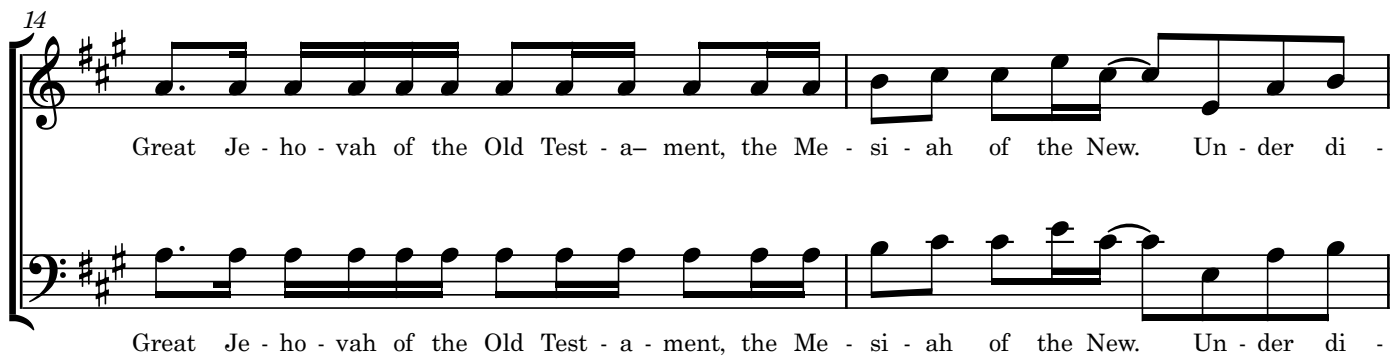
As we com - mem - or - ate the birth of
mf
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Je - sus Christ, two mil - le - ni - a a - go, we of - fer our tes - ti - mo - ny
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of the re - al - i - ty of His match - less life and the in - fin - ite
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vir - tue of His great at - on - ing sac - ri - fice. None oth - er has had so pro - found an
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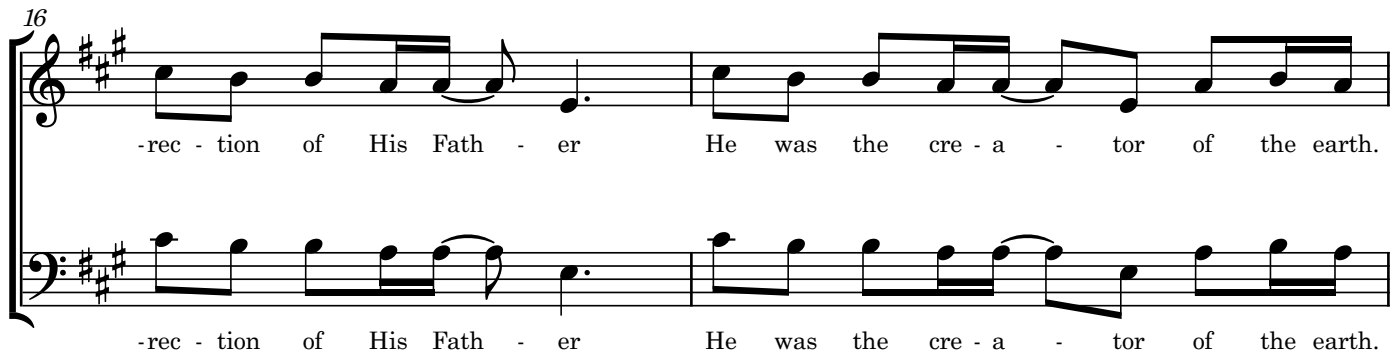
in - flu - ence up - on all who have lived and will yet live up - on the earth. He was the

14



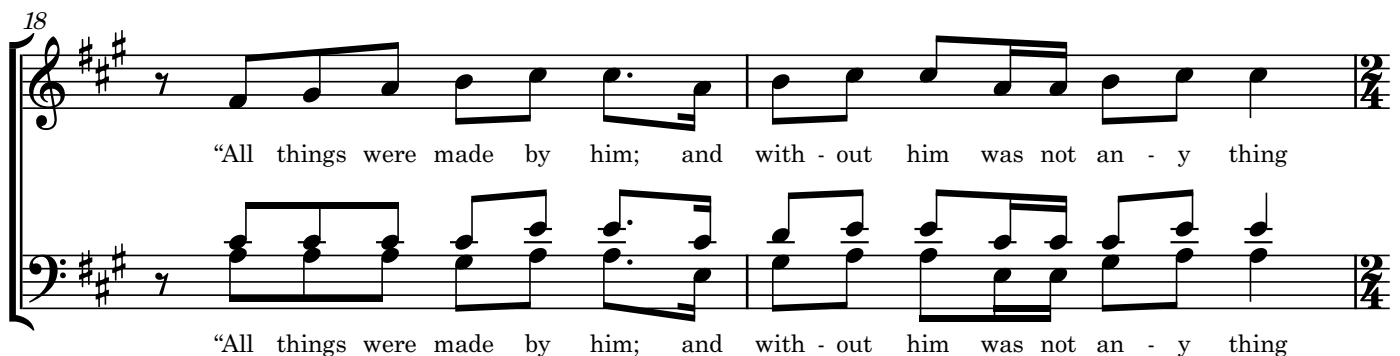
Great Je - ho - vah of the Old Test - a - ment, the Me - si - ah of the New. Un - der di -

16



-rec - tion of His Fath - er He was the cre - a - tor of the earth.

18



"All things were made by him; and with - out him was not an - y thing

20

made that was made." Though sin - less, He was bap - tized to ful -

made that was made"_____

23

rit......3

- fill all right - eous - ness. He "went a - bout do - ing good," yet was de -

He "went a - bout do - ing good," yet was de -

25

a tempo

- spised for it. His gos - pel was a mes - sage of

- spised for it. His gos - pel was a mes - sage of

27

peace and good - will. He en - treat - ed all to fol - low His ex -

peace and good - will. He en - treat - ed all to fol - low His ex -

29

- am - ple. He walked the roads of Pal - e - stine, heal - ing the sick, caus - ing the blind to

32

see, and rais - ing the dead. He taught the truths of e - ter - ni - ty, the re-

35

al - i - ty of our pre - mor - tal ex - ist, - ance, the pur - pose of our

37 **rit.**.....

life on earth, and po - ten - tial for the sons and daught - ers of God in the life to

39 **B** Andante ♩ = 85

come. He ins - ti - tut - ed the sac - ra - ment

come. He ins - ti - tut - ed the sac - ra - ment

45 rit..... a tempo

as a re - min - der of His great a - ton - ing sac - ri - fice.____

as a re - min - der of His great a - ton - ing sac - ri - fice._____ He was ar -

50

con - vict - ed__ to sat - is - fy__ a

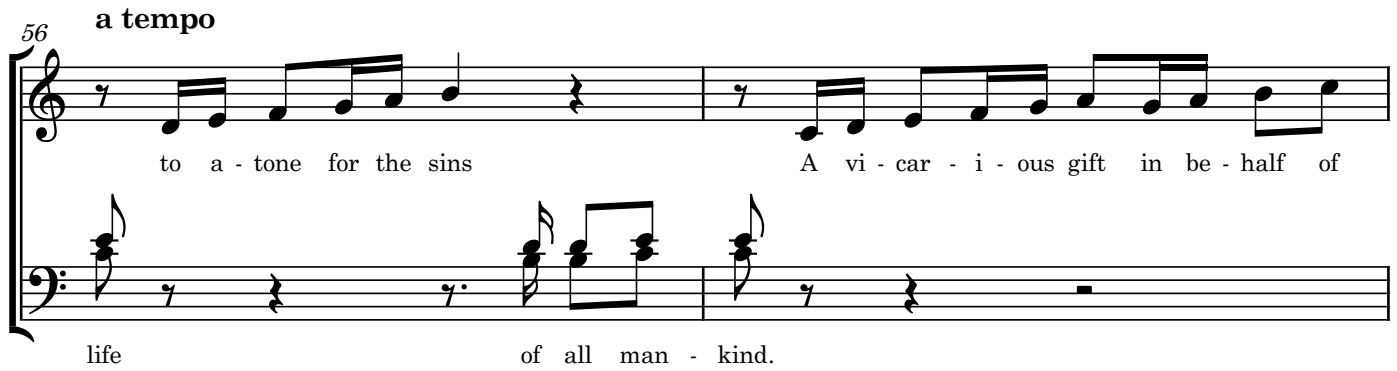
- rest - ed and con - demned on spur - ious charg - es,

53 rit.....

mob, and sen - tenced to die on Cal - vary's cross.

and sen - tenced to die on Cal - vary's cross. He gave His

56 **a tempo**



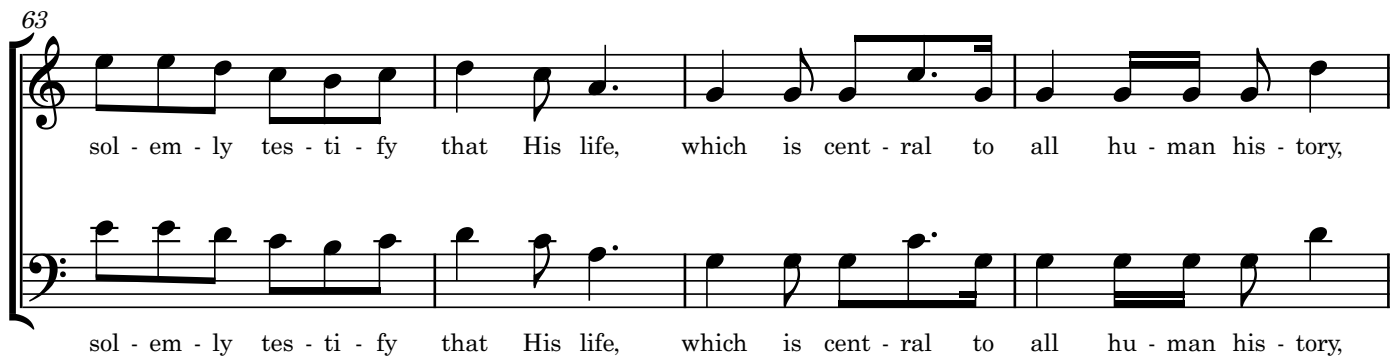
to a - tone for the sins A vi - car - i - ous gift in be - half of
life of all man - kind.

58



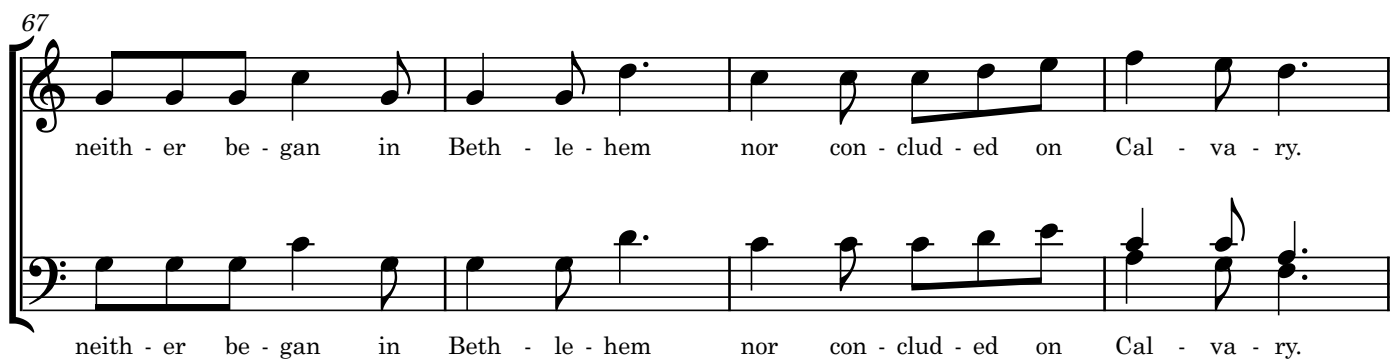
all who would ev - er live up - on the earth. We
all who would ev - er live up - on the earth. We

63



sol - em - ly tes - ti - fy that His life, which is cent - ral to all hu - man his - tory,
sol - em - ly tes - ti - fy that His life, which is cent - ral to all hu - man his - tory,

67



neith - er be - gan in Beth - le - hem nor con - clud - ed on Cal - va - ry.
neith - er be - gan in Beth - le - hem nor con - clud - ed on Cal - va - ry.

71

He was the First - born_____ of the Fath - er, the On - ly Be - got - ten

He was the First - born_____ of the Fath - er, the On - ly Be - got - ten

74

rit.....

C Largo ♩ = 60

Son in the flesh, He rose from the grave to "be-

Son in the flesh, the Re - deem - er of the world.____ He rose from the grave to "be-

78

- come the first - fruits of them that slept." As Ris - en Lord, He

- come the first - fruits of them that slept." As Ris - en Lord, He

82

vis - it - ed a - mong those He loved in life. He al - so ooh - - -

vis - it - ed a - mong those He loved in life. He al - so mi - ni - stered a - mong His

86 *f* *accel.*.....

- ooh - - - - Am - er - i - ca. In the mod - ern world, He and His

"oth - er sheep" in an - cient Am - er - i - ca. In the mod - ern world, He and His

90

Fath - er ap - peared to the boy Jos - eph Smith, ush - er - ing in the long - prom - ised "dis - pen -

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94

- sa - - - - - tion of the

- sa - - - - - tion of the

95 *ff* *D* ♩ = 65

full - - - - ness of times."

ful - - - - ness of times."

97

Narrator 1: Of the Living Christ, the Prophet Joseph wrote:

101

"His eyes were as flame of fire; the hair of his head was white like the pure snow; his countenance shown above the brightness of the

105

sun; and his voice was as the sound of the rushing of great waters, even the voice of Jehovah, saying:

rit.....

108

"I am the first and the last; I am he who liv - eth,____

Solo

"I am the first and the last; I am he who liv - eth,____ I am he who was

113

I am your ad - vo - cate____ with the Fa - ther."____

slain; I am your ad - vo - cate____ with the Fa - ther."____

116 **E** a tempo

Narrator 2: Of Him the Prophet also declared: "And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the

119

testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives! and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten

For we saw him, even on the right hand of God;

122

of the Father- That by him, and the worlds are and were created, We de -
through him, and of him, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God."

We de -

125 **F**

-clare in words of so - lem - ni - ty that His priest - hood and His

-clare in words of so - lem - ni - ty that His priest - hood and His

128

Church have been re - stored up - on the earth. _____

Church have been re - stored up - on the earth.

131

“Built up - on the found - a - tion of a - post - les and pro - phets,

“Built up - on the found - a - tion of a - post - les and pro - phets,

135

Je - sus Christ him - self be - ing the chief corn - er - stone.”

Je - sus Christ him - self be - ing the chief corn - er - stone.”

G

139

Narrator 3: We testify that He will someday return to the earth. "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."

Allegro ♩ = 77

143

He will rule as King of Kings and reign as Lord of Lords, and e - very knee shall

He will rule as King of Kings and reign as Lord of Lords, and e - very knee shall

accel......

148

bend___ and e - very tongue shall speak___ in wor - - ship___ be - fore Him._____

bend___ and e - very tongue shall speak___ in wor - - ship___ be - fore Him._____

155

Each of us will stand to be judged of Him ac -

Each of us will stand to be judged of Him ac -

159

rit......

- cord - ing to our works and the de - sir - es of our hearts.

- cord - ing to our works and the de - sir - es of our hearts.

163

H **Largo** ♩ = 60

Group Narration: We bear testimony- that Jesus is the Living Christ, the immortal Son of God. He is the

166

He is the

great King Immanuel, who stands today on the right hand of His Father.

f

He is the

168

I

light, the life, and the hope of all the world. His way is the path that leads to hap - pi-

light, the life, and the hope of all the world. His way is the path that leads to hap - pi-

171

accel.....

- ness in this life, e - ter - nal life in the world to

- ness in this life, and e - ter - nal life, in the world to

174

come. God be thanked for the match - less gift, the match - less gift of

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177 **rit.**.....

His di - vine Son! His di - vine Son!

His di - vine Son! His di - vine Son!

180