

The man is blest who fears the Lord

New Version

Psalms 128 verses 1-5

Anon. from the Weardale manuscript
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 from a transcription by Paul Gailunas

$\text{♩} = 72$

Soprano
 1. The man is blest who fears_____ the Lord,

Alto
 _____ nor_____ on - ly

Tenor [Air]
 1. The man is blest who fears_____ the Lord, nor_ on - ly wor - ship

Bass
 1. The man is blest who fears_____ the Lord,

Keyboard

7

S
 nor_____ on - ly wor - ship pays, nor on - ly wor - ship pays,

A
 wor - ship pays, nor on - ly wor - ship pays,

T
 pays, nor on - ly wor - ship pays,

B
 nor_____ on - ly wor - ship pays, nor on - ly wor - ship pays,

Kbd

Editorial notes:
 Circled numbers correspond with lines of text
 Unconventional part writing and harmony sic
 Bar 20 bass note 1: original b

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13

S But keeps his steps con - fined with care

A But keeps his steps con - fined with care to

T But keeps his steps con - fined with care to his ap - poin - ted

B But keeps his steps con - fined with care to his ap - poin - ted ways. to

Kbd.

19

S to his ap - poin - ted ways, to his ap - poin - ted ways.

A his ap - poin - ted ways, to his ap - poin - ted ways.

T ways. to his ap - poin - ted ways, to his ap - poin - ted ways.

B his ap - poin - ted ways, to his ap - poin - ted ways.

Kbd.

The musical score is written for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B), and Keyboard (Kbd.). It consists of two systems of music. The first system starts at measure 13 and the second at measure 19. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is common time. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The keyboard part provides harmonic accompaniment. There are circled numbers 3 and 4 above certain notes, likely indicating fingerings or breath marks.

2. He shall upon the sweet returns
Of his own labor feed;
Without dependence live, and see
His wishes all succeed.

3. His wife, like a fair fertile vine,
Her lovely fruit shall bring;
His children, like young olive plants,
About his table spring.

4. Who fears the Lord shall prosper thus;
Him Zion's God shall bless,
And grant him all his days to see
Jerusalem's success.

5. He shall live on, till heirs from him
Descend with vast increase;
Much blessed in his own prosp'rous state,
And more in Israel's peace.