

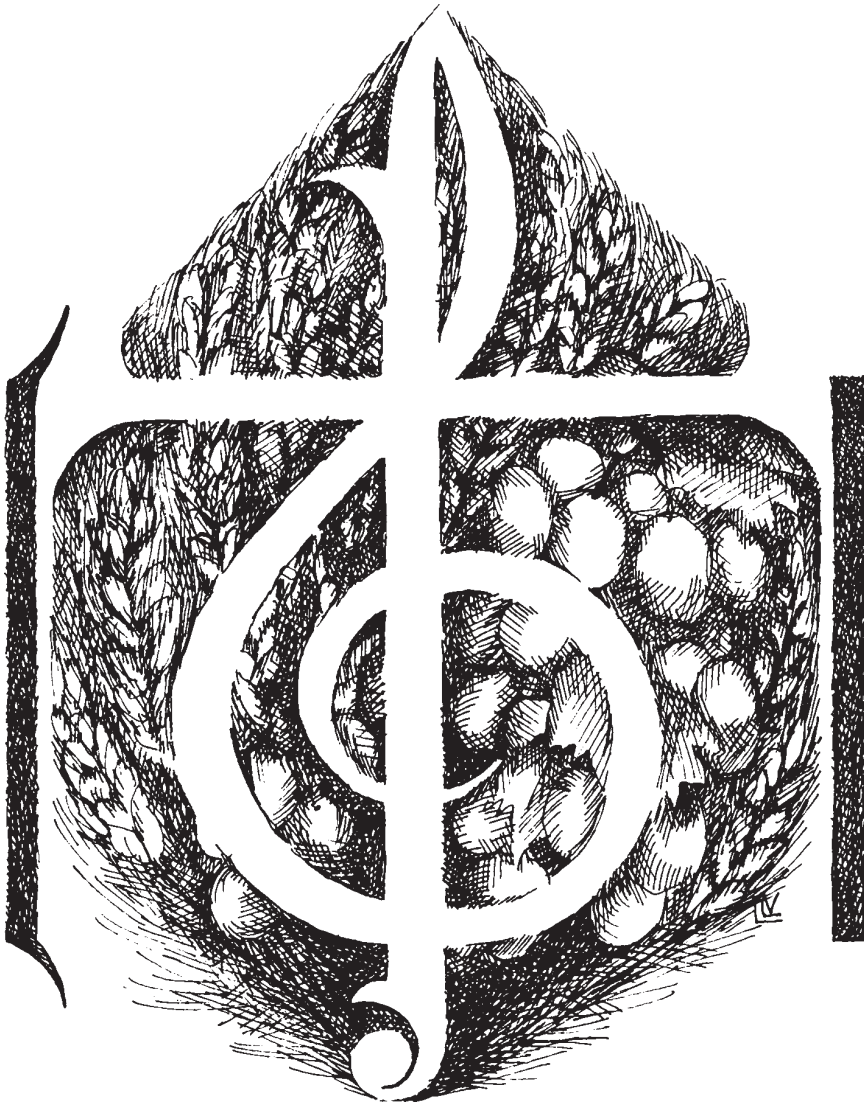
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Philippians 2:8–11, alt.

Latin hymn, German tr. Paul Gerhardt, English tr. James Alexander

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HERLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN by Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 84. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 1-5) features a Flute part and a Piano accompaniment, both marked *mp*. The second system (measures 6-10) includes a vocal line marked *mf* with the lyrics: "Christ hum - bled him - self and be - came o - be - dient". The piano accompaniment continues. The third system (measures 11-14) features a vocal line marked *p* with the lyrics: "to the point of death— e - ven death— on a". The piano accompaniment continues, ending with a *p* dynamic marking.

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15 *Faster, ♩=108* 3

*pp* cross. *mf* There - fore God al - so

19

high - ly ex - al - ted him and gave him a name that is a -

22

*mf* bove ev - ery name, so that at the name of Je - sus

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4  
26

ev - ery knee should bend, in heav - en and on

29

earth and un - der the earth, and ev - ery tongue con -

32

fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord, to the glo - ry of

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36 Tempo I 5

God the Fa - - - ther. What

40

lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend for

44

this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end? O

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6  
48

make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be, Lord,

52

let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love for thee, out

*p* (Descant) Christ

56

hum - bled him - self.  
 live my love for thee.

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;  
 teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;  
 and with gratitude in your hearts, sing psalms,  
 hymns, and spiritual songs to God.*  
 —Colossians 3:16

In Paul's words from Colossians we hear confirmation of the psalmist's understanding that when God lives in us we will respond with music from the heart. One of the greatest responsibilities of the church throughout the ages has been to keep that music alive by encouraging the creativity of the artists of the day.

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