

Hymn of the Week

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King of Glory, King of Peace

Text: George Herbert, 1633.

Music: GENERAL SEMINARY: David Charles Walker (1938–2018), 1976.

GENERAL SEMINARY General Seminary was written when I was Director of Music at General Theological Seminary (in N.Y.C.), and at that point there were no women seminarians. Therefore, the intent of the “descant” was that it be sung by men (tenors, presumably), but it seems to work equally well with treble voices. It became a seminarian favorite, so at the time of the submission for the hymnal, it was renamed.

It is often done at a faster tempo than I envisioned. I would suggest taking one’s tempo clue from the descant line in measure six. When the line leading up to the high ‘g’ and its resolution can be sung in a relaxed manner and without feeling rushed, then that is the correct tempo.

–David Charles Walker.

Topics: King (God as), Love (of God), Praise and Adoration

Scriptural reference: Psalm 119:164

Lectionary Usage: Year B, Proper 28 (33)

Publications

Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (1995)

The Hymnal 1982 (Church Publishing, 1985)

New Songs of Rejoicing (Selah, 1994)



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3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
 2 Where-fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
 and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
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Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

ev'n e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
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