

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

Arrangement for SATB Choir
with piano accompaniment

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Hymn by Jan Struther

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust ever child-like, no cares could destroy.
Be there at our waking, and give us we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hand was skilled at the plane and the lathe.
Be there at our labours, and give us we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hand swift to welcome, and your arms to embrace.
Be there at our homing Lord, and give us we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm.
Be there at our sleeping, and give us we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day

'Lord of All Hopefulness' is not only a widely recognised traditional hymn, but it is also the school hymn for the Guernsey Grammar School, the school I attended for my secondary education. In 2007 I was approached by the head of the Music department to rework the hymn for the school's mixed choir. This hymn features wonderful lyrics and imagery of The Lord's presence and benevolence, and I wanted to reflect this in this re-working. Taking the hymn out of its original 3/4 time, the hymn is now in 4/4, giving it a more contemporary lilt, and featuring more modal and flowing harmony, merging what, I hope, is the traditional with the modern, re-inventing the hymn for more youthful and contemporary performers.

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Lord of all Hopefulness

(Dedicated to the staff and students of the Guernsey Grammar School)

Traditional Irish hymn
Arr. Lydia Jane Pugh

♩ = 120

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

PIANO



5 *mp*

A. Lord of all hope-ful-ness Lord of all joy, whose

Pno.



10 *mp*

S. Be

A. trust, ev - er child - like, no cares_ could de - stroy, _____ be

Pno.

15 *p*

S. there_ at_ our_ wak - ing and give us, we pray, your

A. there_ at_ our_ wak - ing, and give us, we pray, your

Pno.

20

S. bliss_ in_ our hearts_ Lord, at the break of the day.

A. bliss_ in_ our hearts_ Lord, at the break of the day.

Pno.

24

S.

A.

Pno.

mf

28

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

mp

Lord of all ea - ger - ness Lord of all

Lord of all ea - ger - ness Lord of all

Lord of all ea - ger - ness Lord of all

Lord of all ea - ger - ness Lord of all

32

S. faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the

A. faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the

T. faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the

B. faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the

Pno.

36

S. plane and the lathe, be there at our

A. plane and the lathe, be there at our

T. plane and the lathe, be there at our

B. plane and the lathe, Ah,

Pno.

40

S. lab - ours and give us, we pray, we pray, your

A. lab - ours and give us, we pray, your

T. lab - ours and give us, we pray, we pray, your

B. Give us we pray, your

Pno.

44

S. strength in our hearts Lord, at the noon of Lord the

A. strength in our hearts Lord, at the noon, noon of the

T. strength in our hearts Lord, at the noon of the

B. strength in our hearts Lord, at the noon of the

Pno.

48

S. day.

A. day.

T. day. *mf* Lord, of all kind - li - ness

B. day. *mf* Lord of all kind - li - ness

Pno. *mf*

52

S. *mp* Ooh

A. *mp* Ooh,

T. Lord of all grace, your hands swift to wel - come and your

B. Lord of all grace, your hands swift to wel - come and your

Pno.

56

S. *mf*
Oh, be there at our hom - ing Lord and

A. *mf*
Oh, be there at our hom - ing Lord

T. *mp*
arms to em brace Ah

B. *mp*
arms to em brace Ah

Pno.

60

S. *f*
give us we pray, our hearts, our hearts Lord,

A. *f*
give us we pray, our hearts, our hearts Lord,

T. *f* *mf*
Your love in our hearts, Lord At the

B. *f* *mf*
Your love in our hearts, Lord At the

Pno.

64 *mf*

S. at the eve of the day

A. at the eve of the day

T. eve of the day

B. eve of the day

Pno. *mp*

68 *p*

S. Lord of all gentleness

A. Lord of all gentleness

T. Lord of all gentleness

B. *p* * Lord of all gentleness

Pno. *p*

Basses may sing this line between the stars in falsetto, or omit until "all calm"

72

S. Lord of all calm, Lord of calm, whose voice is con-

A. Lord of all calm, whose voice is con-

T. Lord of all calm, Lord of calm, whose voice is cont

B. Lord of all calm, whose voice is con-

Pno.

76

S. tent - ment whose pre - sence is balm, *mf* *submp* be

A. tent - ment whose pre - sence is balm, *mf* *submp* Oh, be

T. tent - ment whose pre - sence is balm, *mf* *submp* Oh, be

B. tent - ment whose pre - sence is balm, *mf* *submp* is balm, Oh, be

Pno.

80

S. there at our sleep - ing and give us, we pray,

A. there at our sleep - ing and give us, we pray,

T. there at our sleep - ing and give us, we pray,

B. there at our sleep - ing and give us, we pray,

Pno.

84

S. Oh, your peace in our hearts Lord at the end of the

A. Oh, your peace in our hearts Lord at the end of the

T. Oh, your peace in our hearts Lord at the end of the

B. Oh, your peace in our hearts Lord at the end of the

Pno.

88 **rall.** , *p* A tempo (♩ = 120)

S. day Your peace in our hearts Lord at the

A. day. Your peace in our hearts Lord at the

T. day Your peace in our hearts Lord at the

B. day. Your peace in our hearts Lord at the

Pno. **rall.** A tempo (♩ = 120)

92

S. end of the day.

A. end of the day.

T. end of the day.

B. end of the day.

Pno.

96 *mp*

S. *mp* The end

A. *mp* The end

T. *mp* The end

B. *mp* The end

Pno. *mp*

99 *rall.* *pp*

S. *pp* of the day.

A. *pp* of the day.

T. *pp* of the day.

B. *pp* of the day.

Pno. *rall.* *pp*

Ped.