

By the Waters of Babylon

Psalm 136

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(Sung at Matins on the 3 Sundays preceding Great Lent)

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A

p

By the wa - ters of Ba - by - lon, there we sat down and we

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B

p

p *pp*

wept when we re - mem - bered Si - on. Al - le - lu - ia.

p *pp*

2

p

Up - on the wil - lows in the midst there - of did we hang our

p

3

pp *p*

in - stru - ments. Al - le - lu - ia. For there they that had ta - ken us

pp *p*

cap - tive asked us for words of song And they that had

led us a - way asked us for a hymn say - ing sing us one of the

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songs of Si - on. Al - le - lu - - - ia. How shall we sing the

Lord's song in a strange land? Al - le - lu - - - ia.

5

p

If I for - get thee, O Je - ru - sa - lem, let my

f *pp*

right hand be for - got - ten. Al - le - lu - ia.

6

p

Let my tongue cleave to my throat, if I re - mem - ber thee

not if I set not Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove all

other...

oth - - - er, as the head of my joy.

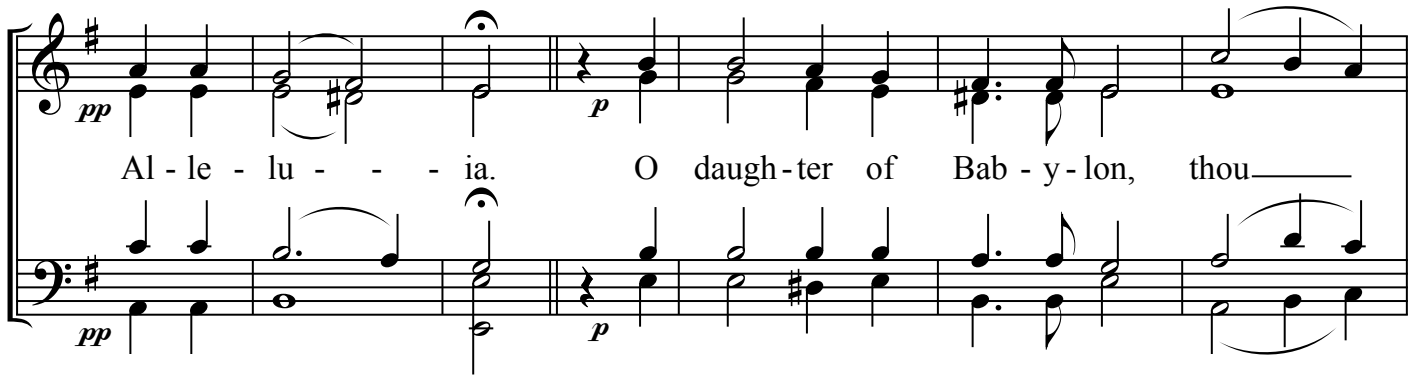
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pp Al - le - lu - - - ia. *p* Re - mem - ber, O Lord, the sons of

p E - - - dom, in the day of Je - ru - - - sa - lem, Who said:

f lay waste, lay waste to her e-ven to the foun - - - da-tions there - of.

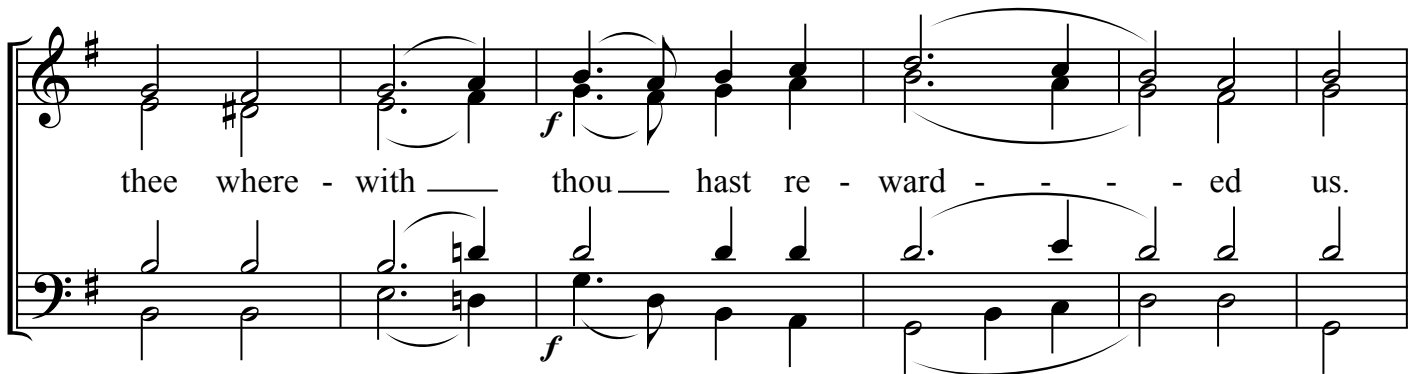
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pp Al - le - lu - - - ia. *p* O daugh - ter of Bab - y - lon, thou



wretch - ed one, — bless - ed shall he be who shall re - ward



thee where - with — *f* thou — hast re - ward - - - - ed us.

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pp Al - le - lu - - - ia. *p* Bless - ed shall he be who shall seize and

dash ...

f dash — thine in - fants a - gainst the rock. —

Al - le - lu - - - - ia.

If at a Vigil, immediately begin the Evlogitaria "Blessed art Thou, O Lord..."

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