

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5: 3-12

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The musical score is written for Soprano Alto (SA), Tenor Bass (TB), and Piano. It is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = ca. 92. The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-6) features a unison vocal line for SA and TB, with lyrics: "Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it,". The piano accompaniment is marked *p* and includes a sub-octave (*8^{vb}*) in the bass line. The second system (measures 7-11) continues the vocal line with lyrics: "for theirs is the king - dom of hea - ven." and includes the instruction "pulling back slightly". The piano accompaniment is marked *mf* and *p*. The third system (measures 12-15) features a divided vocal line (*div.*) for SA and TB, with lyrics: "Bless - ed are those who mourn, for they will be". The piano accompaniment is marked *mf* and *p*. The score concludes with a final piano chord.

17

com - fort ed.

mp

22

mp

Bless - ed are the meek, for they will in - her - it the earth, the

mp Bless - ed

27

earth.

Bless - ed are

f

30 *relaxing* *p* *unis.*

those who hun-ger and thirst for right - eous ness, for right - eous ness,

relaxing *p* *unis.*

35 *f*

for they shall be filled, they

f *8va*

38

shall be filled.

(8) *dim.*

4 42

mf

Bless-ed are the mer - ci-ful,

mf unis. Bless - ed are the mer - ci- ful, *p* the

mp

48

p

the mer-ci-ful, mer-ci-ful, mer-ci-ful, for they will be shown mer-cy.

mer - ci ful, mer-ci-ful, mer-ci - ful,

unis. div.

p

53

p

Bless-ed are the pure in heart,

p

p

57

mf

pp

Bless-ed are the pure in heart, _____ for they will see God. _____

mf

for they

pp

62

lightly

Bless-ed are the peace - ma-kers,

Bless-ed are the

65

Bless-ed are the peace - ma-kers, for they will be called the child-ren of God. _____

peace - ma-kers, Bless-ed _____ for they

69

p *cresc.*

accented and rhythmical

72

f

Bless - ed are those who are per-se-cu - ted

f

accented and rhythmical

f

75

— be - cause of right - eous - ness,

for theirs is the king-dom of hea - ven.

Bless - ed are you

when peo-ple in-sult you, per-se-cute you and false-ly say all kinds of

etc.

poco accelerando

unis.

poco accelerando