

FATHER OF HEAVEN

From "Judas Maccabaeus" (1746)

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Andante Larghetto (♩=84)

PIANO

mf

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand features a series of chords and moving lines, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment with eighth notes. The tempo is marked 'Andante Larghetto' with a quarter note equal to 84 beats per minute. The dynamic is marked 'mf' (mezzo-forte).

This system shows the piano accompaniment for the first vocal entry. The right hand includes a trill (tr) on a note. The left hand continues with a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes.

CONTRALTO

Fa - - ther of Heav'n,

The contralto vocal line begins with a rest followed by the lyrics 'Fa - - ther of Heav'n,'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as in the previous system.

Fa - ther of Heav'n, from Thy e - ter - nal throne, from

p

The contralto vocal line continues with the lyrics 'Fa - ther of Heav'n, from Thy e - ter - nal throne, from'. The piano accompaniment is marked 'p' (piano) and features a more complex texture with chords and moving lines in both hands.

Thy e - ter - nal throne Look with an eye of bless - - ing down,

While we pre - pare with ho - ly rites To so - lem -

nize the feast of lights. Fa -

mf *p*

- ther of Heav'n, from Thy e - ter - nal throne *tr* *tr* Look with an

eye of blessing down, While we pre-pare

— with ho-ly rites, To so-lem-nize,

— the feast of lights, the feast of lights, To so-lem-nize the

feast of lights, While we pre-pare with ho-ly rites To

so-lem-nize the feast of lights.

And thus our grate-ful hearts em-

ploy, And in Thy praise, This al-tar raise,

With car-ols of tri-um-phant joy, This al-tar raise, With car-ols of tri-um-phant

joy, With car - ols of tri -

um - phant joy. Fa - ther of Heav'n!

from Thy e - ter - nal throne, from Thy e - ter - nal throne,

Look with an - eye of - bless - ing - down, While we pre -

pare with ho-ly rites To

so - lem - nize the feast of lights, the feast of

lights, To so - lem - nize the feast of lights.