

# Opening Psalm - Ps 104

Vespers

arr. from D. Allemanov

Moderato

Soprano  
Alto

Bless the Lord, O my

Tenor  
Bass

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of the musical score. The top staff is for Soprano and Alto, and the bottom staff is for Tenor and Bass. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Moderato'. The lyrics 'Bless the Lord, O my' are written below the vocal lines.

soul, O my soul. Bless - ed art

Detailed description: This system contains the second and third lines of the musical score. The lyrics 'soul, O my soul. Bless - ed art' are written below the vocal lines.

Thou, O

Detailed description: This system contains the fourth and fifth lines of the musical score. The lyrics 'Thou, O' are written below the vocal lines.

Lord. O Lord my God, Thou art ver - - - y

Detailed description: This system contains the sixth and seventh lines of the musical score. The lyrics 'Lord. O Lord my God, Thou art ver - - - y' are written below the vocal lines.

great Thou art ver - y great.

Detailed description: This system contains the eighth and ninth lines of the musical score. The lyrics 'great Thou art ver - y great.' are written below the vocal lines.

**Refrain**

Bless - ed art Thou, O Lord.

**Reader:** Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. Who hast stretched out the heavens like a tent.

**Refrain: Blessed art Thou, O Lord!**

**Reader:** Thou hast laid the beams of Thy chambers on the waters, Thou makest the clouds

Thy chariot, Who ridest on the wings of the wind. Thou makest Thy angels spirits and Thy ministers a fiery flame. **Refrain**

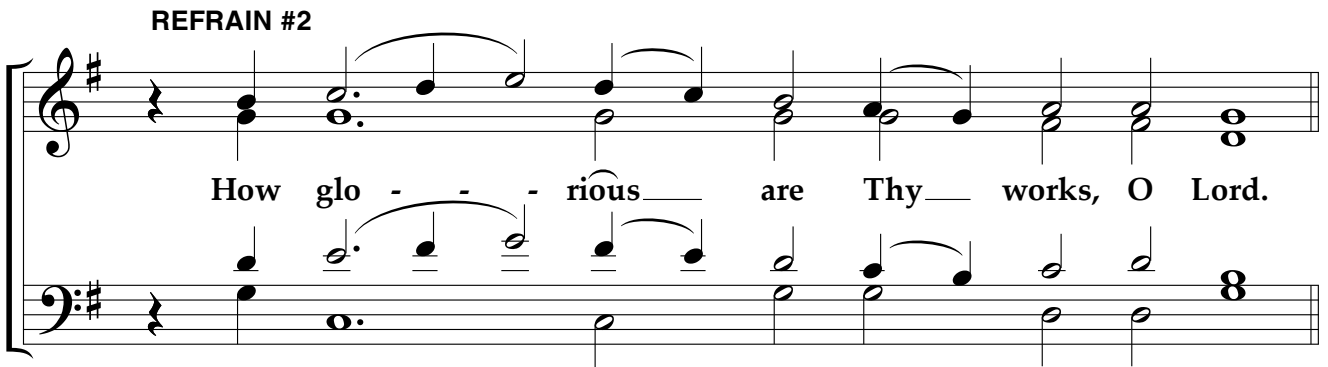
**Reader:** Thou didst set the earth on its foundations so that it should never be shaken. Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a garment.

**The next verse and refrain are sung:**

The wa - - ters stood a - bove the moun - -

- - - - - tains.

**REFRAIN #2**



How glo - - - rious are Thy works, O Lord.

**Reader:** At Thy rebuke they fled; at the sound of Thy thunder they took to flight! The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place which Thou didst appoint for them.

Thou didst set a bound which they should not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. Thou makest springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills.

**Refrain: How glorious are Thy works, O Lord!**

**Reader:** They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst. By them the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

From Thy lofty abode Thou waterest the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy work. Thou dost cause the grass to grow for the cattle, fodder for the animals that serve man. **Refrain**

**Reader:** That he may bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread to strengthen man's heart. **Refrain**

**Reader:** The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon which He planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees.

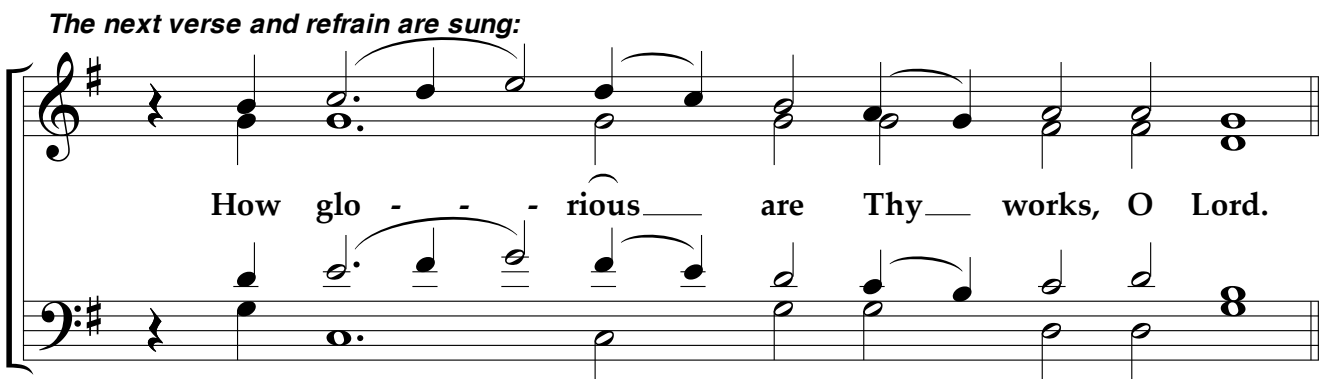
**Refrain**

**Reader:** The high mountains are for the wild goats, the rocks are a refuge for the badgers. Thou hast made the moon to mark the seasons. The sun knows its time for setting.

**Refrain**

**Reader:** Thou makest darkness and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep forth. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they get them away and lie down in their dens. Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until the evening.

**The next verse and refrain are sung:**



How glo - - - rious are Thy works, O Lord.

In wis - - - dom hast Thou made them

all hast Thou made them all.

**REFRAIN #3**

Glo - ry to Thee O Lord who has

cre - at - ed all.

**Reader:** The earth is full of Thy creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, which teems with things innumerable, living things both small and great.

There go the ships and the Leviathan which Thou didst form to sport in it. These all look to Thee to give them their food in due season.

**Refrain: Glory to Thee, O Lord who hast created all!**

**Reader:** When Thou givest to them, they gather it up; when Thou openest Thy hand, they are filled with good things. When Thou hidest Thy face, they are dismayed; when Thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust. **Refrain**

**Reader:** When Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created and Thou renewest the face of the ground! May the glory of the Lord endure forever! May the Lord rejoice in His works! Who lookest on the earth and it trembles! Who touchest the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have being!

**Refrain: Glory to Thee, O Lord who hast created all!**

**Reader:** May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the Lord! Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the Lord, O my soul! The sun knows its time for setting. Thou makest darkness and it is night.

**The next verse and refrain #3 is sung:**

How glo - - - rious are Thy works, O Lord.

In wis - - - dom hast Thou made them all

hast Thou made them all.

**Reader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

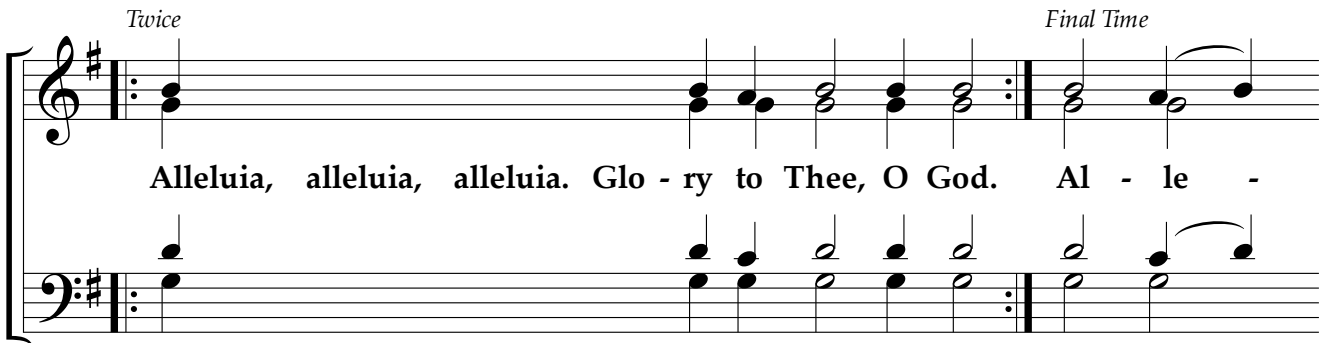
**REFRAIN #3**

Glo - ry to Thee O Lord who has cre - at - ed all.

**Reader:** Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**The refrain is sung one final time and then the "Alleluia."**

*Twice* *Final Time*



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glo - ry to Thee, O God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Glo - ry to Thee, O God!