

HYMNS FOR THE ORTHODOX LITURGY

PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD

(POLYELEOS) Psalms 135-136

Stepan Vasil'evich Smolensky's (1848-1909) greatest contribution to Orthodox church music lay in the field of musicology. As Director of the Moscow Synodal Choir School from 1889 to 1901, he inspired an entire generation of Russian composers to discover the vast heritage of ancient chants and to make use of them in their works. His own small compositional output is based on chant melodies as well.

Praise the Name of the Lord is a harmonization of an old chant melody Smolensky heard in a Novgorod monastery. Originally conceived for male choir, it was later published in a setting for large mixed choir. In the present edition the work has been transposed from C major to G major and arranged for a small mixed choir. Tempo and dynamic markings are the composer's; the metronome marking has been suggested by the editor.

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STEPAN SMOLENSKY (1848-1909)
Harmonization of an
Old Russian Chant

Allegro [$\text{♩} = 100-120$]

p

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD, AL - LE - LU - I - A,

p *f*

GIVE PRAISE, O SERV - ANTS OF THE LORD, GIVE

p *f* *p* *p*

PRAISE, O SERV - ANTS OF THE LORD! AL - LE -

f *p* *p*

NOTE: ♩ indicates a $\frac{3}{4}$ grouping; — indicates a pick-up to a strong beat.

- LU - I - A, AL - LE - LU - I - A, AL - LE - LU - I - A.

p BLESS-ED BE THE LORD FROM ZI - ON, HE WHO DWELLS IN JE - RU - SA - LEM, WHO DWELLS IN JE - RU - SA - LEM!
p *f*

AL - LE - LU - I - A, AL - LE - LU - I - A, AL - LE - LU - I - A.

p AL - LE - LU - I - A, AL - LE - LU - I - A, AL - LE - LU - I - A.
p

- LU - I - A. O GIVE THANKS - TO THE LORD, FOR

HE IS GOOD, FOR HE IS GOOD,

FOR HIS MER - CY ENDURES FOR - EV - ER! AL - LE - LU - I - A,

AL - LE - LU - I - A, AL - LE - LU - I - A.

p *f*

O GIVE THANKS TO THE GOD OF HEAVEN, TO THE

p *f*

f

GOD OF HEAVEN, FOR HIS MERCY ENDURES

f

p *p* *f*

FOR EVER! ALLELUIA, ALLE

p *p* *f*

f *p*

LU - I - A, AL - LE - LU I - A.

f *p*