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Blessed are they that considereth the poor
(H WV 268)

Foundling Hospital Anthem
1749

VOCAL SCORE

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Editor’s Note
This edition presents the original version of this anthem as written for the first performance in the Chapel of the Foundling Hospital in May 1749. Handel subsequently re-worked the anthem, modifying the choruses and including new movements for soloists, for a performance in 1753. This extended version is available commercially, published by Peters.

Rhythms have been pointed up to conform with modern performance practice
Foundling Hospital Anthem

(Original Version)

G F Handel (1749)

1. Blessed are they that considereth the poor
Andante

Serve them and comfort them. They deliver the poor that crieth, the poor that crieth, the
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Serve them and comfort them. They deliver the poor that crieth, the poor that crieth, the
Serve them and comfort them. They deliver the poor that crieth, the poor that crieth, the

Fatherless, the fatherless, and him, him that hath none, none to help him.
Fatherless, the fatherless, and him, him that hath none, none to help him.
Fatherless, the fatherless, and him, him that hath none, none to help him.
Fatherless, the fatherless, and him, him that hath none, none to help him.

Divisi

They deliver the poor that crieth, the fatherless,
They deliver the poor that crieth, the fatherless, the
They deliver the poor that crieth, the poor that crieth, the fatherless, the
They deliver the poor that crieth, the poor that crieth, the fatherless, the

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the father-less. They de-liver the poor that crieth, the father-less, the
father-less, they de-liver the poor that crieth, the father-less, the
father-less, they de-liver the poor that crieth, the father-less, the
father-less, they de-liver the poor that crieth, the father-less, the
father-less, and him, him that hath none, none to help him.
father-less, and him, him that hath none, none to help him, they de-liver the poor that crieth, the
father-less, and him, him that hath none, none to help him, they de-liver the poor that crieth, the
father-less, and him, him that hath none, none to help him, they de-liver the poor that crieth, the
father-less, and him, him that hath none, none to help him, they de-liver the poor that crieth, the

Bles-sed are they that con-si-der-eth the poor and nee-dy.
poor that crieth,
poor that crieth,
poor that crieth,
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The Lord will comfort them.

they deliver the poor that crieth,

they deliver the poor that crieth,

they deliver the poor that crieth,

they deliver the fatherless, the fatherless, the poor that crieth,

they deliver the fatherless, the fatherless, the poor that crieth,

they deliver the fatherless, the fatherless, the poor that crieth,

the fatherless, the poor that crieth, and him that hath none, none to help him.

the fatherless, the poor that crieth, and him that hath none, none to help him.

the fatherless, the poor that crieth, and him that hath none, none to help him.
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O God who
from the suckling's mouth
or doeth early praise, early
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praise,

Of such as worship Thee, as worship Thee in truth,

accept the humble lays,

of such as worship Thee in truth, accept the humble lays, of such as worship Thee in truth, accept the humble lays, of such as worship Thee, accept the humble lays, of such as worship Thee, as worship Thee, as worship Thee in truth, of such as worship Thee, of such as worship Thee in truth,
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S

humble lays of such as worship

A

-cept the humble lays, of such as worship Thee, accept, accept, Thee, accept the humble lays, of such as worship Thee, as worship Thee in truth, accept the

T

B

of such as worship Thee, of such as accept the

100

S

humble lays, accept the humble lays.

A

of such as worship Thee, accept the humble lays.

T

worship Thee in truth, accept the humble lays, accept the humble lays.

B

accept the humble lays, the humble lays, accept the humble lays.
2. The charitable shall be had in everlasting remembrance
The charitable shall be had in everlasting remembrance,
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S
A
T
B

and the good

and the brightness of the

will shine as the brightness of the

will shine as the brightness of the

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firmament.

firmament.
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The charitable shall be

had in everlasting remembrance, and the good
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had in e-ver-la-sting remembrance,

had in e-ver-la-sting remembrance,

had in e-ver-la-sting remembrance,

had in e-ver-la-sting remembrance,

and the good will shine as the brightness of the

and the good will shine as the brightness of the

and the good will shine as the brightness of the

and the good will shine as the brightness of the

firmament. The charitable shall be had

firmament. The charitable, the

firmament. The charitable, the

firmament. The charitable, the

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S

A

T

B

charitable shall be had in ever-

charitable shall be had in ever-

charitable shall be had in ever-

everlasting remembrance, in ever-

neverlasting remembrance, in ever-

neverlasting remembrance, in ever-

S

A

T

B

neverlasting remembrance, and the good

neverlasting remembrance, and the good

neverlasting remembrance, and the good

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S
will shine, and the good

A
will shine, and the good

T
will shine, and the good

B
will shine, and the good

S
will shine as the brightness of the firmament. and the

A
will shine as the brightness of the firmament. and the

T
will shine as the brightness of the firmament. and the

B
will shine as the brightness of the firmament. and the

S
good will shine, shine, shine, and the good will

A
good will shine, shine, shine, and the good will

T
good will shine, shine, shine, and the good will

B
good will shine, shine, shine, and the good will
shine as the brightness, as the

bright-ness of the firmament.
3. Comfort them, O Lord

A tempo ordinario

Com-fort them, O Lord, when they are sick,

Com-fort them, O Lord, when they are sick,

Com-fort them, O Lord, when they are sick,

Com-fort them, O Lord, when they are sick,

sick: make Thou their bed

sick: make Thou their bed

sick: make Thou their bed

sick: com-fort them,
when they are sick,
make Thou their bed in

when they are sick,
make Thou their bed in

when they are sick,
make Thou their bed in

when they are sick,
make Thou their bed in

when they are sick,
make Thou their bed in

when they are sick,
make Thou their bed in
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Un poco andante

sick-ness. Keep them a-live, let them be bles-sed.

sick-ness.

sick-ness. Un poco andante

keep them a-live, let them be bles-sed, bles-sed up-on the earth,

Com-fort them,

Com-fort them,

keep them a-live, keep them a-live, let them be bles-sed up-
com-fort them, keep them a-live, keep them a-live, let them be
com-fort them,

com-fort them,
On the earth, blessed up—
on the earth,

keep them alive, keep them alive, let them be blessed up—

keep them alive, keep them alive, let them be

comfort them, keep them alive, keep them alive,

comfort them, keep them alive, keep them alive,

comfort them, keep them alive, comfort them, keep them alive,

Comfort them, keep them alive, blessed upon the earth,

let them be blessed, blessed upon the earth,

let them be blessed, blessed upon the earth,

let them be blessed, let them be blessed, blessed upon the earth,
and not deliver them unto their foes,
foes, and not deliver them, and not deliver them, and not deliver them un-
foes, and not deliver them unto their foes, unto their foes, unto their foes, un-
and not deliver them unto their foes, unto their foes, and not deliver them un-
and not deliver them unto their foes, unto their foes, unto their foes, unto their foes, and not deliver them un-
-to their foes, comfort them, comfort them,
-to their foes, comfort them, comfort them, keep them alive, keep them alive,
-to their foes, comfort them, comfort them, keep them alive,
-to their foes, comfort them, comfort them, keep them alive,
keep them alive, keep them alive, keep them alive, keep them alive,
keep them alive, keep them alive, keep them alive, keep them alive,
keep them alive, keep them alive, keep them alive, keep them alive,
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earth, and not deliver them unto their foes, and not deliver them unto their

foes, unto their foes, unto their foes, unto their

foes, unto their foes, unto their foes, unto their

foes, unto their foes, unto their foes, unto their
unto their foes, and not deliver them unto their foes,

and not deliver them unto their foes, unto their foes, and

foes, unto their foes, unto their foes, and

not deliver them unto their foes. and not deliver them unto their foes.

and not deliver them unto their foes. and not deliver them unto their foes.

foes, unto their foes, unto their foes, and not deliver them unto their foes.

and not deliver them unto their foes. and not deliver them unto their foes.
4. Hallelujah
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God omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
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le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,
The king - dom of this

regn - eth, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,
The king - dom of this

regn - eth, Hal - le - lu - jah,
The king - dom of this

-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah,
The king - dom of this

world is be - come the king - dom of our Lord and of his Christ, and of his

world is be - come the king - dom of our Lord and of his Christ, and of his

world is be - come the king - dom of our Lord and of his Christ, and of his

world is be - come the king - dom of our Lord and of his Christ, and of his

Christ,

Christ,

Christ, and he shall reign for e - ver and e-

Christ, and he shall reign for e - ver and e - ver, for e - ver and e - ver, and he shall
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and he shall reign for ever and ever, for ever and ever, for ever, for ever, for ever, and he shall reign for ever and ever, for ever, for ever, for ever, for ever, and he shall reign for ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, for ever and ever, for ever and ever, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, for ever and ever, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, for ever and ever, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah,
and Lord of Lords,

ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, for e-ver and e-ver, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-

and Lord of Lords, and he shall reign,

Kings and Lord of Lords, and he shall reign, and he...
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S

and he shall reign for ever and ever,

A

and he shall reign for ever and ever, King of

T

shall reign, and he shall reign for ever and ever, King of

B

ever, and he shall reign for ever and ever, King of


for ever and ever, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, and he shall

A

Kings, for ever and ever, and Lord of Lords, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, and

T

and Lord of Lords, and he shall

B

Kings, for ever and ever, and Lord of Lords, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, and he shall


reign for ever, for ever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of

A

he shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of

T

reign for ever, for ever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of

B

reign for ever, for ever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of
Lords, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and he shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and he shall reign for ever and ever, for ever and ever, for ever and ever, for ever and ever, for ever and ever.

Lords, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Lords, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Lords, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.