

HEAR YOUR PEOPLE SINGING

for S.A.T.B. or 3-Part Mixed voices, accompanied*
with optional congregational singing**

Words and Music by
PEPPER CHOPLIN

With a smooth steady beat (♩ = ca. 69-72)

ACCOMP. *mf*

C(add9) G(add9) G Am Em F C

4 UNISON VOICES *mf* ⑤

(For communion) As we come be - fore _ Your ta - ble and re -
(For thanksgiving) As we come to bring _ You of - frings of our
(For Pentecost) As we gath - er now _ to geth - er in this

Gsus G C C(add9) G(add9) G

6

flect up - on _ Your grace,
grate - ful - ness _ and praise
bless - ed ho - ly hour,

hear Your peo - ple sing - ing, _ "We

Am Em Fmaj7 C/E Dm9 Dm7

* For performance by 3-Part Mixed voices, omit the bass part.

** Congregational singing pages may be found on pages 10-12.

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thank _____ You.”

Tho’ we stand as hum - ble sin - ners, You pro -
 The - boun - ty of Your good - ness leaves us
 We - cel - e-brate Your Spir - it and the

Gsus G C Gsus C(add9) G(add9) G

10

vide for us _____ a place.
 hum - bled and _____ a - mazed.
 com - ing of _____ Your pow'r.

Hear Your peo - ple sing - ing, _____ “We

Am Em Fmaj7 C/E Dm9 Dm7

12

thank _____ You.”

Thank You, thank You.

Gsus G C Em Am Em7 F(add9) F C G/B

(Refrain) 13 *f*

15



Hear Your peo - ple sing - ing, — “We thank ——— You.”

We _
We _
You _

Am Em/G Fmaj7 F Gsus G C Gsus



17



break the bread _ to-geth - er and re - call the price _ You paid.
cel - e - brate _ our fam - 'ly as a bless-ing from — a - bove.
send the might - y pow - er of the Ho - ly Spir - it's fire.

C(add9)

G(add9)

G

Am

Em

Em7



19

S. *mf*

Hear Your peo - ple sing - ing, — “We thank ——— You.”

We _
We _
You _

T. *mf*

B.

Fmaj7

C/E

Dm9

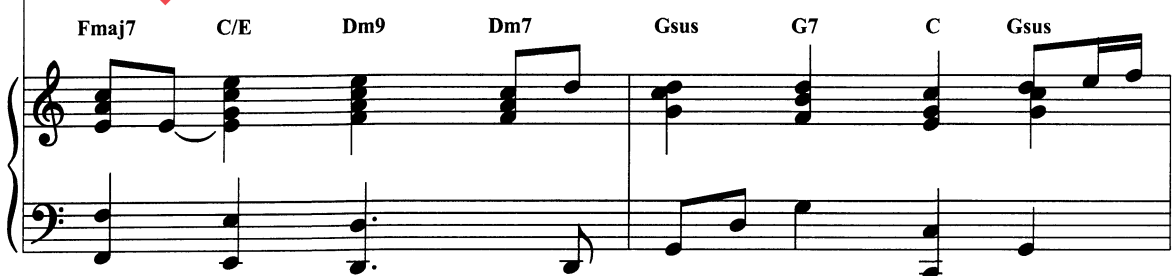
Dm7

Gsus

G7

C

Gsus



21

take the cup — and pon - der the great sa - cri - fice — You made.
 praise You as — the foun - tain of di - vine and hu - man love.
 blow Your wind — a - mong — us 'til Your will is our — de - sire.

C

G

Am

Em

(Refrain)

(Congregation may join on melody.)

23

Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, — “We thank — You.” Thank You,

*mf**f*

Fmaj7

C/E

Dm9

Dm7

Gsus

G7

C

Em

Am

Em7

26

thank You. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, — “We thank — You.”

F

C

C/B

Am

Em/G

Fmaj7

F

Gsus

G7

C

C/E

29

Thank You, thank You. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, - "We

Am Em7 F C C/B Am Em/G Fmaj7 F

32 (Cong. tacet) *mf* *unis.*

thank ____ You."

For the
For the
As we

mf *unis.*

Gsus G7 C C/E Bb Bb/D C/E F Dm C/E Fmaj7 G

35

bless-ed tie _ that binds _ up all our hearts in Chris - tian love,
fruit - ful - ness of sum - mer and the har - vest of _ the fall,
go a - way _ re - kin - dled by the fire You light _ with - in,

C(add9) G(add9) G Am Em Em7

mf

37 (Congregation may join on melody.)

(Cong. tacet) *unis.*

hear Your peo - ple sing - ing, — “We thank ——— You.”

For the
Thro' the
May we
unis.

Fmaj7

C/E

Dm9

Dm7

Gsus

G7

C

Gsus

39

fel - low-ship — we share — is like a taste of heav'n — a - bove.
win - ter and — the spring - time You re - main the Lord — of all.
walk in grace — and pow - er 'til we gath - er here — a - gain.

C

G

Am

Em

41 (Congregation may join on melody to end.)

Hear Your peo - ple sing - ing, — “We thank ——— You.”

Fmaj7

C/E

Dm9

Dm7

Gsus

G7

C

Em

43 **f** DESCANT (*a few high voices*)

Lord, we come to thank ____ You. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, - "We

S. **f** (Refrain)

A. Thank You, thank You. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, - "We

T. **f**

B. Thank You, thank You. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, - "We

43 Am Em7 F C C/B Am Em/G F#m7 F

f

46

thank ____ You." O ____ Lord, we come to thank You.

thank ____ You." Thank You, thank You.

46 Gsus G7 C C/E Am Em7 F C C/B

49

Hear Your peo - ple sing - ing, — “We thank _____ You.”

Hear Your peo - ple sing - ing, — “We thank _____ You.”

49 Am Em/G Fmaj7 F Gsus G7 C C/E

51 Bb Bb/D C/E F Dm C/E F G G7 C

rit.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It includes a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment, and a guitar/banjo part. The score is divided into two systems. The first system starts at measure 49 and ends at measure 50. The second system starts at measure 51 and ends at measure 54. The piano part is in the left hand, and the guitar/banjo part is in the right hand. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The tempo is marked 'rit.' (ritardando) at the end of the piece.

Hear Your People Singing is an anthem that encourages congregational participation through its simple strophic structure, folk-like melody and the message of its text. Three verses are offered for singing throughout the year, including communion, thanksgiving (or general praise) and Pentecost (or discipleship). Please see the corresponding reproducible parts for congregational singing on pages 10-12.

Thus, this anthem may be introduced to the congregation during a communion service early in the year and repeated at thanksgiving, subsequent communion services, and, finally, Pentecost. In the beginning, directors may wish to limit congregational participation to the refrains. However, the verse melody is so easily learned that the congregation very quickly will be able to sing the entire anthem with the choir.

For communion, suggested corresponding lectionary readings include 1 Corinthians 11: 23-36 and 2 Corinthians 10: 16-17; for thanksgiving, 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11; for Pentecost, 1 Corinthians 12: 3-13 and 2 Corinthians 13: 11-14.

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HEAR YOUR PEOPLE SINGING

Communion verse for congregational singing

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VERSE 1: As we come before Your table and reflect upon Your grace,
(Choir only) hear Your people singing, "We thank You."
Tho' we stand as humble sinners, You provide for us a place.
Hear Your people singing, "We thank You."

REFRAIN: Thank You, thank You."
(Choir only) Hear Your people singing, "We thank You."

VERSE 2: We break the bread together and recall the price You paid.
(Choir only) Hear Your people singing, "We thank You."
We take the cup and ponder the great sacrifice You made.
Hear Your people singing, "We thank You."


REFRAIN:
CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

(repeat)



Thank You, thank You. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, — "We thank — You."


CHOIR



For the bless - ed tie — that binds — up all our hearts in Chris - tian love,

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

CHOIR




hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, — "We thank — You." For the fel-low-ship — we share — is like a


CHOIR AND CONGREGATION



taste of heav'n a - bove. Hear Your peo - ple sing - ing, — "We thank — You."



Thank You, thank You. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, — "We thank — You."



Thank You, thank You. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, — "We thank — You."

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HEAR YOUR PEOPLE SINGING

Thanksgiving verse for congregational singing

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VERSE 1: As we come to bring You off'ings of our gratefulness and praise,
(Choir only) hear Your people singing, "We thank You."
The bounty of Your goodness leaves us humbled and amazed.
Hear Your people singing, "We thank You."

REFRAIN: Thank You, thank You."
(Choir only) Hear Your people singing, "We thank You."

VERSE 2: We celebrate our fam'ly as a blessing from above.
(Choir only) Hear Your people singing, "We thank You."
We praise You as the fountain of divine and human love.
Hear Your people singing, "We thank You."

REFRAIN:
CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

(repeat)



Thank You, thank You. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, "We thank ____ You."

CHOIR



For the fruit - ful - ness ____ of sum - mer and the har - vest of ____ the fall,

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION **CHOIR**




hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, ____ "We thank ____ You." Thro' the win-ter and ____ the spring - time You re -


CHOIR AND CONGREGATION



main the Lord ____ of all. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, ____ "We thank ____ You."



Thank You, thank You. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, ____ "We thank ____ You."



Thank You, thank You. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, ____ "We thank ____ You."

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HEAR YOUR PEOPLE SINGING

Pentecost verse for congregational singing

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VERSE 1: As we gather now together in this blessed holy hour,
(Choir only) hear Your people singing, "We thank You."
We celebrate Your Spirit and the coming of Your pow'r.
Hear Your people singing, "We thank You."

REFRAIN: Thank You, thank You."
(Choir only) Hear Your people singing, "We thank You."

VERSE 2: You send the mighty power of the Holy Spirit's fire.
(Choir only) Hear Your people singing, "We thank You."
You blow Your wind among us 'til Your will is our desire.
Hear Your people singing, "We thank You."

REFRAIN:
CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

(repeat)




Thank You, thank You. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, _ "We thank _ You."

CHOIR




As we go a - way _ re - kin - dled by the fire You light _ with - in,

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION **CHOIR**




hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, _ "We thank _ You." May we walk in grace _ and pow - er 'til we

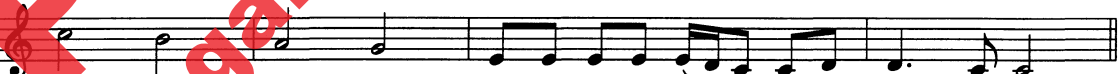
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gath - er here _ a - gain. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, _ "We thank _ You."



Thank You, thank You. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, _ "We thank _ You."



Thank You, thank You. Hear Your peo-ple sing - ing, _ "We thank _ You."

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