

**Joyful Thanksgiving** – This cheerful anthem for Thanksgiving or general use is a joyful acclamation of praise. Light vocal textures capture the jubilant rhythmic spirit, while contrasting sections of four-part writing add depth and color. The inclusion of a time-honored hymn in the B section is an inspiring moment and adds lyrical depth to this pleasing worship song, ideal for churches of any size. Strive for a crisp vocal approach to rhythmic passages and rich vowels, and supportive tones for the more chorale style sections.

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# JOYFUL THANKSGIVING

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for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied\*

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Incorporating tune: **KREMSE**  
Dutch Folk Melody

Quickly, with energy (♩ = ca. 122-126)

ACCOMP. *mp*

4 *mf*

7 **CHOIR unison**  
*mf*

I will give thanks... I will give thanks...

9

I will give thanks... to the Lord most high. I will give thanks...

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12

I will give thanks.\_ I will give thanks\_ to the Lord.

15

18

SOPRANO / ALTO

*mf*

I will re - joice;\_ lift up my voice;\_

TENOR / BASS

*mf*

I will lift up my voice;\_

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20

I will re - joice\_ with a song of praise.

re - joice with ju - bi - lant praise.\_

Musical notation for measures 20-21, including vocal lines and piano accompaniment.

22

I will re - joice;\_ lift up my voice.\_

I will lift up my voice.\_

Musical notation for measures 22-23, including vocal lines and piano accompaniment.

24

I will re - joice\_ in the Lord.

Musical notation for measures 24-25, including vocal lines and piano accompaniment.

Musical notation for piano accompaniment for measures 24-25.

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26

*f*

I will re - jice, — and lift a glad thanks - giv - ing,

*f*

28

shout - ed on high — to de - clare Your name.

30

I will re - jice, — and cel - e - brate in liv - ing;

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32

giv - ing You hon - or, and all my praise.

35

*mf* 36  
\* I praise You, my God, my Re -

*mf*

38

deem - er Cre - a - tor. In grate - ful de -

41

vo - tion, my trib - ute I bring. I

This system contains the first three measures of the piece. It features a vocal line with lyrics, a bass line, and a piano accompaniment with treble and bass staves.

This system shows the piano accompaniment for measures 41-43, consisting of a treble and bass staff.

44

lay it be - fore You, I kneel and a -

This system contains measures 44-46. The vocal line includes the lyrics "lay it be - fore You, I kneel and a -".

This system shows the piano accompaniment for measures 44-46, consisting of a treble and bass staff.

47

dore You, I bless Your ho - ly name. Grate - ful

This system contains measures 47-49. The vocal line includes the lyrics "dore You, I bless Your ho - ly name. Grate - ful".

This system shows the piano accompaniment for measures 47-49, consisting of a treble and bass staff.

50

prais - es now I bring.

*f*

*f*

*f*

53

I will give thanks... I will give thanks.

I will give thanks... I will give thanks.

55

I will give thanks... to the Lord most high.

to the Lord most high.

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I will give thanks... I will give thanks...

I will give thanks, — give thanks.

59

I will give thanks — to the Lord.

61

I will give thanks to the Lord.

*ff* *rit.*

*ff* *rit.*

8vb