

Father God in Heaven – A metrical paraphrase of “The Lord’s Prayer” written especially to be sung to a familiar, singable tune is rare. Jame Seddon, a British hymn writer, has done just that. The tune is the African-American spiritual “Kum By Yah,” known throughout the world.

“The Lord’s Prayer” is a prayer to be spoken or sung by the entire congregation. This arrangement, by Hal H. Hopson acknowledges that, but in addition, the creative use of choir and C-Instrument is added to provide a fresh dimension to the unison singing of the congregation. The C-Instrument is optional and is included in the score. The piano accompaniment keeps a subtle, supportive drive throughout all five stanzas.

James Seddon (1915–1983), an Anglican priest, is best known for his hymn “Go Forth and Tell,” which has appeared in more than twenty UK hymnbooks. His hymns were born from his missionary experiences in the Atlas Mountains, Morocco, where he worked with leaders and pastors of small and often persecuted churches.

One description of his hymn writing, issued by The Jubilate Group, states, “Before most others, James Seddon saw the need to supplement the older ‘missionary’ hymns with fresher and more relevant texts, which still conveyed the essential truth and worldwide urgency of the Christian gospel.”

Hal H. Hopson is a nationally recognized church musician, conductor, and full-time composer residing in the hill country of Texas, near Austin. With a special interest in congregational song, he continues to make a significant contribution to the new repertoire of hymn tunes and responsorial psalm settings that appear in many hymnals.

As an active conductor and clinician, he has conducted choir and hymn festivals and workshops throughout this country, as well as Europe, Korea, Japan, and Canada.

“God with Us,” a cantata by Hal Hopson, was selected by The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., to be placed in a capsule during the American Bicentennial in 1976. The capsule will be opened at the Tercentennial in 2076, and the cantata will be performed as a representative piece of American choral composition in the twentieth century.

FATHER GOD IN HEAVEN

(The Lord's Prayer)

for S.A.T.B. voices, Congregation, opt. C-Instrument, accompanied*

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With a gentle lilt (♩ = ca. 66)

ACCOMP.



4

CHOIR and CONGREGATION *poco rit.* *a tempo* **mf** 5



Fa-ther God in heav'n, Lord most high, hear Your

C-INSTRUMENT *poco rit.* *a tempo* **mf**

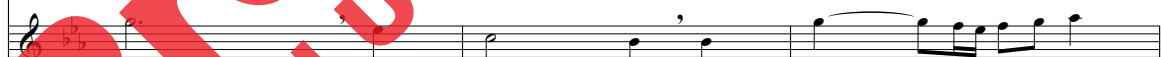
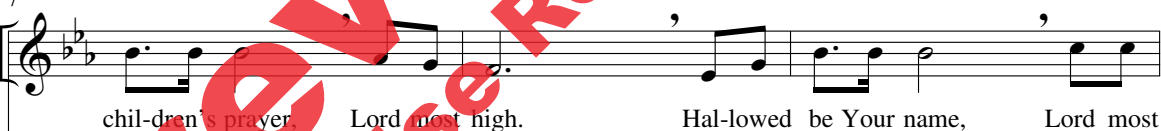


poco rit. *a tempo*



7

chil-dren's pray-er, Lord most high. Hal-lowed be Your name, Lord most



* To purchase a full-length performance recording (42893) of this piece, go to alfred.com/downloads.

Parts for Congregation and C-Instrument are on pages 11–12.

Also available: FlexTrax Accompaniment CD (42536).

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high. O Lord, — hear our prayer. *poco rit. a tempo*

a tempo
poco rit.

a tempo
poco rit.

CHOIR S.A. and CONG.

poco rit.

a tempo 14

May Your king-dom come here on earth. May Your

CHOIR T.B.

May Your king dom come here on earth; Your

a tempo
poco rit.

will be done here on earth; as it is in heav'n, so on

will be done here on earth; as in heav - en, so on

a tempo
poco rit.

19

earth. O Lord, *poco rit.* hear our prayer. *a tempo*

earth. O Lord, hear our prayer.

a tempo

poco rit.

22

CONGREGATION *poco rit.*

a tempo **23**

Give us dai - ly bread, day by day; and for -

CHOIR S.A. *poco rit.*

a tempo

Give us bread, day by day.

CHOIR T.B.

Give us dai - ly bread, day by day; and for -

PIANO-INSTRUMENT *poco rit.*

a tempo

a tempo **23**

poco rit.

give our sins, day by day; as we too for-give, day by

For - give our sins, day by day; as we for -

give our sins, day by day; as we too for-give, day by

day. O Lord, hear our prayer.

give. O Lord, hear our prayer.

day. O Lord, hear our prayer.

poco rit. a tempo

poco rit. a tempo

poco rit. a tempo

poco rit. a tempo

31 *poco rit.* *a tempo* 32

Lead us in Your way. Make us strong. When temp-

poco rit. *a tempo* *mp*

Lord, hear our prayer.

poco rit. *a tempo*

a tempo 32

poco rit.

34

ta-tions come, make us strong. Save us all from sin. Keep us

Lord, hear our prayer. Lord, hear our

34

poco rit. *a tempo*

strong. O Lord, hear our prayer.

poco rit. *a tempo*

prayer. O Lord, hear our prayer.

poco rit. *a tempo*

poco rit. *a tempo*

DESCANT *rit.* *f*

CHOIR S.A. and CONG. *rit.* *f*

CHOIR T.B. *f*

All things

All things

mf *cresc.* *f* *rit.* *f*

cresc. *rit.* *f*

43

a tempo

come from You. King-dom, glo-ry are

a tempo

come from You. All are Yours. King-dom, glo-ry, pow'r, all are

come from You. All are Yours. King-dom, glo-ry, pow'r, all are

a tempo

come from You. All are Yours. King-dom, glo-ry, pow'r, all are

43

a tempo

46

Yours. Take our lives. All are Yours. O

Yours. Take our lives and gifts. All are Yours. O

Yours. Take our lives and gifts. All are Yours. O

Yours. Take our lives and gifts. All are Yours. O

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Slower, freely

rit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

CHOIR only

O Lord, hear our

rit.

p

Lord, hear our prayer.

rit.

Slower, freely

rit.

prayer.

rit.

ppp

p

Hear our prayer.

p

ppp

rit.

ppp

p

rit.

ppp

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1-3 **mf** **5** *poco rit.* *a tempo*

6

10 *poco rit. a tempo* *poco rit. a tempo* **14** 6 14-19

20 *poco rit. a tempo* *poco rit.* *a tempo* **23**

24

28 *poco rit. a tempo* *poco rit. a tempo* **32** 2 32-33

34-37 *poco rit. a tempo* **43** *a tempo* *mf* *cresc.*

42 *rit.* **43** *a tempo* **f**

46 *rit.*

50 **51** *rit.* **ppp**

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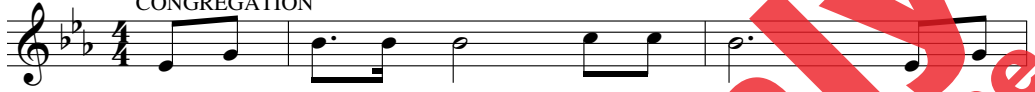
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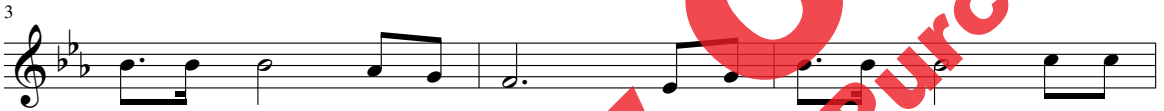
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CONGREGATION



1. Fa - ther God in heav'n, Lord most high, hear Your
 2. May Your king - dom come here on earth. May Your
 3. Give us dai - ly bread, day by day; and for -
 4. Lead us in Your way. Make us strong. When temp -
 5. All things come from You. All are Yours. King - dom,



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 will be done here on earth; as it is in heav'n, so on
 give our sins, day by day; as we too for - give, day by
 ta - tions come, make us strong. Save us all from sin. Make us
 glo - ry, pow'r, all are Yours. Take out lives and gifts. All are



high.	○	Lord, _____	hear our prayer.
earth.	○	Lord, _____	hear our prayer.
day.	○	Lord, _____	hear our prayer.
strong.	○	Lord, _____	hear our prayer.
Yours.	○	Lord, _____	hear our prayer.

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