

Praise the Name of the Lord

The Polyeleos at Matins

Ps. 134-135

Russian Imperial Chapel Chant
arr. from Nikolai Bakhmetev for 3 treble voices*

Soprano 1
Soprano 2

1. Praise the Name of the Lord, give praise, O

Alto

ser - vants of the Lord.

REFRAIN:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2. You that stand in the house of the Lord, in the

[courts of the house...]

*Bakhmetev's original, in the *Obikhod* [Book of Common Hymns] of 1869, is in A minor with the 1st and 2nd sopranos and 1st and 2nd tenors doubling each other. This arrangement may be sung half a step or a step higher.

LITURGICAL NOTE: While the service book prescribes the entire text of Psalms 134 and 135 to be sung, in customary Slavic practice, only the first and last verse of each psalm are sung (Verses numbered 1, 5, 6, and 13). The present version offers several additional verses, which may be sung or omitted at the discretion of the rector and the choir director.

courts of the house of our God! *REFRAIN:*

3. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to His

Name, for He is gracious! *REFRAIN:*

4. For I know that the Lord is great, and that our

Lord is above all gods. *REFRAIN:*

5. Bless-éd be the Lord from Zi - on, He Who

dwells in Je - ru - sa - lem! REFRAIN:

6. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His

mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er. REFRAIN:

7. Oh, give thanks to the God of gods, for His

[mercy endures...]

mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er. *REFRAIN:*

8. Oh, give thanks to the Lord of Lords, for His

mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er. *REFRAIN:*

9. To Him Who alone does great wonders, for His

mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er. *REFRAIN:*

10. To Him Who by un-der - stand-ing made the heav-ens, for His

mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er. REFRAIN:

11. To Him Who spread out the earth up-on the wa-ters, for His

mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er. REFRAIN:

12. He — Who gives food to all flesh, for His mer - cy en -

[-dures forever.]

dures for - ev - er. *REFRAIN:*

13. Oh, give thanks to the God of heav-en, for His

mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er.

FINAL REFRAIN:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.