

# Alleluia, alleluia; blessed are they

Psalm 112

Words and music: David Lee

With a light swing

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Bless - èd are they who fear you,  
2. Great is the boun-ty they shall find, Hal-lowed in right-eous-ness each

Lord, Che-rish-ing close - ly all your law, Di - li - gent  
day. In - to their dark - ness light will shine, Jus-tice and

in your liv - ing word. Ends of the earth through them are  
peace will pave their way. Keep-ing their word of ho - nour,

blest Find - ing through them God ma - ni - fest.  
they Lend from that boun - ty gra-cious - ly.

*Although the alternating time signature may look worrying, its underlying pulse is similar to that in Leonard Bernstein's "America" (West Side Story).*

CODA

You are our God! We e-ver - more Zea-lous-ly sing: Al - le - lu - ia!

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia;  
**Blessèd** are they who fear you, Lord,  
**Cherishing** closely all your law,  
**Diligent** in your living word.  
**Ends** of the earth through them are blest  
**Finding** through them God manifest.
  
- 2 **Great** is the bounty they shall find,  
**Hallowed** in righteousness each day.  
**Into** their darkness light will shine,  
**Justice** and peace will pave their way.  
**Keeping** their word of honour, they  
**Lend** from that bounty graciously.
  
- 3 **Many** their blessings down the years,  
**Never** will their foundations move.  
**Of** grievous news they need no fears,  
**Putting** their trust, O Lord, in you,  
**Quietly** confident through strife;  
**Rising** above the storms of life.
  
- 4 **Sharing** their gifts with those in need:  
**They** live their life at God's right hand.  
**Unlike** them, though, the wicked seem  
**Vexed** as they see the righteous stand;  
**Wasting** away to naught, as they  
**eXclude** themselves from God's own way.

Coda

**You** are our God! **We** evermore  
**Zealously** sing: alleluia.

*The Hebrew text is alphabetic acrostic, 22 lines,  
 reflecting a complete, all-encompassing trust.  
 That same "A to Z" principle is conserved in this  
 close paraphrase into our alphabet of 26 letters.  
 (Alas, a viable X-word is a stretch too far.)*