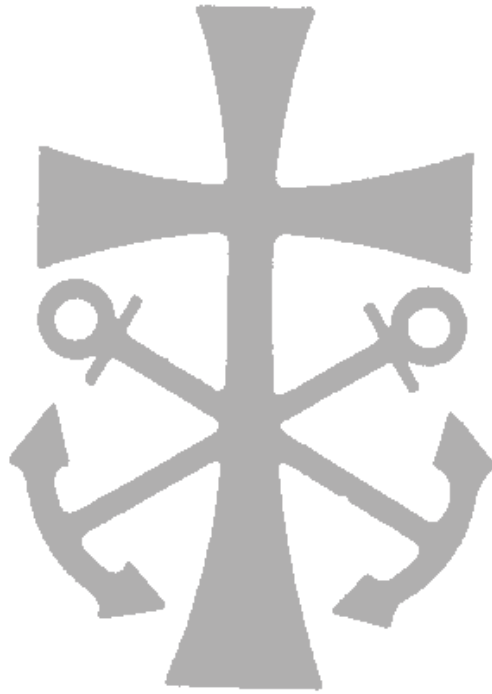




Let Us Be People of Hope

*A Jubilee Anthem for the Congregation of Holy Cross
written for*

*Solo voice, Cantor, Two-part Choir, with optional instrumentation
(C or B-flat Trumpet, Flute, Violins I + II and Guitar)*

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDITION

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About the composition....

In November of 2024, I received email correspondence from a Holy Cross religious whom I've admired for years – Brother Paul Bednarczyk, c.s.c. I knew Br. Paul when he was Executive Director of the National Religious Vocations Conference. He informed me that Pope Francis was declaring a Year of Consecrated Life in the Church, and he asked if I might consider writing a hymn to celebrate this beautiful observance. Based on the words of Pope Francis to religious communities, the result was *Wake the World with Dawning Joy*. The hymn went on to be accepted for publication by World Library (now a subsidiary of GIA Publications in Chicago).

Now, Br. Paul was reaching out once more, and this time with yet another musical request. With the intention of renewing the Congregation's missionary zeal, he was declaring a "Year of Mission" for the Congregation of Holy Cross. He then told me the inspiring story of the Congregation's new mission to Papua New Guinea. Even more significant, he told me how the community approached the Vatican Dicastery for Evangelization asking where in the world there is the greatest need for religious today. I was deeply moved by this story, and if ever there was an illustration of "men with hope to bring," this was it.

Further, the requested composition would need to incorporate many of the themes articulated in the mission's proposal. It should be a piece that celebrated hope, one that brought with it many of the images and phrases embraced by the Congregation of Holy Cross, including the admonitions to move beyond all borders, to be anchored in service, and to minister to the vulnerable and to the marginalized. I turned, therefore, to one of the best and most inspiring sources: the *Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross*. And specifically, I spent much time reading and rereading Constitution Two.

The result of this dialog is what you now see before you: *Let Us Be People of Hope*.

It is with great joy that I share this work with the community I worked with for nearly all of my professional ministerial career. Gratefully, it is not the first piece to be inspired by the CSC's: *Crux Fidelis*, *Cross of Our Hope*, *Ave Crux! Spes Unica*, are a few others.

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May the words and the tune lift the spirits and embolden the actions of these noble servants of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

- Steven C. Warner
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Feast of Blessed Basil Moreau

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The musical score is arranged in two systems. The first system includes parts for Trpt in C, Trpt in B-flat, Flute, Strings, and Keyboard. The second system includes parts for C Trpt, Bb Trpt, Fl, Strgs, and Keyb. The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is Moderato, with a quarter note equal to approximately 86 beats per minute. The score begins with a forte (f) dynamic. The first system shows the initial four measures, with the Trpt in C and Trpt in B-flat parts starting with a half note F#4, followed by eighth notes. The Flute part enters in the third measure with a half note F#4. The Strings part enters in the first measure with a half note F#3. The Keyboard part provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands. The second system continues the piece for four more measures, showing the development of the themes in the woodwinds and strings, with the Keyboard continuing its accompaniment.

Trpt in C

Trpt in B-flat

Flute

Strings

Keyboard

C Trpt

Bb Trpt

Fl

Strgs

Keyb

Let Us Be People of Hope (full score) p.2

REFRAIN
(played after the first verse):

C Trpt

Bb Trpt

Fl

Strgs

S
A

T
B

Keyb

REFRAIN

open: G E m7/D D G /F# /E G/B C9 G/D G6 D B E m

f Let us be peo-ple of hope, our ser - vice an-chored in love. — Be - yond all bor-ders,

Let Us Be People of Hope (full score) p.3

Score for "Let Us Be People of Hope" (full score) p.3. The score includes parts for C Trpt, Bb Trpt, Fl, Strgs, S A, T B, and Keyb.

The key signature is one sharp (F#). The score is divided into two main sections: "To verses:" and "final ending:". The lyrics are: "root - ed in faith, may we bring God's gifts to the world. world. May we".

The instrumental parts (C Trpt, Bb Trpt, Fl, Strgs, Keyb) follow a similar melodic and harmonic structure, with the vocal parts (S A, T B) providing the primary melody and harmony.

The vocal parts (S A, T B) and the instrumental parts (C Trpt, Bb Trpt, Fl, Strgs, Keyb) are arranged in a way that allows for a full orchestral sound. The vocal parts are written in a standard vocal range, while the instrumental parts are written in their respective staves.

The score is written in a standard musical notation, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The tempo and dynamics are not specified in the image.

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Let Us Be People of Hope (full score) p.4

C Trpt

Bb Trpt

Fl

Strgs

S
A

T
B

Keyb

bring God's gifts to the world. _____

May we bring God's gifts to the world. _____

Let Us Be People of Hope (full score) p.5

VERSES

Fl

mf

VERSES

Strgs

mp

VERSES

S
A

- mf*
1. Lift and en-cour-age our hands, — hands for the poor and im - pov - 'rished,
 2. Help us to kin - dle your hope, — hope in the hearts of the suf - fring,
 3. Tend - ing cre - a - tion with love, — stew - ards of God's gra - cious giv - ing,
 4. See, how the love of our God — beck - ons us on - ward in ser - vice!
 5. Guide ev' - ry step on our path, — jour - ney of love and of mer - cy,

T
B

VERSES

Keyb

mf

C D7 /G C F Dm7 C C/G G

Let Us Be People of Hope (full score) p.6

To refrain;

Fl

Strgs

To refrain;

To refrain;

S
A

1. Hands like our Lord's: de - vot - ed to care, strength for the lost and the wear - y.
 2. Light of our Lord: the Christ in our midst, cast - ing out sha - dows of ha - tred.
 3. Safe - guard - ing life, we rev - 'rence the earth: gar - den of love from our Ma - ker.
 4. Mess - age of love: em - brac - ing the lost, heal - ing the wounds of the out - cast.
 5. Hail - ing the Cross, the Cross as our hope: strid - ing with words of sal - va - tion.

T
B

To refrain;

C A m E m G E m B E m D

Keyb

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REFRAIN

Soprano/
Alto

f Let us be peo-ple of hope, our ser - vice an-chored in love. — Be - yond all bor-ders,

Tenor/
Bass

REFRAIN

open: G E m7/D D G /F# /E G/B C9 G/D G6 D B E m

Keyboard

f

S
A

root - ed in faith, may we bring God's gifts to the world. world. May we

T
B

D/F# D G C6 A m7 D4+7 G To verses: G final ending:

Keyb

S
A

bring God's gifts to the world.

T
B

May we bring God's gifts to the world.

Keyb

VERSES

S
A

mf 1. Lift and en-cour-age our hands, — hands for the poor and im-pov-'rished,
 2. Help us to kin-dle your hope, — hope in the hearts of the suf-f'ring,
 3. Tend-ing cre-a-tion with love, — stew-ards of God's gra-cious giv-ing,
 4. See, how the love of our God — beck-ons us on-ward in ser-vice!
 5. Guide ev'-ry step on our path, — jour-ney of love and of mer-cy,

T
B

VERSES

C D7 /G C F Dm7 C C/G G

Keyb

mf

S
A

1. Hands like our Lord's: de-vot-ed to care, strength for the lost and the wear-y.
 2. Light of our Lord: the Christ in our midst, cast-ing out sha-dows of ha-tred.
 3. Safe-guard-ing life, we rev-'rence the earth: gar-den of love from our Ma-ker.
 4. Mess-age of love: em-brac-ing the lost, heal-ing the wounds of the out-cast.
 5. Hail-ing the Cross, the Cross as our hope: strid-ing with words of sal-va-tion.

T
B

C Am Em G Em B Em D

Keyb

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f Let us be peo-ple of hope, our ser - vice an-chored in love. — Be - yond all bor-ders,
 root - ed in faith, may we bring God's gifts to the world. world. May we
 bring God's gifts to the world. —

VERSES

mf 1. Lift and en - cour - age our hands, hands for the poor and im - pov - 'rished,
 2. Help us to kin - dle your hope, hope in the hearts of the suf - fring,
 3. Tend - ing cre - a - tion with love, stew - ards of God's gra - cious giv - ing,
 4. See, how the love of our God beck - ons us on - ward in ser - vice!
 5. Guide ev' - ry step on our path, jour - ney of love and of mer - cy,

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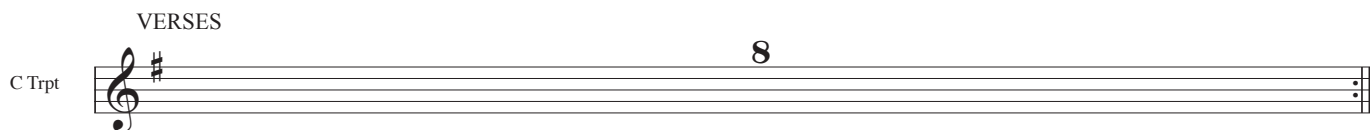
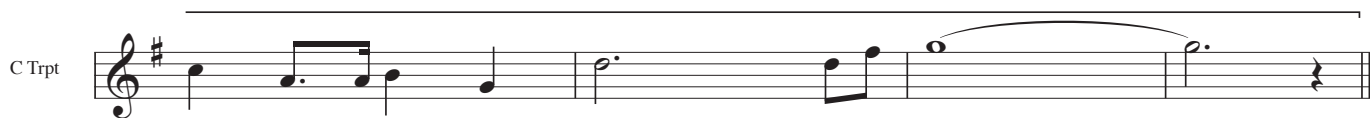
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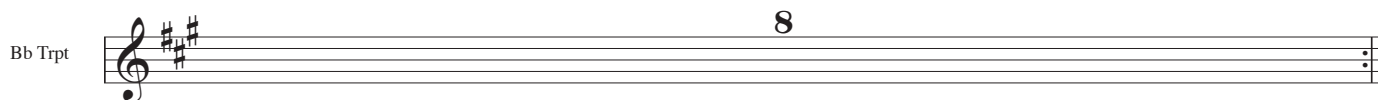
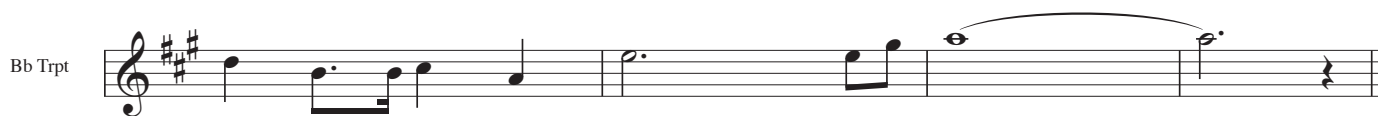
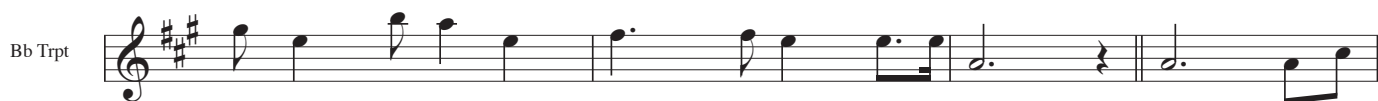


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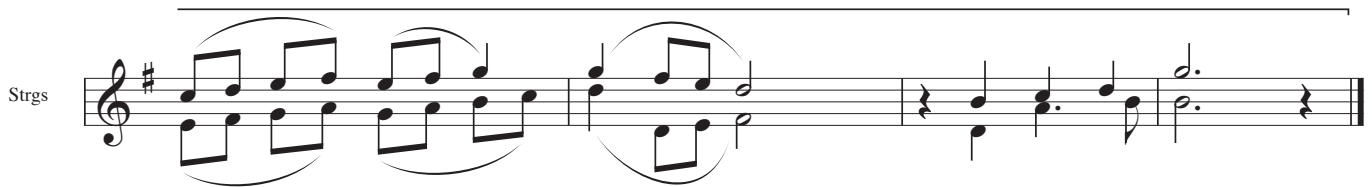
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