

African Psalm

It's time for another choir video for the fall season 2021-2021. I will keep producing these videos until it is safe to return to live choir rehearsals as determined by the council, synod and the CDC.

We have sung this song only once before in 2018, it's very repetitive and easy to learn. Renae and I sang all the parts and this time you have a choice of singing to the full SATB mix or choosing a part that features the section you sing in. There is a soprano split right at the end (sing what fits). If you can sing in more than one section, feel free to submit both sections. I only use the extra submissions if I need to balance the parts.

When you video yourself, please use portrait mode. That is what works best for these videos.

There is a 20 seconds or so of lead in time before the music starts. That will give you plenty of time to start your video device and get back in place. Smile, look at the camera as much as you can and wait about 10 seconds after the music stops to move out of place.

When you are done, send your video to me through wetransfer.com. Don't e-mail your file because they are too large for e-mail servers.

As usual: If you have a problem, CALL ME.

If you have issues uploading your video to retransfer.com, CALL ME

If you want to record this at church using my devices, CALL ME.

I will be glad to help.

This anthem is planned for Sept 26, and since these videos are very labor intensive, please make your submissions by Sun, Sept 19.

Thanks for helping to keep LOL a vibrant community. This is a really fun song, so let's all participate.

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P.S. If you've participated in these videos before, get to it. If this is your first or second time, read the next page.

How to make and submit your recording

1. Find a quiet space

You will need two devices, one for playback with headphones or earbuds and one device for recording.

Turn off any noisy appliances and ask the members of your household to keep the noise down.

If you're filming yourself, think about lighting, and make sure there's nothing in the background you wouldn't want people to see!

2. Set up your playback machine

Choose the appropriate track for you - Full Mix or Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass Mix.

Use headphones or earbuds. The only thing I need on your video is your video and your voice.

3. Set up your recording machine

You can record on a digital camera, a smart phone, a tablet or computer.

If filming yourself, shoot portrait mode and aim to be in the centre of the shot. Try not to make it an "up the nose shot." (Hint - Have the camera at the height of your head.)

4. Practice your part

Practice singing through your part until you are comfortable, then take a pass at recording. When you feel good about it, send it to me. Don't dwell too long or try for the perfect take, "Trust the Magic".

If you are feeling overwhelmed or don't have the two devices, I will be glad to record you at Lord of Love. Just call or email me to set up a time.

5. Submit your part

To submit your part to me, go to wetransfer.com and follow the online prompts. It's OK to sign up for the free service and it's a good way to transfer very large files (which these videos tend to be).

Any problems with submitting or anything else, call or email me.

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