

WE HEARD THEY HAD FOUND IT IN EPHRATHAH

Responsorial Song from Psalm 132 for the Vigil of the Assumption
for Cantor, Assembly & Descant
with Keyboard, Percussion & Guitar

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*Go up to the place of your rest,
with the ark of your holiness.*

We heard they had found it in Ephrathah
in the fields by the forest they found it
We are called to the tent of God's dwelling
to bend low in profound adoration.

Your priests wear the robes of festivity,
and the people are singing and dancing
For the sake of King David, your covenant,
may no harm ever befall his kingdom.

Has God not found his dwelling with us
choosing Zion above other dwellings?
'Here on earth - Who-Are-We - measure',
make this our home - never desert us.

We had heard that the Ark had been found, in the district of Ephrathah, near Jaar; translated from Hebrew as the Fields-of-the-Forest, a village in the town of that area. This is a messianic psalm, about God's promise to be permanent, keeping the covenant steadfast to the Covenant. Relevant to this is that Bethlehem is also in the district of Ephrathah (Micah 5:1).

The core of the psalm is ancient, a temple song to celebrae the New Year Festival of Kingship. It is also found in 2 Chr 6:11 as the prayer of Solomon at the Dedication of the new temple in Jerusalem. This blessing was later applied to the autumnal Feast of Tabernacles. The focus of attention is the Ark as the visible sign of God's presence, housed in a tent, a reference to Israel's nomadic history, before it was brought in procession to the Church in the Temple.

- Tony Barr

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INTRO ♩ = ca. 64

Chords: G C G C G C G

REFRAIN *Psalmist/Cantor first time only*

Go up to the place of your rest, with the ark of your holiness.

Chords: G Am/G G Bm C Am7 D7sus4

♩ REFRAIN

Flute on selected Refrains

Go up to the place of your rest, with the ark of your holiness.

All

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VERSES Psalmist

1. We heard they found it in Eph - rat - hah in the
2. Your priests wear the turban for the Fes - ti - val, and the
3. Has God not found a pure dwelling to dwell with us choos - ing

1. fields by the stream - est found it. We are called to the tent of God's
2. peo - ple are singing and danc - ing. For the sake of King Da - vid, your
3. Zi - on a - bove all other moun - tains? "Here on earth, 'I - Who - Am - be - yond -

to Refrain

1. dwell - ing, to bend low in pro - found ad - o - ra - tion.
2. When, may no harm ev - er threat - en his king - dom.
3. "Here on earth, 'I - Who - Am - be - yond -