

Book of Psalms: Psalm 136

The Bible Harpist

The musical score for Psalm 136 is presented in a piano arrangement. It consists of six systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor), and the time signature is 3/4. Chord symbols are placed above and below the notes to indicate the harmonic structure. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and a triplet in the fifth system.

Chord symbols above the staff:

- System 1: E \flat , E \flat /B \flat , E \flat , B \flat , B \flat ⁷, D/F, A \flat
- System 2: E \flat , E \flat , Fm, Cm, B \flat ⁷
- System 3: B \flat , D/F, Cm, E \flat , Cm, Cm/E \flat , A \flat
- System 4: E \flat , A \flat , E \flat /G, E \flat , E \flat , E \flat /B \flat
- System 5: Fm/A \flat , B \flat , Fm/A \flat , Fm, E \flat , Fm, Fm⁷

Chord symbols below the staff:

- System 1: Cm, B \flat , E \flat , B \flat , E \flat /B \flat , Fm/A \flat , B \flat

42

D/F Fm Fm/A \flat Gm Fm D/F Fm⁷

E \flat Gm Fm B \flat ⁷ Fm⁷/A \flat B \flat ⁷

Detailed description: This system contains measures 42 through 48. The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). The upper staff features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, while the lower staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving bass lines. Chord symbols are placed above the upper staff and below the lower staff.

49

A \flat E \flat B \flat ⁷ A \flat Cm B \flat ⁷ E \flat /G

Detailed description: This system contains measures 49 through 54. The melodic line continues with eighth and quarter notes, and the bass line features a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the upper staff and below the lower staff.

55

E \flat /G E \flat Cm B \flat ⁷ E \flat

Detailed description: This system contains measures 55 through 61. The upper staff includes some complex chordal textures with multiple notes beamed together. The bass line continues with eighth-note accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the upper staff and below the lower staff.

62

Detailed description: This system contains measures 62 through 68. The music concludes with a final cadence. The upper staff has some rests and the lower staff has a final bass line. Chord symbols are not explicitly labeled in this system.