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Psalm 8

Anthem for Mixed Voices (SATB) and Organ

Psalm 8, *alt.*

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Majestically ♩ = c. 84

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of several systems. The first system shows the organ accompaniment with a guitar part (Gt.) marked *f* and *well marked*. The second system introduces the vocal parts: Soprano Alto (SA) and Tenor Bass (TB). The lyrics are: "O Lord, our Lord, how". The third system continues the organ accompaniment. The fourth system shows the vocal parts with lyrics: "how ex - cel -", "ex - cel - lent is thy name, — how ex - cel - lent, how ex - cel -", and "how ex - cel -". The fifth system continues the organ accompaniment.

9 lent is thy name!

unis.

lent is thy name! Who set thy glo - ry, thy glo - ry a - bove the

lent is thy name!

9

12

unis.

heav - ens. How ex - cel-lent, how ex - cel-lent, how ex - cel -

12

12

12

15

rit.

lent is thy name in all the earth!

15

15

rit.

15

18 *a little slower* *unis. mp espr.*

When I con - sid - er thy

18 *Sw. { mp a little slower*

21

heav - ens, cre - a - ted by thy — fin - gers, the

21

24 *mf*

moon — and stars, — which — thou — hast or -

24 *mp* *Gt. { mf*

the moon — and stars, —

27 *unis. f* *deliberately*

dained: What is man ——— that thou art mind - ful of

unis.

27

detached

legato

30 *rit.* *mf* *a tempo*

him, and the son of man ——— that thou cares ——— for him? Thou made him to have do -

30

rit. *mf* *a tempo*

33

min - ion, o - ver the works of thy hands ——— and put all things

33

Preferably unaccompanied

36 *rit.*

un - der his feet.

unis. mp

For

36 *rit.* Sw. { *mp*

39

thou, O Lord, — hast made him lit - tle low - er than — the

39

42 *unis. f*

and crowned him, and crowned him with

an - gels,

42 *f* Gt.

Gt.

45 *rit.* **ff** **Tempo I**
 glo - ry and hon - or. O Lord our

45 **Tempo I**
 [Add] **ff** *rit.*
legato

48 how
 Lord, how ex - cel - lent is thy name, how

48

51 ex - cel - lent
 ex - cel - lent, how ex - cel - lent is thy name in all the earth.

51 how ex - cel - lent