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Upon This Rock

SATB *a cappella* and Solo with opt. Shaker and Djembe/Conga Drums*

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① With rhythmic energy ♩ = ca. 80

The musical score is written for SATB choir and optional percussion. It begins with a 2/2 time signature and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The score is divided into three systems:

- System 1 (Measures 1-3):** Features a Shaker and Djembe or Conga Drums. The Shaker part consists of a steady eighth-note pattern. The Djembe part has a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note. Both parts are marked *mp*. The vocal staves (Soprano and Tenor) are silent.
- System 2 (Measures 4-6):** The vocal staves enter. The Soprano (SA) part is marked *mp* and ******. The Tenor (TB) part is also marked *mp*. The lyrics are: "You are the". The percussion continues with the same patterns as in System 1.
- System 3 (Measures 7-9):** The vocal staves continue with the lyrics: "Son, the Son". The Soprano part has a *cresc.* marking. The Tenor part also has a *cresc.* marking. The percussion continues with the same patterns, and the Djembe part has a *cresc.* marking.

*Part for Shaker and Djembe/Conga Drums is available as a free download. Visit www.lorenz.com and search "10/3906L".

**If performing without percussion instruments, Choir should begin at measure 5.

① indicates CD track number.

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10 *mf* *dim.*

of the liv - ing God.

mf *dim.*

mf *dim.*

13 *mp*

You are the Son,

mp

mp

16 2

the Son of God, the liv - ing

19 Solo *mp*

Up - on this rock

God. Rock, this rock,

Solo *mp*

22

cresc.

I'll build my church. Up - on this

cresc.

I'll build my church, my church. Up - on this

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

25

mf

rock I'll build my king -

mf

rock, this rock, I'll build my king - dom here.

mf

mf

mf

28

- dom on this earth. I'll build my

up - on this earth. I'll build, I'll build my

31 3

church up - on this rock,

church, my church up - on this rock, this rock,

34 end Solo

this sol - id rock. A few Sopranos
mf

Up - on this

this sol - id rock, this rock.

37

rock, I'll build my church.

Rock, this rock, I'll build my church, my church.

40

Up - on this rock I'll build my

Up - on this rock, this rock, I'll build my

43

king - dom on this earth.

king - dom here up - on this earth. I'll build,

46

I'll build my church up - on this

I'll build my church, my church up - on this