

For First Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, Arkansas,  
commemorating the tenth anniversary of the installation of the Casavant Organ, Op. 3791  
*Soli Deo gloria!*

## Psalm 146

### *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath*

SATBB and Organ

Man: Very Soft 8'  
Ped: 16', Man. to Ped.

Hal H. Hopson  
Isaac Watts; *alt.* John Wesley, *alt.*

Hal H. Hopson

Unhurried and expressive (♩ = ca. 66)

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass I

Bass II

Organ

Man.

*pp*

*pp*

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

Text: Psalm 146:1-2, *paraphrased* by Hal H. Hopson. Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, and written in 1719; *adapted* in 1737 by John Wesley, 1703-1791; *alt.* (PD).

Tune: Incorporating *OLD 113th*, attributed to Matthäus Greiter, ca. 1500-ca. 1550, and written in 1525 (PD).

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*pp*

Praise the Lord, — O my soul! —

*pp*

— hal - le - lu - jah, — hal - le - lu - jah, — hal - le - lu - jah, — hal - le - lu - jah, —

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I will praise the Lord as long as I live. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -

hal - le - lu - jah, — hal - le - lu - jah, — hal - le - lu - jah, —

19 **Tempo I** (♩ = ca. 66)

S  
A

T  
B

**Tempo I** (♩ = ca. 66)

22

*rit. Unison mf a tempo*

I'll praise my Mak - er while I've

*rit. Unison mf a tempo*

25

*Div.*

breath; and when my voice is lost in death, praise

*Div.*

28

shall em-ploy my no- bler pow'rs. My

*f*

31

days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be-ing

34

last, or im-mor-tal-i-ty en-dures.

63

peace, \_\_\_\_\_ God

and grants the pris - 'ner sweet re - lease.

66

helps the strang-er in dis - tress,

the wid - owed and the par - ent -

69

*rit.* *a tempo*

*rit.* *a tempo*

less. *a tempo*

*rit.* *mf* *f*

73

*rit.*

*a tempo*

*f*

I'll praise my Mak - er while I've

76

breath, and when my voice is lost in

79

death, praise shall em-ploy my no - bler

104

I will sing praise to the Lord all my life. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - jah, hal - le - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

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lu - jah, hal - le - lu jah. hal - le - lu jah. hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

*rit.* *dim.* *ppp*

*rit.* *dim.* *ppp*

*rit.* *dim.* *Div.* *ppp*

*rit.* *dim.* *ppp*

Ped.