



*Chancel Choir Series*

Anthems for Worship

# Break Thou the Bread of Life

Based on "*Break Thou the Bread of Life*"; text by  
Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913); tune, BREAD OF LIFE, attributed  
to William F. Sherwin (1826-1888).

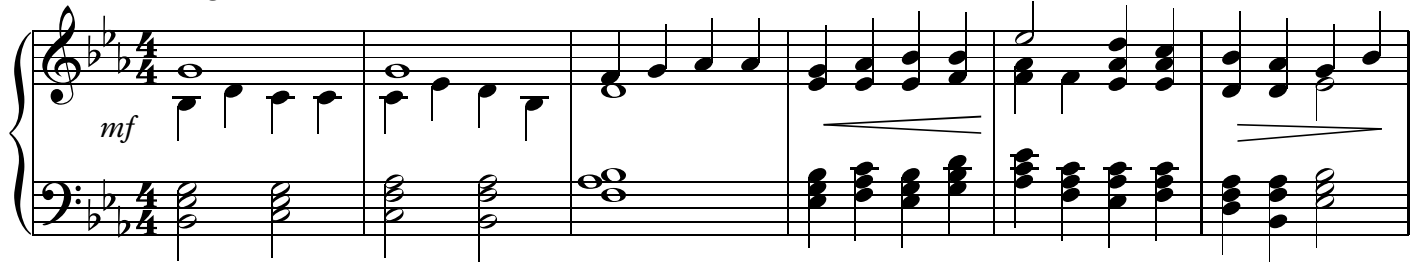
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SATB with Accompaniment

MARY A. LATHBURY

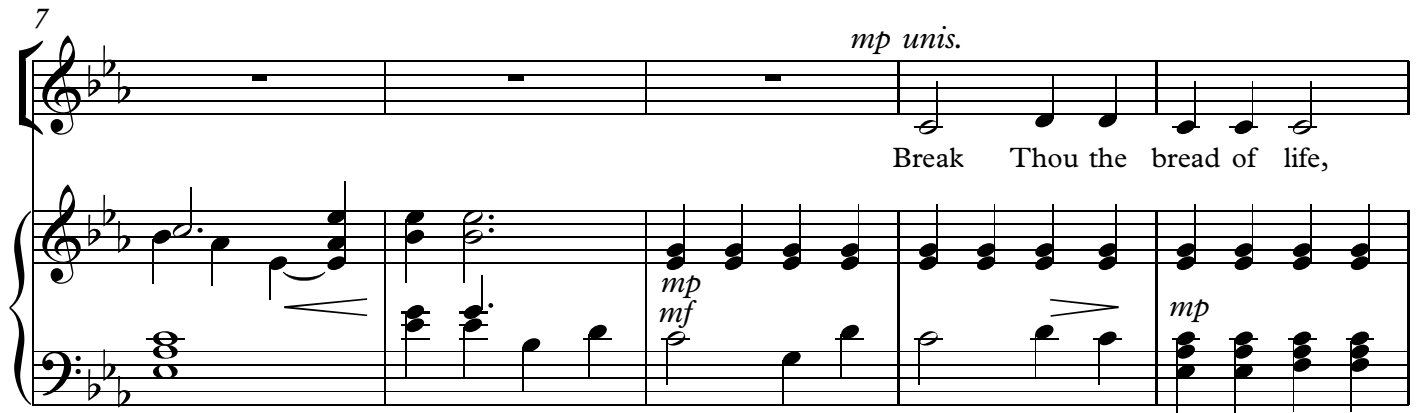
KENNETH POKANT

Adagio



mf

The piano introduction consists of six measures. The right hand plays a melodic line starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The left hand provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

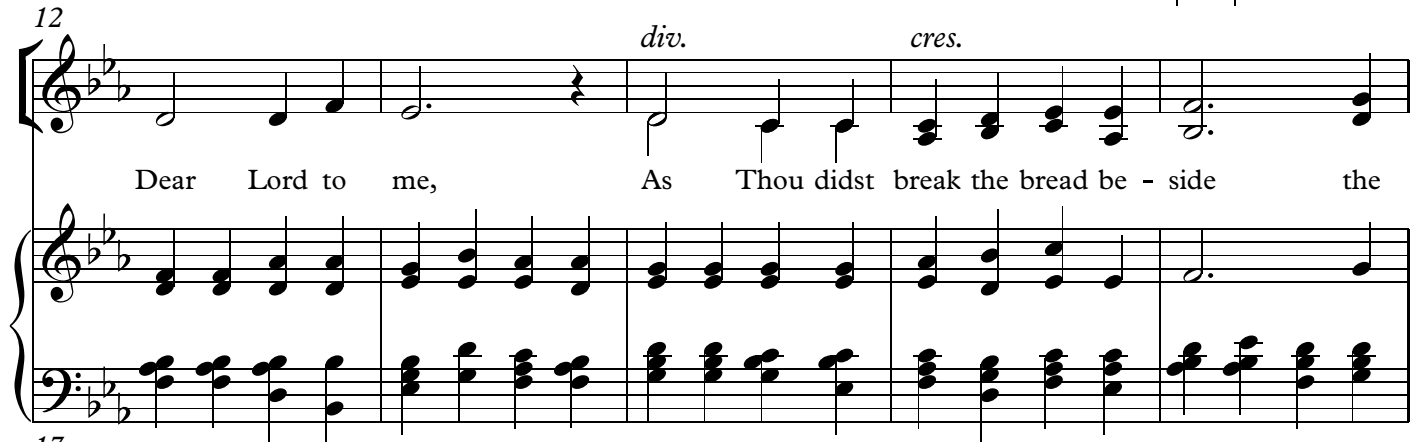


7 *mp unis.*

Break Thou the bread of life,

*mp*  
*mf*  
*mp*

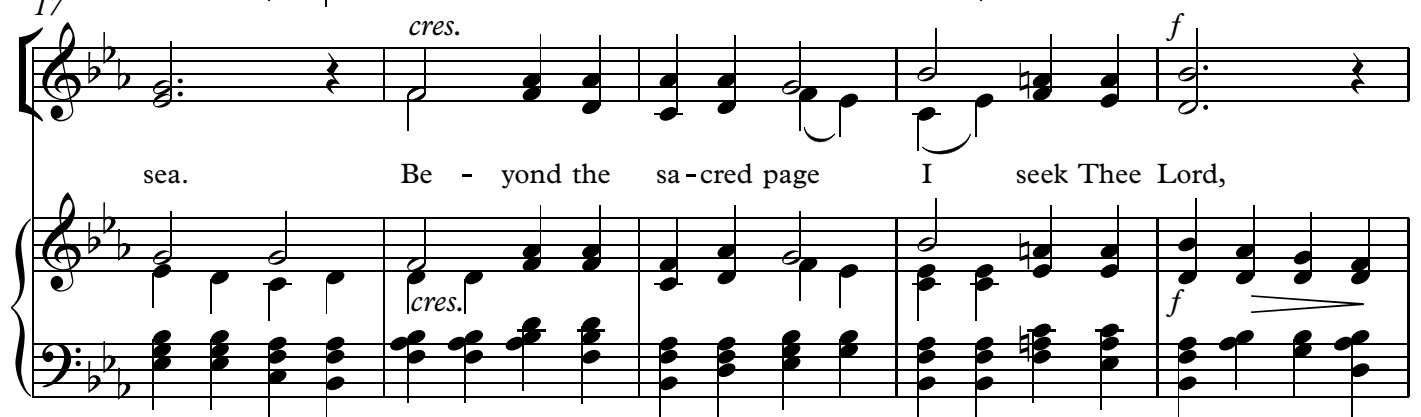
The vocal line begins at measure 7 with the lyrics "Break Thou the bread of life,". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. Dynamics include *mp unis.*, *mp*, *mf*, and *mp*.



12 *div.* *cres.*

Dear Lord to me, As Thou didst break the bread be - side the

The vocal line continues with the lyrics "Dear Lord to me, As Thou didst break the bread be - side the". The piano accompaniment features a *div.* (divisi) section. Dynamics include *div.* and *cres.*



17 *cres.* *f*

sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek Thee Lord,

*cres.* *f*

The vocal line concludes with the lyrics "sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek Thee Lord,". The piano accompaniment features a *cres.* section leading to a *f* (forte) section. Dynamics include *cres.* and *f*.

22 *mp*

my spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word.

27

Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord to me, as Thou didst

*mf*

32

break the bread be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page

37

I seek Thee Lord. My spir - it pants for Thee. O liv - ing

42

Word.

RH  
LH  
mp

47

*mp*

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as Thou didst

*mp*

52

bless the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,

57

all fet-ters fall, all fet - ters fall, and I shall find my peace,

62

my all in all. Break Thou the bread,

67

*f* *mf*

the bread of life, dear Lord, dear Lord, dear Lord, to me, to—

72

*mp* *molto rit.*

me. Break Thou the bread, the bread of life.

*molto rit.* *a tempo*