

## 32 | PSALM 66: LET ALL THE EARTH

### WHEN TO SING THIS SONG

This is one of the seasonal psalms for Easter. Appropriate for use any and all Sundays of Eastertime in all three years (A, B, and C), this song is particularly suitable for the Sixth Sunday of Easter in year A, as well as the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time in year C, when it is the psalm of the day.

### HOW TO SING THIS SONG

If an instrument is available, play the refrain through once, then the cantor or songleader intones it. I would recommend changing the initial pitch, "A," to a "D" (the same as the second note) for use with children. This should also be done for the built-in repetition of the phrase. After the cantor intones the refrain, all repeat it. The refrain can be sung without instrumental introduction or accompaniment, but the verses are most successful with piano or guitar accompaniment. If no one is capable of singing the verses, they may be recited. All sing the refrain once after each verse.

### MOVEMENT AND GESTURES

For "Let all the earth," children could hold hands, or extend hands at their sides, palms upward. At "cry out," all raise hands high, where they remain for "in joy to the Lord." This is all repeated.

### BACKGROUND TO THIS SONG

Psalms 66 is an exuberant song of praise and wonder at God's glory. Moreover, this all-powerful God intervenes in our lives and saves us! The Jews recognized this over and over in the ways that God saved them from utter destruction, such as at their escape from Egypt through the Red Sea. Christians experience it most clearly in the resurrection of Christ.

Keyboard accompaniment to the song can be found in the accompaniment volumes of "Gather Comprehensive," published by GIA Publications, Inc. If you wish to photocopy the music in this book, contact GIA for reprint permission.

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## Refrain

D/F# Gmaj7 Bm7 Am7 Dmaj7 Am7

Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord;

Fmaj7 GADD9 F#m7 Bm7 Em7 Cmaj7

Let all the earth cry out in joy to the

1.-3. Fmaj7 ASUS4 A Last time Fmaj7 ASUS4 A Dmaj7 Am7 Fmaj7 GADD9 D  
To verses rit.

Lord! Lord! to the Lord!

## Verses

Bm F#m Em7 A7

1. Cry out in joy to the Lord, all peo - ples on  
2. Lead - ing your peo - ple safe through fire and  
3. Hearn - en to me as I sing my love of the

Dmaj9 D Fmaj7 Em7 ASUS4 A

earth, sing to the praise of God's name,  
wa - ter, bring - ing their souls to life,  
Lord, who an - swers the prayer of my heart.

Bbmaj7 Gm7

pro - claim - ing for - ev - er,  
we sing of your glo - ry,  
God leads me in safe - ty,

Em7b5 ASUS4 A D.C.

"tre men - dous your deeds for us." Oh  
your love is e - ter - nal. Oh  
from death un - to life. Oh