

Break Thou the Bread of Life

from

Sunday Morning



Traditional Communion Service Music
with Psalms, Hymns & Anthems

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Mary A. Lathbury, 1877; alt.

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First system of musical notation for the piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo is marked as *mp* (mezzo-piano) with a quarter note equal to 100 (♩ = 100). The first measure includes a dynamic marking of *mp* and a performance instruction "SW.: Str. 8'". The music consists of chords and melodic lines in both hands, with a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure of the treble clef.

Second system of musical notation for the piano accompaniment, starting at measure 6. It continues the accompaniment with chords and melodic lines in both hands, including a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure of the treble clef.

Third system of musical notation, starting at measure 12. It includes the first line of lyrics: "1. Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and melodic lines in both hands.

Fourth system of musical notation, starting at measure 15. It includes the second line of lyrics: "Thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea; Be - yond the sa - cred". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and melodic lines in both hands.

Fifth system of musical notation, starting at measure 18. It includes the third line of lyrics: "page I seek Thee, Lord; My spir - it pants for Thee, O Liv - ing Word!". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and melodic lines in both hands.

Interlude (Optional--or, the organist may improvise freely between hymn verses)

23 ♩ = 50 CH.: Fl. 4' & 8', Sw. to Ch.8'

PED.: Sw. to Ped. 8', Soft 16'

27

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SW.

CH.

(May be sung in the 4-part setting of Verse 1)

35 $\text{♩} = 100$

2. Bless Thou the truth, Dear Lord, Now un - to me, As

SW.

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Thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee; Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters

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fall; And I shall find my peace, My All in All.