

Amazing Day
Rebecca Thompson

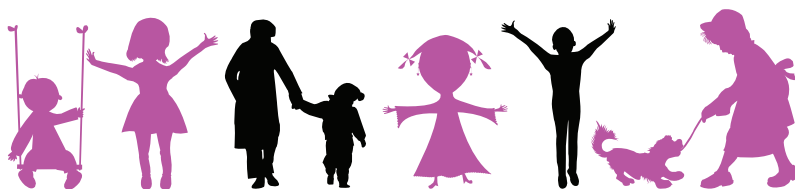
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Unison/two-part with piano and
optional handbells or handchimes



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Rebecca Thompson's original song, "Amazing Day," will delight your singers. Children will quickly absorb the infectious melody and be willing to work diligently for the crisp diction that makes the rhythm sparkle. The contrasting sections lend variety and give opportunity to teach about musical articulation. More advanced choristers may practice ringing the handbell line and singing the melody simultaneously.

The dancelike melody reflects genuine thankfulness for God's gift of a new day. Equally effective as a joyful call to worship or a song of thanksgiving, the congregation will worship with your singers as they share this prayer of praise together.

Heather Potter
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Worship Connections

Amazing Day makes a perfect Introit at the beginning of worship. Since the anthem is brief, it can be extended. Below are two possible ideas for integrating this anthem into your worship service.

Introduce this anthem with Scripture texts.

Psalm 85 and Psalm 30, adapted by Rebecca Thompson

Before each statement, play the handbell/handchime cluster (m. 1) for added exuberance.

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| Chorister 1: | O Lord, you visit the earth and water it.
You provide the people with grain.
You crown the year with your bounty. |
| Chorister 2: | The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
The valleys deck themselves with grain. |
| Choristers 1 and 2: | They shout and sing together for joy! |
| Chorister 3: | O Lord my God, I cried to you for help and you have
healed me.
You have turned my mourning into dancing. |
| Chorister 4: | You have clothed me with joy so that my soul may praise
you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. |

Follow the anthem with a hymn of praise in the same or a related key.

A well-crafted segue into the hymn allows the congregation to join your choristers in exuberant praise and thanksgiving for this amazing day. Some hymn tune possibilities include: DUKE STREET, NETTLETON, LASST UNS ERFREUEN, HYMN TO JOY.

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3 octaves
Handbells or handchimes used: 6



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Joyfully (♩ = 120)

Handbells

Piano

f

f

no pedal

Handbells/handchimes
(second time only)

6

mp

mf

Thank you, God,— for this a - maz - ing day.— Thank you, God,— for

mp

A handbell/handchime part is printed on page 8.

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