Alleluia, alleluia; boundless in joy

Psalm 111

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With a light swing



Although the alternating time signature may look worrying, its underlying pulse is similar to that in Leonard Bernstein's "America" (West Side Story).



- 1 Alleluia, alleluia;
 Boundless in joy with one accord
 Choirs and congregations all,
 Daily rejoicing, praise the Lord.
 Ever before us is his might
 Filling our senses with delight.
- 2 Glory and grandeur mark his deeds: His righteousness forever stands. Imprinted on our minds, we see Justice and peace flow from his hands, Keeping his covenant that he Lavished on us so graciously.
- 3 Manifest are his mighty acts,
 Nations are his to predispose.
 Ordered and faithful are his paths,
 Perfect the precepts he bestows.
 Questionless is his word, and sure:
 Righteousness his for evermore.
- 4 Saving redemption he provides;
 Timeless, his covenant endures.
 Unendingly his love abides,
 Vouchsafing all his grace assures.
 Wisdom begins in awe of God:
 eXtol the honour of the Lord.

Coda

You are our God! We evermore Zealously sing: alleluia.

The Hebrew text is alphabetic acrostic, 22 lines, reflecting a complete, all-encompassing trust. That same "A to Z" principle is conserved in this close paraphrase into our alphabet of 26 letters. (Alas, a viable X-word is a stretch too far.)