

## Psalm 108

### St Alban's Church Bristol

Evensong Sunday September 7th 2008

*Hymns from Common Praise (Large print copies are available)*

Opening hymn	621 Who would true valour see
Psalm	108
Hymn	478 In heavenly love
Canticles	Noble in B Minor
Anthem	How lovely are thy dwellings fair (Brahms)
Hymn	466 How shall I sing that majesty
Closing hymn	20 Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise

The composer of the canticles, Thomas Tertius Noble ( 1867–1953) was an English-born organist and composer, resident in the United States for the latter part of his career.

How lovely are thy dwellings fair - Johannes Brahms (1833 - 1897)

This version of the words is a translation from the German of the gloriously hopeful chorus from Brahms' German Requiem:-

How lovely are thy dwellings fair, O Lord of Hosts.  
My soul ever longeth and fainteth sore for the blest courts of the Lord;  
my heart and flesh do cry to God, cry to the living God.  
Blest are they that in Thy house are dwelling, they ever praise Thee, O Lord.

O GOD my heart is ready my | heart is | ready:  
I will sing and give praise with the best | member | that I | have.  
2 Awake thou | lute and | harp:  
I mys |elf • will a | wake right |early.

3 I will give thanks unto thee O Lord a | mong the | people :  
I will sing praises unto | thee a | mong the | nations.  
4 For thy mercy is greater | than the | heavens  
and thy truth | reacheth | unto • the | clouds.

5 Set up thyself O God a | bove the | heavens :  
and thy | glory a • bove | all the | earth.  
6 That thy beloved may | be de | livered:  
let thy right hand | save them • and | hear thou | me.

7 God hath spoken | in his | holiness :  
I will rejoice therefore and divide Sichem and mete | out the | valley • of | Succoth.  
8 Gilead is mine and Ma | nasses • is | mine:  
Ephraim also is the | strength of |my | head.

9 Judah is my law-giver, Moab | is my | wash-pot :  
over Edom will I cast out my shoe; upon Phi| listia | will I | triumph.  
10 Who will lead me into the | strong | city:  
and who will | bring me | into | Edom?

11 Hast not thou forsaken | us O | God :  
and wilt not thou O | God go | forth • with our | hosts?  
12 O help us a | gainst the | enemy :  
For vain is • the | help of | man.

2nd part 13 Through God we shall | do great | acts:  
and it is he that | shall tread | down our | enemies.

Glory | be • to the | Father;  
and to the Son,  
|and • to the | Holy | Ghost:  
As it was in the be | ginning • is | now:  
And ever shall be, | world with •out |end A| men.