

# THE BLESSING OF LIFE FOREVERMORE

## *Psalm 133*

How good and pleasant it is when sisters and brothers live in unity!  
- *Psalm 133.1*

Psalm Synopsis: It's pure joy when people live in harmony together.

Place in worship: Holy Communion, Prayer, Preaching

Seasons for use: RCL- Pentecost A10alt, Easter 2B, Pentecost 4B  
Celebrating community on special occasions

### *Songleader's notes:*

- Psalm 133 is the thirteenth of fourteen "Psalms of Ascents," songs for pilgrimage to Mount Zion. Picture people hiking and singing as they travel to the most wonderful place they know.
- The first simile for community (133.2) is anointing oil dripping down Aaron's beard. Oil represents lavish hospitality and joy, as ordaining the head of their beloved priest Aaron.
- The second simile (133.3) is that of dew from Mount Hermon falling on Mount Zion. Since geographically Mount Hermon and Mount Zion are a good 120 miles apart, the expression brilliantly describes the ingathering range of God's family.
- In the psalm, the blessing of "life forevermore" has nothing to do with agreeing on politics or theology. It doesn't mention sin and redemption. In Psalm 133, the greatest blessing of God is living together as a colorful, creative community.

LOVE  
STANDS  
WITH

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The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and common time (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at the beginning of each measure. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The score is divided into four systems, with measure numbers 4, 8, and 12 marked at the beginning of their respective systems. The final measure of the fourth system ends with a double bar line.

D C G C D C

The bles-sing of life for-ev-er - more, — the bles-sing of life for-ev-er -

4 Em C D C G C D C

more. The bles-sing of life for-ev-er - more, — the bles-sing of life for-ev-er -

8 Em Am7 F D/F# Am7 D/F#

more. — Lav - ish hos-pi - tal - i - ty, — bles-sings cros-sing bor - ders. —  
When we live in har-mo - ny, — wal the plan - et as friends,

12 G C Am7 F D/F# Am7 D/F# C

— Strang-er, friend, and fam - i - ly — claim-ing one a - noth-er. —  
— all of us in u - ni-ty, — cel - e - brat-ing diff - 'rence.

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