

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

34-j. Communion (C)

Be not sad, for the joy of the Lord is our strength

2 Esdras 8: 10; Psalm 81

1. a Go, eat rich meat, and drink sweet wine,  
b\* This is a holy day in honor of the Lord;  
2\* a Re - rejoice in honor of God our help;  
b\* Take up a melody and sound the tim - brel,  
3. a For this is law in Is - ra - el,  
b\* I am the Lord, your God,  
4. a "O that my people were to hear me,  
b\* I would have fed them with fi - nest wheat,

1. a and send portions to those who have nothing pre - pared for them - selves.  
b\* be not sad, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
2. a shout with joy to the God of Ja - cob.  
b\* the sweet sound of the harp and of the lyre.  
3. a a commandment of the God of Ja - cob:  
b\* who brought you from the land of E - gypt."  
4. a if Israel were to walk in my ways!  
b\* and satisfied them with hon - ey from the rock."

\* Alternate SATB setting: "b" part of verses

1b. This is a holy day in honor of the Lord; be not sad, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
2b. Take up a melody and sound the timbrel; the sweet sound of the harp and of the lyre.  
3b. I am the Lord, your God, who brought you from the land of E - gypt."  
4b. I would have fed them with fi - nest wheat, and satisfied them with hon - ey from the rock."