

From the cantata *Christ, the Crucified* (55/1025S)

Before the Cross of Jesus

Anthem for SATB, SSA Trio, Opt. Congregation and Organ

Ferdinand Q. Blanchard, 1929

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Based on ST. CHRISTOPHER

by Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

Flowing gently ♩ = c. 69
mf Solo 8'

mp Sw. Str., Fl. 8, 4

No Ped. Sw. *rit.*
Ped. Light 16,8

5 *SS** *mp* *a tempo*

Be - fore the cross of Je - sus our - lives are judged, to -

*A** our - lives are judged, are

a tempo

9 *mf*

day; The mean - ing - of our ea - ger strife is

judged to - day;

mp

*Or three solo voices.

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12 *mp*

test - ed — by — his Way. A - cross our rest - less liv - ing the —

16 *mf*

light streams from his cross, ——— and by its clear, — re - veal-ing beams we

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20 SA *mp*

meas - ure, gain and loss.

TB *unis. mf*

The hopes that lead us on - ward, the

23

fears that hold us back, our will to dare great

26 *unis. mf*

unis. the things for God, the cour - age that we lack,

29

faith we keep in good - ness, our love, as low — or

rit.

32

pure, *unis.*

pure, on all, the judge - ment of the cross falls

rit. Gt. {Full 8, 4

35

(+ Opt. Cong.) *unis. f* **Broadly**

Yet hum - bly, in our striv - ing, O *unis.*

stead - y, clear, and sure.

Broadly

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God, we face its test; we crave the pow'r to