

Four Offertories

for baritone voice and piano

- I. Psalm 84
- II. Matthew 11
- III. Zephaniah 3
- IV. Psalm 85

8 minutes

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Program Note:

I.

Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young, at your altars,  
O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!  
(Psalm 84)

II.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle, and you will  
find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.  
(Matthew 11)

III.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst; he will renew you with his love.  
He will exult over you with loud singing as on a festival day.  
(Zephaniah 3)

IV.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Yes, the Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before them,  
and make their footsteps a way.

(Psalm 85)