

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Choral Reading for SATB, with spoken solos

TENOR SOLO

For I do not want you to be *ignorant* of the fact,

ALL

brothers and sisters,

TENOR

that our ancestors were *all* under the cloud and that they *all* passed through the sea.

TENOR and ALTO

They were all *baptized* into Moses in the *cloud* and in the *sea*.

ALTO

They all *ate* the same spiritual food and *drank* the same spiritual drink;

ALTO and SOPRANO

for they drank from the spiritual *rock* that accompanied them,

ALL

and that rock was *Christ*.

BASS

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them;

BASS and SOPRANO

their bodies were scattered [repeat in a scattered way]

SOPRANO

in the wilderness.

SOPRANO SOLO

Now these things occurred as *examples* to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.

SOPRANO

Do not be *idolaters*,

SOPRANO SOLO

as some of them were; as it is written:

TENOR and ALTO

The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

ALTO

We should not commit sexual immorality,

ALTO SOLO

as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.

TENOR

We should not test Christ,

TENOR SOLO

as some of them did—and were killed by snakes.

BASS

And do not grumble,

BASS SOLO

as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

ALTO SOLO

These things happened to them as examples

ALTO

and were written down as warnings for us,

ALTO SOLO

on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

BASS SOLO

So, if you think you are standing firm,

ALL

be careful that you don't fall!

TENOR

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to humankind.

ALL

And God is faithful;

SOPRANO and BASS

God will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.

SOPRANO SOLO

But *when* you are tempted,

ALL

God will also provide a way out so that you can *endure* it.
The Word of the Lord!

CONGREGATION

Thanks be to God!