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Venite

Psalm 95 (vv. 1-7)

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1. Sing a rou - sing song to the Lord; shout tri um - phant - ly to our
 2. He the Lord Our God is so great, o - ver o - ther gods a great
 3. His the see - thing sea which he made; his the dry land, work of his
 4. He is Chief - tain, we are his clan; he is shep - herd, we are his

1. Rock. Come in - to his pre - sence with praise;
 2. king, earth's far cor - ners rest in his hands;
 3. hands. Come, we'll throw our - selves at his feet,
 4. flock. This day you shall know his great power

1. raise a vic - t'ry song to his name.
 2. he holds firm the folds of the hills.
 3. fall be - fore our ma - ker and Lord.
 4. if you turn your ear to his voice.

ANTIPHON

Sing a rous - ing song to the Lord;

second version

Sing a rou-sing song to the Lord;— shout tri-um phant-ly to our Rock.—

Come in - to his pre-sence with praise;— raise a vic-t'ry song to his

ANTIPHON

name. *Sing a rous-ing song to the Lord.*

ANTIPHON:

Sing a rousing song to the Lord

2

He the Lord our God is so great,
over other gods a great king;
earth's far corners rest in his hands;
he holds firm the folds of the hills.

3

His the seething sea which he made;
his the dry land, work of his hands.
Come, we'll throw ourselves at his feet,
fall before our maker and Lord.

4

He is Chieftain, we are his clan;
he is shepherd, we are his flock.
This day you shall know his great power
if you turn your ear to his voice.

Jubilate

Psalm 100

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1. With joy greet the Lord all you peo - ple,
 2. Know sure - ly the Lord is our God;
 3. Pro - cess through his gates with thanks - giv - ing
 4. Give God your thanks - giv - ing and bless - ing,

1. and wor - ship our God with great glad - ness;
 2. for we are his own and he made us;
 3. and en - ter his courts sing - ing prais - es,
 4. whose good - ness and love live for ev - er,

1. ec - sta - tic with song, seek his pres - ence.
 2. his peo - ple, the flock which he shep - herds.
 3. with prai - ses pass in - to his pre - sence.
 4. whose faith - ful - ness thrives through all a - ges.

ANTIPHON

A - le - lu - ia!

Zechariah's Song (Benedictus)

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Luke 1.68-79

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The Lord, the God of Is - ra - el, be blessed, who comes to set his
 peop - le free. A migh - ty sa - viour he has raised for
 us des - cen - ded from his ser - vant Da - vid's tree.

2

Through prophets long ago he promised us
 that we should fear no enemy.
 The mercy shown our fathers still is ours,
 this ancient treaty our tranquility.

3

This covenant he made with Abraham
 who promised in return that we
 would serve him fearlessly and worship him
 in purity of heart eternally.

4

And you, my child, will go before the the Lord
 for you, his prophet and his kin,
 will pave the way by leading us to know
 salvation through forgiveness of our sin.

5

Because the heart of God treats tenderly
 the dawn of heaven shall break and bless
 all those in dark despair or nearing death
 and guide our feet on paths of peacefulness.

Song of Mary

(St. Luke Ch. 1 vv. 46-55)

Voice

1. Sing, my_ soul, the great-ness of God; praise, my spi - rit, the
 2. From this_ day, in age af-ter age, peop-le will tell of the
 3. Pure his_ name, and sure is the care shown to those in each

Voice

1. one who has raised me; he has looked on me lov - ing - ly,
 2. fa - vour he's shown me. He so won - der - f'ly trea - ted me,
 3. age who re - vere him. Deeds he does for the world to see

Voice

1. on my hu - mi - li - ty. _____
 2. God the Al - migh - ty. _____
 3. show his strength migh - ti - ly. _____

vv. 1,2,7 v. 3

Faster

Voice

4. He roots out the ar - ro - gant hear - ted and
 5. He rai - ses the meek and the hum - ble and
 6. He packs off the rich emp - ty hand - ed and

Voice

ru - lers re - moves from their thrones; (repeat v. 1)
 puts down the power - ful and proud;
 nur - tures the poor with good things.

vv. 4,5 *v. 6* *d.c. al*

1. In the be - gin - ning was the Word and the Word was with God and the
 2. In him cre - a - tion came a - live with his life; and that life is the
 3. In - to this hu - man world he came but the world, though it owed him its
 4. No one has e - ver seen our God but the Son knows his heart and has

1. Word was ___ God. Through him all things came to ___ be;
 2. light of ___ all. Light still shi - ning through the ___ night,
 3. life, turned a - way. Those who come to him as the light
 4. made him ___ known. Mo - ses gave the Jews the ___ Law;

1. noth - ing was cre - a - ted with - out him.
 2. dark - ness now de - fea - ted and dy - ing. *You are the king on the*
 3. have, through him, the rights of God's chil - dren.
 4. grace and truth were gi - ven by Je - sus.

day of your birth _____ light from light you are be - got - ten,

dew from the womb of the break of day. 1.2.3. *last time*

Song of Simeon

(Nunc Dimittis)

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1. Now, Mas - ter, let your ser - vant go in peace;
 2. For I have lived to see with my own eyes
 3. the light of truth for those who don't be - lieve,
 4. Give glo - ry to the Fa - ther and the Son

1. To - day your pro - mise has at last come true.
 2. the li - be - ra - tion all the world will knw;
 3. the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 4. who, with the Spi - rit, live for e - ver one.

The Beatitudes

1. How hap - py are those who know they need God:___
2. How hap - py are those whose spi - rit is gen - tle:
3. How hap - py are those who show oth - ers mer - cy
4. How hap - py are those who know per - se - cu - tion
5. How hap - py are those who, fol - low - ing Je - sus,

for theirs is the king - dom;
the earth they'll in - her - it;
for they shall know mer - cy;
for theirs is the king - dom;
bear in - sults and brui - ses;

1. how hap - py are those who drink sor - row's cup:
2. how hap - py are those who thirst af - ter right:
3. how hap - py are those whose hearts re - main pure:
4. how hap - py are those who live to make peace:
5. ac - cept with great joy the fate of the pro -

they shall find con - so - la - tion.
they shall find sa - tis - fac - tion.
God will grant them to see him.
God will call them his child - ren.
phets: re - ward lies in hea - ven.

Buddhist Blessings

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from the Kuddada-Patha and Sutta Nipta

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Unison

To for - sake the fool - ish and foll - ow the wise; to

hon - our those wor - thy of hon - our.

Harmony

This is the great - est bless - ing.

2
To live rightly, helping one's neighbours and friends
pursuing a peaceful vocation:
this is the greatest blessing.

3
To be meek, long-suffering, hating all wrong,
untiring in works of compassion:
this is the greatest blessing.

4
To be patient under correction, and meek,
to act in full love with true virtue:
this is the greatest blessing.

5
To be humble, wonder-filled, grateful, content,
restraining desire for a pure heart:
this is the greatest blessing.

6
To lead simple lives in a beautiful land,
reflecting on selfless examples:
this is the greatest blessing.

Live Joyfully

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from the Dhammapada

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Voice

1. Let us live joy - ful - ly _____ lov - ing a - mong those who hate. _____
 2. Let us live joy - ful - ly _____ peace - ful a - mongst those who fight. _____
 3. Let us live joy - ful - ly _____ though we call no - thing our own. _____
 4. Let us live joy - ful - ly. _____ O - ver - come an - ger with love; _____

Voice

— With those who hate let us live in love. _____
 — With those who fight let us live in peace. _____
 — Like gods of light let us live in joy. _____
 — face false - hoods charms with the light of truth. _____

Voice

— Ne - ver does hate con - quer hate, _____ hate is con - quered by
 — Sin - ning seems sweet to the fool _____ 'till re - ac - tion brings
 — Health is a pearl with - out price _____ and con - tent - ment great
 — O - ver - come e - vil with good. _____ From the lit - tle you

Voice

love. _____ This is the gol - den
 pain. _____ Bit - ter the fruits of
 wealth. _____ Joy is to love in
 have _____ give to the one who

Voice

rule, the law of the Spi - rit. _____
 wrong, the fool must con - sume them. _____
 trust and bliss is the kingdom. _____
 asks and en - ter God's pre - sence. _____

Song of God

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from the Bhagavad Gita

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Voice

The pil - grim on the path_ to God walks

Voice

fear - less - ly, is pure_ in heart, for

Voice

wis - dom sear - ches cease - less - ly.

2
controls all passion, freely gives,
explores the scriptures tirelessly
and sets their sense to daily life;

3
is humble, truthful, even-tempered,
harming neither man nor beast,
renouncing things that others prize;

4
is tranquil-minded, tender-tongued,
compassionate to those who suffer,
gentle, modest, free from greed;

5
is free from false activity,
committed to the higher self,
forgiving and enduring all;

6
is pure and free in mind and deed
from hate or pride. Such are the marks
of those who take the path to God.

Song of Mohammed

Adapted from the *Koran*
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Praise be to God the Lord of the U - ni - verse, the Mer - ci -

ful, the Com-pas-sion - ate, the one who tries us on Judge-ment Day.

Repeat 3 times for v.1,3,4,5 and four times for v.2

1. It is you whom we wor - ship and you whom we ask for help.
Let us see the right path - way, the way of you fav - oured ones,
not of those who cause an - ger and those who have gone a - stray.

2

In the Lord of the sunrise
I shelter from evil ways;
from the evil of envy
which poisons the jealous heart.
In the Lord of the people
I shelter from whispering lips,
he who furitvely whispers
and troubles the people's hearts.

4

For he found you an orphan
and see how he sheltered you!
for he found you were straying
and see how he guided you!
for he found you were needy
and see how your hands are full.

3

By the white of the forenoon
and black of the brooding night
know the Lord has not left you
nor looks on your face with hate.
He, the Lord, will reward you
and you shall be satisfied.

5

When you look on the orphan
refrain from severity;
when you look on the beggar
refrain from abusive words;
when you know the Lord's blessing
declare it unceasingly.