

Othona Psalms - guitar version

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1. The Two Ways

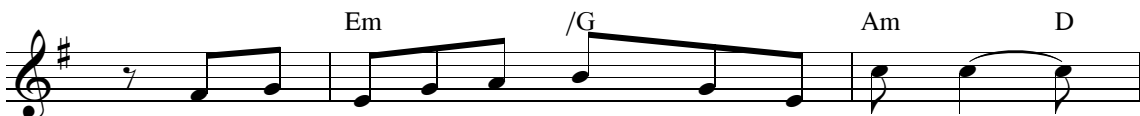
Psalm 1

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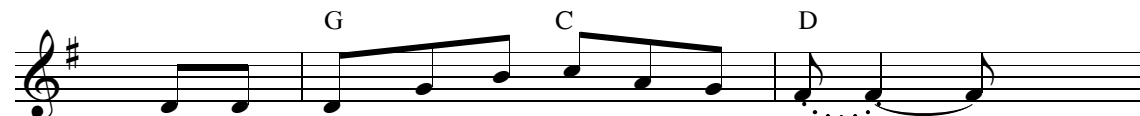
1. How hap - py are those who ig - nore the ad - vice of the wic - ked,
2. They thrive like the tree that is plan - ted by fresh run - ning wa - ter,
3. How un - like the wic - ked who are dri - ven like dust by the storm wind,



1. who keep clear of the high - roads of sin - ners,
2. that will yield up ripe fruit in due sea - son,
3. who will crum - ble when sum - moned for judge - ment,



1. who re - fuse to be sul - lied by scep - tics
2. that bears leaves that stay green and won't wi - ther.
3. for our God will bless those who are righ - teous



1. but de - light in the law of the Lord
2. They are fruit - ful in e - v'ry en - dea - vour
3. and show fa - vour to those who are faith - ful,



1. and con - si - der it night _____ and day.
2. and suc - ceed in their e - v'ry deed.
3. while the wic - ked will cease _____ to be.

2. God and His Son

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Psalm 2

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1. Why do the na - tions noise re - bel - lion? Why do the peo - ple plot re - volt?
2. High on his throne God heaves with laugh - ter, his fin - ger picks them out in fun.
3. 'Let me pro - claim the word of God — who, with this charge, made me his son:
4. 'You kings and lea - ders heed my war - ning: wor - ship the Lord in fear and awe.



1. Ru - lers are puffed with self - im - por - tance, lea - ders and led de - sert the Lord.
2. Then he ad - dres - ses them in an - ger, strikes ter - ror with his fu - rious rage:
3. "You are my son and I your fa - ther; ask, and all na - tions shall be yours;
4. Trem - ble and kiss his feet for he may wipe you a - way in ri - sing rage,



1. 'Come, let us break the chains that bind us; come, let us
2. 'This is the king whom I have cho - sen to sit on
3. rule with an ir - on rod these peop - le or shat - ter
4. for he may quick - ly blaze with an - ger. Hap - py are



1. free us from this rule!' *Hap - py are those who trust in God!*
2. Zi - on's ho - ly hill.'
3. them like pots of clay.'"'
4. those who trust in God!'

3. Song Before Sleep

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Psalm 4

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F Gm⁷ Am

An - swer me, Lord, when I call. You who

Dm C F vv. 2,4,6

free me from an - guish have mer - cy and hear me. (How)

2

How / long will your hearts remain closed,
you who chase after trifles
and run after lies.

3

Love will respond to love's call;
when I cry out you hear me
and answer my plea.

4

Let / anger not lead you to sin;
let your mind become still
before sleep overwhelms you.

5

Where is true happiness found?
ask the many who long for
the light of your face.

6

I've / tasted a joy that outshines
the delights of your dinners,
your wines and your wealth.

7

Peaceful, I lie down to sleep
for you keep me in safety
and free me from fear.

Verses are addressed alternately to God and to man.

4. Morning Song

Psalm 5

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C Am F G

Hear me when I call, my lov - ing Lord,

F C F G C

and lis - ten to these pleas that lie out - poured.

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C Am F C

Hear me when I call, my lov - ing Lord.

2

Hear my morning prayer, my sunrise cry;
I watch for you, desiring some reply.

3

Arrogance and evil you despise
in those who deal in death and blood and lies.

4

Loving me, receive me as your guest.
I bow my head in awe, my pride suppressed.

5

Keep me from the plots oppressors make
and point me to the path that I should take.

6

Lies lie on their lips, their throats are graves
the smooth talk from their honeyed tongues depraves.

7

Let their snares not trap the trusting heart
but they themselves fall victim to their art.

8

Those you shelter raise a thankful voice;
let all who love your holy name rejoice.

5. Creature Sings to Creator

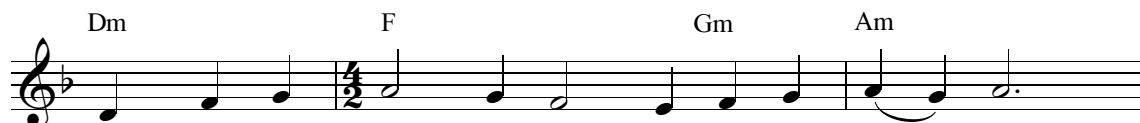
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Psalm 8

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1. Cre - a - tor, through the earth your name is great,
2. When I sur - vey the skies, your han - di - work,
3. You made me lit - tle low - er than the gods
4. all sheep and cat - tle, wild and fierce-some beasts,



1. your ma - jes - ty is praised a - bove the hea - ven.
2. in which the moon and stars dis - play your art,_____
3. and crowned my head with glo - ry and with ho - nour.
4. fine fea - thered birds, and fish from sprat to skate,_____



1. The wis - dom of the child, the ba - by's cry
2. I won - der why you keep me in your mind
3. You made me stew - ard o - ver all your works
4. with seals and whales and mon - sters of the deep.



1. re - buke the migh - ty, teach your foes a les - son.
2. and bear this child of A - dam in your heart.____
3. and to my care en - trus - ted ev - 'ry crea - ture.
4. Cre - a - tor, through the earth your name is great.____

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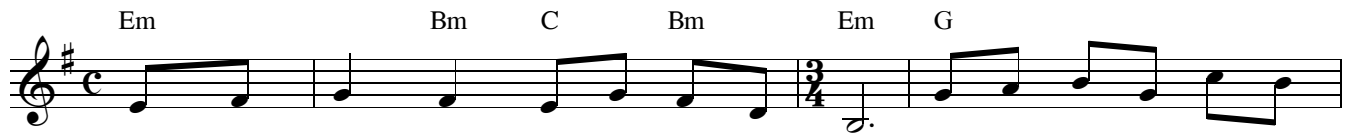
Through the earth your name is great.

6. An End to Lies

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Psalm 12

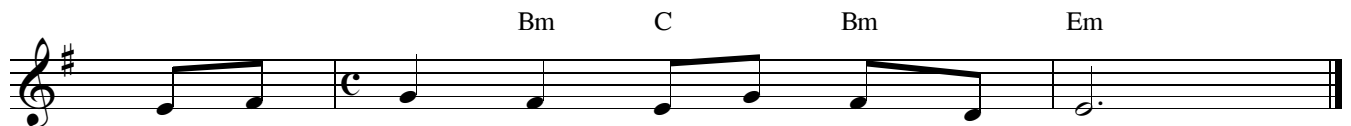
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1. To our aid, Lord, lo - yal - ty has fled; bro - ther keeps bad faith with
 2. End these lies, Lord, smo - ther their smooth lips; te - ther tongues that tend to
 3. 'I, the Lord, will rise to cries of pain; those op - pressed by ex - ploi -
 4. Pure words, Lord, re - fined like pu - rest gold! From an e - vil age pro -

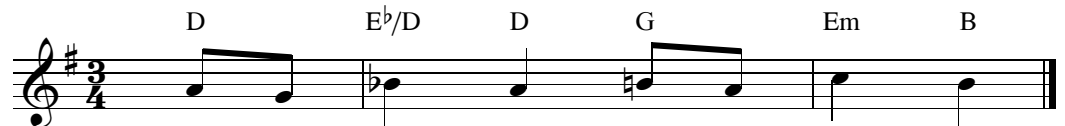


1. bro - ther peop - le lie to one a - no - ther
 2. boas - ting, those who say, 'With speech so spark - ling,
 3. -ta - tion, those who groan for li - be - ra - tion,
 4. -tect us, wic - ked - ness is rife a - round us



1. ma - king smooth talk with their dou - ble tongues.
 2. words our wea - pon, who can mas - ter us?
 3. I will lead them safe - ly to their dreams.
 4. and the worth - less wear a world - ly crown.

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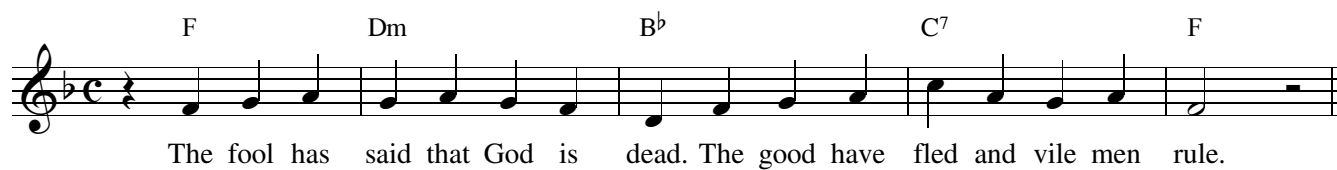
End these lies, Lord; to our aid, Lord.

7. The Fool

Psalms 14 and 53

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F Dm B^b C⁷ F

The fool has said that God is dead. The good have fled and vile men rule.

2

The Lord surveys
our human ways
to find the eyes
that seek him out.

3

All turn aside
from good, deride
it in their pride
and run from right.

4

Do those who bleed
the poor and feed
upon their need
not know my power?

5

When foes take fright
the poor delight
to know my might
in their defence.

6

Will Zion see
her liberty?
Yes, God will free
us, bringing joy.

8. Rules for Living

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Psalm 15

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F Dm

Lord, who shall gain ad - mit - tance to your tent

Am Dm

and on your ho - ly moun - tain firm - ly stand?

2

The one whose step is firm, whose ways are just,
whose heart is true, whose tongue is free from spite,

3

who harms no friend nor runs a neighbour down;
accepts the godless, not their godlessness,

4

who honours all who love and serve the truth
and keeps a pledge, no matter what the cost,

5

who lends, but takes no interest on the loan
nor takes a bribe against the innocent.

6

Who acts like this will never come to grief
but on your holy mountain firmly stand.


9. Happiness in the Lord

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Psalm 16

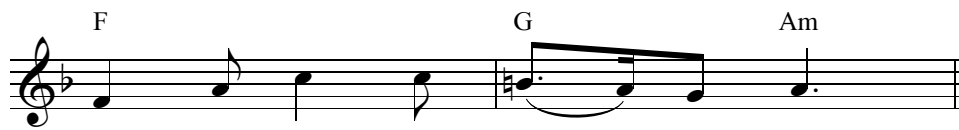
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Dm Em Dm




1. Keep me, Lord, I live in you,
 2. Ne - ver will I of - fer blood,
 3. Hap - py in my he - ri - tage,
 4. You are e - ver in my sight,
 5. You'll not leave my soul in shade

F G Am




1. you a - lone my hap - pi - ness.
 2. ne - ver ut - ter pa - gan cries.
 3. pleased with my al - lot - ted part,
 4. I stand up - right with your aid.
 5. nor death's fear make me en - dure.

Em G Am



1. Gods of earth are no - thing worth,
 2. You my bread and you my cup,
 3. I will bless my coun - sel - lor
 4. Heart sings out and soul ex - alts,
 5. Point - ing out the path of life

Dm A7 Dm



1. hol - low those whom they im - press.
 2. you a - lone the price - less prize.
 3. who, in sleep, re - news my heart.
 4. bo - dy, too, rests un - a - fraid.
 5. you give joy for e - ver - more.

10. Song of the Universe

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Psalm 19

Colin Hodgetts



1. The hea-vens pro-claim___ the glo-ry of God, The u-ni-verse bla-zes the
 2. No speech tells the tale___ for words have no place; all voi-ces are si-lent, no
 3. The sky like a tent___ en-ve-lopesthe sun which ri-ses, a groom go-ing



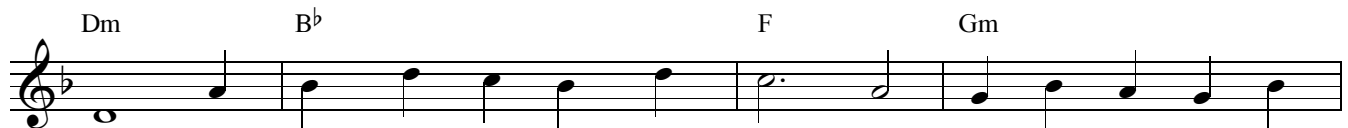
1. work of his will; the mes-sage is mir-rored by day af-ter day and
 2. tears and no mirth; and yet through cre-a-tion the rhy-thms re-sound, in
 3. out to his bride; a cham-pion tri-um-phant-ly climb-ing the skies, a



1. night af-ter night whisp-ers word of his skill. The Law of the Lord is per-fect,
 2. e-cho re-turn for the ends_ of the earth. The fear of the Lord is ho-ly,
 3. face from whose fea-tures no crea-ture can hide. But who can dis-cern all er-ror?



1. giv-ing the soul new life, the rule of the Law is trus-ty, ma-king the sim-ple
 2. liv-ing for e-ver-more; the laws of the Lord are faith-ful each of them true and
 3. Free me from hid-den faults Res-train me from sel-fish ac-tions lest I be o-ver-



1. wise; the rules of the Lord are up-right, fill-ing the heart with
 2. just; more pre-cious are they than gold-dust, swee-ter than ho-ney-
 3. -come. Let words that my mouth may speak and thoughts that my heart may



1. joy; the word of the Lord shines bright-ly giv-ing the eyes their light.
 2. -comb; by these is your ser-vant fa-shioned, keep-ing them brings re-ward.
 3. hold find fa-vour with you, O Lord, my res-cu-er and my rock.

11. Song of the Forsaken


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Psalm 22 (first part)

Colin Hodgetts


ANTIPHON

Em Em/D C Em



My God, my God, why have you for - sa - ken me?


Em D G Bm C Em Fine



You are far from my plea and my cry of dis - tress.


VERSE (faster)

Em F#m Em F#m Em F#m



I call by day, there's no rep - ly; I call by night and find no peace.

G F#m G F#m Em



Yet you are ho - ly, O my God, your child - ren's prai - ses form your throne.

2

In you our parents placed their trust;
they trusted and you set them free.
They cried to you and they escaped,
their trust in you was not in vain.

3

But I am more a worm than man.
the butt of fools, a laughing stock;
for all who see me jeer at me,
they curl their lips and shake their heads.

4

"He turned to God to rescue him
so let him save him if he will."
I know you freed me from the womb
and laid me on my mother's breast.

5

Your child you made me at my birth
and from that time you are my God.
Come closer, leave me not alone;
in my distress there's none to help.

6

A herd of bulls encircles me,
great bulls of Bashan hem me in;
like lions roaring for their prey
they menace in their greed for blood.

7

My strength, like water, drains away
and all my bones are out of joint.
My heart has been transformed to wax
and melts within my pounding breast.

8

My mouth is parched and dry as clay,
my tongue cemented to its roof.
I cower in the dust of death
whilst round me howls a pack of hounds.

9

The huntsmen urge them to attack,
they tear to shreds my hands and feet.
I cry my weight of misery
whilst they look on with greedy eyes.

10

Between them they share out my clothes
and toss a coin to win my coat.
O Lord, do not remain apart;
be quick, my strength, to give me help!

11

Preserve my spirit from the sword,
my life deliver from these dogs.
Release me from these lions' jaws,
protect me from the horns of bulls.

(continued in Psalm 22 part 2)

12. Song of the Forsaken

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Psalm 22, part 2

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ANTIPHON

Sing the praise of God _____ and be in good heart for e - ver.

VERSE

1. I'll praise you in the mar - ket place and tell the peo - ple of your fame.
2. For he has not des - pised the poor nor shrunk in loath - ing from their plight;
3. At Meet - ing you in - spire my praise, in pub - lic I will keep your word.
4. Let na - tions bow be - fore the Lord and earth's far cor - ners turn a - gain,
5. The dead will pay the ho - mage due and those who grace the grave bow down;

1. Come, praise him you who love the Lord, with songs of joy em - brace his name.
2. he has not turned his face a - way but made the pau - per his de - light.
3. The meek shall eat and have their fill, and they sing praise who seek the Lord.
4. for king - ly power is his to wield; the world will ce - leb - rate his reign.
5. our child - ren tell those yet un - born that by these things the Lord is known.

13. The Lord is My Shepherd

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Psalm 23

Colin Hodgetts



1. The Lord is my shep - herd, there's no - thing I'll__ need;_____
2. be - side qui - et wa - ters; he fires my soul's flame;_____
3. When walk - ing death val - ley I'll not be af - raid_____
4. You spread me a ban - quet in sight of my__ foes._____
5. Yes, good - ness and mer - cy are e - ver as - sured._____



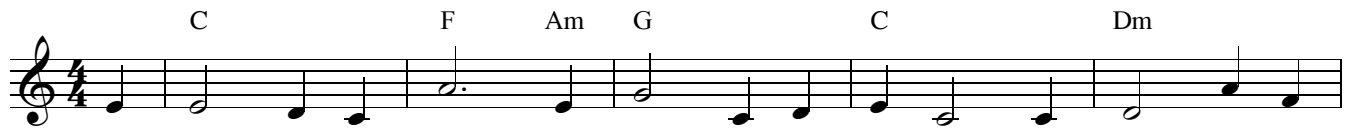
1. he rests__ me in pas - ture, in green - peace I feed_____
2. he leads me to safe - ty, is true to his name._____
3. with you close be - side_____ me to come to my aid._____
4. You pour out your bless - ings, my cup__ o - ver - flows._____
5. I'll live__ out my days_____ in the courts of the Lord._____

14. Let in the king of glory

Psalm 24

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1. The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and its
 2. Then who shall as - cend the Lord's ho - ly moun-tain and stand on its
 3. who shuns all that's vain, a - void - ing all ly - ing, all oaths of de -



1. peo - ple. The earth set on sea and foun - ded on wa - ter.
 2. sum - mit? The one with clean hands and heart that is pure.
 3. -cep - tion. Such peo - ple are blessed and will be re - war - ded.



4. O - pen up you gates, you e - ver-last-ing doors, let in the king of glo - ry.



- Who is this king of glo - ry? A va - liant, migh - ty, Lord, a Lord re-nowned in bat - tle.
 The Lord of all the powers, he is the king of glo - ry.

15. Declaration of Innocence

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Psalm 26

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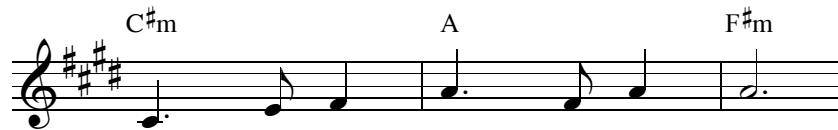
May God be my judge! I jour-ney in in-no-cence firm in my trust in the Lord.



1. Probe and ex - a - mine me, Lord;
2. Fo - reign to all that is false;
3. I would have in - no - cent hands
4. Keep me up - on the straight path;



1. try in your fire my heart and mind;
2. ne - ver at one with hy - po - crites,
3. rea - dy to do your ho - ly will.
4. keep me from acts of vi - o - lence;



1. find that I live by your truth,
2. ha - ting those cir - cles of sin,
3. I sing a thanks - giv - ing song,
4. There'll be no blood on my hands,



1. eyes fixed up - on your faith - ful love.
2. not to be num bered with the lost.
3. tell - ing of all your won-d'rous ways.
4. nor will they be de - filed by bribes.

16. Song of Glory and Might

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Psalm 29

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VERSE

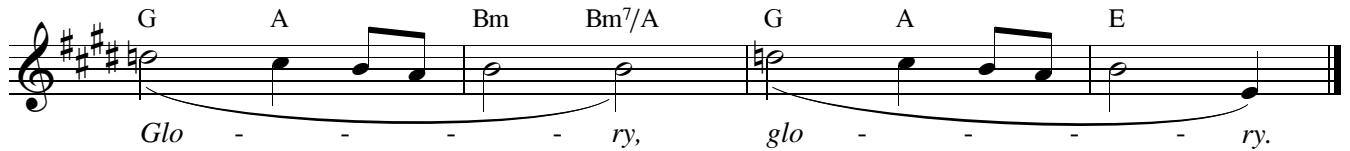


1. You gods give glo-ry to God_____ to God give glo - ry and power__
 2. He thun-ders o - ver the seas,_____ his voice re-sounds on the wa - ters;



1. the glo - ry due to his name;_____ a - dore the Lord in his courts.
 2. his thun-der tells of his might,_____ his voice is splen - did with power.

ANTIPHON



3

The Lord's voice shatters the trees,
 he splinters Lebanon's cedars
 and makes her skip like a calf
 and Hermon buck like an ox.

4

The voice is laden with fire,
 it makes the wilderness tremble,
 it shakes the desert of Kadesh,
 it makes the hind bear her calf.

5

The trees are shaken and stripped
 and yet his temple is ringing
 as cries of 'glory!' go up
 to God, enthroned for the flood.

6

The Lord who sits through the flood
 will vanquish chaos for ever.
 The Lord gives strength to his people,
 his own he blesses with peace.

17. Song of Joy

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Psalm 33

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ANTIPHON

D G Am G/B C G/D D G *Fine*

Sing, ring out, shout in joy you just, let true hearts praise the Lord.

VERSE

C D Em D C Am G

Give thanks on harp and flute sing to the ten - stringed lute;

C D Em Em⁷/D C G D

sing out a song that's new with skill play loud and true.

2

The word of God is pure,
the works of God endure;
his heart with justice thrills,
the earth with love he fills.

3

He spoke: the heavens were made;
the stars his breath obeyed.
He scooped the waters up,
caught oceans in his cup.

4

Let nations stand in awe;
let earth in fear adore.
He spoke: it came to be,
all bowed to his decree.

5

The nations he frustrates
and peoples' plots defeats.
His own designs shall live,
his plans for ever thrive.

6

The Lord's elect rejoice,
the people of his choice.
He, from his holy place
surveys the human race.

7

From heaven he turns his eyes
each one to scrutinize.
He peers into the heart,
each fashioned by his art.

8

No king can trust in might
for force fails those who fight.
In horsepower put no faith,
this cannot keep you safe.

9

To one who fears and yearns
for endless love he turns.
From death he saves his soul,
in famine keeps it whole.

10

Our souls await the Lord,
our help, our shield and sword.
With joy our hearts will flame
who trust his holy name.

11

Your love be with us, Lord,
in you our hope is stored.
We praise you with the Son
and Spirit, ever one.

18. Song of Hope

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 39

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Am⁹⁻⁷ Am Am⁹⁻⁷ Am

I said, 'I'll watch my ways for fear my tongue should slip.

Em F Dm

I'll keep my mouth shut tight when faced with wickedness.'

2
So I stood dumb and still
yet knew no happiness.
My suffering grew intense,
my heart burnt hot within;

3
my tongue began to speak,
'Lord, let me know my end,
the number of my days,
how short my life must be.

4
'The days you give are few;
to you this life's a flash,
and all we are or own
is but a breath of wind.

8
'I'm but a breath of wind,
yet hear my prayer, O Lord.
Don't frown, for I would smile
before I quit this life.'

5
'I float round like a ghost,
my riches store like smoke:
who'll have them I can't know.
For what, then, do I wait?

6
'My hope, Lord, lies in you.
From sinning set me free;
let fools not joke at me.
I'm dumb, the fault is yours.

7
'Don't plague me any more;
your blows have wearied me.
When you admonish us
all charm dissolves away.

19. Song of Yearning

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 42

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

D G D G D *Fine*

As the hunt - ed deer craves a stream I de - sire you, my God.

VERSE

D Em D/F# G D/F#

As the hun - ted deer craves a stream I de - sire you, my God.

Em D/F# G Em A

My soul thirsts for the liv - ing source, will we meet face to face?

A⁷/G D⁷/F# G D/A A D

Day and night I sur - vive on tears for they ask, Where's your God?

2
As I pour out my soul's distress
I remember these things:
how I marched in a mighty crowd
claiming justice and truth
amid chanting and shouts of praise
and the crowd wild with joy.

3
Why so deep in despair, my soul,
why this groaning within?
Hope in God, I will praise him still,
my deliverer, my God.
As the hunted deer craves a stream
I desire you, my God.

4
I am sunk in such deep despair
I will call you to mind,
so I walk by the storm-rent shore
and remember your might;
in the water's roar deep calls deep
and on me your waves break.

5
So the Lord will send out his love
both by day and by night.
On my lips is a prayer of praise
to the source of my life.
As the hunted deer craves a stream
I desire you, my God.

6
I will say to the Rock, my God,
Why have I been forgotten?
Does my enemies' ruthlessness
mean that I must lament?
They torment me and taunt all day
asking, Where is your God?

7
Why so deep in despair, my soul,
why this groaning within?
Hope in God, I will praise him still,
my deliverer, my God.
As the hunted deer craves a stream
I desire you, my God.

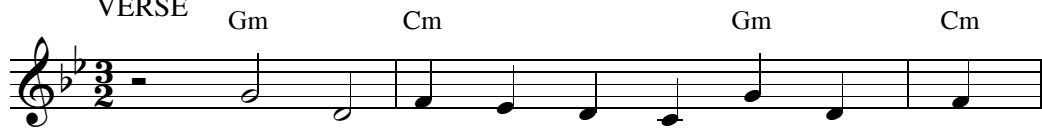
20. Song of God's Strength

Colin Hodgetts

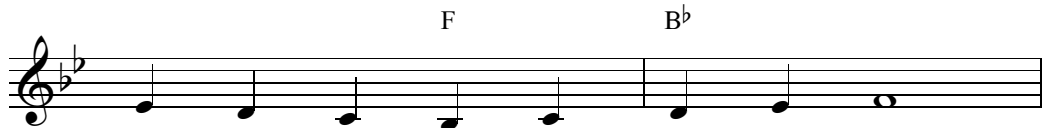
Psalm 46

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE



1. God is our safe shel - ter and our strength,
 2. Liv - ing wa - ters give God's ci - ty joy,
 3. See the de - vas - ta - tion he has wrought.



1. a help on hand in times of stress.
 2. this ho - ly hill, his dwel - ling place.
 3. He stamps out war through - out the world,



1. So we have no fear though earth should rock
 2. If God lives wi - thin she can - not fall;
 3. breaks the bow and snaps the spear in two,



1. or moun - tains crash in - to the sea;
 2. at break of day she'll know his aid.
 3. des - troys de - fen - sive shields with fire.



1. wa - ters may in tu - mult rage and
 2. E - ne - mies at - tack and king - doms
 3. 'Cease your wars and know that I am



1. seethe and break - ing waves the moun - tains shake.
 2. quake; he roars: earth sur - ges like the sea.
 3. God, more migh - ty than earth's na - tion states.'

ANTIPHON



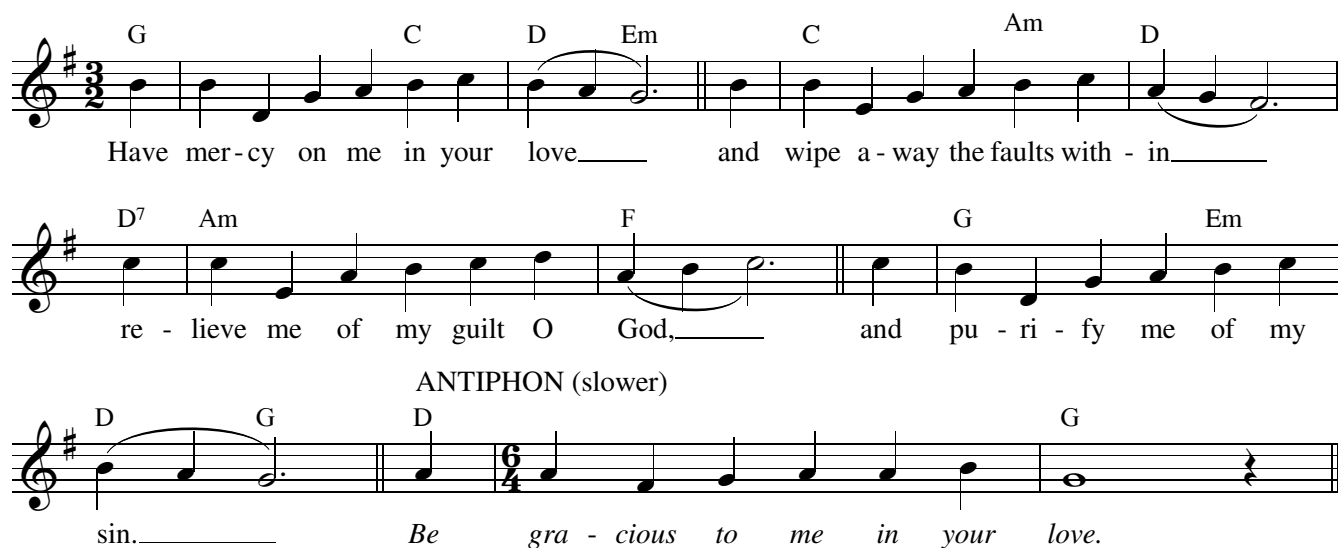
The Lord of the powers is with us, the God of the a - ges is our strength.

21. Song of Desire for a Pure Heart

Psalm 51

Colin Hodgetts

Colin Hodgetts



Have mer-cy on me in your love_____ and wipe a-way the faults with - in_____

re - lieve me of my guilt O God,_____ and pu - ri - fy me of my

ANTIPHON (slower)

sin._____ Be gra - cious to me in your love.

2

I know my errors well enough,
each day I contemplate my plight;
I've sinned against you, only you,
and fostered evil in your sight.

3

The charge and sentence are both just,
your judgement shall not carry blame
for from my birth I feel my guilt
and know that I am steeped in shame.

4

You prize sincerity of heart;
in secret make my wisdom grow,
for I would be washed clean of sin
and whiter than the whitest snow.

5

Let joy and gladness be your song
that bones you crushed may once more
dance.
Let all my sins not stir your wrath
but melt like snowflakes in your glance.

6

Create in me a pristine heart
and keep my spirit safe from strife.
Do not remove me from your face,
nor take from me your breath of life.

7

Preserve me from a lust for blood:
I'll praise the justice of your ways.
I pray you, loosen tongue and lips
that I may ever sing your praise.

22. Song of the Still Heart

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 62

Colin Hodgetts

D D/F# G Em A D

In still - ness my heart waits on God, my strength and de - li - ve - rer;

D/C# Bm Bm7/A G D/F# Em A7 D

my strong - hold, my rock, my de - fence: I shall not be moved._

2

How long will you face me with hate
and threaten this leaning wall?
Dissemblers, you bless with your lips
and curse in your hearts.

3

In stillness my heart waits on God,
my hope of deliverance;
my stronghold, my rock, my defence:
I shall not be moved.

4

My safety and honour he holds,
my shelter, my rock, my God.
Trust always his fatherly care
and pour out your hearts.

5

In truth we are merely a breath
and faithless beyond compare.
When placed in the balance we rise:
the wind has more weight.

6

Discard any wish to oppress
or pride in the fruit of greed.
Though riches breed riches,
beware and smother desire.

7

One lesson God taught, two I learn:
'all power belongs to God'
and 'love is the gift of the Lord':
our deeds he repays.

23. Song of Blessing

Psalm 67

Colin Hodgetts

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE

G Em Am C D

1. O God, be gra - cious and bless us and make your face shine u - pon us;
2. Let na - tions sing and be joy - ful: you rule your peo - ple with jus - tice,
3. The earth has yield - ed its har - vest for you, our God, give your bless - ing.

Bm Em Am D

1. re - veal your ways to all peo - ple, your sav - ing power to all na - tions.
2. you guide the ways of the na - tions and lead the earth and its peo - ple.
3. May you con - ti - nue to bless us till earth's far cor - ners re - vere you.

ANTIPHON

G C G/D D G

Let the peo - ple praise you, God! Let all the peo - ple praise you!

24. Song Concerning David

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 72

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE

Capo 1st Em Am Em D

1. Give jus - tice to King Da - vid's heir and give your son the gift to judge,
 2. Let hills and moun - tains speak of peace, that like them peace may firm - ly stand.

Bm C Am Bm Em

1. that he may judge the peo - ple well and mete out jus - tice to the poor.
 2. Let him de - fend the suffer - ing poor and of - fer help to those in need.

ANTIPHON

D C B

Give your son the gift to judge.

3

May he have life that, like the sun
 or moon, endures from age to age;
 and come like rain on early seed,
 like showers that bring the earth new life.

4

His people he will bless with peace
 and justice, 'till the moon shall fail;
 his kingdom stretch from sea to sea,
 from rivers to the ocean's end.

5

Before him enemies shall bow
 and foes fall down to lick the dust.
 The kings of Tarshish and the isles
 of East and West shall bring him gifts.

6

All kings shall pay the homage due,
 all nations serve him, king of kings.
 From rich oppressors he shall save
 the poor, who walk protectorless.

7

May he have pity on the weak,
 preserve the poor from death's wide jaws
 and save them from oppressive men
 for they are precious in his sight.

8

Long may his name be held in awe
 and stand for ever, like the sun.
 All people shall be blessed in him,
 all nations know his happiness.

25. Song of Envy Overcome

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 73

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

Cm D G Cm Fm G Cm *Fine*

How good you are to your child- ren,— How good to the poor in heart.

VERSE

Dm G Cm Dm G /B Cm

My feet came close to stum - bling, just one step from ca - tas - tro - phe;

C⁷ Fm G /B Cm

so roused by sin - ners' boast - ing to en - vy their pros - pe - ri - ty.

2

It seems they suffer little,
so sleek and sound of limb are they;
they do not share our sorrows,
our torments seem to pass them by.

3

They wear their pride like jewels
and violence like their evening dress.
Their hearts are filled with malice,
their heads are scheming to oppress.

4

They're all malicious cynics
and lofty advocates of force;
they think their mouths are heaven,
that earth should hear their smooth discourse.

5

My people turn and follow,
get caught up in their verbal snares
repeating, 'What does God know?
There is no Lord who knows and cares!

6

Thus rich men talk and prosper,
amass great wealth, feel no offence.
In vain I kept my heart pure
and washed my hands in innocence.

7

All day I am tormented,
chastised each morning with your rod.
Yet had I moaned like these men
I'd have betrayed the sons of God.

8

I tried to solve this problem
which proved too hard for me to crack
until, from your perspective,
I saw the dead end of their track.

9

You drive them to destruction
by giving them a crumbling path.
They fade like dreams at daybreak,
are wiped out root and branch by death.

10

My heart had slowly soured
as envy's cancer-hold increased.
I'd failed in understanding
and faced you like some foolish beast.

11

Yet I am always with you
for you have taken my right hand;
my guide and my advisor,
you lead me to a glorious end.

12

There's no one else in heaven;
I've no desire on earth but you.
Though heart and body languish
to me my God is ever true.

13

You beckon to destruction
those guilty of apostasy.
O God, my joy and refuge:
I'd live with you in ecstasy.

26. Song of God's Deeds Remembered

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 77

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE

Am Em Dm Em

I shout out loud to God that you should know my care.

F Dm Am G

I cried out in dis-tress, my arms stretched up in prayer,

F E Am

turn-ing from com-for-ters to you - and to des - pair.

ANTIPHON

Am Dm⁷ G⁷/D Cmaj⁷ E Am

Is a - ny God so great, so ho - ly a - ny way?

2

You kept my eyes from sleep;
no whisper could I raise.
My thoughts turned to the past,
I thought of distant days.
All night I wracked my brain
to find ways through this maze.

3

Will you still turn away,
our sorrow set aside?
Has love failed utterly,
your promise been denied?
My fault is fancying
your hand hangs at your side.

4

So I recall your deeds,
your acts of yesterday.
I contemplate your works
and treasure the display.
Is any God so great,
so holy any way?

5

The miracles you work
press pagans with your might;
you rescued Israel's youth
and made them your delight.
The waters saw your face
and trembled at the sight

6

The ocean depths were moved.
Above, the storm clouds burst
as lightning lit the sky
and thunder crashed and cursed;
roaring like iron on rock
the elements conversed.

7

Earth heaved and writhed in pain.
You set aside the sea.
Astride the towering waves
you moved invisibly.
Moses and Aaron led
the flight from slavery.

27. Song of the Pilgrim

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 84

Colin Hodgetts

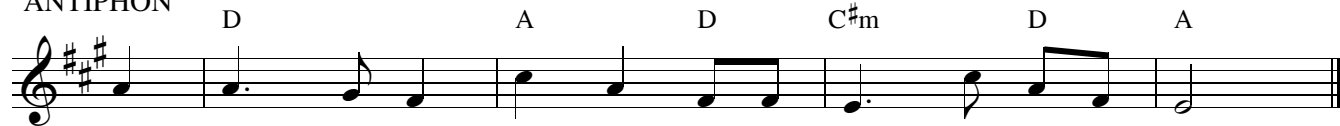


How love - ly your dwell - ing O Lord of the powers. I'm filled with a long - ing to



en - ter your house. My be - ing is cry - ing with joy to the Lord.

ANTIPHON



Much bet - ter your ser - vant than a slave to lu - xu - ry.

2

The sparrow has chosen
your house for her home.
The swallow has woven
a nest for her young,
to rest by your altars
and sing you her song.

3

How happy your household
for praise fills their days.
The Pilgrims desire
and are fired by your grace,
are filled with the courage
to tackle the way.

4

They trek through tear valley
and make it a spring,
a blessing, like early rain
bringing new life.
They take the path inward
to stand before God.

5

One day in your courts
or a thousand outside?
Much better your servant
until I should die
than slave to the luxuries
wickedness buys.

6

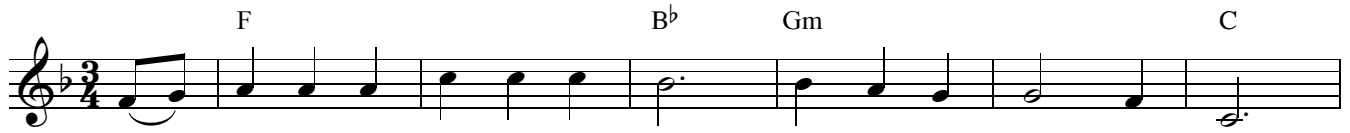
The Lord our protector
gives glory, gives grace,
witholds nothing good from
the needy who ask.
How happy the pilgrim
who trusts in the Lord.

28. Song of Peace

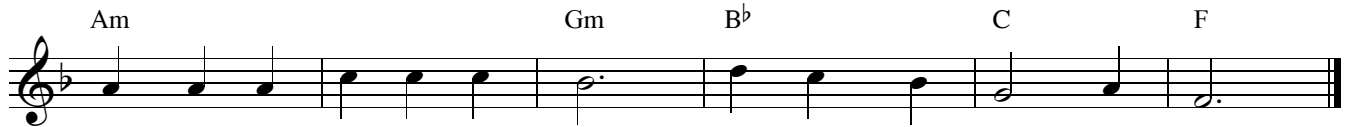
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Psalm 85 (8-13)

Colin Hodgetts



1. I'll__ o - pen my ears to the Lord: are these not words of peace?
 2. See, love and fi - de - li - ty kiss, jus - tice and peace em - brace.
 3. Pros - pe - ri - ty comes from the Lord: earth shall pro - duce her fruit.



1. Peace for dis - ci - ples and friends, those whose hearts turn his way?
 2. Earth gives fi - de - li - ty birth, jus - tice looks down from heaven.
 3. Jus - tice shall he - rald his way, peace be the path he treads.

29. Song of a Sufferer

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 90

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE

Lord, you have been our re-fuge in ev-'ry ge-ne-ra-tion. Be-fore the moun-tains'
 birth or earth was gi-ven life, from age to end-less

ANTIPHON

age, you are our God. *From age to end-less age you are our God.*

2

To dust you may return us:
 erase a graceless race.
 To you a thousand years
 may pass as yesterday.
 A night watch comes and goes,
 we're swept away.

3

We fade as dreams at daybreak,
 or grass that springs at dawn
 then dies before the dusk;
 thus we may be destroyed,
 made silent by your wrath,
 by anger crushed.

4

Our follies lie before you,
 you highlight all our lusts.
 Wrath shadows all our days
 'till breath fades like a sigh.
 We last for seventy years,
 the strong for more.

5

These years are pain and labour;
 they pass, we are forgotten.
 Who feels your anger's power,
 who fears to face your wrath?
 Teach us to count our days
 that we grow wise.

6


How long before you come, Lord?
 Have pity and relent.
 Let morning break with love,
 our days be filled with praise.
 Repay with joy the pain
 of humbled years.

7

Delight us with your wonders
 and show your children glory.
 Let all life-giving gifts
 be ours, Creator, God.
 Establish firmly
 all we undertake.

30. Song of the Protector

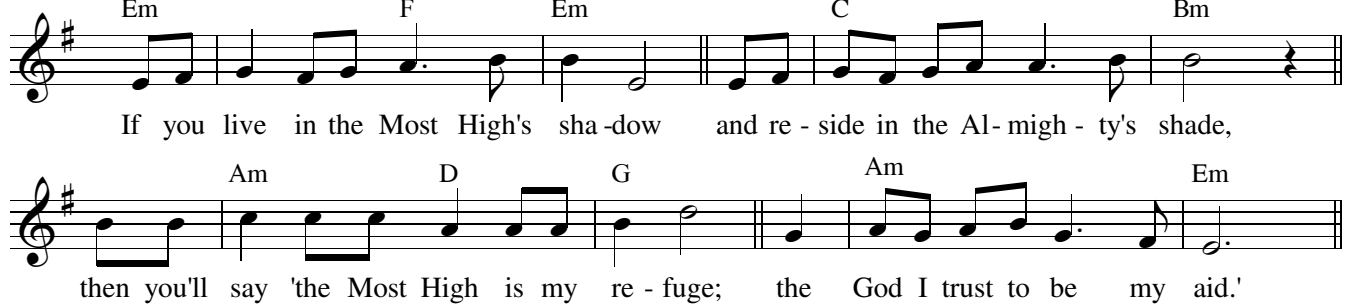
ANTIPHON G Am/G D/F# Am⁷ Em C G *Fine*



Your life will be long and full; you will know my saving power.

VERSE

Em F Em C Bm



If you live in the Most High's shadow and reside in the Almighty's shade,
then you'll say 'the Most High is my refuge; the God I trust to be my aid.'

2

From the bird-catcher's trap he'll free you,
and protect you from the hunter's sling.
He will cover you over with feathers
and shelter you beneath his wing.

3

Have no fear for the night-time's terrors,
nor the arrow that may fly by day;
for the plague that steals round in the darkness,
nor fever that at noon may prey.

4

Though a thousand shall fall beside you
or ten thousand perish at your side
you yourself will be free from such terror,
his faithfulness your shield and guide.

5

You have only to look about you:
you will see how wickedness is paid.
Then you'll say, 'The Most High is my refuge,
the God I trust will be my aid.'

6

No disaster can overwhelm you,
no disease can ever make you break.
He will order his angels to guard you,
to cover every path you take.

7

On their hands you will be supported
so your foot will never stall nor trip.
You will vanquish tigers and adders
and hold the dragon in your grip.

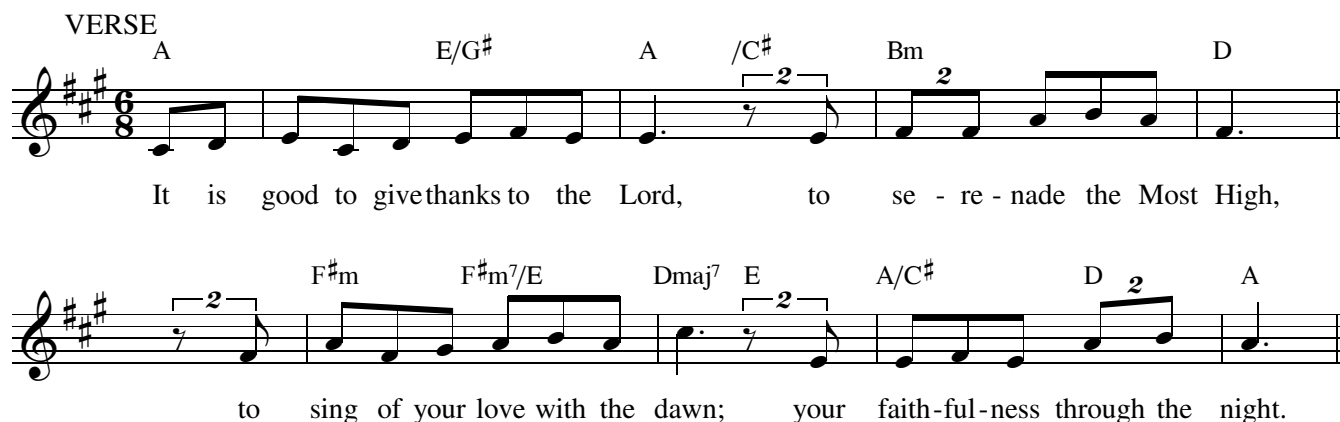
31. Song of the Upright

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Psalm 92


Colin Hodgetts

VERSE



It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to se - re - nade the Most High,
to sing of your love with the dawn; your faith - ful - ness through the night.

ANTIPHON



Make mu - sic for the Lord on pipe and drum.

2

Your creation is filling my heart;
I sing, "How great are your deeds!"
The foolish are failing to grasp
the depth of your wisdom, Lord.

3

Though the wicked may flourish like weeds,
and evil-doers may thrive,
they will not survive by their works,
for you are triumphant, Lord.

4

Your opponents will fade into dust,
and evil ones be dispersed;
while you make me as strong as an ox,
anointing my head with oil.

5

I have watched as my enemies fled;
my ears have heard of their rout.
The righteous will thrive like a palm
or cedar of Lebanon.

6

They will flourish in sight of the Lord,
be fruitful in their old age,
proclaiming the Lord God is true:
our help and a faultless rock..

32. The Lord is King

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 93

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE



1. The Lord is King, a-dorned in ma - jes - ty.
2. You formed the earth and set her on her course.
3. The sea lifts high, the sea lifts high its voice;
4. Your might, O Lord, is grea - ter than the noise
5. Your peop - le's beau - ty is their ho - li - ness,



1. His robes are might se - cured with belt of strength.
2. Of old your throne is firm, e - ter - nal God.
3. the o - cean heaps its waves in moun - tain walls.
4. of brea - kers pound - ing down or surg - ing seas.
5. and while time lasts, O Lord, this law stays true.

ANTIPHON



The Lord is King, a - dorned in ma - jes - ty.

33. The God of Justice

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 94 (vv.8-23)

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE

Cm B^b Cm

Shall he who sculp-ted the ear not hear?_

Gm Fm C

Shall he who moul-ded the eye not see?

A^bmaj⁷ Gm⁷ Cm

Shall he, the tea-cher, not be a-ware_

B^b E^b G⁷ Cm

that hu-man schemes are as thin as air?

ANTIPHON

Cm Fm Cm/G Gm Cm

Fools!_____ when will you learn sense?

2

How happy those whom you teach, O Lord,
how happy those who have learnt your law,
we'll know your comfort in times of trouble
we'll not be eaten away by guilt.

3

You'll not abandon your people, Lord,
you'll not let go of your heritage,
for judgement will become saving justice
and all true hearts shall embrace your way.

4

Against the wicked who'll take our side?
Who'll rise to challenge the evil ones?
If from our Lord help were not forthcoming
then we would live in a soulless world.

5

And if I cry that my foot has slipped
you'll give support in your faithful love;
however anxious my state of heart is,
your consolation will soothe my cares.

6

Will evil rulers be on God's side,
who fashion mischief and twist the law?
Against the souls of the just they gather
condemning innocent lives to death.

7

The guilt of evil ones eats their souls,
their lives are founded on shifting sands.
To us the Lord is a tower of strength;
our God, a refuge, a solid rock.

34. Song of the Powerful

Colin Hodgetts

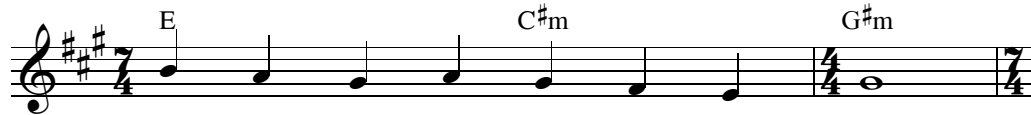
Psalm 95 (vv. 1-7)

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE



1. Sing a rous - ing song to the Lord;
2. He the Lord our God is so great,
3. His the seeth - ing sea which he made;
4. He is Chief - tain, we are his clan;



1. shout tri - um - phan - tly to our Rock.____
2. o - ver o - ther gods a great king;
3. his the dry land, work of his hands.
4. he is Shep - herd, we are his flock.



1. Come in - to his pre - sence with praise;
2. earth's far cor - ners rest in his hands;
3. Come, we'll throw our - selves at his feet,
4. 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;__

35. Song of Praise to a Just Judge

Colin Hodgetts

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 96

Capo 1st

1. Sing to the Lord, — sing a new song; —
2. Great is the Lord, — wor - thy of praise, —
3. Give to the Lord, — na - tions and states, —
4. Tell all the world, — 'He is our king'. —
5. Then shall the trees — shout out for joy; —

1. sing to the Lord, — child - ren of light; —
2. hold him in awe, — more than the gods; —
3. give to the Lord — glo - ry and might, —
4. He who made earth — firm and se - cure;
5. fo - rests shall stir, — leaves whis - per praise, —

1. sing to the Lord, — bless - ing his name. —
2. worth - less these gods, — i - dols of tin. —
3. give him the glo - ry due to his name. —
4. he will be just — judg - ing the earth. —
5. praise to the Lord com - ing to earth; —

1. Tell of his tri - umph day af - ter day;
2. He who is Lord — fash - ioned the skies.
3. Bring him a gift, — en - ter his courts;
4. Hea - ven shall shout, — earth shall ex - ult!
5. com - ing to rule, — Lord of all men;

1. tell of his glo - ry, spread it a - broad;
2. Ma - jes - ty stands, — splen - dour at - tends, —
3. bow to the Lord, splen - did - ly robbed; —
4. let the sea roar, — fi - shes cry out! —
5. judge of the earth, — right - eous and just —

1. tell of his mar - vels, fan - fare the world.
2. beau - ty and might — brigh - ten his courts.
3. dance in his ho - nour child - ren of light.
4. let the fields sing, — na - ture re - joice.
5. who, with his truth — judg - es us all.

36. A New Song

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 98

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE

Capo 1st

Em D Cmaj⁷

1. A new song sing to God _____
 2. His con - stan - cy and love _____

Em D Cmaj⁷

1. to ce - leb - rate his deeds,
 2. for child - ren of his choice

Em D Cmaj⁷

1. the tri - umph of _____ his arm.
 2. are e - ver on _____ his mind.

ANTIPHON

Em D Cmaj⁷

Sing a new song. _____

3

The near and distant lands
 were privileged to see
 the power of God to save.

4

Let everyone on earth
 acclaim the Lord in song,
 break into songs of joy.

5

With harp and voice praise God;
 with trumpet, horn and drum
 acclaim the Lord, the King.

6

Let sea and fishes roar,
 let earth and people roar;
 roar out with thund'rous voice.

7

Let rivers clap their hands
 and mountains shout for joy
 to greet the coming Lord.

8

He comes to rule the world,
 to justly judge the earth;
 with justice he will rule.

37. Processional Song of Joy

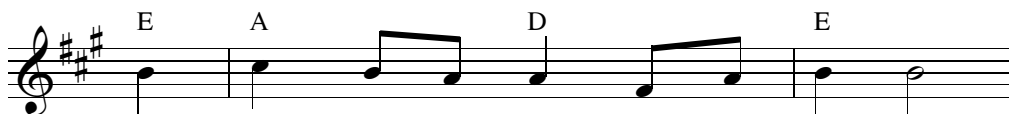
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Psalm 100

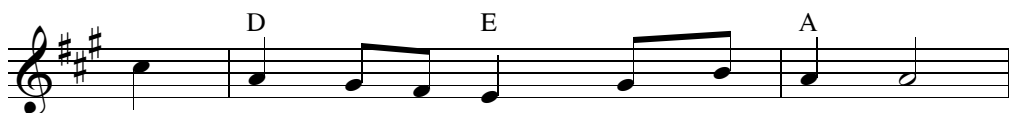
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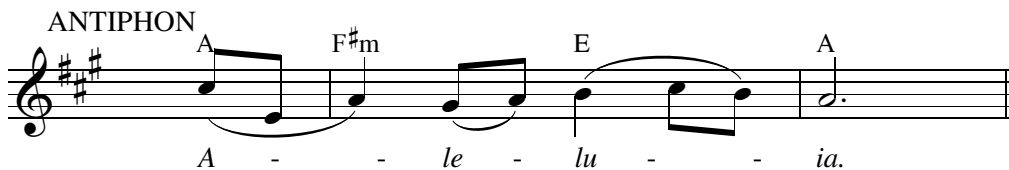
1. With joy greet the Lord all you peo - ple,
2. Know sure - ly the Lord is our God_____
3. Pro - cess through his gates with thanks - giv - ing
4. Give God your thanks - giv - ing and bless - ing,



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 prai - ses;
4. whose good - ness and love live for e - ver,



1. ec - sta - tic with song, seek his pre - sence.
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.



38. Song in Praise of Love

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 103

Colin Hodgetts

G Am/G C/G Em D
 Come, bless the Lord, my soul, with all my being bless his name;

Am Bm7/A D/A G Am D7 3 G
 come, bless the Lord, my soul, remember all his glorious gifts.

2

He takes away our guilt
 and saves us from our suffering.
 He lifts us from the grave,
 surrounding us with tenderness.

3

He meets our every need,
 and keeps us in our youthful strength.
 His goodness fills our lives,
 his justice saves those most oppressed.

4

He showed his face and hand
 to Moses and to Israel;
 compassionate and gracious,
 slow to anger, swift to love.

5

As parents love their child
 so he loves those who turn his way.
 He knows how we are made,
 remembers that we are but dust.

6

Our days are as the grass,
 we blossom like the dandelion;
 the wind will puff us off,
 our place forget that we were there.

7

Yet God's love reaches out
 to children and their children's child,
 to those who keep the pact
 and those most mindful of his will.

8

You messengers of light,
 fulfillers of his word: praise God.
 You fellowship of faith,
 fulfillers of his will: praise God

9

You wonders of the world,
 revealers of his rule: praise God.
 My soul give thanks to God,
 give thanks, my soul, and praise his name..

39. Song of Creation

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 104

Colin Hodgetts

D Em/D D Em/D D

O bless the Lord, my soul! How great you are, my God, in might and glo-ry
The pla - nets and the stars you spread ac - ross the sky and where they touch in-

Bm Em /G A7 G Am/G

clothed and robed in rays of light.
-fi - ni - ty you have your throne. With clouds as cha - ri - ot you

G Am/G Em Am A D

ride on wings of air, make winds your mes - sen - gers, tame flames of fire to serve.

2

You fixed the earth in place and it will keep its course,
you wrapped it round with sea - the waters dwarf the hills.
At your command they ran as thunder made them flee
down mountainsides and vales to their appointed place.
You set them in their banks lest they should drown the earth.
In valleys you made streams to flow between the hills.

3

From these the cattle drink; wild asses quench their thirst;
the birds nest on their banks and, perched in trees, they sing.
You give the hills your rain: earth prospers at your gift;
the grass grows for the cow and plants to serve our needs.
Earth's fruits sustain our lives, the wine to cheer the heart,
the oil to shine the face and daily bread for strength.

4

You planted cedar trees and sowed the great sequoias
and gave them rain enough to raise them to the sky.
Among the boughs the birds have built themselves their nests
and on the highest branch the stork has made her home.
The hills are haunts for goats, rock badgers hide in caves.
The moon marks out the months, the sun sets out the days.

5

And in the black of night the forest beasts roam wild,
young lions roar for prey which you in love provide.
Then with the rising sun they shrink away to rest
as we crawl out to toil, to labour through the day.
What great and varied works your wisdom birthed,
O Lord:
the earth and oceans teem with creatures great
and small.

6

These creatures turn to you for food at feeding time.
You spread a lavish feast: they gather all you give.
Denied your breath they die and fast return to dust,
but when you breathe they live and earth receives
new life.
Creation, give him joy! Give glory to the Lord,
who makes earth tremble and volcanoes burst with fire.

7

I mean to sing this praise to God for evermore;
I mean to play for him as long as I have life.
May he be pleased to hear the burden of my song
for I would give the pleasure he has given me.
May sinners flee the earth, the wicked disappear.
O praise and bless the Lord, O bless the Lord my soul.

40. A Record of Love

Psalm 107

Colin Hodgetts

Colin Hodgetts

A D F#m G A D

'It is good to give thanks to the Lord for his love lives for e - ver' -

F#m G A D F#m G

let them say who were saved by the Lord from the hands of their foes,

A D F#m G A D

who from lands east and west, north and south, he has ga - thered to - ge - ther.

2

In the wilderness some lost their way,
not a track leading homeward.
They were famished, their throats dry as dust
and their spirits depressed.
So they cried to the Lord in distress,
from their sorrows he saved them.

3

He assisted their trek to a town
where they set up their households.
Let them thank him for love that lives long,
for his marvellous works;
he has given the thirsty fresh springs,
with good things fed the hungry.

4

In pitch dark, deep as death, cowered men
clapped like prisoners in irons;
they had acted against God's commands
and had shrugged off his plans.
By hard labour their spirit was cracked,
when they fell no one helped them.

5

So they cried to the Lord in distress,
from their sorrows he saved them,
set them free from that deep as death dark
and unfettered their limbs.
Let them thank him for marvellous works,
for his love everlasting.

6

Some were fools, they rose up in revolt
and their folly was punished;
the appearance of food turned them up,
they were close by death's gate.
So they cried to the Lord in distress,
from their sorrows he saved them.

7

To bring healing he sent out his word
and prevented their dying.
Let them thank him for love that lives long,
for his marvellous works.
Let them offer a gift and with joy
give account of his loving.

8

There are some who set out in stout ships,
made their living by trading.
They, too, tasted the acts of the Lord
and his deeds in the deep,
for a storm wind rose up at his word
lashing waves into towers.

9

Carried skywards, then plunged to the depths,
to and fro tossed in peril
sailors tottered and staggered like drunks,
all their skill was no help.
So they cried to the Lords in distress,
from their sorrows he saved them.

10

To a whisper the storm wind died down
and the rough sea subsided.
They rejoiced that the water was still
as he led them to port.
Let them thank him for marvellous works,
for his love everlasting.

11

Let the people's assembly give praise
and the elders exalt him.
Rushing streams he may turn into sand,
flowing springs to dry earth,
fertile land be transformed to salt waste,
a reward for wild living.

(continued)

12

He turns deserts to fresh water lakes
and parched land into rivers.
There he offers the hungry a home
and they throw up a town;
they sow seed in the fields and plant vines
and their harvest is heavy.

13

They are blessed and their numbers increase,
herds and flocks he keeps healthy.
He saps tyrants of strength so they fall
to misfortune's firm grip;
he brings princes and kings to contempt,
leaves them wander in wasteland.

14

But the poor he lifts out of distress,
makes their families prosper.
When they see it the upright are glad
whilst the wicked are riled.
Let the wise store these things in their hearts,
the Lord's record of loving.



43. The Guardian

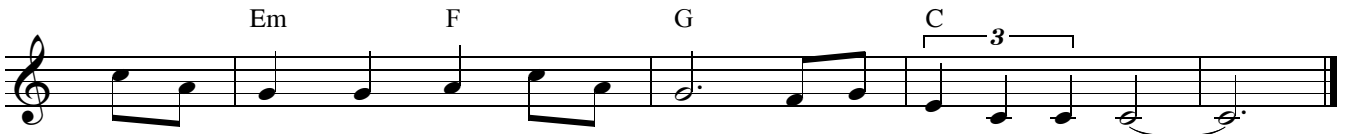
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Psalm 121

Colin Hodgetts



1. If I raise my eyes to the hills will they come to my aid?___
2. Could she let your foot strike a stone, could your guar - di - an sleep?___
3. She, the Watch - er guards and de - fends and she stands close at hand;___
4. From all e - vil you will be kept, shiel - ded bo - dy and soul. ___



1. No, the Lord a - lone is my help, who made hea - ven and earth.
2. No, the one who wat - ches a child nei - ther slum - bers nor sleeps.
3. so the sun won't strike you by day nor at night will the moon.
4. As you come and go she will watch from this day e - ver - more.

44. Song of the City of Peace

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 122

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE

1. I was glad when they called to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
 2. Let all sects come to-ge-ther here giv-ing praise to the name of the Lord.
 3. For the peace of the bo-dy pray: 'May your child-ren have peace in their homes;

1. Now our feet stand wi-thin your walls_____ we are one in the ci-ty of peace.
 2. In this bo-dy is jus-tice found,_____ here the saints and the pro-phets have seats.
 3. may your peace be wi-thin these walls_____ and your peace rest in all that we do.'

1. Here we ga-ther in u-ni-ty for your house is the ci-ty of peace.
 2. Out of love I will pray_ for you for the king-dom is built with your names.
 3. I will say, 'Peace be with_ you now for the sake of this house and the world.'

ANTIPHON

Pray for u-ni-ty; pray for life to-ge-ther

45. A Plea

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 123

Colin Hodgetts



1. My eye_ seeks you out as the slave's eye fol-lows the mas - ter's hand,
 2. Our eyes_ seek you out and we turn to fa-thom the face of love,
 3. Be gra - cious to us, who have felt the scorn of the proud and borne



1. as the la - dy's maid un - der - stu - dies her mis - tress, my eye seeks you out.
 2. to a - wait the mer - cy_ held in that vi - sion. Our eyes seek you out.
 3. for too long the in - sults of those who are weal - thy. Be gra - cious to us.

47. Song of Return

Psalm 126

Colin Hodgetts

Colin Hodgetts

G C D G

When God re - moves our chains

D Em

and leads us out of e - xile

C G

it seems like a dream.

ANTIPHON C G C G

it seems like a dream.

2

Our mouths break out with song,
our lips vibrate with laughter;
the world sees his deeds.

3

It tells of miracles;
indeed we know his marvels;
we gladden in God.

4

Restore our fortunes, Lord,
as streams that feed the desert
return in the spring.

5

The ones who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of gladness,
shall joy as they reap.

6

A girl may go in tears,
may tread the day in sorrow
and sow as she goes,

7

but she'll return in joy,
come home, head high and singing,
her sheaves in her arms.

49. A Cry from the Depths

Psalm 130

Colin Hodgetts

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

From the depths I call you, Lord; Lord, hear my cry. _____

_____ Let your ear re - ceive my plea my mer - cy sigh.

VERSE B^b

1. If you keep ac - count of our sins who can hold up his head?
 2. For the Lord my soul pines in hope that his word be ful - filled.
 3. As we watch for morn - ing to break let us look for the Lord.

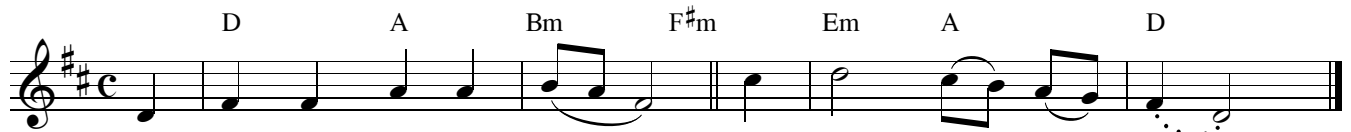
1. As in you for - give - ness is found we look on you with awe.
 2. As the watch - man longs for the dawn so I wait for the Lord.
 3. For his power to free knows no bounds and his love ne - ver fails,

50. Song of Humility

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 131

Colin Hodgetts



1. I am too lit - tle Lord to look down_ on o - thers.
 2. I've not chased great af - fairs_ nor mat - ters be - yond me.
 3. I've tamed my wild de - sires and set - tled my soul.
 4. My soul's a new fed child at rest on the breast.
 5. My sis - ters, seek the Lord, my bro - thers pur - sue him.

51. The Blessing of Community

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 133

Colin Hodgetts



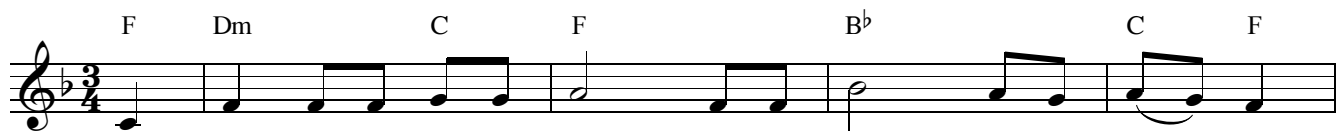
1. What wealth, what plea-sure, liv - ing as bro - thers and sis - ters to - ge - ther.
2. How sweet, how frag - rant, like oil poured o - ver the head, an an - noint - ing.
3. The beard is drip - ping, oil flow - ing o - ver the col - lar, des - cend - ing.
4. As dew of Her - mon set - tles on hill - sides of Zi - on, a bless - ing.
5. So here, to - ge - ther, bless - ings of life e - ver - last - ing flow through us.

52. Litany of Thanksgiving

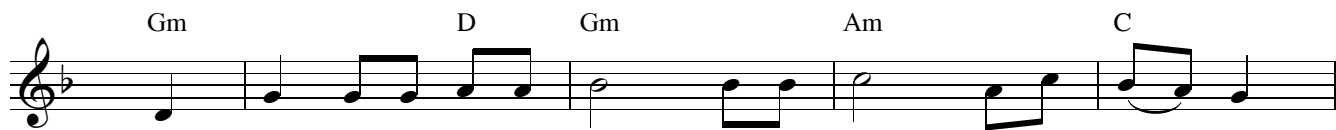
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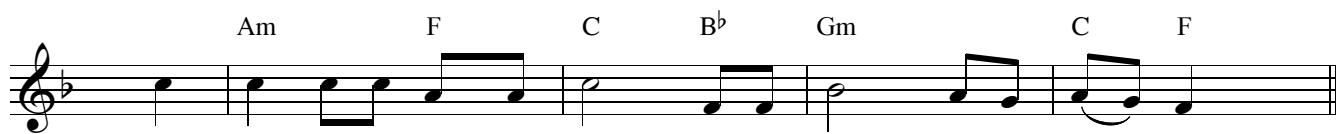
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1. Give thanks for the Lord is good;
2. His won - ders he works a - lone; *he is faith - ful for e - ver.*
3. He fa - shioned the lights a - bove;
4. He smote Eg - ypt's first-born sons;



1. Give thanks to the God of gods,
2. through wis - dom he made the skies; *he is faith - ful for e - ver.*
3. the sun to con - tain the day,
4. saved Is - ra - el from their hands;



1. Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
2. on wa - ters he laid the earth; *he is faith - ful for e - ver.*
3. the moon and the stars, the night;
4. so power - ful his out - stretched arm;

5

The Red Sea he split in two;
he is faithful for ever,
 led Israel through the sea;
he is faithful for ever,
 drowned Pharoah and all his men;
he is faithful for ever.

6

He led them through wilderness;
he is faithful for ever,
 and slew famous kings like Sehon
he is faithful for ever,
 the king of the Amorites
he is faithful for ever.

7

and Og, king of Bashan, too;
he is faithful for ever,
 gave Israel all their lands,
he is faithful for ever,
 a birthright and heritage.
he is faithful for ever.

8

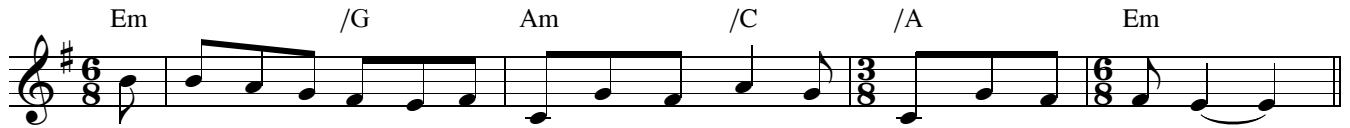
He held us in troubled times
he is faithful for ever,
 and rescued us from our foes.
he is faithful for ever,
 He gives all his creatures food.
he is faithful for ever.

53. Song in Exile

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 137 (1-6)

Colin Hodgetts



1. By Ba - by - lon's ri - vers we sat down and wept, re - mem - ber - ing Zi - on; ___
 2. But how could we of - fer a song of the Lord on a - li - en soil? ___



1. on wil - lows that grew there we hung up our harps, re - mem - ber - ing Zi - on. ___
 2. My right hand shall wi - ther, O ci - ty of peace, if I should for - get you. ___



1. For there those who car - ried us cap - tive a - way called for a song;
 2. My tongue will ad - here to the roof of my mouth, should I for - get you,



1. our cap - tors re - quired of us joy, 'Sing a song, a song of your ci - ty.'
 2. not set - ting the ci - ty of peace be - fore all, be - fore ev - 'ry plea - sure. _



- By Ba - by - lon's ri - vers we sat down and wept, re - mem - ber - ing Zi - on; ___

54. Song of Thanksgiving

Psalm 138

Colin Hodgetts

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

Capo 2nd

Em Am C B7 E *Fine*

Fill the air with song! _____

VERSE

Em B7

1. High praise and hear - ty thanks, my Lord,
2. For you have kept your pro - mi - ses,
3. Let heads of state con - fess your name
4. You, Lord, though high, up - lift the low
5. To save me you stretch out your hand;

Em B7

1. for you have lis - tened to my prayer;
2. your word is grea - ter than your fame.
3. for, when they've heard your liv - ing word,
4. and from a - far put down the proud.
5. in me your pur - pose you'll ful - fill.

G D B7/D#

1. with all your peo - ple I will sing
2. The day I called you an - swered me
3. they'll ce - le - brate that name in song
4. You guard me though I walk with foes
5. Your grace and love for e - ver thrive,

Em B7 Em

1. to laud your faith - ful love and care.
2. and set my har - dened heart a - flame.
3. and praise the glo - ry of the Lord.
4. and keep me from the rag - ing crowd.
5. we ask you help to do your will.

55. The Hound of Heaven

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 139 (vv. 19-22 omitted)

Colin Hodgetts



1. You search me and know me, my Lord, you see my sleep - ing and wak - ing, _____
 2. Be - fore a word tou - ches my tongue you know the phrase I will ut - ter. _____



1. you know all my ways and in - ten tions, you mark when I wan - der or rest.
 2. Be - hind and in front you be - siege me and o - ver my head hangs your hand.

3
 This power confuses my mind,
 surpassing all understanding;
 for where can I hide from your spirit
 and where can I run from your face?

5
 I fly where the sun starts to rise
 and seek the ocean's horizon,
 and there, even there, you are present
 and ready to offer your hand.

4
 I climb to the sky - you are there,
 and in my coffin I find you;
 so where can I hide from your spirit
 and where can I run from your face?

6
 I say, 'I will wrap up in night
 and pull the gloom close around me'
 to find that for you there's no darkness
 and night is as bright as the day.



7. For you it was gave me this shape and in my mo - ther e - volved me: _____



- your mar - vels a - rouse me to praise you, your won - der - ful ways fire my mind.

8
 My intimate workings you know,
 and my mysterious making;
 the way I was secretly kneaded
 and moulded in earth's darkest depths.

10
 So deep and profuse are your thoughts,
 like grains of sand in the desert,
 that were I to reckon their number
 my years must be long spun like yours.

9
 You noted my embryo limbs:
 your book recorded their progress,
 how day after day they developed
 not one of them late growing strong.

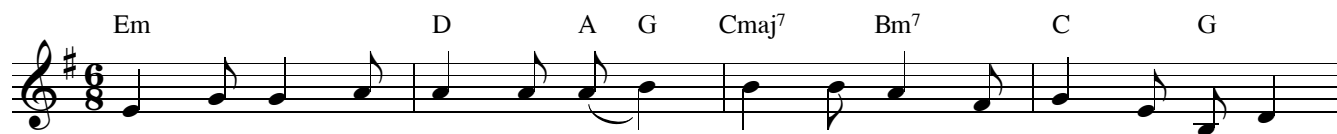
11
 Examine me, God, know my heart;
 yes, test me, know my misgivings.
 Prevent me from taking blind alleys
 and let my feet tread living ways.

56. Praise to the King

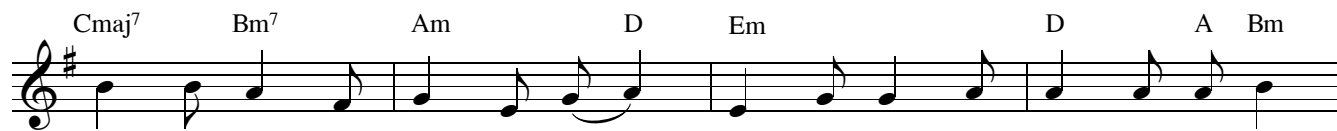
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Psalm 145

Colin Hodgetts

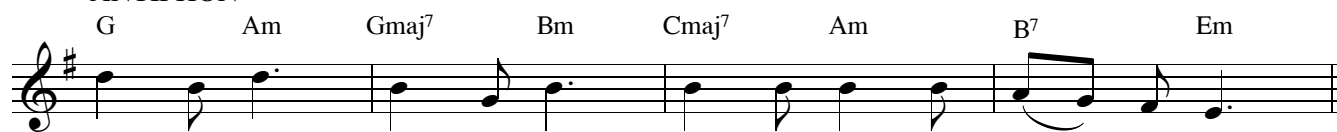


I shall bless you, God my King, I shall praise your name for e - ver;



I shall bless you day by day, I shall praise your name for e - ver.

ANTIPHON



Great is God, great our king, great be - yond all re - ckon - ing.

2

Age will praise your deeds to age,
prizing all your mighty actions.
Your renown is splendour's crown,
I will ponder on your wonders.

5

Every creature offers thanks;
all your faithful people bless you.
Of the glory of our king,
and your might, we'll tell the story.

3

Wonders tell of awesome power;
I will tell of your perfection.
Those who count your acts of love
will be joyful at your justice.

6

There is promise in his word,
there is rightness in his actions;
he lifts those whose backs are bowed,
lends support to those who stumble.

4

You, the Lord, of tender heart,
anger slowly, love us fully;
infinitely kind to all,
holding every creature gently.

7

Those who look to you in hope
will be fed with food in season.
In your generosity
you will satisfy each creature.

57. Song to Celebrate God's Rule

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 146

Colin Hodgetts

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The first line of music is in 2/2 time and contains the lyrics: "Praise the Lord, my soul. Through - out my life I'll". Above the staff are the chords: C, G, Am, Em, Am, Em. The second line of music is in 3/2 time and contains the lyrics: "praise the Lord and sing him psalms. Hal - le - lu - jah!". Above the staff are the chords: Am, Em, G, C, Am, Em, Am. The word "ANTIPHON" is centered above the second line of music.

2
Set no faith in kings,
nor faith in anyone
without the power to save.

3
Breathing our last breath
we turn to dust, and in
that hour our thinking ends.

4
Happy is the heart
that knows the Father's help,
whose hopes are in the Lord.

5
Heaven, earth and sea,
and in the all that swims
and creeps and flies, he made.

6
Tyrants earn their due
while justice rests on those
oppressed, as he has sworn.

7
Hungry mouths he feeds,
the prisoner frees and to
the blind restores his sight.

8
Burdened backs are eased;
the sinner has his love
and strangers have his eye.

9
Wicked men are wrecked
while orphan child and
widow woman have his heart.

59. Praise to the Lord of Heaven

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 148

Colin Hodgetts

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 5/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

E A E A E A E A
 Praise the Lord of hea - ven; praise him in the height;—
 E A E A E A E A
 praise him hea - ven's daugh - ters; praise him sons of light.

2

Praise him sun and moon,
 sing praise you shining stars;
 praise him distant planets,
 Jupiter and Mars.

5

Valleys, hills and mountains,
 fruit and cedar trees,
 all wild beasts and cattle,
 snakes and birds and bees.

3

Let them praise his name, he
 spoke, and evermore
 they have kept the course
 determined by his law.

6

People and their leaders,
 politician, priest;
 young and old together,
 greatest with the least.

4

Praise the Lord from earth
 you seas, and all that swim;
 fire, hail, snow and ice, with
 winds that answer him.

7

Let them praise his name,
 the name of highest worth;
 majesty exalted
 over heaven and earth.

60. Festival of Praise

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 150

Colin Hodgetts

f A D A F#m E A A D A Bm D E
 Praise God in his earth - ly place, praise him in the height of hea - ven;

F#m E F#m E7
 praise him for his migh - ty works, praise his trans - cen - dent great - ness.

A D A F#m E A A D A Bm D E
 Praise him with a trum - pet fan - fare, praise him with gui - tars and harps.

mf F#m E F#m E7
 Praise him with drums and danc - ing, praise him with strings and pipe.

f A D A F#m E A A D A Bm D E
 Praise him with clash - ing cym - bals, let the ring - ing cym - bals praise him.

F#m D F#m E7 A D A F#m E A
 Let all that breathes sing praise: O praise the Lord!