

The Othona Psalms

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1. The Two Ways

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Psalm 1

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1. How hap - py are
2. They thrive like the
3. How un - like the



1. those who ig - nore the ad - vice of the wi - cked,
2. tree that is plant - ed by fresh run - ning wa - ter,
3. wi - cked 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 with - er.
3. for our God will bless those who are right - eous



1. but de - light in the law of the Lord
2. They are fruit - ful in ev - '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 ev - 'ry deed.
3. while the wi - cked will cease _____ to be.

2. God and His Son

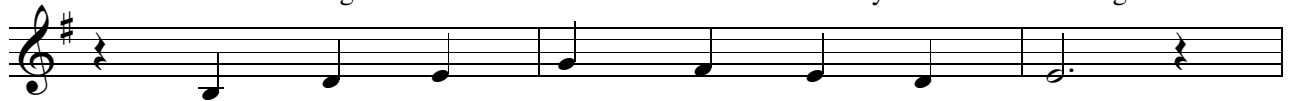
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1. Why do the na - tions noise re - bel - lion?
2. High on his throne God heaves with laugh - ter,
3. 'Let me pro - claim the word of God
4. 'You kings and lea - ders heed my warn - ing:



1. Why do the peo - ple plot re - -volt?
2. his fin - ger picks them out in fun.
3. who, with this charge, made me his son:
4. wor - ship the Lord in fear and awe.



1. Rul - ers are puffed with self - im - por - tance,
2. Then he ad - dres - ses them in an - ger,
3. "You are my son and I your fa - ther;
4. Trem - ble and kiss his feet for he may



1. lea - ders and led de - sert the Lord.
2. strikes ter - ror with his fu - rious rage:
3. ask, and all na - tions shall be yours;
4. wipe you a - way in ris - ing rage,



1. 'Come, let us break the chains that bind us;
2. 'This is the one whom I have cho - sen
3. rule with an i - ron rod these peop - le
4. for he may quick - ly blaze with an - ger.



1. come, let us free us from this rule!
2. to sit on Zi - on's ho - ly hill.'
3. or shat - ter them like pots of clay."
4. Hap - py are those who trust in God!

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Hap - py are those who trust in God!

3. Song Before Sleep

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Ans - wer me, Lord, when I call. You who
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 Cry

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Musical score for 'Morning Cry' in 2/4 time. The first two staves are a single melodic line with lyrics: 'Hear me when I call, my lov - ing Lord, and lis - ten to these pleas that lie out - poured.' The third staff is an antiphon with two parts: a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics for the antiphon are: '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

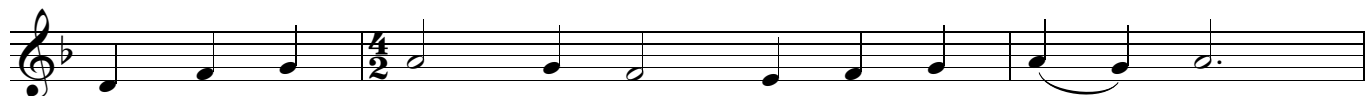
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1. Cre - a - tor, through the earth your name is great,
2. When I sur - vey the skies, your han - di - work,
3. You made me lit - tle low - er than the gods
4. all sheep and cat - tle, wild and fierce - some beasts,



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.____

ANTIPHON

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;
2. End these lies, Lord, smo - ther their smooth lips;
3. "I, the Lord, will rise to cries of pain;
4. Pure words, Lord, re - fined like pu - rest gold!



1. bro - ther keeps bad faith with bro - ther;
2. te - ther tongues that tend to boast - ing,
3. those op - pressed by ex - ploi - ta - tion,
4. From an e - vil age pro - tect us,

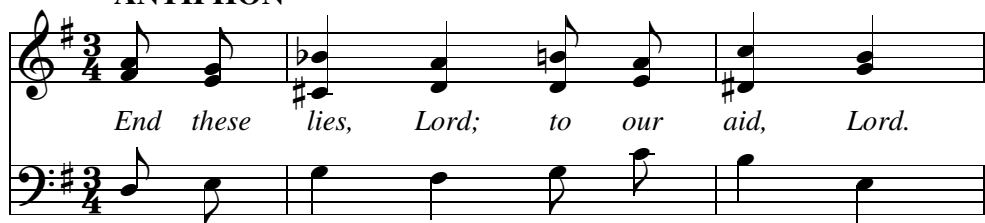


1. peo - ple lie to one a - no - ther
2. those who say, "With speech so spark - ling,
3. those who groan for li - be - ra - tion,
4. wick - ed - ness is rife a - round us



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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7. The Fool

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Psalms 14 and 53

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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

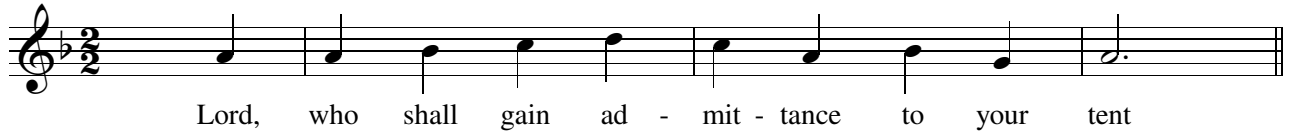
Will Zion see
her liberty?
Yes, God will free
us, bringing joy.

8. Rules for Living

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Psalm 15

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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

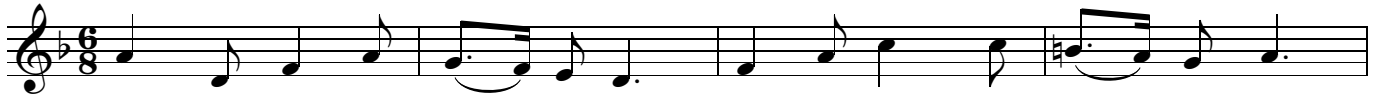
Who acts like this will never come to grief
but on your holy mountain firmly stand.

9. Happiness in the Lord

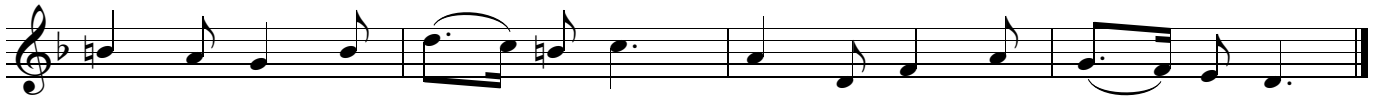
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1. Keep me, Lord, I live in you, you a - lone my hap - pi - ness.
2. Ne - ver will I of - fer blood, ne - ver ut - ter pa - gan cries.
3. Hap - py in my he - ri - tage, pleased with my al - lot - ted part,
4. You are e - ver in my sight, I stand up - right with your aid.
5. You'll not leave my soul in shade nor death's fear make me en - dure.



1. Gods of earth are noth - ing worth, hol - low those whom they im - press.
2. You my bread and you my cup, you a - lone the price - less prize.
3. I will bless my coun - sel - lor who, in sleep, re - news my heart.
4. Heart sings out and soul e - xalts, bo - dy, too, rests un - a - fraid.
5. Point - ing out the path of life you give joy for e - ver - more.

10. Song of the Universe

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Psalm 19

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1. The hea - vens pro - claim the glo - ry of God, The u - ni - verse
2. No speech tells the tale for words have no place; all voi - ces are
3. The sky like a tent en - ve - lopes the sun which ri - ses, a



1. bla - zes the work of his will; the mes - sage is mir - rored by
2. si - lent, no tears and no mirth; and yet through cre - a - tion the
3. groom go - ing out to his bride; a cham - pion tri - um - phant - ly



1. day af - ter day and night af - ter night whis - pers word of his skill.
2. rhy - thms re - sound, in e - cho re - turn from the ends of the earth.
3. climb - ing the skies, a face from whose fea - tures no crea - ture can hide.

Faster



1. The Law of the Lord is per - fect, giv - ing the soul new life, the
2. The fear of the Lord is ho - ly, liv - ing for e - ver - more; the
3. But who can dis - cern all er - ror? Free me from hid - den faults Re -



1. rule of the Law is trus - ty, mak - ing the sim - ple wise; the
2. laws of the Lord are faith - ful each of them true and just; more
3. -strain me from self - ish ac - tions lest I be o - ver - come. Let



1. rules of the Lord are up - right, fill - ing the heart with 1. joy; the
2. pre - cious are they than gold - dust, swee - ter than ho - ney - 2. -comb; by
3. words that my mouth may speak and thoughts that my heart may 3. hold find



- word of the Lord shines bright - ly giv - ing the eyes their light.
- these is your ser - vant fa - shioned, keep - ing them brings re - ward.
- 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)

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ANTIPHON

My God, my God, why have you for - sak - en me?

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

VERSE (faster)

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

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;

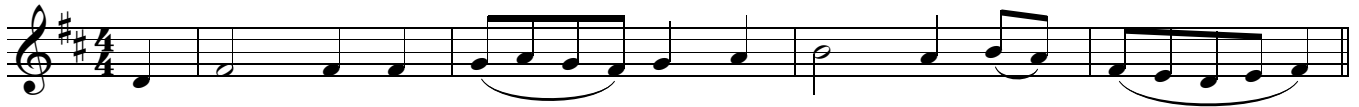
1. Come, praise him you who love the Lord, with songs of joy em - brace his name.
2. he has not turned his face a - way but made the pau - per his de - light.
3. The meek shall eat and have their fill, and they sing praise who seek the Lord.
4. for king - ly power is his to wield; the world will ce - le - brate 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

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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 a - fraid_____
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

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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, and oaths for de -



1. peo ple. The earth with its seas, its lakes and its ri - vers.
2. sum - mit? The one with clean hands and heart that is pure;
3. -ceiv - ing. Such peo - ple are blessed and will be re - ward - ed.



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, might - y,



Lord, a Lord who is vic - to - rious.



Op - en up you gates, you e - ver - last - ing doors, let in the king of



glo - ry. Who is this king of glo - ry? 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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ANTIPHON

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 u - pon 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.

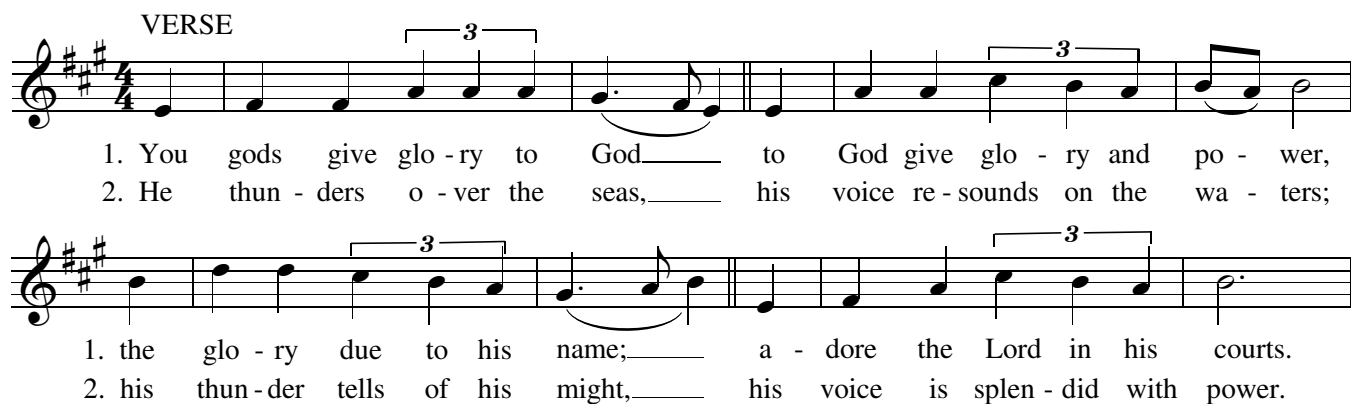
16. Song of Glory and Might

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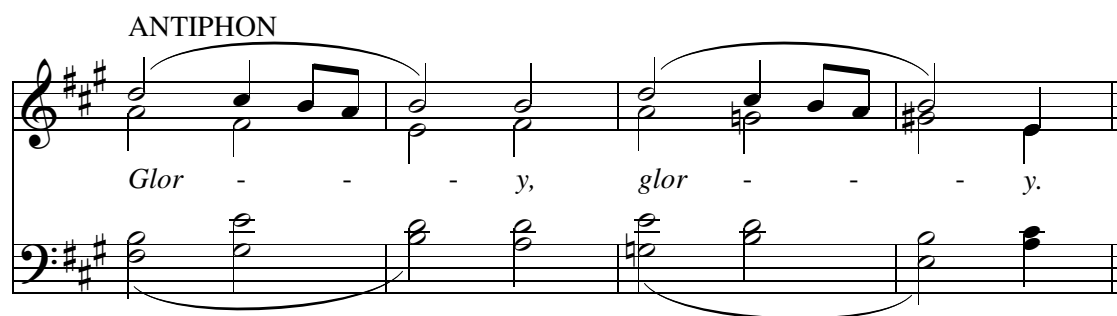
VERSE



1. You gods give glo - ry to God _____ to God give glo - ry and po - wer,
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



Glor - - - y, *glor* - - - y.

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

Fine

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

VERSE

Give thanks on harp and flute _____ sing to the ten - stringed lute; _____
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;
in justice he finds worth;
with love he fills the earth.

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

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Psalm 39

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



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;

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?

3

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

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.

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.

7

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

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.'

19. Song of Yearning

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Psalm 42

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ANTIPHON

Fine

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

VERSE

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

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

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

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VERSE



1. God is our safe shel - ter and our strength, a help on hand in
2. Liv - ing wa - ters give God's ci - ty joy and make of us his
3. See the de - vas - ta - tion he has wrought. He stamps out war through -



1. times of stress. So we have no fear though earth should
2. dwel - ling place. If God takes our side we can - not
3. -out the world; breaks the bow and snaps the spear in



1. rock or moun - tains crash in - to the sea; wa - ters may in
2. fall, at break of day he'll res - cue us. Na - tions are in
3. two, des - troys def - en - sive shields with fire. "Cease your wars and



1. tu - mult rage and seethe and break - ing waves the moun - tains shake.
2. up - roar, king - doms quake; he roars: earth sur - ges like the sea.
3. know that I am 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

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Psalm 51

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ANTIPHON (slower)



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

8

Burnt offerings are an offence,
such sacrifice has had its day.
A broken spirit is my gift
for you'll not turn my heart away.

22. Song of the Still Heart

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Psalm 62

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



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

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

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 67

Colin Hodgetts



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 just - ice,
3. The earth has yield - ed its har - vest for you, our God, give your bless - ing.



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

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



Give jus - tice to King Dav - id's heir and give your son the gift to judge,
that he may judge the peo - ple well and mete out jus - tice to the poor.

ANTIPHON



Give your son the gift to judge.

2
Let hills and mountains speak of peace,
that like them peace may firmly stand.
Let him defend the suffering poor
and offer help to those in need.

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.

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.

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.

25. Song of Envy Overcome

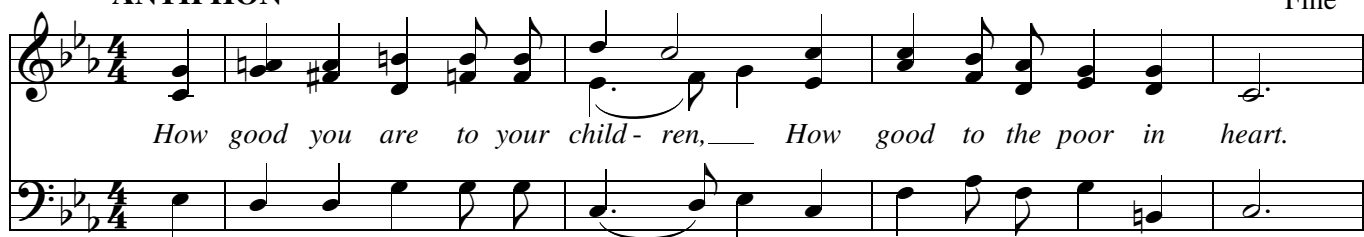
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Psalm 73

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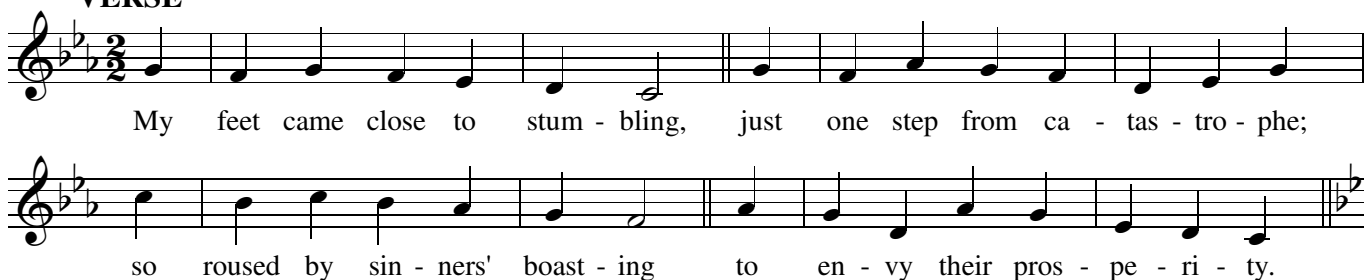
ANTIPHON

Fine



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

VERSE



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

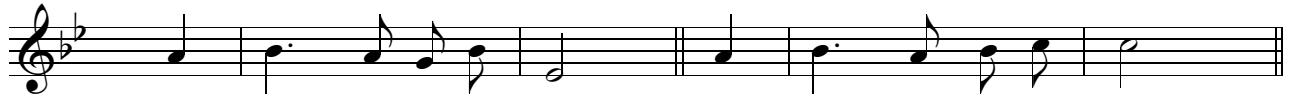
Psalm 77

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE



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



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



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

ANTIPHON

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 in your shadow
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 service
or years on my own?
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

Colin Hodgetts

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.

ANTIPHON

O - pen your ears to the Lord

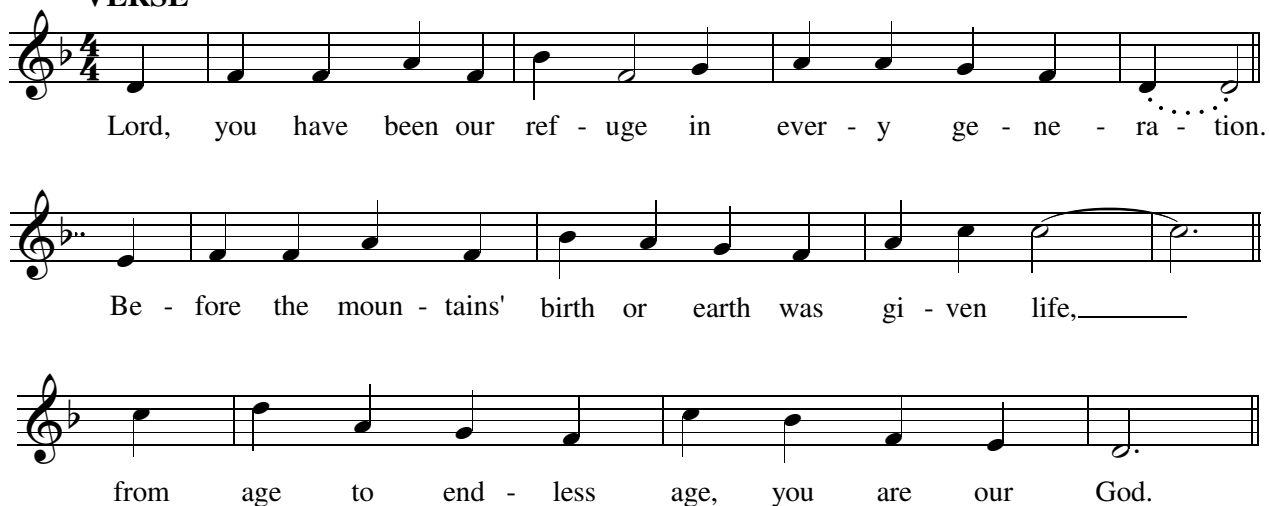
29. Song of a Sufferer

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 90

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE



Lord, you have been our ref - uge in ever - y ge - ne - ra - tion.
 Be - fore the moun - tains' birth or earth was gi - ven life,
 from age to end - less age, you are our God.

ANTIPHON



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.

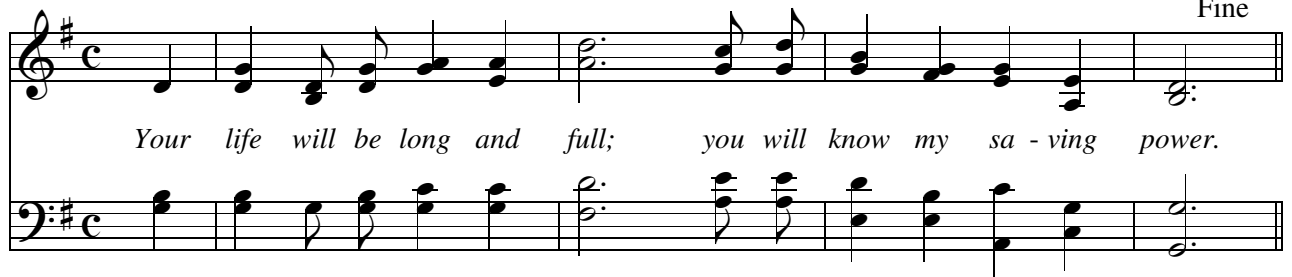
30. Song of the Protector

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Psalm 91

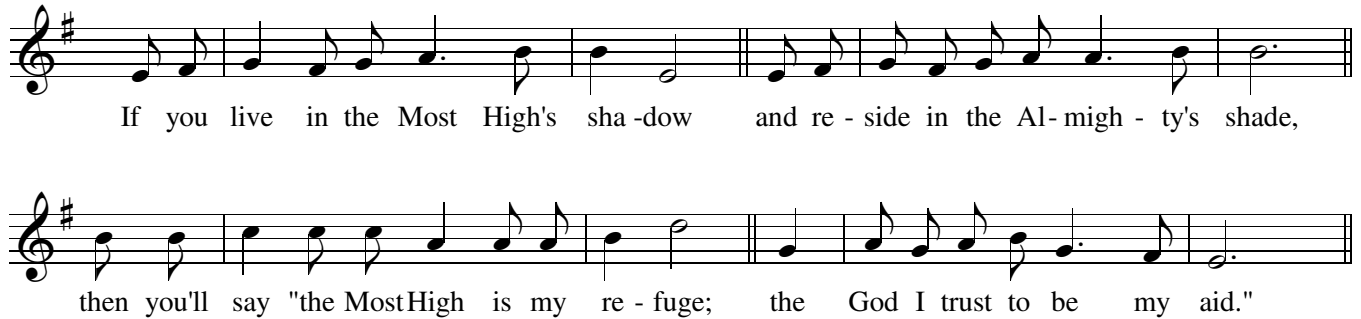
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ANTIPHON



Your life will be long and full; you will know my sa - ving power.

VERSE



If you live in the Most High's sha-dow and re - side in the Al-migh - ty's shade,
then you'll say "the Most High is my re - fuge; 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.

8

"I will rescue the one who loves me;
and the one who knows my name, defend.
I will answer the one who invokes me;
the one in trouble I'll befriend."

31. Song of the Upright

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 92

Colin Hodgetts



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

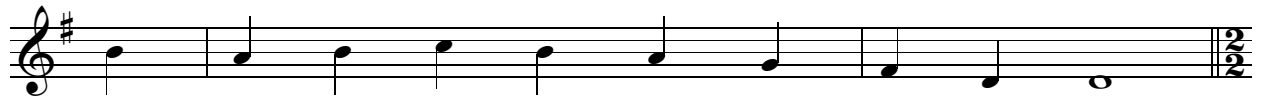
Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 93

Colin Hodgetts



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



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



moul-ded the eye not see? Shall he who tea-ches the world not pu-nish,



a - ware their schemes are as thin as air?

ANTIPHON

Fools! when will you learn sense?

2

How happy those you instruct, O Lord,
how happy those who have learnt your law,
they'll know your comfort in times of trouble
until the guilty ones' fate is sealed.

3

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

4

Against the wicked who'll take my side?
Who'll rise to challenge the evil ones?
If from my Lord help were not forthcoming
then I should live in a soundless 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

To me the Lord is a tower of strength;
my God, a refuge, a solid rock.
He turns their evil against the doers
annihilating them for their sins.

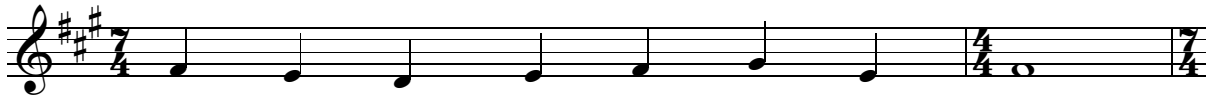
34. Song of the Powerful

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Psalm 95 (vv. 1-7)

Colin Hodgetts

VERSE



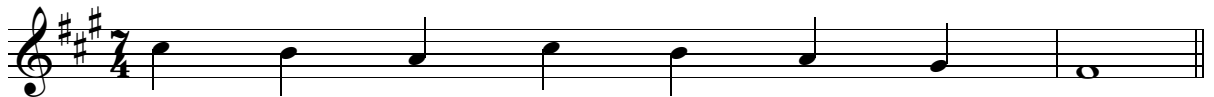
1. Sing a rous - ing song to the Lord;
2. He the Lord our God is so great,
3. His the seeth - ing sea which he made;
4. He is Chief - tain, we are his clan;



1. shout tri - um - phant - ly 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 - tory 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

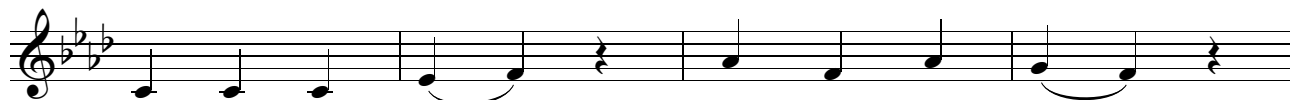
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Psalm 96

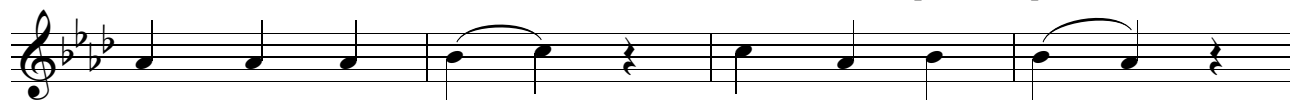
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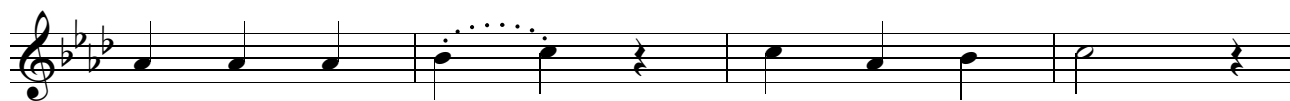
1. Sing to the Lord,___ sing a new song;___
2. Great is the Lord,___ wor - thy of praise,___
3. Give to the Lord,___ na - tions and states,___
4. Tell all the world,___ "He is our king";___
5. Then shall the trees___ shout out for joy;___



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,___



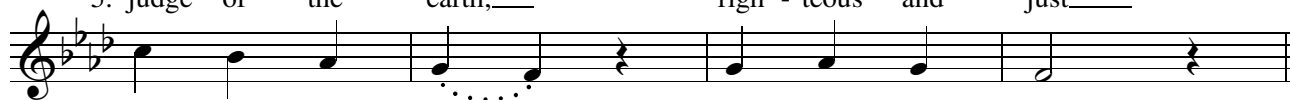
1. sing to the Lord,___ bless - ing his name.___
2. worth - less these gods,___ i - dols of tin. ___
3. give him the glo - ry due to his name. ___
4. he will be just___ judg - ing the earth. ___
5. praise to the Lord com - ing to earth;___



1. Tell of his tri - umph day af - ter day;
2. He who is Lord___ fa - shioned 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 us all;



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 robed;___
4. let the sea roar, fi - shes cry out!___
5. judge of the earth,___ righ - teous 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___ jud - ges us all.

36. A New Song

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 98

Colin Hodgetts

A new song sing to God
to ce - le - brate his deeds,
the tri - umph of his arm.

ANTIPHON

Sing a new song.

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of a main melody and an antiphon. The main melody is a single line in treble clef. The antiphon is a two-part setting in 3/4 time, with the top part in treble clef and the bottom part in bass clef. Both parts feature a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

2

His constancy and love
for children of his choice
are ever on his mind.

5

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

3

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

6

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

4

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

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

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 100

Colin Hodgetts



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,

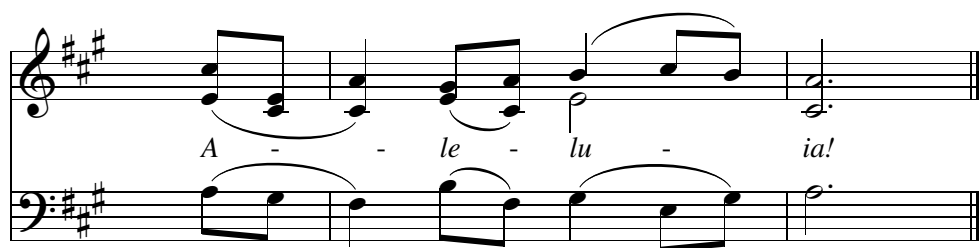


1. and wor - ship our God with great glad - ness;
2. for we are his own and he made us;
3. and en - ter his courts sing - ing prai - ses;
4. whose good - ness and love live for e - ver,



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.

ANTIPHON



38. Song in Praise of Love

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 103

Colin Hodgetts



Come, bless the Lord, my soul, with all my be - ing bless his name;



come, bless the Lord, my soul, re - mem - ber all his glo - ri - ous 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

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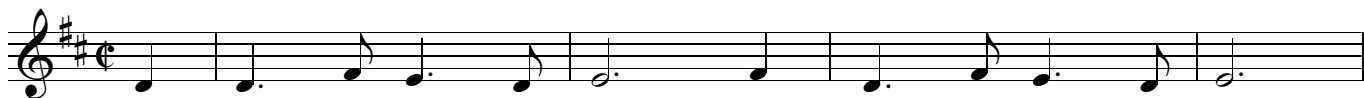
You wonders of the world,
revealers of his rule: praise God.
My soul give thanks to God,
give thanks, my soul, and praise his
name

39. Song of Creation

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 104

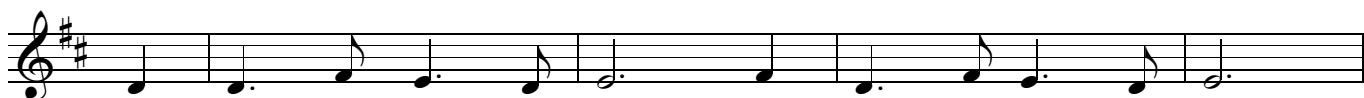
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1. O bless the Lord, my soul! How great you are, my God,
 2. You fixed the earth in place and it will keep its course,



1. in might and glo - ry clothed and robed in rays of light.
 2. You wrapped it round with sea - the wa - ters dwarf the hills.



1. The pla - nets and the stars you spread ac - ross the sky
 2. At your com - mand they ran as thun - der made them flee



1. and where they touch in - fi - ni - ty you have your throne.
 2. down moun - tain - sides and vales to their ap - poin - ted place.



1. With clouds as cha - ri - ot you ride on wings of air,
 2. You set them in their banks lest they should drown the earth.



1. make winds your mes - sen - gers, tame flames of fire to serve.
 2. In val - leys you made streams to flow bet - ween 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

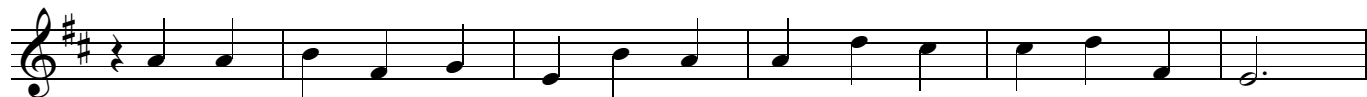
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Psalm 107

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



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



who from lands east and west, north and south, he has gath - ered 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, covered 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.

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.

41. Song of the Compassionate One

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 113

Colin Hodgetts

Praise the Fa - ther, you chil - ren, praise the name_ of the Lord.

From this mo - ment for e - ver may his name_ be a - dored.

Praise the Fa - ther, you chil - dren.

2

From the day's dawn to darkness
the Creator we praise;
who is greater than nations,
who outshines heaven's blaze.

3

Not on earth nor in heaven
is there one of such might
who, though throned at such distance,
keeps the lowly in sight,

4

lifts the weak from the gutter,
shakes the dust from the poor
to resear them with princes,
those the world holds in awe.

5

For the mother of children,
for the woman with none,
half the world is a daughter,
half the world is a son.

42. The Corner Stone

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 118

Colin Hodgetts



To thank our God is cer - tain good for love will live and ne - ver die.
Let all God's peo - ple now pro - claim a love to span e - ter - ni - ty.

2

When in distress I called for help
the Spirit rose and set me free.
The Spirit answers when I cry,
why need I fear an enemy?

3

To trust in God is safer far
than giving presidents control.
The foes who take me prisoner
will have my flesh but miss my soul.

4

They swarm like bees around a hive;
as fire strikes furze they then attack.
I face them with nonviolent love
and in this power compel them back

5

So you, my song and my defence,
become the one who rescues me.
The way that seemed to be so weak
becomes the path to victory.

6

I shall not die, no, let me live
to praise your deeds with every breath
for, though you thought to chasten me,
you did not give me up to death

7

Throw wide the gates of victory
that I may pass with songs of praise;
the lap of triumph I will take
to celebrate the way of ways.

8

I praise you: you have answered me,
my freedom stems from you alone.
The stone the builders cast aside
has now become the corner stone.

9

This is a deed that you have done,
a marvel to our jaded sight;
this is the day that you have made,
a joy in which to take delight

10

We pray you, Lord, deliver us;
we pray you, send prosperity.
May all who come be blessed in you:
we bless you in this certainty.

11

The Lord has given light to us,
the pilgrims who for ever cry,
"To thank our God is certain good
for this, his love, will never die."

43. The Guardian

Colin Hodgetts

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 Wat - cher 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 with-in 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 with-in 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 un-i-ty; pray for life to-geth-er

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,
2. to a - wait the mer - cy_ held in that vi - sion.
3. for too long the in - sults of those who are weal - thy.



1. my eye seeks you out.
2. Our eyes seek you out.
3. Be gra - cious to us.

46. Song of the Saviour

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 124

Colin Hodgetts



1. If the Lord had not been on our side -
 3. they'd have swal - lowed us up in their wrath,
 5. We'd have drowned in the tur - bu - lent waves
 7. For he let us es - cape like a bird



1. let Is - rael re - peat it out loud -
 3. and burnt us to death in their rage.
 5. of ei - ther the ri - ver or sea.
 7. that flees from the bird - catch-er's net.



2. if the Lord had not been on our side
 4. Then the sea would have closed o - ver us,
 6. Bless the Lord who did not let us fall
 8. And the Lord is our help and our aid,



2. when we were at - tacked by our foes,
 4. a tor - rent have washed us a - way.
 6. a prey to the power of their teeth.
 8. cre - a - tor of hea - ven and earth.

47. Song of Return

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 126

Colin Hodgetts



When God re - moves our chains and



leads us out of e - xile it seems like a dream.

ANTIPHON

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.

48. The Builder

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 127

Colin Hodgetts



1. Un - less the Lord con - struct the house the buil - der works in vain.
2. In vain you rise to greet the sun or late re - tire to bed;
3. Your child - ren are a gift from God, your seed en - rich your name.



1. Un - less the Lord pro - tect the town the watch - man guards in vain.
2. you sweat to live while his own sleep and in their sleep are fed.
3. De - light - ing in your pa - rent - hood you'll not be put to shame.

49. A Cry from the Depths

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 130

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

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

From the depths I call you, Lord;

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

Fine

VERSE

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
2. How sweet, how fra - grant, like oil poured
3. The beard is drip - ping, oil flow - ing
4. As dew of Her - mon set - tles on
5. So here, to - ge - ther, bless - ings of



1. bro - thers and sis - ters to - ge - ther.
2. o - ver the head, an an - noint - ing.
3. o - ver the col - lar, des - cend - ing.
4. hill - sides of Zi - on, a bless - ing.
5. life e - ver - last - ing flow through us.

52. Litany of Thanksgiving

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 136

Colin Hodgetts



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, mem - ber - ing Zi - on.
2. My right hand shall wi - ther, O ci - ty of peace, 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 ever - y plea - sure.



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

54. Song of Thanksgiving

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 138

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

Fill the air with song! *Fine*

VERSE

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;

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.

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

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 your help to do your will.

55. The Hound of Heaven

57

Colin Hodgetts

Psalms 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

Colin Hodgetts

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

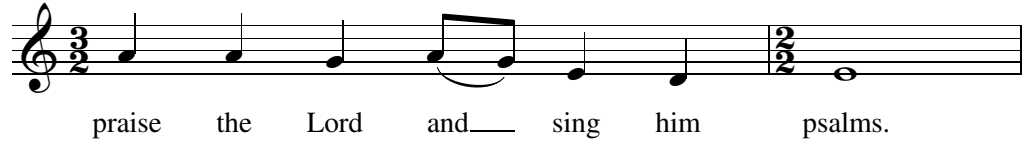
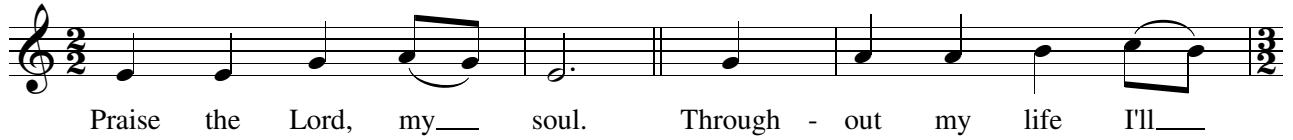
Those who look to you in hope
will be fed with food in season.
In your generosity
you will satisfy each creature.

57. Song to Celebrate God's Rule

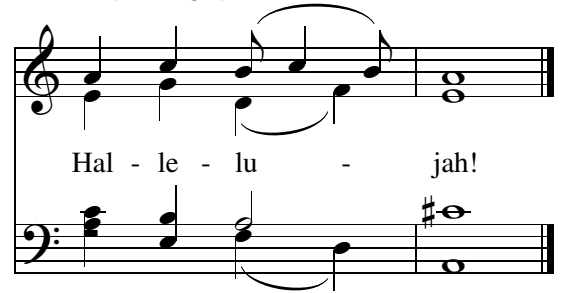
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Psalm 146

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ANTIPHON



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 them all that
swims and creeps and flies, he made.

10
God shall ever reign.
the God of peace rule
every age. Halleluia!

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.

58. The Pleasure of Praise

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 147

Colin Hodgetts

ANTIPHON

Fine

What joy to sing to the Lord, what pleasure to praise him,

VERSE

1. What joy to sing to the Lord, what pleasure to praise him,
2. Our Lord is mighty, and filled with wisdom past telling.
3. The hills are covered with grass and fruits to sustain us.
4. Now praise, you people your God; let every one praise him!
5. He sprinkles white as wool snow, spreads hoarfrost like ashes;

1. who builds the city of peace and gathers his children.
2. He gives the humble new heart and treads down evil.
3. He gives the cattle their feed and fills the young ravens.
4. Who puts new bars in your gates to safeguard your children.
5. commands the freeze and the thaw, with winds frees the waters.

1. The broken spirit is healed, the bruised are attended.
2. Raise up a thanksgiving song, sing psalms in his honour,
3. He sets no store by the horse nor legs of a runner,
4. Who brings his peace to your realm, gives fine wheat in plenty,
5. His word and law he declared to Jacob and Israel.

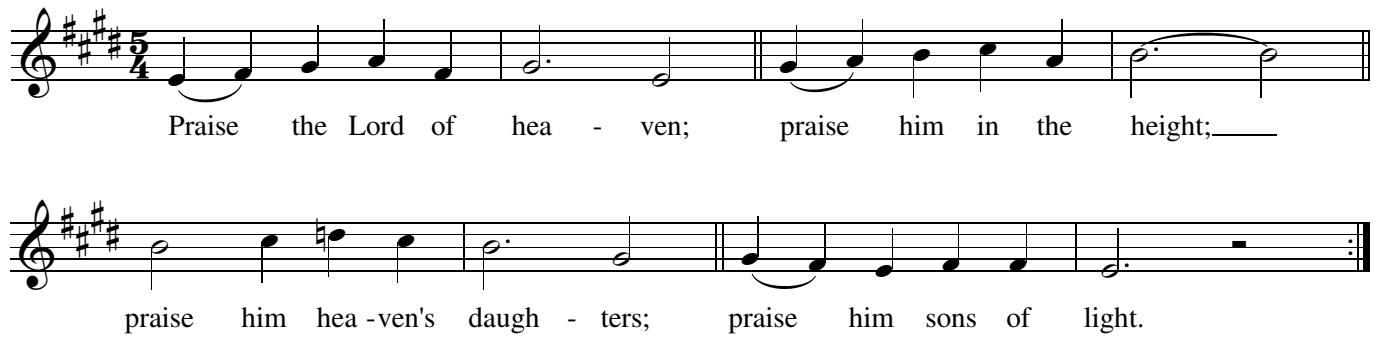
1. The stars are named one by one, displaying his power.
2. who fills the heavens with clouds to bless us with showers.
3. but those who long for his love, and fear him, he treasures.
4. conveys his word to the world, commands his dominions.
5. His mark and favour he shows to heirs of their spirit.

59. Praise to the Lord of Heaven

Colin Hodgetts

Psalm 148

Colin Hodgetts



Praise the Lord of hea - ven; praise him in the height; —
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.

8

Marking his great might
he crowns his saints with praise.
Children of his love
your Alleluias raise.

60. Festival of Praise

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Psalm 150

Colin Hodgetts



Praise__ God in his earth - ly place, praise__ him in the height of hea - ven;



praise__ him for his migh - ty works, praise__ his trans - cen - dent great - ness.



Praise him with a trum - pet fan - fare, praise__ him with gui - tars and harps.



Praise__ him with drums and danc - ing, praise__ him with strings and pipe.



Praise__ him with clash - ing cym - bals, let the ring - ing__ cym - bals praise him.



Let__ all that breathes sing praise: O__ praise__ the Lord!

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| To our aid, Lord, loyalty is fled (Ps 12)□ | 6 | 7 |
| To thank our God is certain good (Ps 118)□ | 42 | 45 |
| Unless the Lord construct the house (Ps 127)□ | 48 | 51 |
| What joy to sing to the Lord (Ps 147)□ | 58 | 60 |
| What wealth, what pleasure (Ps 133)□ | 51 | 53 |
| When God removes our chains (Ps 126)□□ | 47 | 50 |
| Why do the nations noise rebellion (Ps 2)□ | 2 | 3 |
| With joy greet the Lord (Ps 100)□ | 37 | 38 |
| You gods give glory to God (Ps 29)□ | 16 | 17 |
| Your life will be long and full (Ps 91) | 30 | 31 |
| You search me and know me, my Lord (Ps 139) | 55 | 57 |

