



# Psalms for Advent and Christmas

Lectionary Year A

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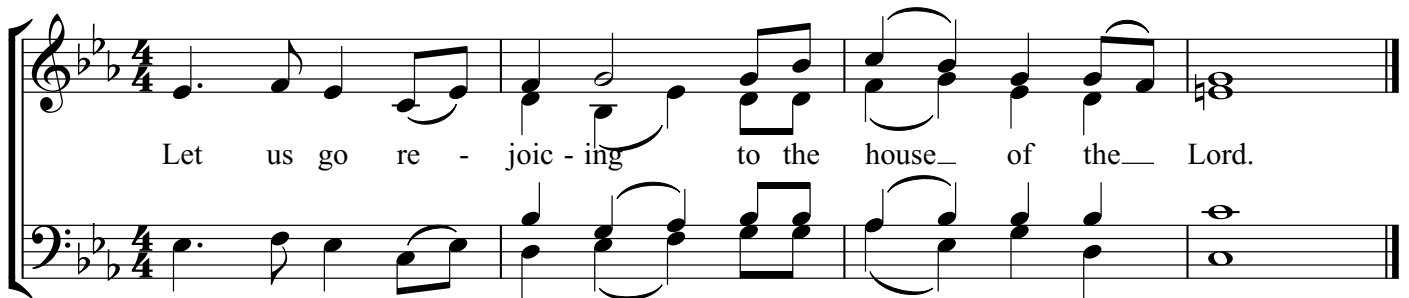
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# 1st Sunday of Advent

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

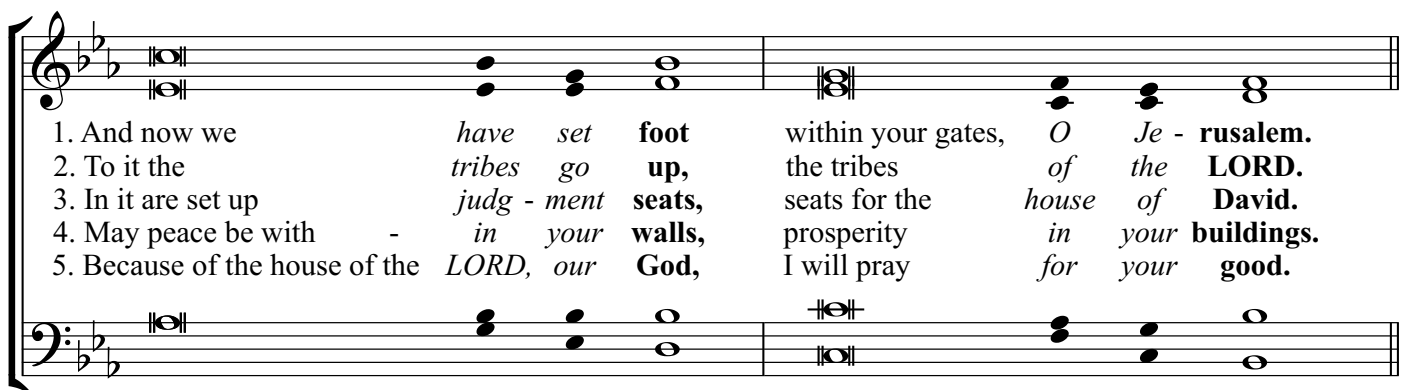
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Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord.



1. I rejoiced because they *said to me,* "We will go up to the house *of the LORD."*  
 2. Jerusalem, built *as a city* with *com - pact* unity.  
 3. According to the de - *cree for Israel,* to give thanks to the name *of the LORD.*  
 4. Pray for the peace *of Je - rusalem!* May those who *love you* prosper!  
 5. Because of my brothers *and my friends* I will say, "Peace *be with - in you!"*



1. And now we *have set foot* within your gates, *O Je - rusalem.*  
 2. To it the *tribes go up,* the tribes *of the LORD.*  
 3. In it are set up *judg - ment seats,* seats for the *house of David.*  
 4. May peace be with - *in your walls,* prosperity *in your buildings.*  
 5. Because of the house of the *LORD, our God,* I will pray *for your good.*

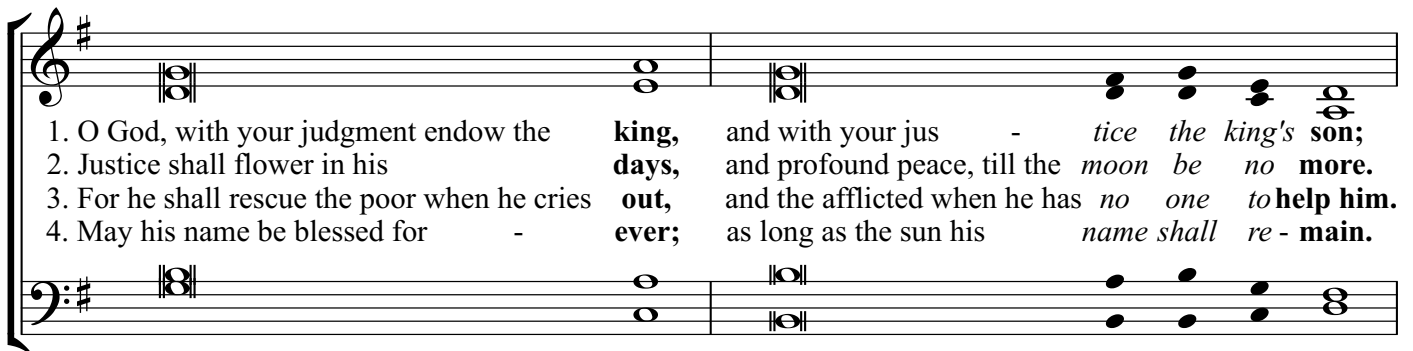
## 2nd Sunday of Advent

Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

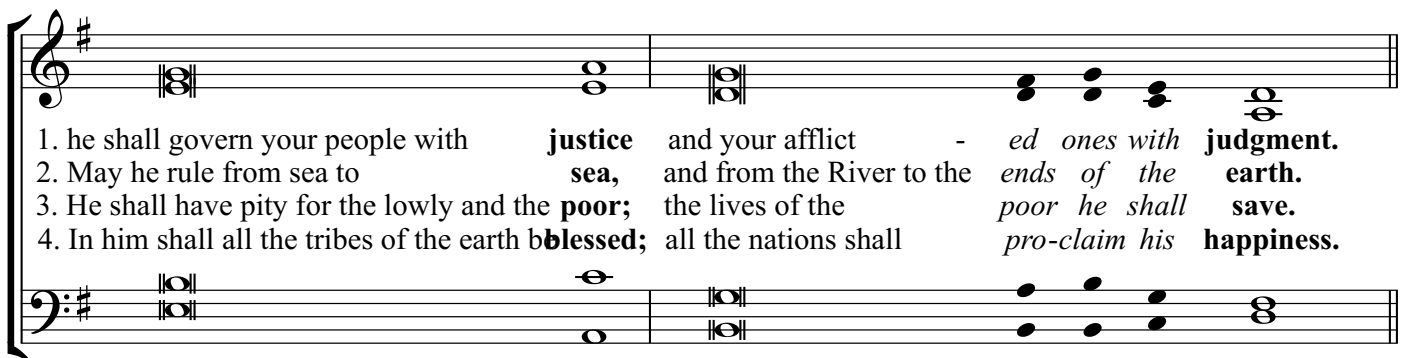
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Jus-tice shall flou-rish in his time, and full - ness of peace for e - ver.



1. O God, with your judgment endow the **king,** and with your jus - tice the king's **son;**  
 2. Justice shall flower in his **days,** and profound peace, till the *moon be no more.*  
 3. For he shall rescue the poor when he cries **out,** and the afflicted when he has *no one to help him.*  
 4. May his name be blessed for **ever;** as long as the sun his *name shall re - main.*



1. he shall govern your people with **justice** and your afflict - ed ones with **judgment.**  
 2. May he rule from sea to **sea,** and from the River to the *ends of the earth.*  
 3. He shall have pity for the lowly and the **poor;** the lives of the *poor he shall save.*  
 4. In him shall all the tribes of the earth **blessed;** all the nations shall *pro-claim his happiness.*

# Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

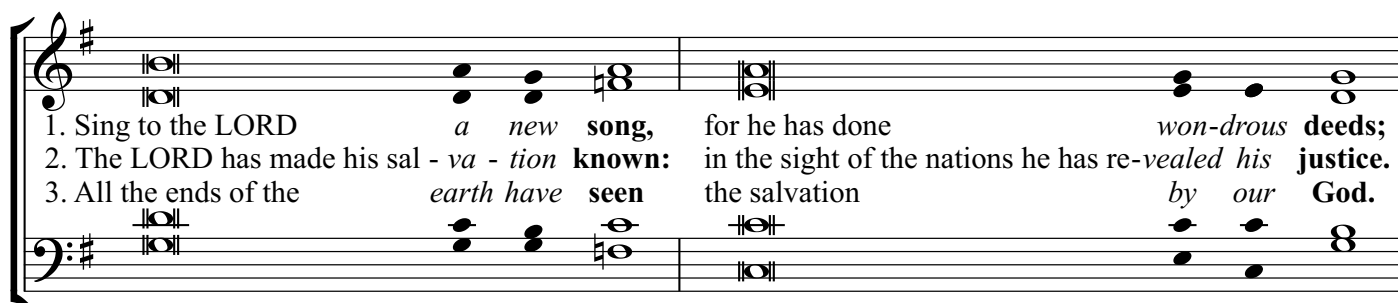
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

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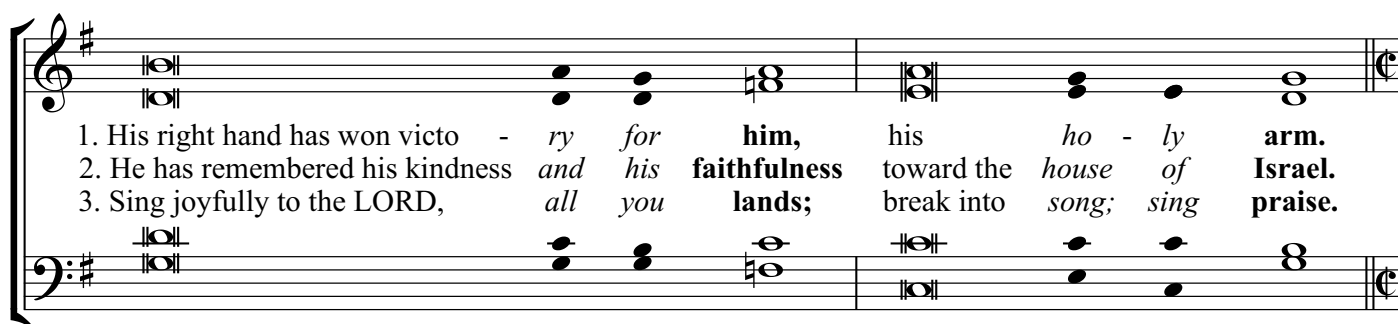
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Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done mar-ve-lous deeds.



1. Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done won-drous deeds;  
2. The LORD has made his sal-va-tion known: in the sight of the nations he has re-vealed his justice.  
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.

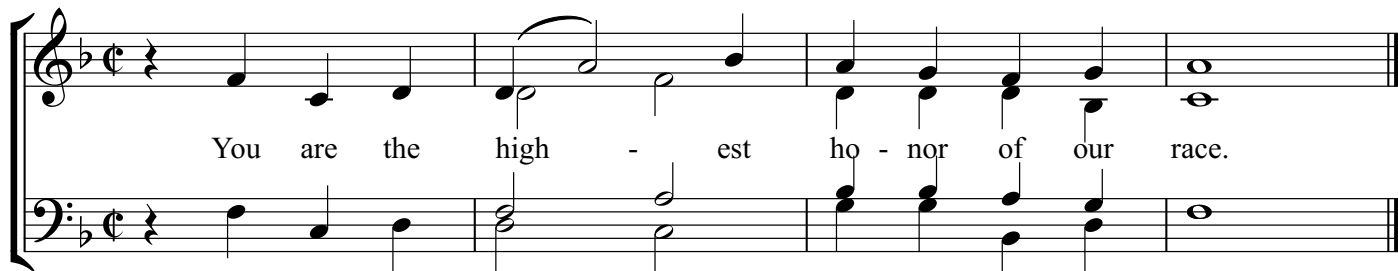


1. His right hand has won vic-tory for him, his ho-ly arm.  
2. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.  
3. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

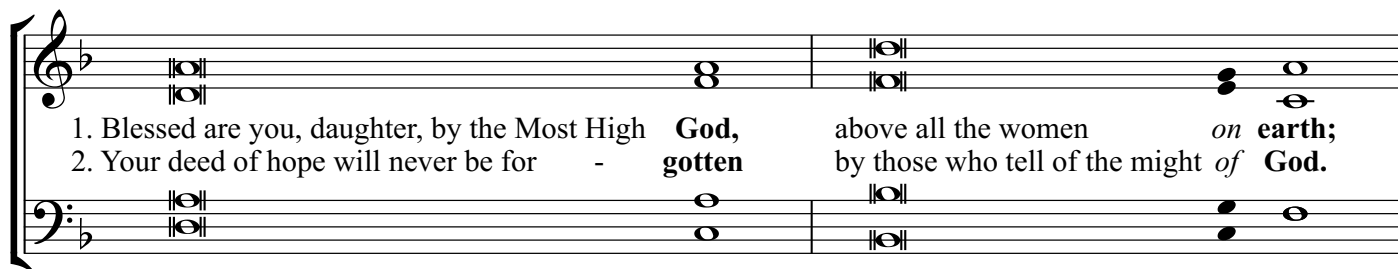
# Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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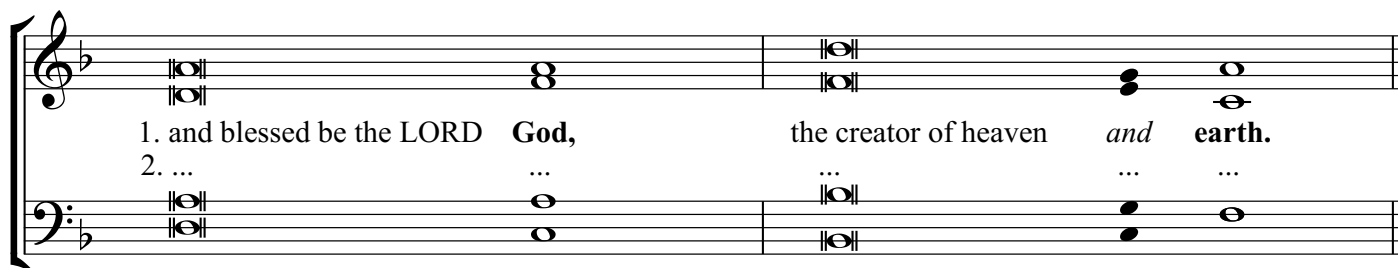
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You are the high - est ho - nor of our race.



1. Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High **God**, above all the women *on earth*;  
 2. Your deed of hope will never be for - **gotten** by those who tell of the might *of God*.

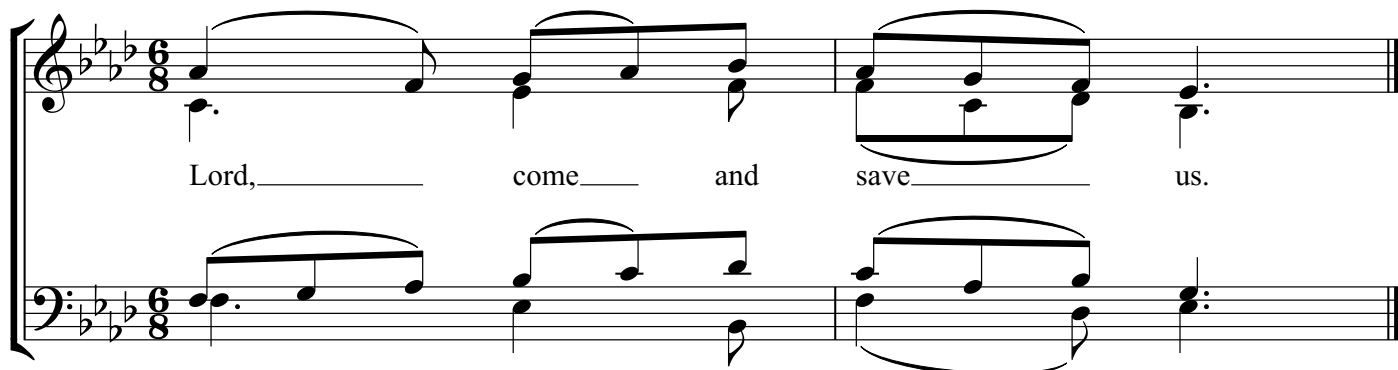


1. and blessed be the LORD **God**, the creator of heaven *and earth*.  
 2. ...

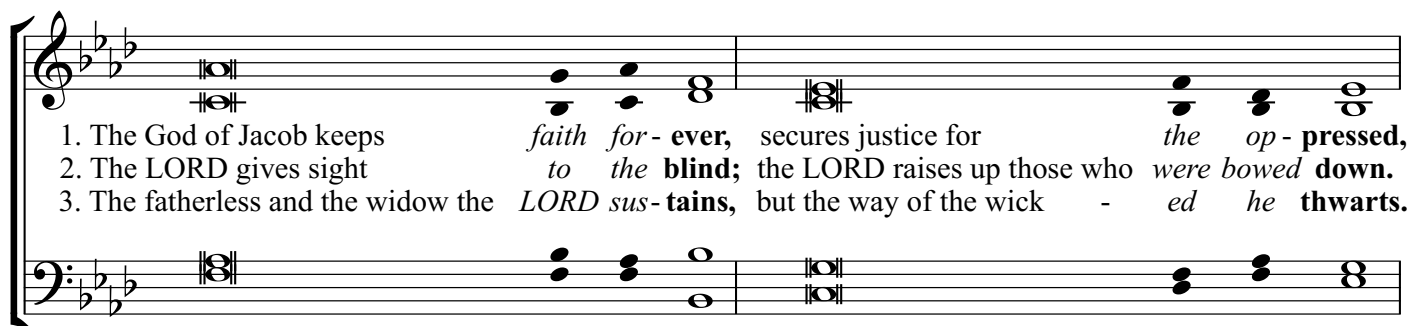
# 3rd Sunday of Advent

Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

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Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ come \_\_\_\_\_ and save \_\_\_\_\_ us.



1. The God of Jacob keeps *faith for- ever*, secures justice for *the op- pressed*,  
 2. The LORD gives sight *to the blind*; the LORD raises up those who *were bowed down*.  
 3. The fatherless and the widow the *LORD sus- tains*, but the way of the wick - ed he *thwarts*.

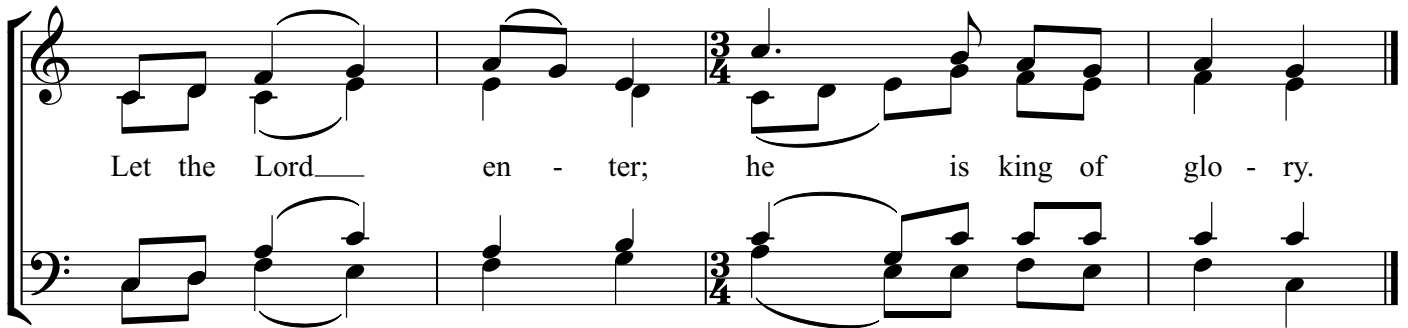


1. gives food *to the hungry*. The LORD sets *cap - tives free*.  
 2. The LORD *loves the just*; the LORD *pro - tects strangers*.  
 3. The LORD shall *reign for - ever*; your God, O Zion, through all generations. / *Al - le - lu - ia*.

# 4th Sunday of Advent

Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

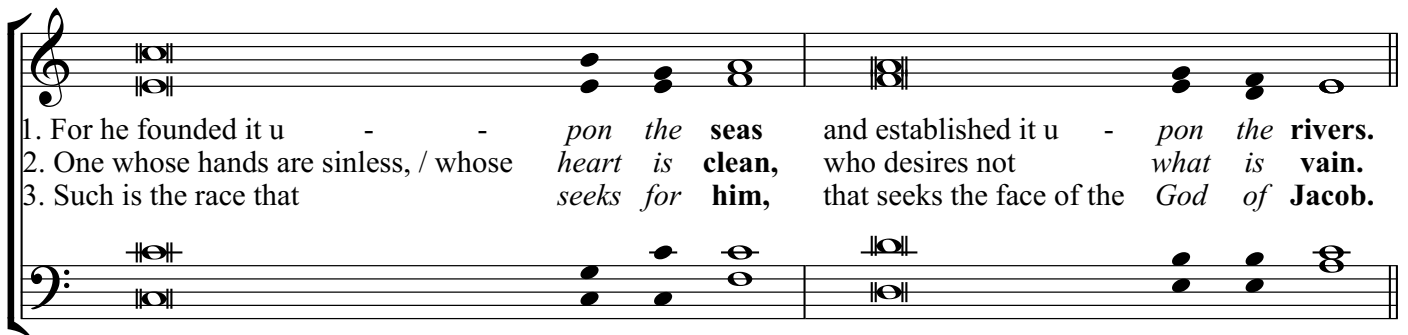
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Let the Lord en - ter; he is king of glo - ry.



1. The LORD's are the earth *and its fullness*; the world and those who *dwell in it*.  
 2. Who can ascend the mountain *of the LORD?* or who may stand in his *ho - ly place?*  
 3. He shall receive a blessing *from the LORD,* a reward from *God his savior.*



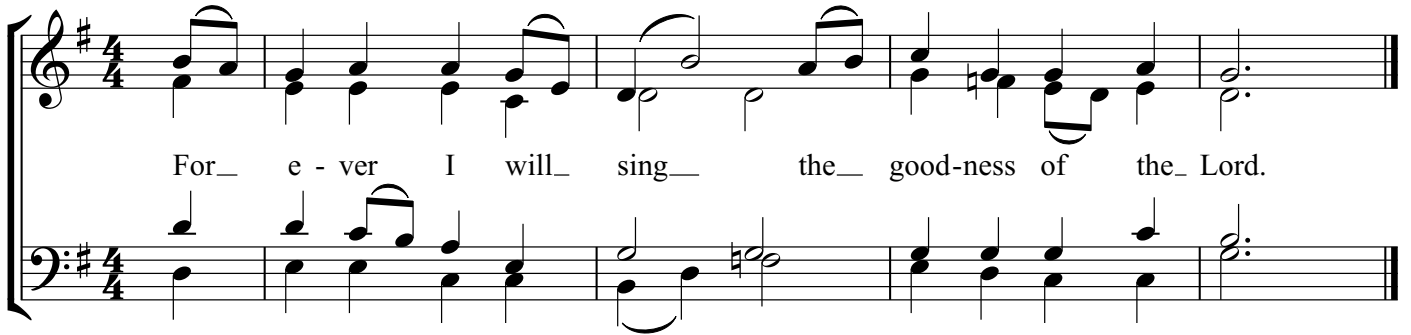
1. For he founded it u - - *pon the seas* and established it u - *pon the rivers*.  
 2. One whose hands are sinless, / whose *heart is clean,* who desires not *what is vain*.  
 3. Such is the race that *seeks for him,* that seeks the face of the *God of Jacob*.



# Christmas - At the Vigil Mass

Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

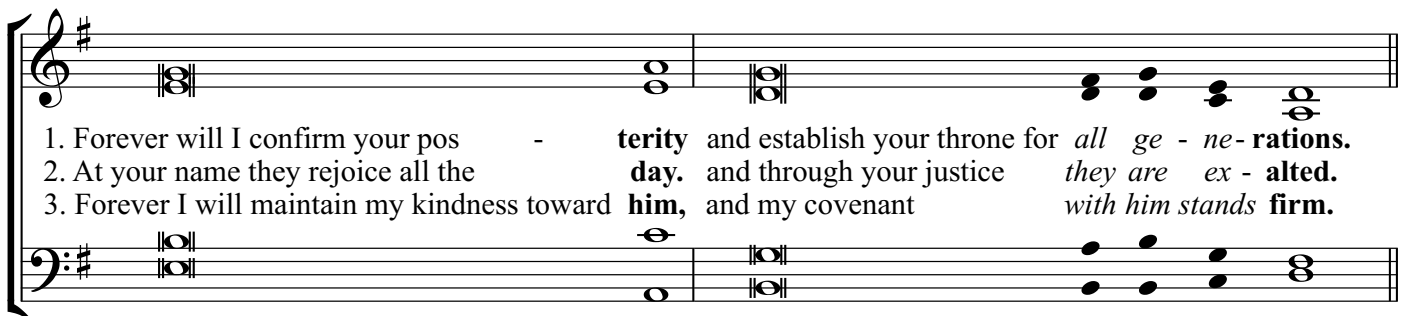
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For\_ e - ver I will\_ sing\_ the\_ good-ness of the\_ Lord.



1. I have made a covenant with my **chosen one**, I have sworn to *Da - vid my servant:*  
 2. Blessed the people who know the joyful **shout**; in the light of your countenance, *O Lord, they walk.*  
 3. He shall say of me, "You are my **father**, my God, *the rock, my savior."*



1. Forever will I confirm your pos - **terity** and establish your throne for *all ge - ne - rations.*  
 2. At your name they rejoice all the **day.** and through your justice *they are ex - alted.*  
 3. Forever I will maintain my kindness toward **him**, and my covenant *with him stands firm.*

# Christmas - Mass During the Night

Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

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To - day\_\_ is born our Sa - vior, Christ\_\_ the Lord.

1. Sing to the LORD *a new song*; sing to the LORD, all *you lands*.  
 2. Announce his salvation, day *af - ter day*. Tell his glory among *the nations*;  
 3. Let the heavens be glad and the *earth re - joice*; let the sea and what fills it *re - sound*;  
 4. They shall exult before the LORD, *for he comes*; for he comes to rule *the earth*.

1. ... Sing to the LORD; bless *his name*.  
 2. ... among all peoples, his won - *drous deeds*.  
 3. let the plains be joyful and all *that is in them!* Then shall all the trees of the forest *ex - ult*.  
 4. He shall rule the *world with justice* and the peoples with *his constancy*.

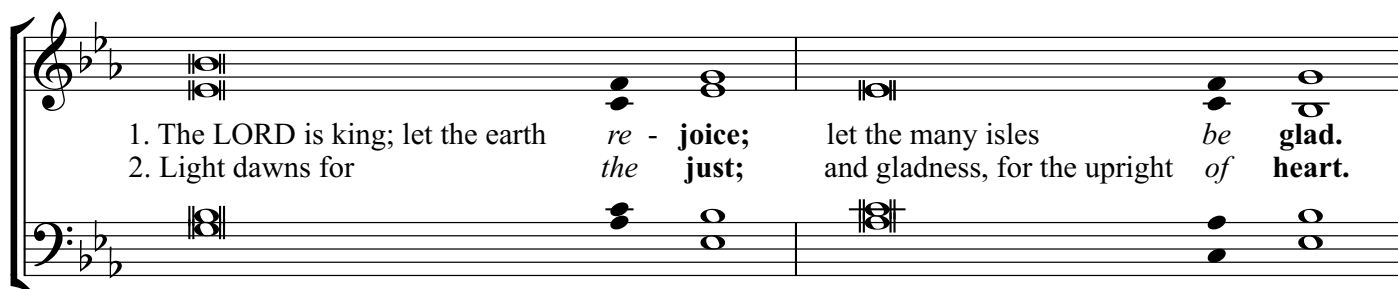
# Christmas - Mass at Dawn

Psalm 97: 1, 6, 11-12

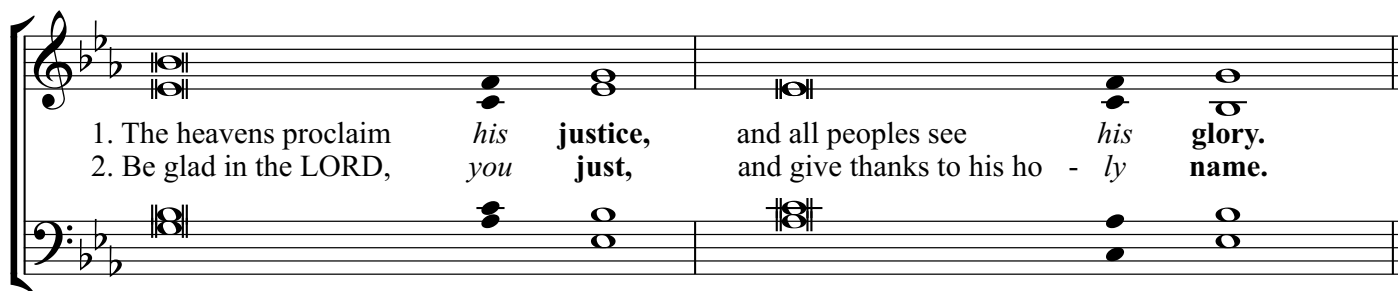
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A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.



1. The LORD is king; let the earth *re -* **joyce;** let the many isles *be* **glad.**  
 2. Light dawns for *the* **just;** and gladness, for the upright *of* **heart.**



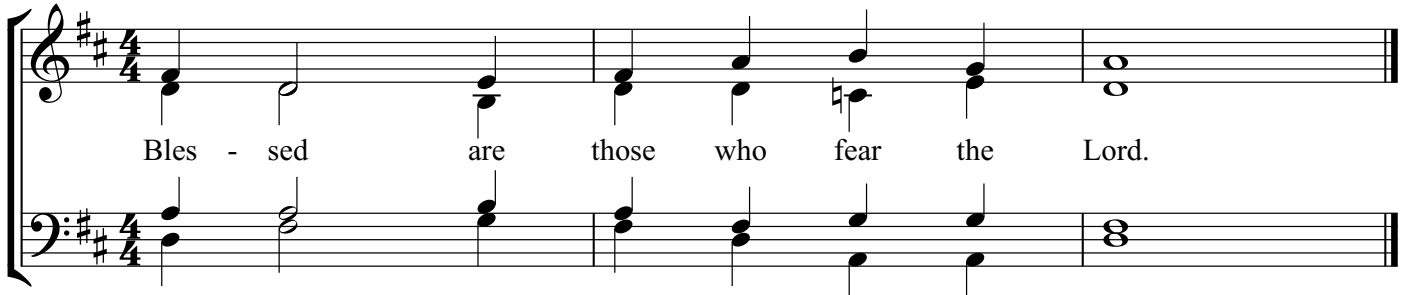
1. The heavens proclaim *his* **justice,** and all peoples see *his* **glory.**  
 2. Be glad in the LORD, *you* **just,** and give thanks to his ho - *ly* **name.**



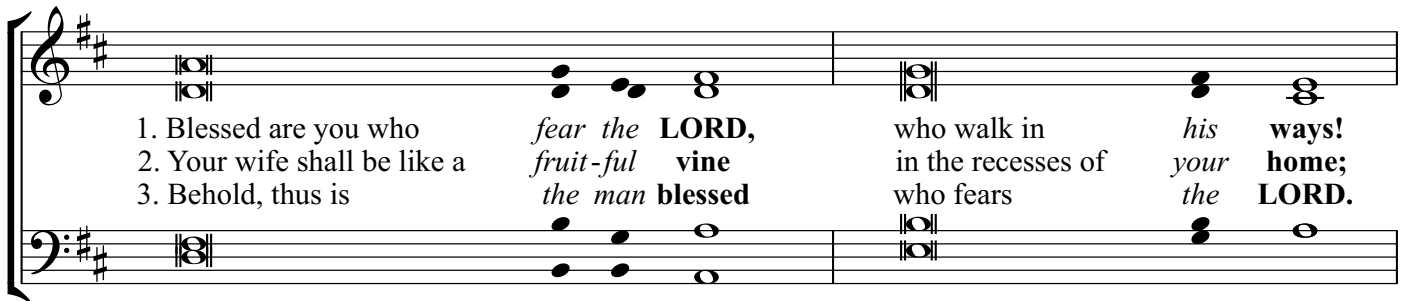
# Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

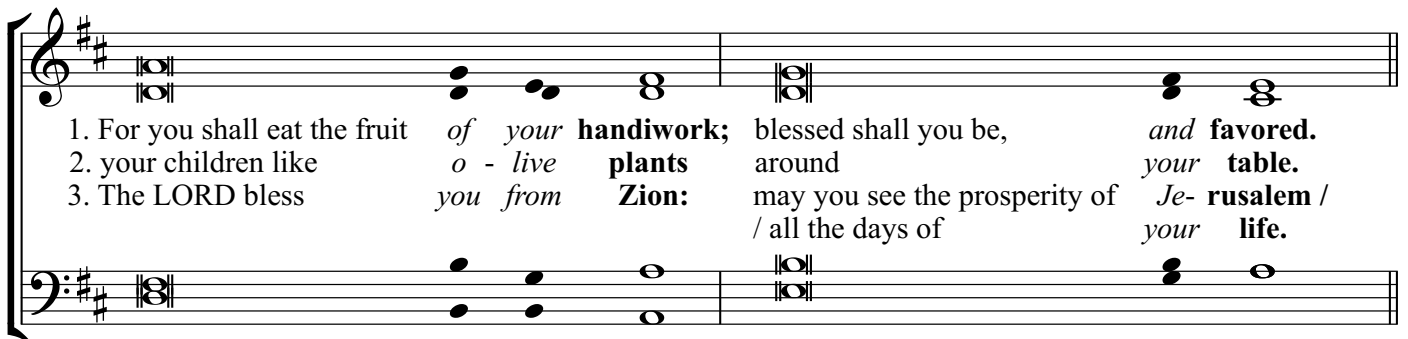
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Bles - sed are those who fear the Lord.



1. Blessed are you who *fear the* **LORD**, who walk in *his* **ways!**  
 2. Your wife shall be like a *fruit-ful* **vine** in the recesses of *your* **home;**  
 3. Behold, thus is *the man* **blessed** who fears *the* **LORD.**



1. For you shall eat the fruit *of your* **handiwork**; blessed shall you be, *and* **favored.**  
 2. your children like *o - live* **plants** around *your* **table.**  
 3. The LORD bless *you from* **Zion**: may you see the prosperity of *Je - rusalem /*  
*all the days of* **your life.**

# Mary, Mother of God

Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8

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May God bless us in his mer - cy.

1. May God have pity on us and **bless us;** may He let his face shine *u - pon us.*  
 2. May the nations be glad and ex - **ult** because you rule the peoples *in equity;*  
 3. May the peoples praise you, O **God;** may all the peo - *ples praise you!*

1. So may your way be known upon **earth;** among all nations, your *sal - vation.*  
 2. ... **...** the nations on the earth *you guide.*  
 3. May God **bless us,** and may all the ends of the *earth fear him!*

# The Epiphany of the Lord

Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

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Lord, ev - ery na - tion on earth will a - dore you.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics: "Lord, ev - ery na - tion on earth will a - dore you." The bass line provides a steady accompaniment.

1. O God, with your judgment endow the **king**, and with your jus - tice the *king's* **son**;  
 2. Justice shall flower in his **days**, and profound peace, till the *moon be no* **more**.  
 3. The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer **gifts**; the kings of Arabia and Se - *ba shall bring* **tribute**.  
 4. For he shall rescue the poor when he cries **out**, and the afflicted when he has *no one to* **help him**.

The second system of musical notation features a treble and bass staff with a chordal accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with bolded words and italicized phrases. The music is primarily chordal, with some melodic movement in the treble staff.

1. he shall govern your people with **justice** and your afflict - *ed ones with* **judgment**.  
 2. May he rule from sea to **sea**, and from the River to the *ends of the* **earth**.  
 3. All kings shall pay him **homage**, all *na-tions shall* **serve him**.  
 4. He shall have pity for the lowly and the **poor**; the lives of the *poor he shall* **save**.

The third system of musical notation continues the chordal accompaniment from the second system. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with bolded words and italicized phrases. The music is primarily chordal, with some melodic movement in the treble staff.

# The Baptism of the Lord

Psalm 29: 1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

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The Lord will bless his people with peace.

This musical system consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "The Lord will bless his people with peace."

1. Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise,  
 2. The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters.  
 3. The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

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1. Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire.  
 2. The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic.  
 3. The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

### Verse for the 1st Sunday of Advent

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your sal - vation.

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#### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Show us *Lord, your love*;  
and grant us *your sal-vation*.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Prepare the way of the Lord, / make *straight his paths*:  
all flesh shall see the *salva-tion of God*.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

The Spirit of the Lord *is u-pon me*,  
because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings *to the poor*.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

The virgin shall conceive, and *bear a son*,  
and they shall name *him Em-manuel*.

**Christmas – At the Vigil Mass**

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will *be de-stroyed*:  
the Savior of the world will reign *over us*.

**Christmas – Mass During the Night**

I proclaim to you good news *of great joy*:  
today a Savior is born for us, / *Christ the Lord*.

**Christmas – Mass at Dawn**

Glory to God *in the highest*,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his *favor rests*.

**Christmas – Mass During the Day**

A holy day has dawned upon us. / Come, you nations, and *a-dore the Lord*.  
For today a great light has come *u-pon the earth*.

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

Let the peace of Christ *con-trol your hearts*;  
let the word of Christ dwell *in you richly*.

**Mary, Mother of God – January 1**

In the past God spoke to our ancestors *through the prophets*;  
in these last days, he has spoken to us *through the Son*.

**Epiphany of the Lord**

We saw his star *at its rising*  
and have come to *do him homage*.

**The Baptism of the Lord**

The heavens were opened and the voice of the *Father thundered*:  
This is my beloved Son, / *li-sten to him*.

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – December 8**

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the *Lord is with you*;  
blessed are you *among women*.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe – December 12**

Blessed are you, holy Virgin Mary, / *deserving of all praise*;  
from you rose the sun of justice, / *Christ our God*.