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Singing the Psalm Settings

Psalm Refrains can be adapted to piano, organ, guitar accompaniment, or even SATB choir. The melodies, rhythms and harmonies are designed to embody the spirit of the text.

Verse Chants are set for solo voice (Cantor) with sustained keyboard or guitar accompaniment.

General Directives for Chanting the Verses
Consider the example below for a discussion of the various musical elements:

In the chanted verses, the music follows the “speech rhythm” of the text, flowing smoothly so that the text is understood and its meaning is clear.

Black notes indicate that all the verses have only one syllable on that note.

Open notes indicate that at least one verse has multiple syllables on the open note. Where there is only one syllable on an open note, the cantor should sing that syllable as though it is a black note—not sustaining that syllable—but maintaining the speech rhythm of the text.

The Right Slash “/” indicates that one phrase ends and a new phrase begins on the same note, with a slight pause at the end of the phrase before the slash. For example, at the end of Verse 2a there is a pause between “creatures;” and “bless” to distinguish between the two phrases.

Braces “{ }” act as repeat signs. For example, at the end of Verse 4a, the right bracket “}” indicates a repeat to the left bracket “{” at 4b. Thus, the cantor connects 4a and 4b to complete the phrase, “they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.” The braces in Verse 2a, 2b, and 2c, direct the cantor to connect all three lines: “the earth is full of your creatures; bless the Lord, O my soul! Alleluia!”

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First Sunday of Advent

December 2

Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

REFRAIN

Capo 3: D F

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. To you, I lift my soul.

Verses: (Cantor)

1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;

2. Good and up - right is the LORD; / thus he constancy} LORD; / thus he constancy}

3a. All the paths of the LORD are kindness and keep his covenant

3b. {toward those who

1. teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and

2. shows sin - ners the way. / He guides the humble to

3b. and his de - crees. / The friendship of the LORD is with those who

1a. teach me, / for you are God my savior.

1b. {and for you I wait all the day.

2. just - ice, / and teaches the hum - ble his way.

3b. fear him, / and his covenant, for their in - struction.
Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 85:8

Acclamation: (Keyboard/SATB) NO. III

Capo 3: D/F♯
F/A  Em/G  A  Bm  G  D  A
Gm/B♭  C  Dm  B♭  F  C

Verse: (Cantor)
Em  G  D  A
Gm  B♭  F  C  to Refrain

Show us, Lord, your love; / and grant us your salvation.

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The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(M.M. \( \frac{4}{4} \) = c. 130)

REFRAIN
Capo 5: Am
Dm
C
F
G
Am7
Bmaj7
Fmaj7
Em7
Am7
Am
Dm

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

Verses: (Cantor)
Am
Dm
Fmaj7
Bmaj7
G
C
Em
Am
Am
Dm

1. (----------) Sing to the LORD a new song, / for
2. The LORD has made his salvation known: / in the
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation

Fmaj7
Bmaj7
Gsus2
C
Am
Dm
Gm
C/E

1. he has done wondrous deeds; / His right hand has won
2a. sight of the nations)
2b. (he has revealed his justice. / He has remembered his kindness
3. by our God. / Sing joyfully to the

C
F
Am
Dm
a tempo
F
Bb
Ddim7
Gdim7
E

1. victory for him, / his holy arm.
2b. and his faithfulness toward the house of Is-ra-el.
3. LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.
Acclamation: (Keyboard/SATB) NO. IV

(M.M. = c. 116)

Capo 5: G

Verse: (Cantor)

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 9

Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

REFRAIN

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy,
we are filled with joy,

Verses: (Cantor)

1. When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, / "The
2. Then they said among the nations, / "The
3. Restore our tunes, O LORD, like the weeping,
4. Although they go forth weeping, / The

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1. filled with laughter, / and our tongue with rejoicing.
2. done great things for us; / we are glad in deed.
3. sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.
4. back reaping, carrying their sheaves.

Acclamation: (Keyboard/SATB) NO. 1
(= c. 96)

Verse: (Cantor)
Prepare the way of the Lord, / make straight his paths: / all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12

Judith 13:18bcde, 19

REFRAIN

You are the highest honor of our race.

Verses: (Cantor)

1. Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God, / above all the
2. Your deed of hope will never

1. Women on earth; / and blessed be the LORD God, / the creator
2. Be forgotten by those who tell of the might of God. / *You are the

* Added line

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Gospel Acclamation: cf. Psalm 85:8

Acclamation: (Keyboard/SATB) NO. II

(M.M. \( \frac{1}{4} = c. 130 \))

Capo 3: A  
C  
G  
D/F#  
E  
E/D  
A/C#  
D  
D/F#  
Esus4  
E  

Blessed are you, holy Virgin Mary, / deserving of all praise; from

Verse: (Cantor)

Esus2  
Gsus2  
Bssus2  
D/F#  
Esus4  

you rose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

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Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Verses: (Cantor)

1a. God is my savior; I am confident and unafraid.
1b. My strength and courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.
2a. Give thanks to the LORD, and claim his name;
2b. Among the nations make known his achievement;
3a. Sing praise to the LORD for the city Zion, for his glory will draw to you.
3b. Let this be known through the earth, and how to proclaim.

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1b. water at the fountain of salvation.

2b. altered is his name.

3c. midst is the Holy One of Israel.


Acclamation: (Keyboard/SATB) NO. IV
(M.M. \( \frac{3}{4} = c. 116 \))

Verse: (Cantor)

The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, / because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

REFRAIN

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Verses: (Cantor)

1. O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
2. Once again, O LORD of hosts,
3. May your help be with the man of your right hand,
1. from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. / Rouse your power, / and come to save us.
2a. look down from heaven, and see; / take the son of this vine, / and proclaim
2b. what your right hand has planted, / the son of your right hand has made strong. / Then we will no more draw from you; / give
3a. with the son of man whom you made / self made strong. / Then we will no
3b. life, / and we will call upon your name. / Rouse

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Acclamation: (Keyboard/SATB) NO. II

(M.M. \( \frac{4}{4} \) = c. 130)

Capo 3:A
C G D/F\# E E/D A/C\# D D/F\# Esus4 E
Bb F/A G G/F C/E F F/A Gsus4 G

Verse: (Cantor)

Esus2 Gsus2 D/F\# A/C\# Dsus2 E
Gsus2 Bsus2 F/A C/E Fsus2

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. / May it be done to me according to your word.

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The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas): At the Vigil Mass

December 24

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

REFRAIN

A\sus 4  D\sus 2  A/D  G/D  D

For ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord. For

G/B  D/A  G\sus 2  Dm/F  C/E  D

ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord.

Verses: (Cantor)

D  A\m  G\sus 2  C\maj 7

1. I have made a covenant with my chosen one, / I have sworn to
2. Blessed the people who know the joy - ful shout; / in the light of your
3. He shall say of me, "You are my father, / my God, the

F/B\b  D  A\m

1. David my servant: / Forever will I con - firm your pos -
2. countenance, O LORD, they walk. / At your name they re - joice all the
3. rock, / my savior." / Forever I will main - tain my kind - ness toward

E\m  G/F  A\sus 2 to Refrain

1. terity / and establish your throne for all gen - er - a - tions.
2. day, / and through your justice they are ex - al - ted.
3. him, / and my covenant with him stands firm.
Gospel Acclamation:

Acclamation: (Keyboard/SATB) NO. V

(M.M. $\frac{4}{4}$ = c. 150)

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To-day is born our Savior, Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord. To-

day is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Verses: (Cantor)

1. (----) Sing to the LORD a new song;
2. Announce his salvation, day after day. / Tell his
glad and the earth rejoice; / let the
3. Let the heavens be joyful; / let the
4. (----) They shall exult before the LORD, / for he

1. sing to the LORD, all you lands.
2. glory among the nations; / a-
3. sea and what fills it sound; / let the
4. comes; for he comes to rule the earth. He shall rule the world with justice

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1. Sing to the LORD; bless his name.
2. Among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.
3. Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.
4. And the peoples with his constancy.

Acclamation: (Keyboard/SATB) NO. V
(M.M. \( \frac{4}{4} \) = c. 150)

Verse: (Cantor)
I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

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In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Verses: (Cantor)

1. You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O child -

2. You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning

3. Teach us to number our days a right, that we may gain wis-

4a. Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may

4b. (may the gracious care of the LORD our

1a. dren of men." / For a thousand years in your sight are as)

1b. (yesterday, now that it is past,

2a. they are like the changing grass, / Which at)

2b. (dawn springs up a new / but by

3. dom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long?

4a. shout for joy and gladness all our days. / And)

4b. God be ours; / Prosper the work of our hands for us!

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1b. or as a watch of the night.

2b. evening wilts and fades.

3. Have pity on your servants!

4b. Prosper the work of our hands!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Psalm 119:135

**Acclamation:** (Keyboard/SATB) NO. IV

Capo 5: G

Verse: (Cantor)

Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.

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