

RESPOND & ACCLAIM 2024



INTRODUCTION

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR SINGING THE PSALMS

Accompaniments and Choral Arrangements

These musical settings are written to be accompanied by keyboard and/or guitar. While some guitar chords reflect a harmony different from the notated keyboard/choral harmony, the chords and keyboard part are compatible and function well together. Some chords have been bracketed—these may be omitted by the guitarist when playing alone.

Choral arrangements with descants are provided for all Responsorial Psalms and Gospel Acclamations.

Psalm Responses and Gospel Acclamations

All Psalm Responses and Gospel Acclamations offered in *Respond & Acclaim* match those found in *Today's Missal*, *Heritage Missal*, *Breaking Bread* and most of the English portion of *Unidos en Cristo/United in Christ*. Some English and all Spanish responses and acclamations are available in the OCP resource *Responde y Aclama*.

Psalm and Gospel Verses

Psalm verses are designed to be sung by a cantor or a vocal ensemble. They are not intended for use by the assembly. If it is not practical for the verses to be sung, they may be spoken while the accompaniment is played softly as a background to the spoken word. At the end of each verse, the assembly sings the response.

Gospel verses are sung in the same manner as the psalm verses. It should be noted that according to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, if the Gospel Acclamation or Verse before the Gospel is not sung, it may be omitted altogether (GIRM 63c).

On the Singing of Chant Verses

The first preparation for singing the verses is done without the music—they should be read, understood, and allowed to emanate from a place of prayer in the hearts of the singers.

The verse settings are chant tones which by their very nature flow in long, lyrical lines. While the tones do not draw attention to themselves, these verses should come across as an important part of the whole, not just as “filler” until the next repetition of the response, and should be sung in a way that reflects the character of the individual response.

In cases where the number of phrases in a psalm verse is not consistent throughout the psalm, dashed lines in parentheses are shown. In order to maintain the proper harmonic progression, the accompaniment may still be played under the dashed lines even though there is no sung text. The cantor would then resume singing at the next appropriate phrase. Choose a tempo that will not disrupt the flow of the music.

Singers must proclaim the verses with clarity so that the text is understood and its meaning is clear. A cantor can easily make use of rubato to emphasize specific words; a choir, however, will have to spend time on coordination to achieve the same effect.

Whoever sings the psalm verses plays a vital role in the assembly's participation at this point in the Liturgy of the Word.

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Respond & Acclaim Indexes

Scriptural, alphabetical, and ritual indexes are provided beginning on page 163 for easy reference. You'll find a common (seasonal) psalm index on page 166. While as a rule the designated psalm of the day is to be used, common (seasonal) psalms are provided by the Church as options. This is so that the assembly may repeat a psalm over several celebrations in the same season and therefore participate more readily (Introduction to the *Lectioary for Mass* 89, GIRM 61).

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19 (2)

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant

O Lord, _____ let us see your face. _____ We shall be saved.

C G/B Am Em/G Fmaj7 E Am G/B Am

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

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

Am

1. O shepherd of Israel, Rouse your
2. Once again, O LORD Take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand
3. May your help be with the man of your Then we will no more

heark - en,
pow - er,
of hosts,
has planted,
right hand,
with - draw from you;

Em

Am

1. From your throne upon the cherubim, shine And come to
2. Look down from heaven, and The son of man whom you yourself made
3. With the son of man whom you yourself made Give us new life, and we will call upon your

forth.
save us.
see;
strong.
strong.
name.

Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 85:8

Acclamation: (*Organ/SATB*) No. IV

Optional Descant div.

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

Capo 1: **(G)** Ab **(Bm7/F#)** Cm7/G **(Em)** Fm **(C)** Db **(G/B)** Ab/C **(Am7)** Bbm7 **(C)** Db **(D)** Eb

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

Verse: (*Cantor*)

(G) Ab **(Em)** Fm **(C)** Db **(G)** Ab **(Am)** Bbm **(C)** Db **(D)** Eb

Show us, Lord, your love, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

Organ

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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Patronal Feastday of the United States of America

December 8

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4 (689)

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant

div.

Sing to the Lord! He has done mar - vel - ous deeds.

Am Em Am F G7 C

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done mar - vel - ous deeds.

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

Em Dm7

1. Sing to the LORD a new song,
His right hand has won victory for him,

2. The LORD has made his salvation known:
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness

3. All the ends of the earth have seen
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;

Em/D C

1. For he has done wondrous deeds;
His holy arm.

2. In the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
Toward the house of Israel.

3. The salvation by our God.
Break into song; sing praise.

Gospel Acclamation: See Luke 1:28

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. V

Optional Descant

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

C F G Am Am/G Fmaj7 C Em Dm G C

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

Verse: (Cantor)

Am Em/B Am Em/G Fmaj7 F/E Esus4 E

Hail, Mar - y, full of grace, the Lord is with you;

Organ

C G/B Am C/G Fmaj7 Gsus4 G

[bless - ed,] bless - ed are you a - mong wom - en.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

December 12

Responsorial Psalm: Judith 13:18bcde, 19 (690A)

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant

You are the hon - or of our — race.

Capo 1: (D) (G/B) (D) (G) (D/A) (Em/A) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab/C Eb Ab Eb/Bb Fm/Bb Bb7 Eb

You are the high - est hon - or of our race.

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

(D) (G)
 Eb Ab

1. Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God,
 And blessed be the LORD God,

2. Your deed of hope will never be for - gotten

(Em) (D)
 Fm Eb

1. Above all the women on earth;
 The creator of heaven and earth.

2. By those who tell of the might of God.

For alternate Responsorial Psalms, see *Lectionary for Mass, Second Typical Edition* no. 709.

Gospel Acclamation:

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. IV

Optional Descant div.

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

Capo 1: (G) Ab (Bm7/F#) Cm7/G (Em) Fm (C) Db (G/B) Ab/C (Am7) Bbm7 (C) Db (D) Eb

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

Verse: (Cantor or SATB)

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly Vir - gin Mar - y, de - serv - ing of all praise;

from you rose the sun of jus - tice, Christ our God.

(G) Ab (Bm7) Cm7 (Em) Fm (Am) Bbm (B) C

(Am) Bbm (D7) Eb7 (G) Ab (Asus4) Bbsus4 (Am) Bbm (D) Eb

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For alternate Gospel Acclamation Verses, see *Lectionary for Mass, Second Typical Edition* no. 711.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (20)

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant

Lord, all the earth will a - dore you.

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

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

1. O God, with your judgment en - dow the king,
He shall govern your people with justice

2. Justice shall flower in his days,
May he rule from sea to sea,

3. The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
All kings shall pay him homage,

4. For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;

1. And with your justice, the king's son;
And your afflicted ones with judgment.

2. And profound peace, till the moon be no more.
And from the River to the ends of the earth.

3. The kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All nations shall serve him.

4. And the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
The lives of the poor he shall save.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 2:2

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. VII

Optional Descant

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

D G/B Asus4 A G Dadd9 D G/B A7/C# D

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

Verse: (Cantor)

We saw his star at its rising and have

Organ

come to do him homage.

Bm7 Asus4 G Asus4 A

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 12–13, 14 & 17 (219)

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant

Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord.

Capo 3: (Em) Gm (G) Bb (C) Eb (G) Bb (Bm7) Dm7 (Em) Gm

Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

(Am) Cm (Em) Gm

1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt

2. For I acknowledge my of - fense,
"Against you only have I sinned,

3. A clean heart create for me, O God,
Cast me not out from your presence,

4. Give me back the joy of your sal - vation,
O Lord, open my lips,

(F#7) A7 (Em) Gm

1. In the greatness of your compassion wipe out my of - fense.
And of my sin cleanse me.

2. And my sin is before me always:
And done what is evil in your sight."

3. And a steadfast spirit renew with - in me.
And your Holy Spirit take not from me.

4. And a willing spirit sustain in me.
And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Gospel Acclamation: See Psalm 95:8

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. IX-a

Optional Descant

Praise you, Lord, King of glory!

G Em C D7 G Em C D7 Gsus4 G

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of end-less glory!

Verse: (Cantor)

Am D Em Bm C D

If to-day you hear his voice, hard-en not your hearts.

Organ

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 9 or May 12

The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the following Sunday, May 12, in many archdioceses and dioceses of the United States. In those churches, Thursday, May 9, is observed as an Easter Weekday.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9 (58)

Response: (Organ/SATB) [or: Alleluia.]

Optional Descant

God mounts his throne; a blare of trum - pets for the Lord.
 Am Dm Am Dm/A Am Bb A

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trum - pets for the Lord.

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

Dm Am

1. All you peoples, clap your hands,
 For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
 2. God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
 Sing praise to God, sing praise;
 3. For king of all the earth is God;
 God reigns over the nations,

G Am

1. Shout to God with cries of gladness.
 Is the great king over all the earth.
 2. The LORD, amid trum - pet blasts.
 Sing praise to our king, sing praise.
 3. Sing hymns of praise.
 God sits upon his ho - ly throne.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19a, 20b

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. VI

Optional Descant

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

D Bm7 G Asus4 A7 D

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

Verse: (Cantor)

D A/C# A7 Bm

Go and teach all na - tions, says the Lord;

Organ

G D G/B A

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

SELECTED PSALM FOR FUNERALS

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:8 & 10, 13–14, 15–16, 17–18 (1013.6)

Response: (*Organ/SATB*)

Optional Descant

The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful.

Capo 3: (D) (Gmaj7) (D) (Em7) (D)
F Bbmaj7 F Gm7 F

The Lord is kind _____ and mer - ci - ful.

Verses: (*Cantor or SATB*)

(Bm)
Dm

(D)
F

- Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
- As a father has compassion on his children,
For he knows how we are formed,
- Man's days are like those of grass;
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone,
- But the kindness of the LORD is from e - ternity,
And his justice toward children's children

(Em)
Gm

(A7)
C7

- Slow to anger, and about - ing in kindness.
Nor does he requite us according to our crimes.
- So the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
He remembers that we are dust.
- Like a flower of the field he blooms;
And his place knows him no more.
- To eternity toward those who fear him,
Among those who keep his covenant
and remember to ful - fill his precepts.

Alternate response: "The salvation of the just comes from the Lord."

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