RESPOND & ACCLAIM

Responsorial Psalms and Gospel Acclamations
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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 155 for easy reference. You’ll find a common (seasonal) psalm index on page 156. 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 Lectionary for Mass 89, GIRM 61).
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:1–2, 3–4, 5–6 (10)

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant

Enter, king of glory.

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

1. The LORD’s are the earth and its fullness; For he founded it upon the seas.
2. Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
3. He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, Such is the race that seeks for him,

1. The world and those who dwell in it. And established it upon the rivers.
2. Or who may stand in his holy place? Who desires not what is vain.
3. A reward from God his savior. That seeks the face of the God of Jacob.
Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 1:23

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. VII

Optional Descant

Verse: (Cantor)

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,

and they shall name him Em - man - u - el.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5 (17)

RESPONSE: (Organ/SATB)
Optional Descant
Blessed are those who walk in his ways.

VERSES: (Cantor or SATB)
1. Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, handiwork; For you shall eat the fruit of your labor, round your table.
2. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine, olive plants of Zion: And your children like cornerstones.
3. Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem.

1. Who walks in his ways!
Blessed shall you be, and favored.
2. In the recesses of your home; A
Round your table.
3. The LORD bless you from Zion:
All the days of your life.
Gospel Acclamation: Colossians 3:15a, 16a

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. IV

Optional Descant

Verse: (Cantor)

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;

let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22 (25)

RESPONSE: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

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

Optional Descant

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) Bb (A7) C7 (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) Bb (A7) C7 (Dsus4) Fsus4 (D) F

Praise you, Lord, _ _ King _ _ _ of _ _ _ glory!

From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

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The Ascension of the Lord

May 21 or May 24

The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the following Sunday, May 24, in many archdioceses and dioceses of the United States. In those churches, Thursday, May 21, is observed as an Easter Weekday or the Optional Memorial of Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs.

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 trumpets for the Lord.

Response:

Verses:

1. All you peoples, clap your hands, For the Lord, the Most High, the awesome, God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; Sing praise to God, sing praise; For king of all the earth is God; God reigns over the nations, sh ount to God with cries of gladness. Is the great king over all the earth. The LORD, amid trum pet blasts. Sing praise to our king, sing praise. Sing hymns of praise. God sits upon his holy throne.

SAMPLE
Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19a, 20b

Optional Descant

Verse: (Cantor)

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