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Contemporary Lectionary Responsorial Psalms and Gospel Acclamations for the Church Year

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Welcome to Spirit & Psalm, OCP’s annual, contemporary psalm and Gospel acclamation resource!

Spirit & Psalm combines:

- Contemporary musical settings by many of the writers found in OCP’s popular contemporary hymnal, Spirit & Song.
- Verbatim texts from the Lectionary for Mass.
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Responses, Acclamations, Verses

Most of the “refrains” in this volume—labeled “Response” or “Acclamation,” depending on the liturgical moment—are written for cantor/assembly and two-part harmony. These two-part harmonies can usually be performed with the upper voice sung an octave lower (typically by tenors/baritones), and the bottom voice sung at pitch (typically by altos). Feel free to experiment with other voicing options as appropriate for your musicians.

The responsorial psalm verses and the Gospel verse are designed to be proclaimed by a cantor.

Music Notation

Although Spirit & Psalm uses mostly conventional music notation, you will observe that the psalm verses are set in a somewhat unusual format. This notational style is designed for flexibility; the verses may be sung in either a metered style more typical of contemporary psalmody, or they may be freely chanted in much the same the manner as Respond & Acclaim. More on that below, but first, there are also a few nonstandard markings that you will encounter.

Omission Marks

As is often the case in the Lectionary, a single psalm may have one or two verses that contain significantly fewer words than the other verses. In these situations, the cantor part is marked with (— — — — —), a convention that will be familiar to Respond & Acclaim users. Spirit & Psalm couples those markings with large square brackets [ ] around the entire musical passage that is to be omitted. These omitted segments can be as short as one measure or as long as eight measures, so be sure to scan ahead to see where the omitted passage ends.

In Example 1 on the next page—taken from Psalm 22 (p. 181)—the cantor will skip the bracketed measures for the second and third verses, singing directly from “shall” to “bow down before him” in the second verse and from “bend” to “all who go down into the dust” in the third verse.

Lyric Repeat Marks

When a single psalm has one verse with many more words than the other verses, a segment of music must be repeated. Unlike traditional repeat signs, which indicate that a musical segment is always repeated on every verse, these “lyric repeat marks” are meant to show that the music is only repeated for a specific verse. Thus, in Example 1 (shown on the next page), only the first part of the fourth verse will be repeated (indicated by the labels “4a” and “4b”). An additional example of these nonstandard repeats can be found in Psalm 90, p. 313 (last part of the third verse).
Example 1. Psalm 22 (p. 181).

**VERSES**

1. I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
2. All the ends of the earth shall fear the LORD; he has shown justice.
3. To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; be told of the LORD that he has done.
4a. And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him.
4b. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that he has done.

**D.C.**

1. hearts live for ever!”
2. bow down before him.
3. all who go down into the dust.
4. justice he has shown.
**Metered Verse Option**

The first way to perform the psalm verses is to sing them metrically. The pianist and other instrumentalists continue to play in the same meter and pacing as the response, playing all the notes—both full-size and cue-size. The cantor forms the words into a rhythm that fits with the meter being played by the instruments. In this style, there is not one “correct” vocal rhythm, but rather many possibilities. The goal for the cantor is to chant the words in a natural rhythm, and to arrive at the next measure along with the instruments. It may help to think of the next measure as a “target” or goal—the rhythm of the words within a measure is less significant than is arriving at the next measure at the same time as the instrumentalists. Those familiar with Gelineau psalmody may find this style quite intuitive. Example 2 shows one possible realization of the first verse of Psalm 22 (compare to Example 1).

Example 2. Metered verse interpretation, from Psalm 22 (p. 181); this is only one of many rhythmic possibilities.

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**Chanted Verse Option**

When proclaiming psalm verses in a chanted style, the cantor freely intones the words of the psalm verse without being confined to a meter. In this situation, the keyboardist plays only the full-size notes (omitting all the cue-size notes), holding them beneath the cantor in a typical accompanied-chant style. Note that the full-size notes usually align with the chord changes written for guitarists. Example 3 shows how a chanted performance would be realized for the first system of Psalm 22 (compare to Example 1).

Example 3. Chanted verse interpretation, from Psalm 22 (p. 181); cue notes omitted from accompaniment.

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Occasionally, there are passing chords that are intended to be used only when the verses are sung metrically; these are enclosed in square brackets, and may be omitted for the chanted verse option (see pages 167, 261, and 271).

Toward the end of the chanted verses is the directive “(a tempo)”, where instruments resume the metered rhythm and pacing, as a way of leading easily back into the metered response (see the last measure of Example 1).
Melodic Interpretation

The “hybrid” chant/metrical psalm verses in this resource are kept intentionally simple melodically. As cantors become more comfortable with the style, some improvisation around the melody is appropriate, particularly as the verses progress. The recording library offers some examples of this.

Introductions

Throughout this book, there are some cases of written-out introductions to the Responsorial Psalms and Gospel Acclamations. The majority of the settings, however, do not have introductions. In these cases, you may play the entire response (or acclamation) as an instrumental introduction.

Liturgy Preparation Assistance

Recordings

To aid parish musicians in learning these new psalm and gospel settings, a 5-disc box set recording is available (edition 30136869). Complete versions of every psalm and Gospel acclamation in the entire book have been recorded (all verses!), offering a performance example for cantors to emulate or use as a jumping-off place for their own interpretation.

Indexes

Scriptural, alphabetical, and ritual indexes are provided beginning on p. 348 for easy reference.
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 3, 2017

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

Chris Muglia

RESPONSE  (d = ca. 92)

E         B/D#       C#m       C#m7/B

Melody

Harmony

A         E/G#       F#m7       B susp4 B A/E       E

see your face and we shall be saved.

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1. O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your
2. Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see;
3. May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the

1. throne upon the cherubim, shine forth, and protect what your right hand has
2. take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has
3. son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more with

1. Rouse your power, and come to save us.
2. planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
3. draw from you, give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

D.C.
Gospel Acclamation: John 3:16

INTRO (♩ = ca. 56)

ACCLAMATION

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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

VERSE

G   A   D   G   F#   Bm

Em   Bm   F#

D.S.

D.S.
RCIA OPTION: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 4, 2018

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9 (28) Ben Walther

RESPONSE (\( \text{}\) = ca. 82)

Verst. melody:

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1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us ac-
2. (-----) Come, let us bow down in worship; let us
3. Oh, that to-day you would hear his voice: “Harden not your

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


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hearts claim the kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanks.

1. giv ing; let us (———)
2. peo ple he (———)
3. des ert, where your fathers tempted me; they

joyfully sing psalms to him.
2. shepherds, the flock he guides.
3. tested me though they had seen my works.”

D.C.

D.C.
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)

June 3, 2018

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16, 17–18 (168) [or: Alleluia.]
Sarah Hart

RESPONSE With a lilting swing (♩ = ca. 132)

Capo 1: (D) (G/D) (D) (D/F♯) (G)

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord, and call on the name of the Lord.

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VERSES

1. How shall I make a return to the LORD for all the good he has done for me?
2. Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.
3. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

1. The cup of salvation I will take up,
2. I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
3. My vows to the LORD I will pay

1. and I will call upon the name of the LORD;
2. you have loosed my bonds;
3. in the presence of all his people.

1. \( E_b \)  
2. \( A_b \)  
3. \( B_b \)  
4. \( C_m \)  
5. \( A_b \)  

1. \( D \)  
2. \( G \)  
3. \( A \)  
4. \( B_m \)  

1. \( B_b \)  
2. \( E_b \)  
3. \( A_b \)  
4. \( B_b \)  
5. \( C_m \)  

1. \( C \)  
2. \( A_{sus4} \)  
3. \( B_b \)  

1. \( \text{Db} \)  
2. \( \text{Bbsus4} \)  
3. \( \text{Bb} \)  

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1. \( \text{D.C.} \)  
2. \( \text{D.C.} \)  
3. \( \text{D.C.} \)
Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 5:3

INTRO (♩ = ca. 60)

ACCLAMATION

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VERSE

Bm

Em

Am7

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

D D/C Bm7 D/A

D.S.

D.S.
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