

# Psalms in Season

*Music for the psalms in Catholic life*



## **Holy Week to Easter Sunday**

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## ***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***

### **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

*Lectionary No. 38*

Psalm 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R. 2a

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The score consists of three systems of music. The first system includes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The second system is a piano interlude. The third system is labeled "Verse 4 only" and includes both vocal and piano parts.

1/. All who see me deride me;  
 they curl their lips, they toss their heads:  
 'he trusted in the LORD, let him save him;  
 let him release him, for in him he delights.'

2/. For dogs have surrounded me;  
 a band of the wicked besets me.  
 They tear holes in my hands and my feet;  
 I can count every one of my bones.

3/. They divide my clothing among them,  
 they cast lots for my robe.  
 But you, O LORD, do not stay afar off;  
 my strength, make haste to help me!

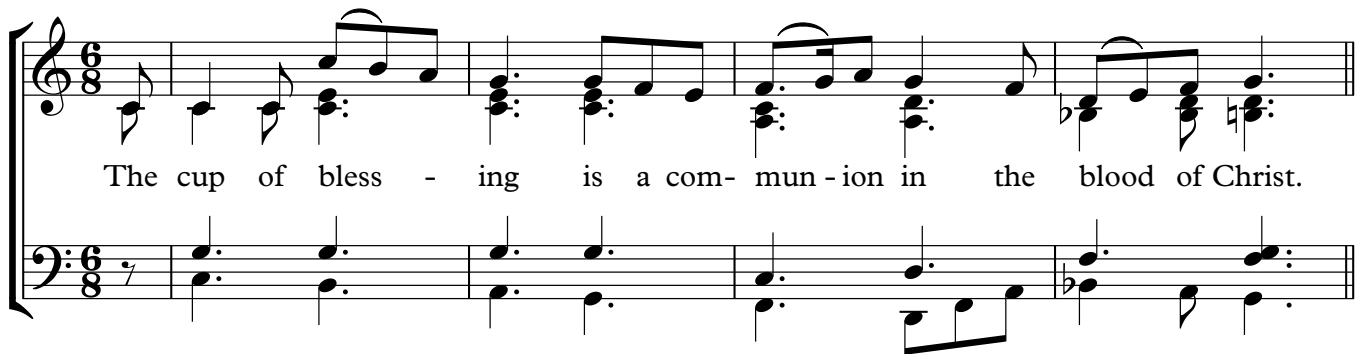
4/. I will tell of your name to my kin,  
 and praise you in the midst of the assembly;  
 'You who fear the LORD, give him praise;  
 all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;  
 revere him, all you descendants of Israel.'

## Thursday of the Lord's Supper

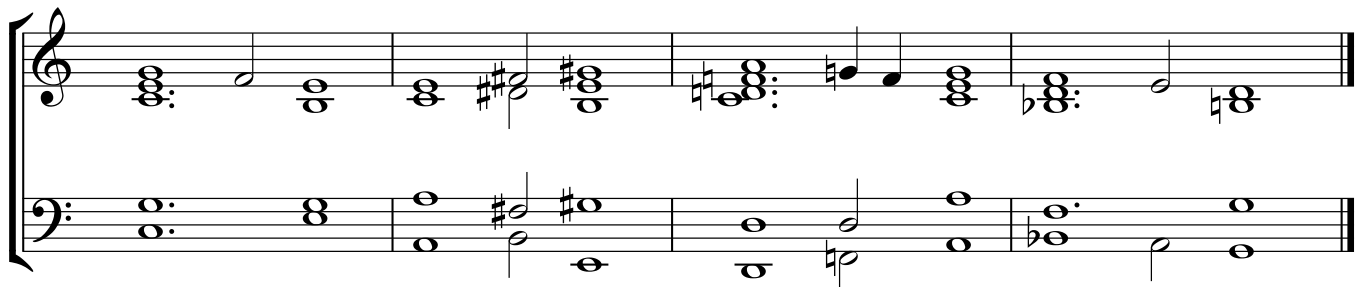
The cup of blessing is a communion in the blood of Christ.

Lectionary No. 39

Psalm 116(115):12-13. 15, 16bc. 17-18. R. cf. 1 Corinthians 10:16



The cup of blessing is a communion in the blood of Christ.



1/. How can I repay the LORD  
for all his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the name of the LORD.

2/. How precious in the eyes of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant am I, the son of your handmaid;  
you have loosened my bonds.

3/. I will offer a thanksgiving sacrifice;  
I will call on the name of the LORD.  
My vows to the LORD I will fulfill  
before all his people.

## Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Lectionary No. 40

Psalm 31(30):2, 6. 12a-d, 12e-13. 15-16. 17, 25. R. Luke 23:46

Fa - ther, in - to your hands I com-mend my spi - rit.

Verses 1, 4 only

1/. In you, O LORD, I take refuge.  
Let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice, set me free.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit.  
You will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.

2/. Because of all my foes  
I have become a reproach,  
an object of scorn to my neighbours  
and of fear to my friends.

3/. Those who see me in the street,  
they flee from me.  
I am forgotten, like someone dead,  
and have become like a broken vessel.

4/. But as for me, I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, 'You are my God.  
There in your hands is my lot,  
from the hands of my enemies deliver me  
and from those who pursue me.'

5/. 'Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love.'  
Be strong, let your heart take courage,  
all who hope in the LORD.

## Easter Vigil

### Psalm after the First Reading

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

*Lectionary No. 41*

Psalm 104(103):1-2a. 5-6. 10, 12. 13-14. 24, 35c. R. cf. 30

Send forth your spi-rit, O Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.

Repeat for verse 4

1/. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD my God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and honour,  
wrapped in light as with a robe!

2/. You set the earth on its foundation,  
immovable from age to age.

You wrapped it with the depths like a cloak;  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

3/. You make springs gush forth in the valleys:  
they flow in between the hills.

There the birds of heaven build their nests;  
from the branches they sing their song.

4/. From your dwelling you water the mountains;  
by your works the earth has its fill.

You make the grass grow for the cattle  
and plants to serve mankind's need,  
that he may bring forth bread from the earth.

5/. How many are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your creatures.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

## *Easter Vigil*

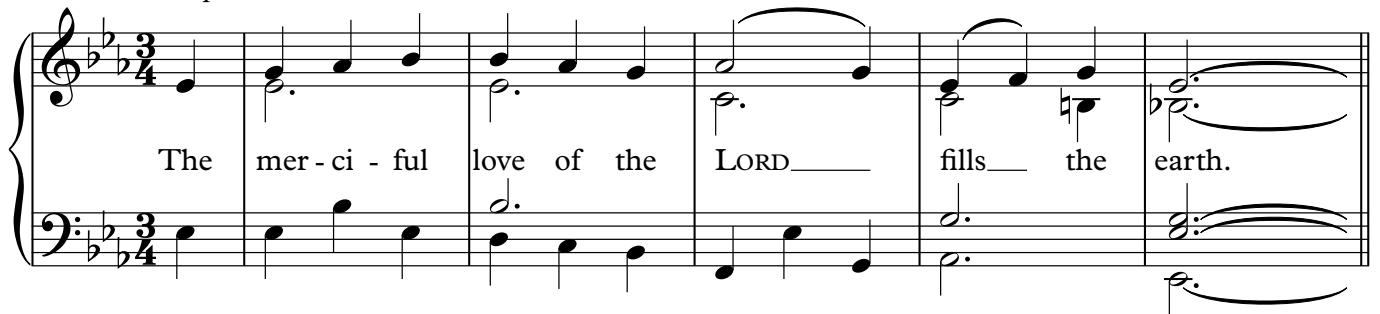
Alternative psalm after the First Reading

The merciful love of the LORD fills the earth.

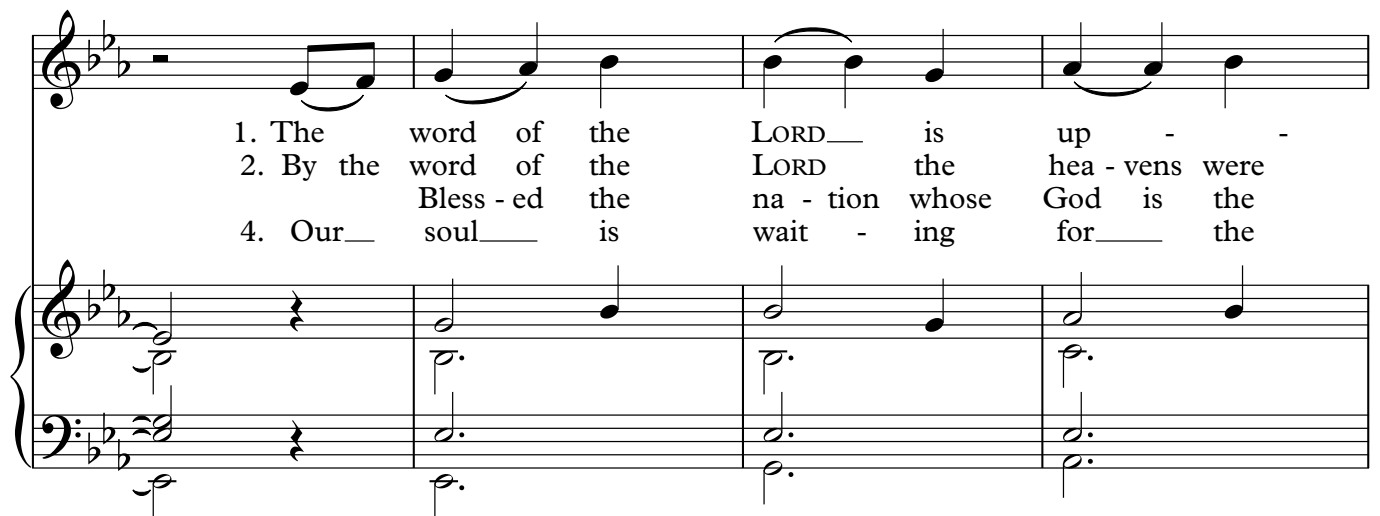
*Lectionary No. 41*

Psalm 33(32):4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20, 22. R. 5b

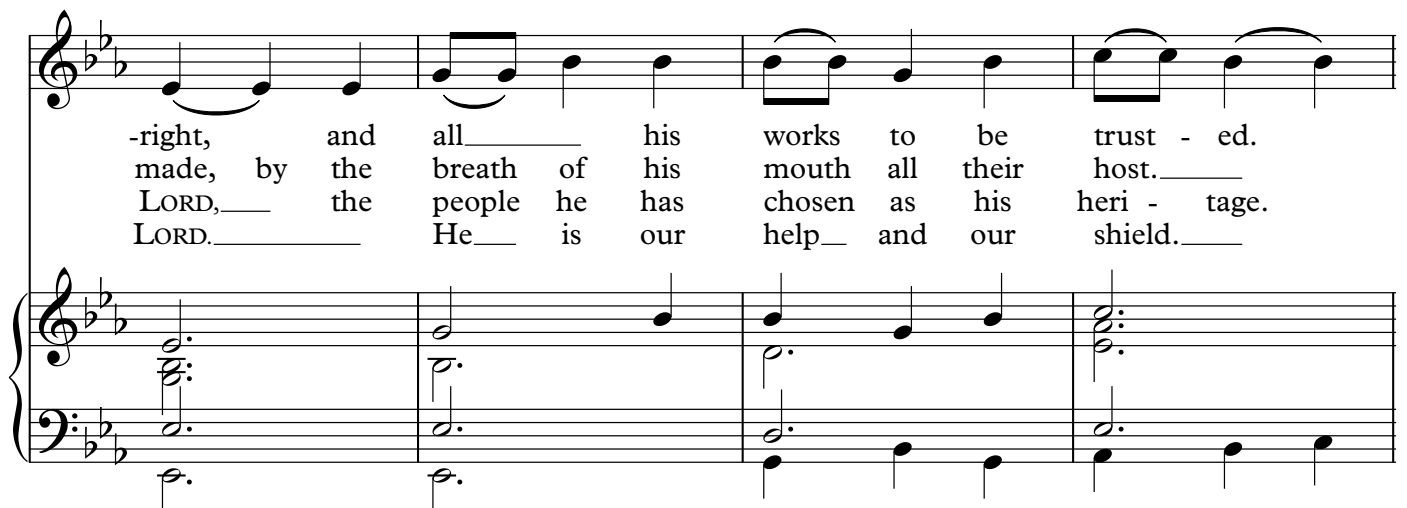
*Response*



The mer - ci - ful love of the LORD fills the earth.



1. The word of the LORD is up -  
 2. By the word of the LORD the hea - vens were  
 3. Bless - ed the na - tion whose God is the  
 4. Our soul is wait - ing for the



-right, and all his works to be trust - ed.  
 made, by the breath of his mouth all their host.  
 LORD, the people he has chosen as his heri - tage.  
 LORD. He is our help and our shield.

As in a flask he collects the waves of the sea,  
From the heavens the LORD looks down on us,  
May your merciful love be upon us,

The Lord loves justice and  
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*To Response*

right, and his merciful love fills the earth.  
o - cean; he stores up the depths of the sea.  
forth; he sees the whole human race.  
as we hope in you, O LORD.

**Easter Vigil**

## Psalm after the Second Reading

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

*Lectionary No. 41*

Psalm 16(15):5, 8. 9-10. 11. R. 1

Pre - serve me, O God, for in you I take re - fuge.

Omit for verse 3

1. O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
you yourself who secure my lot.  
I keep the LORD before me always;  
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

2. And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my flesh shall rest in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
nor let your holy one see corruption.

3. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand, bliss for ever.



**Easter Vigil**

## Psalm after the Third Reading

Let us sing to the LORD, glorious his triumph.

*Lectionary No. 41*

Exodus 15:1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18. R. 1a

1/. Let us sing to the LORD who has gloriously triumphed;  
 horse and rider he has hurled into the sea.  
 The LORD is my strength and might;  
 he has become my salvation.  
 This is my God, and I will praise him,  
 my father's God, and I will exalt him.

2/. The LORD is a warrior;  
 the LORD is his name.  
 The chariots of Pharaoh and his army  
 he has cast into the sea.

3/. The waters of the flood covered over them;  
 they went down to the depths like a stone.  
 your right hand, O LORD, majestic in power;  
 your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

4/. You will bring them in and plant them  
 upon the mount of your inheritance:  
 the place which you, O LORD, have made your dwelling,  
 the holy place, O LORD, that your hands have established.  
 The LORD will reign for ever and ever.

## *Easter Vigil*

### Psalm after the Fourth Reading

I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up.

*Lectionary No. 41*

Psalm 30(29):2, 4. 5-6. 11, 12a, 13b. R. 2a

I will ex-tol you, LORD, for you have raised me up.

1/. I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up,  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O LORD, you have lifted up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the pit.

2/. Sing psalms to the LORD, you faithful ones;  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.  
At night come tears, but dawn brings joy.

3/. Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;  
be my helper, O LORD.  
You have changed my mourning into dancing.  
O LORD my God, I will thank you for ever.

## *Easter Vigil*

### Psalm after the Fifth Reading

With joy will you draw water from the springs of salvation.

*Lectionary No. 41*  
Isaiah 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6. R. 3

With joy will you draw water from the springs of salvation.

Repeat these bars for verse 1      Omit this bar for verse 2

1/. Behold, God is my salvation!

I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the LORD is my strength and my praise,  
and he has been my salvation.

With joy will you draw water  
from the springs of salvation.

2/. Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;  
make known among the peoples his deeds;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

3/. Sing to the LORD for he has wrought wonders;  
let this be known through all the earth.  
Shout aloud and sing praise, you who dwell in Sion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

## *Easter Vigil*

### Psalm after the Sixth Reading

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

*Lectionary No. 41*

Psalm 19(18):8. 9. 10. 11. R. John 6:68c

O Lord, you have the words of e - ter - nal life.

1/. The law of the LORD is perfect;  
it revives the soul.

The decrees of the LORD are steadfast;  
they give wisdom to the simple.

2/. The precepts of the LORD are right;  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the LORD is clear;  
it gives light to the eyes.

3/. The fear of the LORD is pure,  
abiding for ever.

The judgements of the LORD are true;  
they are, all of them, just.

4/. They are more to be desired than gold,  
than quantities of gold.

And sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey flowing from the comb.

## *Easter Vigil*

### Psalm after the Seventh Reading

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God.

*Lectionary No. 41*

Psalm 42(41):3. 5b-d. Psalm 43(42):3. 4. R. 42(41):2

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God.

1/. My soul is thirsting for God,  
the living God;  
when can I enter and appear  
before the face of God?

2/. For I would go to the place  
of your wondrous tent,  
all the way to the house of God,  
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving.

3/. O send forth your light and your truth;  
they will guide me on.  
They will bring me to your holy mountain,  
to the place where you dwell.

4/. And I will come to the altar of God,  
to God, my joy and gladness.  
To you I will give thanks on the harp,  
O God, my God.

## ***Easter Vigil***

### Alternative psalm after the Seventh Reading

Create a pure heart for me, O God.

*Lectionary No. 41*

Psalm 51(50):12-13. 14-15. 18-19. R. 12a

Cre - ate a pure heart for me, — O God.

The musical notation consists of a treble and bass clef staff in 3/8 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Repeat bar for verse 3

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1/. Create a pure heart for me, O God;  
 renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
 Do not cast me away from your presence;  
 take not your holy spirit from me.

2/. Restore in me the joy of your salvation;  
 sustain in me a willing spirit.  
 I will teach transgressors your ways,  
 that sinners may return to you.

3/. For in sacrifice you take no delight;  
 burnt offering from me would not please you.  
 My sacrifice to God, a broken spirit:  
 a broken and humbled heart,  
 you will not spurn, O God.

***Easter Vigil***  
 Psalm after the Epistle  
 Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Lectionary No. 41*  
 Psalm 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23.

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

1/. Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;  
 his mercy endures for ever.  
 Let the house of Israel say,  
 ‘His mercy endures for ever.’

2/. The LORD’s right hand is exalted.  
 The LORD’s right hand has done mighty deeds.  
 I shall not die, I shall live  
 and recount the deeds of the LORD.

3/. The stone which the builders rejected  
 has become the cornerstone.  
 By the LORD has this been done,  
 a marvel in our eyes.

**Easter Sunday****Mass during the day**

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

*Lectionary No. 42*

Psalm 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. 24

This is the day the LORD has made; let us re-joice in it and be glad.

1/. Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.  
Let the house of Israel say:  
'His mercy endures for ever.'

2/. The LORD's right hand is exalted.  
The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds.  
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