

Psalms in Season

Music for the psalms in Catholic life



Lent

Year A

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Ash Wednesday

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Lectionary No. 219

Psalm 51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14, 17. R. cf. 3a

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These bars for verse 1 only

1/. Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your merciful love;
 according to your great compassion,
 blot out my transgressions.
 Wash me completely from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin.

2/. My transgressions, truly I know them;
 my sin is always before me.
 Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
 what is evil in your sight I have done.

3/. 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.

4/. Restore in me the joy of your salvation;
 sustain in me a willing spirit.
 O Lord, open my lips
 and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

First Sunday of Lent Year A

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Lectionary No. 22

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Second Sunday in Lent Year A

May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

Lectionary No. 25

Psalm 33(32):4-5. 18-19. 20, 22. R. 22

May your mer-ci-ful love be up - on us, as we hope in you, O LORD.

1/. The word of the LORD is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The LORD loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth.

2/. Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

3/. Our soul is waiting for the LORD.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

Third Sunday in Lent Year A

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

Lectionary No. 28

Psalm 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R. 7c, 8a

O that to-day you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Repeat for verse 3

1/. Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

2/. O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

3/. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Fourth Sunday in Lent Year A

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Lectionary No. 31

Psalm 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R. 1

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Verse 1 only Verses 1 & 2 only

1/. The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.

2/. He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.

Though I should walk in the valley of the
shadow of death,

no evil would I fear, for you are with me.

Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

3/. You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

4/. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.

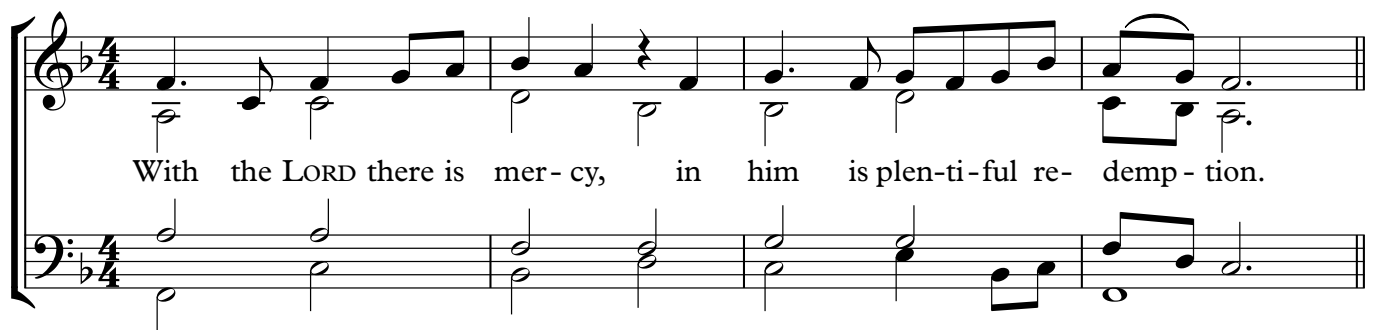
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

Fifth Sunday in Lent Year A

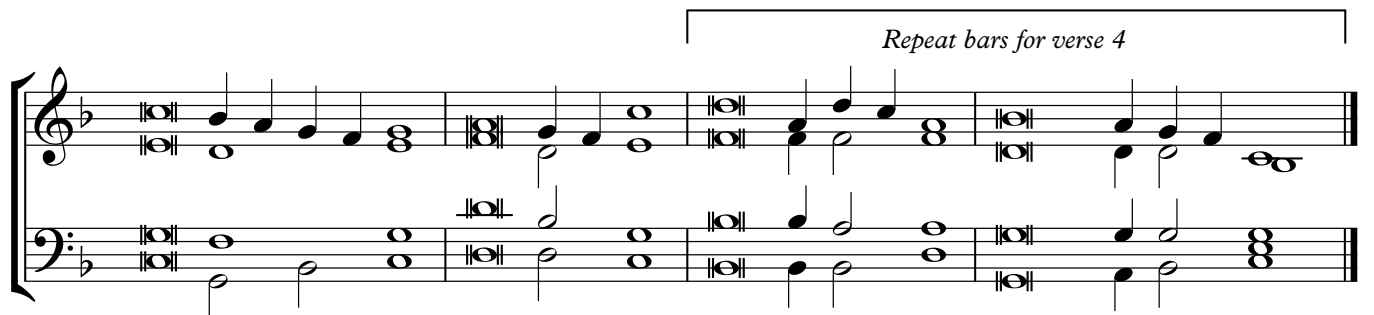
With the LORD there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption.

Lectionary No. 34

Psalm 130(129):1-2. 3-4. 5-6b. 6c-8. R. 7bc



With the LORD there is mer-cy, in him is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion.



Repeat bars for verse 4

1/. Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the sound of my pleadings.

2/. If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

3/. I long for you, O LORD,
my soul longs for his word.
My soul awaits the Lord
more than watchmen for daybreak.

4/. More than watchmen for daybreak,
let Israel hope for the LORD.
For with the LORD there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.