

ENTRANCE PSALMS

(ADAPTED FROM ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION)

PSALM 1

Minister: Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

*People: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.*

Minister: He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.

People: In all that he does, he prospers.

Minister: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

People: Amen.

PSALM 2

Minister: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel
together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

*People: "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."*

Minister: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD holds them in derision.
Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

*People: "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."*

Minister: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

*People: Therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him. Amen.*

PSALM 3

Minister: O Lord, how many are my foes!
Many are rising against me;

People: *many are saying of my soul,
"There is no salvation for him in God."*

Minister: But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.

People: *I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.*

Minister: For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;
you break the teeth of the wicked.

People: *Salvation belongs to the Lord;
your blessing be on your people! Amen.*

PSALM 4

Minister: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

People: *Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.*

Minister: Be angry, and do not sin;
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

People: *Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.*

Minister: In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 5

Minister: Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God, for to you do I pray.

People: *O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.*

Minister: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.

People: *Let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy,*

Minister: Spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may exult in you.
For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor
as with a shield. And we are gathered together in your name,
God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 6

Minister: O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger,
nor discipline me in your wrath.

People: *My soul is greatly troubled.
But you, O Lord—how long?*

Minister: Turn, O Lord, deliver my life;
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

People: *My eye wastes away because of grief;
it grows weak because of all my foes.*

Minister: The Lord has heard my plea;
the Lord accepts my prayer.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 7

Minister: O Lord my God, in you do I take refuge;
save me from all my pursuers and deliver me,

*People: O Lord my God, if there is wrong in my hands,
let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it,
and lay my glory in the dust.*

Minister: Arise, O Lord, in your anger;
awake for me; you have appointed a judgment.

*People: My shield is with God,
who saves the upright in heart.*

Minister: I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness,
and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

People: Amen.

PSALM 8

Minister: O LORD, our LORD,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

*People: Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.*

Minister: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

*People: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.*

Minister: O LORD, our LORD,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: Amen.

PSALM 9

Minister: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

People: *Those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.*

Minister: Be gracious to me, O LORD!
that I may recount all your praises,
I may rejoice in your salvation.

People: *For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.*

PSALM 10

Minister: Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail;
let the nations be judged before you!

People: *Let the nations know that they are but men! Amen.*

Minister: Why, O Lord, do you stand far away?
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

People: *For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,
and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the Lord.*

Minister: The helpless are crushed, sink down,
and fall by his might.

People: *Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;
forget not the afflicted.*

Minister: O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted;
you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear

People: *to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,
so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more. Amen.*

PSALM 11

Minister: In the Lord I take refuge;
how can you say to my soul, "Flee like a bird to your mountain,

People: *If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"*

Minister: The Lord is in his holy temple;
his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.

People: *For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds;
the upright shall behold his face. Amen.*

PSALM 12

Minister: Save, O Lord, for the godly one is gone;
the faithful have vanished from among the children of man.
On every side the wicked prowl,
as vileness is exalted among the children of man.

People: *Everyone utters lies to his neighbor;
with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.*

Minister: “Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan,
I will now arise,” says the Lord;

People: *“I will place him in the safety for which he longs.”*

Minister: You, O Lord, will keep your words;
you will guard us from this generation forever.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 13

Minister: How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

People: *Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.*

Minister: But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

People: *I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me. Amen.*

PSALM 14

Minister: The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

People: *The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,
to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.*

Minister: They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;
there is no one who does good, not even one.

People: *Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad. Amen.*

PSALM 15

Minister: O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

People: *He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;*

Minister: Who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,

People: *In whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the LORD.*

Minister: He who does these things shall never be moved.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 16

Minister: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

People: *The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.*

Minister: I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

People: *Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.*

Minister: You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 17

Minister: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry!
Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!

People: *My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.*

Minister: Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O Savior of those who seek refuge in you

People: *Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings. Amen.*

PSALM 18

Minister: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

People: *The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.*

Minister: In my distress I called upon the LORD;
I cried to my God for help.

People: *From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.*

Minister: He sent from on high, he took me;
he drew me out of many waters.

People: *The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation. Amen.*

PSALM 19

Minister: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

People: *Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.*

Minister: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: *The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;*

Minister: The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart. Therefore, let the words of my mouth
and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, our rock and our redeemer.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 20

Minister: May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

People: *May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!*

Minister: May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion!

People: *May we shout for joy over your salvation,
and in the name of our God set up our banners!*

Minister: Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with the saving might of his right hand.

People: *O LORD, save the king! May he answer us when we call. Amen.*

PSALM 21

Minister: O Lord, in your strength the king rejoices,

People: *He asked life of you; you gave it to him, length of days forever and ever.*

Minister: For the king trusts in the Lord, and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

People: *Your hand will find out all your enemies;
your right hand will find out those who hate you.*

Minister: Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength!

We will sing and praise your power.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 22

Minister: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

People: *The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord!*

Minister: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

People: *For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.*

Minister: It shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness
to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 23

Minister: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: *He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.*

Minister: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

People: *Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

Minister: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

People: *You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

Minister: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 24

Minister: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,

People: *the world and those who dwell therein.*

Minister: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: *He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false.*

Minister: He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

People: *Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Amen.*

PSALM 25

Minister: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

People: *Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.*

Minister: Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;

People: *According to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!*

Minister: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 26

Minister: Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,

People: *I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.*

Minister: Your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.

People: *I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.*

Minister: I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.

People: *My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Amen.*

PSALM 27

Minister: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: *Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;*

Minister: He will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

People: *You have said, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, do I seek.*

Minister: Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path.
Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 28

Minister: To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

People: *Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,*

Minister: Blessed be the Lord!
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

People: *The Lord is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.*

Minister: Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 29

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

Minister: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

People: *The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.*

Minister: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

People: *May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace! Amen.*

PSALM 30

Minister: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and not let my foes rejoice over me.

People: *O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.*

Minister: You have brought up my soul from Sheol
and restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

People: *You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.*

Minister: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks.
For you are welcome here in his name.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 31

Minister: In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

People: *Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!*

Minister: For you are my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

People: *My times are in your hand; Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love! Amen.*

PSALM 32

Minister: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

People: *I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

Minister: Therefore, let everyone offer prayer to you
at a time when you may be found;

People: *Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Amen*

PSALM 33

Minister: The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;

People: *from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the peoples of the earth,
he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.*

Minister: Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

People: *Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.*

Minister: As we hope in you, O Lord, let your steadfast love be upon us.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 34

Minister: Let us bless the Lord at all times; let us exalt his name together!

People: *I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.*

Minister: Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

People: *This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.*

Minister: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 35

Minister: Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me;
fight against those who fight against me!

People: *Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help!*

Minister: Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"

People: *Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord, exulting in his salvation.*

Minister: "O Lord, who is like you, delivering the poor
from him who is too strong for him?"

People: *Vindicate me, O Lord, my God, according to your righteousness,
and let them not rejoice over me!*

Minister: Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness
and of your praise all the day long.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 36

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: *How precious is your steadfast love, O God!*

Minister: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and drink from the river of your delights.

People: *For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.*

Minister: Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your righteousness to the upright of heart!

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 37

Minister: Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

People: *For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.*

Minister: Trust in the Lord, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

People: *For the evildoers shall be cut off;
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.*

Minister: The meek shall inherit the land
and delight themselves in abundant peace.
for there is a future for the man of peace.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 38

Minister: O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger,
nor discipline me in your wrath!

People: *For my iniquities have gone over my head;
like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.*

Minister: O Lord, all my longing is before you;
my sighing is not hidden from you.

People: *those who seek my hurt speak of ruin and meditate treachery all day long.*

Minister: But for you, O Lord, do I wait;
it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

People: *I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.*

Minister: Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me!

People: *Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation! Amen.*

PSALM 39

Minister: I said, "I will guard my ways, that I may not sin with my tongue;

People: *I was mute and silent; I held my peace to no avail, and my distress grew worse.*

Minister: "O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

People: *Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!*

Minister: "And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.

People: *"Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears! Amen.*

PSALM 40

Minister: I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: *He drew me up from the desolate pit.
He set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.*

Minister: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

People: *Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.*

Minister: Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 41

Minister: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;

People: *The Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.*

Minister: As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"

People: *Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.*

Minister: But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.

People: *Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.*

PSALM 42 AND 43

Minister: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him.

People: *My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you.
Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls;
all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.*

Minister: Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me.

People: *Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!*

Minister: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 44

Minister: O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,
what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

People: *you with your own hand drove out the nations,
but them you planted;*

Minister: For not by their own sword did they win the land,
nor did their own arm save them,
but your right hand and your arm,
and the light of your face,
for you delighted in them.

People: *You are my King, O God;
ordain salvation for Jacob!*

Minister: Our heart has not turned back,
nor have our steps departed from your way;

People: *Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?
Do not reject us forever!*

Minister: Rise up; come to our help!
Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 45

Minister: O Lord, in your majesty ride out victoriously
for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;
let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

People: *Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.*

Minister: Hear and consider and incline your ear.
With joy and gladness be led along
as you enter the palace of your king.

People: *Your name will be remembered in all generations
and nations will praise you forever and ever. Amen.*

PSALM 46

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: *Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.*

Minister: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

People: *God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.*

Minister: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

People: *"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!" Amen.*

PSALM 47

Minister: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

People: *For the Lord, the Most High, is a great king over all the earth.
He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.*

Minister: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

People: *Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*

Minister: For God is The King of all the earth; He reigns over all the nations.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 48

Minister: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

People: *His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth.*

Minister: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

People: *As your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.*

Minister: Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.

People: *He will guide us forever. Amen.*

PSALM 49

Minister: Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

People: *My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.*

Minister: Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,
those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?

People: *Truly no man can ransom another,
Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish.*

Minister: But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,
for he will receive me.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 50

Minister: The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

People: *Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.*

Minister: He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

People: *"Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"*

Minister: "Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.

People: *Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
"Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."*

Minister: The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;
to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 51

Minister: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

People: *according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.*

Minister: For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, and you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

People: *Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.*

Minister: Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

People: *Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. Amen.*

PSALM 52

Minister: O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

People: *He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;*

Minister: Who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

People: *in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the Lord;*

Minister: Who swears to his own hurt and does not change;
who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 53

Minister: The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

People: *God looks down from heaven on the children of man
to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.*

Minister: They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt;

People: *there is none who does good, not even one.*

Minister: Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

When God restores the fortunes of his people,
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 54

Minister: O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

People: *O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.*

Minister: Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

People: *He will return the evil to my enemies;
in your faithfulness put an end to them.*

Minister: For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 55

Minister: Give ear to my prayer, O God,
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

People: *Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan,*

Minister: I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove!

I would fly away and be at rest;

People: *I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest."*

Minister: I call to God, and the Lord will save me.

People: *Evening and morning and at noon
I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice.*

Minister: He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,
for many are arrayed against me.

People: *Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved. Amen.*

PSALM 56

- Minister: Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me;
all day long an attacker oppresses me;
When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
- People: *In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can flesh do to me?*
- Minister: You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle.
Are they not in your book?
- People: *This I know, that God is for me.*
- Minister: In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?
- People: *I will render thank offerings to you.
For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life. Amen.*

PSALM 57

- Minister: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in you my soul takes refuge;
- People: *in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,
till the storms of destruction pass by.*
- Minister: I cry out to God Most High,
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.
- People: *God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!*
- Minister: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!
- People: *My heart is steadfast, O God,
my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody!*
- Minister: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
- People: *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth! Amen.*

PSALM 58

Minister: Do you indeed decree what is right, you gods?
Do you judge the children of man uprightly?

People: *No, in your hearts you devise wrongs;
your hands deal out violence on earth.*

Minister: O God, break the teeth in their mouths;
tear out the fangs of the young lions, O Lord!

People: *Let them vanish like water that runs away;
when he aims his arrows, let them be blunted.*

Minister: Mankind will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous;
surely there is a God who judges on earth."

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 59

Minister: Deliver me from my enemies, O my God;
protect me from those who rise up against me;

People: *For behold, they lie in wait for my life;
fierce men stir up strife against me.*

Minister: But you, O LORD, laugh at them; you hold all the nations in derision.

People: *O my Strength, I will watch for you, for you, O God, are my fortress.*

Minister: I will sing of your strength;
I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.

People: *I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress,
the God who shows me steadfast love. Amen.*

PSALM 60

Minister: O God, you have rejected us, broken our defenses;

People: *you have been angry; restore us.*

Minister: You have set up a banner for those who fear you,
that they may flee to it from the bow.

People: *That your beloved ones may be delivered,
give salvation by your right hand and answer us!*

Minister: Have you not rejected us, O God?
You do not go forth, O God, with our armies.

People: *With God we shall do valiantly;
it is he who will tread down our foes. Amen.*

PSALM 61

Minister: Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;
from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint.

People: *Lead me to the rock
that is higher than I,*

Minister: For you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.

People: *Let me dwell in your tent forever!
Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!*

Minister: So will I ever sing praises to your name,
as I perform my vows day after day.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 62

Minister: For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

People: *He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.*

Minister: On God rests my salvation and my glory;

People: *my mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

Minister: Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 63

Minister: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

People: *My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

Minister: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

People: *So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.*

Minister: For you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 64

Minister: Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint;
preserve my life from dread of the enemy.

People: *Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked,
from the throng of evildoers,*

Minister: They hold fast to their evil purpose;
they talk of laying snares secretly,

People: *But God shoots his arrow at them;
they are wounded suddenly.*

Minister: Then all mankind fears;
they tell what God has brought about
and ponder what he has done.

People: *Let the righteous one rejoice in the Lord
and take refuge in him! Let all the upright in heart exult! Amen.*

PSALM 65

Minister: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.

People: *O you who hear prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.*

Minister: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!

People: *We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!*

Minister: You make the going out of the morning and the evening
to shout for joy.

People: *You visit the earth and water it;
You water its furrows abundantly,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.*

Minister: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 66

Minister: Bless our God, O peoples;
who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.

People: *For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.*

Minister: Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

People: *I cried to him with my mouth,
and high praise was on my tongue.*

Minister: Truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 67

Minister: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

People: *Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!*

Minister: For you, O Lord, judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

People: *The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.*

Minister: God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 68

Minister: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation.

People: *Our God is a God of salvation,
and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.*

Minister: Summon your power, O God,
the power, O God, by which you have worked for us.

People: *Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel –*

Minister: He is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

People: *Blessed be God! Amen.*

PSALM 69

Minister: Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.

People: *I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters,*

Minister: My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

People: *O God, you know my folly;
the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.*

Minister: But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.
in the abundance of your steadfast love
answer me in your saving faithfulness.

People: *Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.*

Minister: Let your salvation, O God, set me on high!
I will praise the name of God with a song;
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

People: *For the Lord hears the needy
and does not despise his own people who are prisoners. Amen.*

PSALM 70

Minister: Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
O Lord, make haste to help me!

People: *Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!*

Minister: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!
May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

People: *But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay! Amen.*

PSALM 71

Minister: In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

People: *In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me, and save me!*

Minister: Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

People: *Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.*

Minister: For you, O Lord, are my hope and my trust.
Our praise is continually of you.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 72

Minister: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.*

Minister: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
People: *May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!*

Minister: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!
People: *In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!*

Minister: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
People: *Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen.*

PSALM 73

Minister: Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
People: *But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.*

Minister: For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
People: *They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.*

Minister: But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,
until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.
People: *How they are destroyed in a moment,
swept away utterly by terrors!*

Minister: Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.
You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.
People: *My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Amen.*

PSALM 74

Minister: O God, why do you cast us off forever?
Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

People: *Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!*

Minister: How long, O God, is the foe to scoff?
Is the enemy to revile your name forever?

People: *You divided the sea by your might;
you broke the heads of the sea monsters on the waters.
Yours is the day, yours also the night;
you have established the heavenly lights and the sun.*

Minister: Arise, O God, defend your cause;

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 75

Minister: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.

People: *"At the set time that I appoint I will judge with equity.
When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants,
it is I who keep steady its pillars.*

Minister: For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup
with foaming wine, well mixed,
and he pours out from it,
and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.

People: *All the horns of the wicked I will cut off,
but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up. Amen.*

PSALM 76

Minister: In Judah God is known;
his name is great in Israel.

People: *From the heavens you uttered judgment;
the earth feared and was still.*

Minister: Make your vows to the Lord your God and perform them;

People: *let all around him bring gifts to him who is to be feared,*

Minister: Who cuts off the spirit of princes,
Who is to be feared by the kings of the earth.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 77

Minister: I cry aloud to God, and he will hear me.

People: *In the day of trouble I seek the Lord.*

Minister: I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
and ponder all his work.

People: *Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is great like our God?*

Minister: When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
indeed, the deep trembled.

People: *You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.*

Minister: You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 78

Minister: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

People: *I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.*

Minister: We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,

People: *That they should set their hope in God
and not forget his works, but keep his commandments. Amen.*

PSALM 79

Minister: O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple;
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

People: *We have become a taunt to our neighbors,
mocked and derided by those around us.*

Minister: How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever?
Will your jealousy burn like fire?

People: *Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!*

Minister: We your people, the sheep of your pasture,
will give thanks to you forever;
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 80

Minister: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

People: *Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!*

Minister: O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

People: *Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!*

Minister: Turn again, O God of hosts!
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand planted.
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

People: *Then we shall not turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call upon your name! Amen.*

PSALM 81

Minister: Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

People: *There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.*

Minister: Oh, that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!
I would soon subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes.

People: *He would feed us with the finest of wheat,
and with honey from the Rock He would satisfy us. Amen.*

PSALM 82

Minister: O Lord, give justice to the weak and the fatherless;
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

People: *Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.*

Minister: For they have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk about in darkness.

People: *Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations! Amen.*

PSALM 83

Minister: O God, do not keep silence;
do not hold your peace or be still, O God!

People: *For behold, your enemies make an uproar;
those who hate you have raised their heads.*

Minister: O my God, make them like whirling dust,
like chaff before the wind.

People: *Fill their faces with shame,
that they may seek your name, O Lord.*

Minister: That they may know that you alone,
whose name is the Lord,
are the Most High over all the earth.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 84

Minister: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People: *My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

Minister: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

People: *I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

Minister: For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

People: *O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you! Amen.*

PSALM 85

Minister: LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

People: *Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;*

Minister: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

People: *Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.*

Minister: Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 86

Minister: Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

People: *Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.*

Minister: Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

People: *For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.*

\Minister: All the nations shall come and worship before you, O Lord,
For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 87

Minister: On the holy mount stands the city he founded;

People: *the Lord loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.*

Minister: Glorious things of you are spoken, O City of God.

People: *Of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her";
for the Most High himself will establish her.*

Minister: Singers and dancers alike say,

"All my springs are in you."

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 88

Minister: O Lord, God of my salvation,
I cry out day and night before you.

People: *You have put me in the depths of the pit, in the regions dark and deep.*

Minister: Every day I call upon you, O Lord; I spread out my hands to you.

People: *Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?*

Minister: But I, O Lord, cry to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

People: *O Lord, God of my salvation, I cry out day and night before you. Amen.*

PSALM 89

Minister: I have found my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him,

People: *My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.*

Minister: He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'

People: *My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.*

Minister: If his children forsake my law
and do not walk according to my rules,

People: *then I will punish their transgression with the rod
but I will not remove from him my steadfast love
or be false to my faithfulness. Amen.*

PSALM 90

Minister: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: *Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

Minister: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

People: *Return, O Lord! How long?*

PSALM 91

Minister: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: *I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

Minister: You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,

People: *nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.*

Minister: For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 92

Minister: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

People: *To declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,*

Minister: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

People: *How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!*

Minister: The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

People: *They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.*

Minister: To declare that the Lord is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 93

Minister: The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

People: *Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.*

Minister: Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty!

People: *Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore. Amen.*

PSALM 94

Minister: O Lord, God of vengeance,
O God of vengeance, shine forth!

People: *He who planted the ear, does he not hear?
He who formed the eye, does he not see?
He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke?*

Minister: Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O Lord,
and whom you teach out of your law,

People: *If the Lord had not been my help,
my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.*

Minister: When I thought, “My foot slips,”
your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.

People: *When the cares of my heart are many,
your consolations cheer my soul.*

Minister: The Lord has become my stronghold,
and my God the rock of my refuge.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 95

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

Minister: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 96

Minister: Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: *Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Minister: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.

People: *Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

Minister: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

People: *Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;*

Minister: He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 97

Minister: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

People: *Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.*

Minister: O you who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of his saints;
He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

People: *Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.*

Minister: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 98

Minister: Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

People: *The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

People: *Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.*

Minister: He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 99

Minister: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

People: *Let them praise your great and awesome name!*

Minister: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain;

People: *For the Lord our God is holy! Amen.*

PSALM 100

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: *Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!*

Minister: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: *Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

Minister: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 101

Minister: I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O Lord, I will make music.

People: *I will ponder the way that is blameless.
I will walk with integrity of heart within my house;*

Minister: I will look with favor on the faithful in the land,
that they may dwell with me;

People: *he who walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me. Amen.*

PSALM 102

Minister: Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you!

People: *Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress!
My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.*

Minister: But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever;
you are remembered throughout all generations.

People: *Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:
that he looked down from his holy height;
to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die.*

Minister: Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

People: *You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,
but you are the same, and your years have no end.*

Minister: The children of your servants shall dwell secure;
and their offspring shall be established before you.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 103

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

People: *who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.*

Minister: The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: *For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust. Amen.*

PSALM 104

Minister: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

People: *In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.*

Minister: When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
When you take away their breath, they return to the dust.
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

People: *May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works! Amen.*

PSALM 105

Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: *Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!*

Minister: Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

People: *Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.*

Minister: He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

People: *He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
Praise the Lord!*

PSALM 106

- Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- People: Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;
help me when you save them,
- Minister: Both we and our fathers have sinned;
we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.
- People: they had a wanton craving in the wilderness,
and put God to the test in the desert;
- Minister: Many times he delivered them,
but they were rebellious in their purposes
and were brought low through their iniquity.
- People: Nevertheless, he looked upon their distress,
when he heard their cry.
- Minister: For their sake he remembered his covenant,
and relented according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
- People: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!
And let all the people say, "Amen!"

PSALM 107

- Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- People: *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble.*
- Minister: Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
- People: *Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.*
- Minister: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- People: *For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things. Amen.*

PSALM 108

Minister: My heart is steadfast, O God!
I will sing and make melody with all my being!

People: *I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.*

Minister: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

People: *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!*

Minister: That your beloved ones may be delivered,
give salvation by your right hand and answer me!

People: *With God we shall do valiantly;
it is he who will tread down our foes.*

PSALM 109

Minister: Be not silent, O God of my praise!
For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me,

People: *They encircle me with words of hate,
and attack me without cause.*

Minister: But you, O God my Lord,
deal on my behalf for your name's sake;
because your steadfast love is good, deliver me!

People: *Help me, O Lord my God!
Save me according to your steadfast love! Amen.*

PSALM 110

Minister: The Lord says to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

People: *Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,*

Minister: The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

People: *He will drink from the brook by the way;
therefore he will lift up his head. Amen.*

PSALM 111

Minister: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: *Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.*

Minister He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

People: *He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.*

Minister: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 112

Minister: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

People: *Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;*

Minister: His heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.
His heart is steady; he will not be afraid.

People: *He has distributed freely;
he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever. Amen.*

PSALM 113

Minister: Praise the Lord!
Praise, O servants of the Lord,

People: *From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!*

Minister: The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!

People: *He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
He makes them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people. Amen.*

PSALM 114

Minister: When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

People: *Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.*

Minister: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

People: *The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.*

Minister: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

People: *who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water. Amen.*

PSALM 115

Minister: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!
Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

People: *Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.*

Minister: O Israel, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.

People: *You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.*

Minister: He will bless those who fear the Lord,
both the small and the great.

People: *we will bless the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.*

PSALM 116

Minister: I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People: *Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

Minister: What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

People: *I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,*

Minister: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 117 - 118

Minister: Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

People: *For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.*

Minister: The Lord is my strength and my song;

People: *He has become my salvation.*

Minister: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

People: *The right hand of the Lord exalts,*

Minister: The Lord has disciplined me severely,

People: *but he has not given me over to death.*

Minister: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 119

Minister: How can a young man keep his way pure?

People: *By guarding it according to your word.*

Minister: With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!
I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

People: *Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!*

Minister: With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.
In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

People: *I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.
I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word. Amen.*

PSALM 120

Minister: In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me.

People: *Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue.*

Minister: Too long have I had my dwelling
among those who hate peace.

People: *I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war!*

Minister: Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 121

Minister: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

People: *My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

Minister: He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

People: *The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.*

Minister: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 122

Minister: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.*

Minister: I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

People: *Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!*

Minister: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,

People: *to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.*

Minister: For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 123

Minister: To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

People: *Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.*

Minister: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

People: *Our soul has had more than enough
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud. Amen.*

PSALM 124

Minister: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—
let Israel now say—

People: *If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
when people rose up against us,
then over us would have gone the raging waters.*

Minister: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

People: *We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers.*

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 125

Minister: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

People: *As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.*

Minister: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!

People: *Peace be upon Israel! Amen.*

PSALM 126

Minister: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

People: *They said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”*

Minister: The Lord has done great things for us; and we are glad.

People: *Restore our fortunes, O Lord.*

Minister: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 127

Minister: Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

People: *Unless the Lord watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.*

Minister: It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;

People: *for he gives to his beloved sleep. Amen.*

PSALM 128

Minister: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways!

People: *You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.*

Minister: The Lord bless you from Zion!
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life!

People: *May you see your children's children!
Peace be upon Israel! Amen.*

PSALM 129

Minister: "Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth"—
let Israel now say—

People: *"Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,
yet they have not prevailed against me.*

Minister: The Lord is righteous;
he has cut the cords of the wicked.

People: *May all who hate Zion
be put to shame and turned backward!*

Minister: "The blessing of the Lord be upon you!

People: *We bless you in the name of the Lord!" Amen.*

PSALM 130

Minister: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

People: *O Lord, hear my voice!*

Minister: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

People: *I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope.*

Minister: O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and plentiful redemption.

People: *And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Amen.*

PSALM 131

Minister: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;

People: *I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.*

Minister: But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

People: *O Israel, hope in the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.*

PSALM 132

Minister: Arise, O Lord, and go to your resting place,
you and the ark of your might.

People: *Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your saints shout for joy.*

Minister: For the Lord has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his dwelling place:

People: *"This is my resting place forever;
here I will dwell, for I have desired it."*

Minister: Her priests I will clothe with salvation,
and her saints will shout for joy.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 133 -134

Minister: Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

People: *It is like the precious oil on the head,
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!*

Minister: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

People: *Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!*

Minister: Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!

People: *May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth! Amen.*

PSALM 135

Minister: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord,
give praise, O servants of the Lord,

People: *who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God!*

Minister: For I know that the Lord is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.

People: *The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands.*

Minister: Those who make them become like them,
so do all who trust in them.

People: *Blessed be the Lord from Zion, he who dwells in Jerusalem! Amen.*

PSALM 136

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Minister: to him who alone does great wonders,

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever;*

Minister: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever;*

Minister: he who gives food to all flesh,

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Minister: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever. Amen.*

MISSING PSALM 137

Minister: By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept,
when we remembered Zion.

People: *How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?*

Minister: If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill!

People: *Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy! Amen.*

PSALM 138

Minister: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

People: *I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name,
for you have exalted your name and your word above all things.*

Minister: On the day I called, you answered me;

People: *My strength of soul you increased.*

Minister: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;

People: *You stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.*

Minister: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
O Lord, do not forsake the work of your hands.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 139

Minister: O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

People: *You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.*

Minister: Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

People: *If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.*

Minister: Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
See if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 140

Minister: Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men;
preserve me from violent men,

People: *I say to the Lord, You are my God;
give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O Lord!*

Minister: O Lord, my Lord, the strength of my salvation,
you have covered my head in the day of battle.

People: *I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted,
and will execute justice for the needy.*

Minister: Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name;
the upright shall dwell in your presence.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 141

Minister: O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me!
Give ear to my voice when I call to you!

People: *Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!*

Minister: Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth;
keep watch over the door of my lips!

People: *Do not let my heart incline to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds
in company with men who work iniquity,*

Minister: My eyes are toward you, O God, my Lord;
in you I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 142

Minister: With my voice I cry out to the Lord;
with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.

People: *I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him.*

Minister: When my spirit faints within me, you know my way!

People: *I cry to you, O Lord; I say, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living."*

Minister: Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low!

People: *The righteous will surround me,
for you will deal bountifully with me. Amen.*

PSALM 143

Minister: Hear my prayer, O Lord;
give ear to my pleas for mercy!

People: *In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!*

Minister: I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands.

People: *Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.*

Minister: Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

People: *Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Amen.*

PSALM 144

Minister: Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war,
and my fingers for battle;

People: *he is my steadfast love and my fortress,
my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge,*

Minister: O Lord, what is man that you regard him,
or the son of man that you think of him?

People: *Man is like a breath;
his days are like a passing shadow.*

Minister: Stretch out your hand from on high;
rescue me and deliver me from the many waters,

People: *Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord! Amen.*

PSALM 145

Minister: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

People: *Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

Minister: The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

People: *The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth. Amen.*

FROM PSALM 146

Minister: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.*

Minister: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

People: *who made heaven and earth, who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.*

Minister: The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

People: *The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.*

Minister: The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: *The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Amen.*

PSALM 147

Minister: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

People: *He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.*

Minister: The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

People: *His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man.*

Minister: The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 148

Minister: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People: *Praise him, all his angels and all his hosts, sun and moon, and all you shining stars!*

Minister: You great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!

People: *He commanded and they were created. Praise the name of the Lord!*

Minister: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

People: *Praise the name of the Lord!*

Minister: All his saints, praise the Lord!

People: *Amen.*

PSALM 149 - 150

Minister: Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

People: *Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!*

Minister: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.

People: *Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.*

Minister: Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!

People: *Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!*

Minister: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

People: *Praise the Lord! Amen.*

FROM LUKE 1

Minister: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.*

Minister: My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

People: *For he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
from now on all generations will call me blessed;*

Minister: For he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

People: *He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate. Amen.*

FROM ISAIAH 12

Minister: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.*

Minister: Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;

People: *for the LORD God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.*

Minister: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:

People: *Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously.*

Minister: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

People: *Amen.*