

RESPOND & ACCLAIM 2021



INTRODUCTION

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR SINGING THE PSALMS

Accompaniments and Choral Arrangements

These musical settings are written to be accompanied by keyboard and/or guitar. While some guitar chords reflect a harmony different from the notated keyboard/choral harmony, the chords and keyboard part are compatible and function well together. Some chords have been bracketed—these may be omitted by the guitarist when playing alone.

Choral arrangements with descants are provided for all Responsorial Psalms and Gospel Acclamations.

New this year is a guide for fingerstyle guitar accompaniment for the Gospel Acclamations. See [pages 162–163](#) for more information.

Psalm Responses and Gospel Acclamations

All Psalm Responses and Gospel Acclamations offered in *Respond & Acclaim* match those found in *Today's Missal*, *Heritage Missal*, *Breaking Bread* and most of the English portion of *Unidos en Cristo/United in Christ*. Some English and all Spanish responses and acclamations are available in the OCP resource *Responde y Aclama*.

Psalm and Gospel Verses

Psalm verses are designed to be sung by a cantor or a vocal ensemble. They are not intended for use by the assembly. If it is not practical for the verses to be sung, they may be spoken while the accompaniment is played softly as a background to the spoken word. At the end of each verse, the assembly sings the response.

Gospel verses are sung in the same manner as the psalm verses. It should be noted that according to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, if the Gospel Acclamation or Verse before the Gospel is not sung, it may be omitted altogether (GIRM 63c).

On the Singing of Chant Verses

The first preparation for singing the verses is done without the music—they should be read, understood, and allowed to emanate from a place of prayer in the hearts of the singers.

The verse settings are chant tones which by their very nature flow in long, lyrical lines. While the tones do not draw attention to themselves, these verses should come across as an important part of the whole, not just as “filler” until the next repetition of the response, and should be sung in a way that reflects the character of the individual response.

In cases where the number of phrases in a psalm verse is not consistent throughout the psalm, dashed lines in parentheses are shown. In order to maintain the proper harmonic progression, the accompaniment may still be played under the dashed lines even though there is no sung text. The cantor would then resume singing at the next appropriate phrase. Choose a tempo that will not disrupt the flow of the music.

Singers must proclaim the verses with clarity so that the text is understood and its meaning is clear. A cantor can easily make use of rubato to emphasize specific words; a choir, however, will have to spend time on coordination to achieve the same effect.

Whoever sings the psalm verses plays a vital role in the assembly's participation at this point in the Liturgy of the Word.

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Respond & Acclaim Indexes

Scriptural, alphabetical, and ritual indexes for Responsorial Psalms are provided beginning on [page 164](#) for easy reference. You'll find a common (seasonal) psalm index on [page 165](#). While as a rule the designated psalm of the day is to be used, common (seasonal) psalms are provided by the Church as options. This is so that the assembly may repeat a psalm over several celebrations in the same season and therefore participate more readily (Introduction to the *Lectionary for Mass* 89, GIRM 61). Additional indexes, including those for Gospel Acclamations, will be available online.

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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8

Patronal Feastday of the United States of America

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 (689)

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant

div.

Sing to the Lord! He has done mar - vel - ous deeds.

Am Em Am F G7 C

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done mar - vel - ous deeds.

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

Em Dm7

1. Sing to the LORD a new song,
His right hand has won victory for him,

2. The LORD has made his salvation known:
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness

3. All the ends of the earth have seen
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;

Em/D C

1. For he has done wondrous deeds;
His holy arm.

2. In the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
Toward the house of Israel.

3. The salvation by our God.
Break into song; sing praise.

Gospel Acclamation: See Luke 1:28

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. V

Optional Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C F G Am Am/G Fmaj7 C Em Dm G C

Verse: (Cantor)

Hail, Mar - y, full of grace, the Lord is with you;

Am Em/B Am Em/G Fmaj7 F/E Esus4 E

[bless - ed,] bless - ed are you a - mong wom - en.

C G/B Am C/G Fmaj7 Gsus4 G

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS): AT THE VIGIL MASS

December 24

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89:4–5, 16–17, 27, 29 (13)

Response: (*Organ/SATB*)

Optional Descant

For ev - er I will sing of the Lord. *div.*

D A Bm Bm/A G Asus4 A D

For ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord.

Verses: (*Cantor or SATB*)

D A/C#

1. I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
Forever will I confirm your pos - terity

2. Blessed the people who know the joy - ful shout;
At your name they rejoice all the day,

3. He shall say of me, "You are my father,
Forever I will maintain my kind - ness toward him,

G D

1. I have sworn to Da - vid my servant:
And establish your throne for all gen - er - ations.

2. In the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.
And through your justice they are ex - alted.

3. My God, the rock, my savior."
And my covenant with him stands firm.

Gospel Acclamation:

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. VII

Optional Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D G/B Asus4 A G Dadd9 D G/B A7/C# D

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: (Cantor)

Bm Bb Asus4 A

To - mor - row the wickedness of the earth will be de - stroyed: _____

Organ

D Bm Asus4 A

the Sav - ior of the world will reign _____ o - ver us.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS): AT THE MASS DURING THE NIGHT

December 25

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1–2, 2–3, 11–12, 13 (14)

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant

To - day is born ___ Christ the Lord.

Capo 3: (D) F (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) Bb (A7) C7 (D) F

To - day is born our Sav - ior, ___ Christ the Lord.

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

(D) F

1. Sing to the LORD a new song;
Sing to the LORD;

2. Announce his salvation, day af - ter day.
Among all peoples,

3. Let the heavens be glad and the earth re - joice;
Let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!

4. They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;
He shall rule the world with justice

(Em/A) Gm/C (D) F

1. Sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Bless his name.

2. Tell his glory among the nations;
His won - drous deeds.

3. Let the sea and what fills it re - sound;
Then shall all the trees of the forest ex - ult.

4. For he comes to rule the earth.
And the peoples with his constancy.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS): AT THE MASS DURING THE NIGHT, cont. (2)

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 2:10–11

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. VII

Optional Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D G/B Asus4 A G Dadd9 D G/B A7/C# D

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: (Cantor)

I pro - claim to you good news of great joy: to -

Organ

D D/C# Bm Bm/A D

day a Sav - ior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

G G/A D6 Em Asus4 D

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS): AT THE MASS AT DAWN

December 25

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97:1, 6, 11–12 (15)

Response: (*Organ/SATB*)

Optional Descant

A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

D Bm Gmaj7 *tacet D A D

A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

*When guitar plays alone, omit "tacet."

Verses: (*Cantor or SATB*)

D A

1. The LORD is king; let the earth re - joice;
The heavens proclaim his justice,

2. Light dawns for the just;
Be glad in the LORD, you just,

G D

1. Let the many isles be glad.
And all peoples see his glory.

2. And gladness, for the up - right of heart.
And give thanks to his ho - ly name.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 2:14

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. VII

Optional Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D G/B Asus4 A G Dadd9 D G/B A7/C# D

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: (Cantor)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth

Organ

D G A

peace to those on whom his favor rests.

D G A

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS): AT THE MASS DURING THE DAY

December 25

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (16)

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant div.

All the ends of the earth have seen our God.

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A7) (D) (Bm) (G) (Em) (G) (A7) (D)
F *tacet Bb C7 F Dm Bb Gm Bb C7 F

All the ends of the earth _____ have seen the sav - ing pow - er of God.

*When guitar plays alone, omit "tacet."

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

(Bm) (A)
Dm C

1. Sing to the LORD a new song,
His right hand has won victory for him,
2. The LORD has made his salva - tion known:
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
4. Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
With trumpets and the sound of the horn

(G) (A)
Bb C

1. For he has done won - drous deeds;
His ho - ly arm.
2. In the sight of the nations he has re - vealed his justice.
Toward the house of Israel.
3. The salvation by our God.
Break into song; sing praise.
4. With the harp and me - lo - dious song.
Sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

Gospel Acclamation:

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. VI

Optional Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D Bm7 G Asus4 A7 D

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: (Cantor)

A holy day has dawned up - on us. Come, you nations, and a -

G A G

Organ

dore the Lord. For today a great light has come up - on the earth.

D G D Em7 A

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:1–2, 5, 11 (77)

Response: (*Organ/SATB*)

Optional Descant

Capo 1: (Bm) Cm (F#m) Gm (G) Ab (A) Bb (Bm) Cm (A) Bb

I turn to you, Lord, in time of

You fill with joy, with sal - va - tion.

(D) Eb (Em) Fm (Bm) Cm (A) Bb (D) Eb (G) Ab (A) Bb (D) Eb

trou - ble, and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

Verses: (*Cantor or SATB*)

(D) Eb (A) Bb (G) Ab (A) Bb

1. Blessed is he whose fault is taken a - way, Whose sin is covered.
 Blessed the man to whom
 the LORD imputes not guilt, In whose spirit there is no guile.

2. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, My guilt I cov - ered not.
 I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD," And you took away the guilt of my sin.

3. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; Exult, all you upright of heart.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 7:16

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. V

Optional Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C F G Am Am/G Fmaj7 C Em Dm G C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: (Cantor)

F G Am C F G

A great prophet has a - risen in our midst, God has visited his people.

Organ

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 28

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24 (38)

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant

O God, _____ my God. _____

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (Em7) (D) (F#m7) (Em7) (Bm)
 Dm Gm Dm Gm7 F [Am7] Gm7 Dm

My God, _____ my God, _____ my God, _____ why have you a - ban - doned _ me?

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

(Bm) (F#m)
 Dm Am

1. All who see me scoff at me;
 "He relied on the LORD; let him de - liver him,

2. Indeed, many dogs sur - round me,
 They have pierced my hands and my feet;

3. They divide my garments a - mong them,
 But you, O LORD, be not far from me;

4. I will proclaim your name to my brethren;
 "You who fear the LORD, - - - praise him;
 Re - vere him,

(Em/G) (F#)
 Gm/Bb A

1. They mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:
 Let him rescue him, if he loves him."

2. A pack of evildoers closes in up - on me;
 I can count all my bones.

3. And for my vesture they cast lots.
 O my help, has - ten to aid me.

4. In the midst of the assembly I will praise you:
 All you descendants of Jacob, give glo - ry to him;
 All you descen - dants of Israel!"

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:8-9

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

Optional Descant

Praise you, Lord, King of glo - ry!

G Em C D7 G Em C D7 Gsus4 G

Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!

Verse:

Am Cmaj7 F#°7 Em Cmaj7 D Em

(Cantor)

Christ be - came o - be - di - ent to the point of death, ev - en death on a cross.

(SATB) Em D C Bm Em

Be - cause of this, God great - ly ex - alt - ed him

G Am D G Am Dsus4 Em

and be - stowed on him the name which is a - bove ev - 'ry name.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11 (158)

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant div.

You are my in - her - i - tance, O Lord.

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (Em) (A) (D) (Em) (G/A) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm [C] F Gm Bb/C C7 F

You are my in - her - i - tance, O Lord!

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

(G) (D)
 Bb F

1. O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
 I set the LORD ever before me;

2. Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
 Because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,

3. You will show me the path to life,
 The delights at your right hand

(A) (D)
 C F

1. You it is who hold fast my lot.
 With him at my right hand I shall not be dis - turbed.

2. My body, too, abides in confidence;
 Nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo cor - ruption.

3. Fullness of joys in your presence,
 For - ever.