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 <u>pages 162–163</u> 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 <u>page 164</u> for easy reference. You'll find a common (seasonal) psalm index on <u>page 165</u>. 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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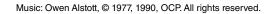


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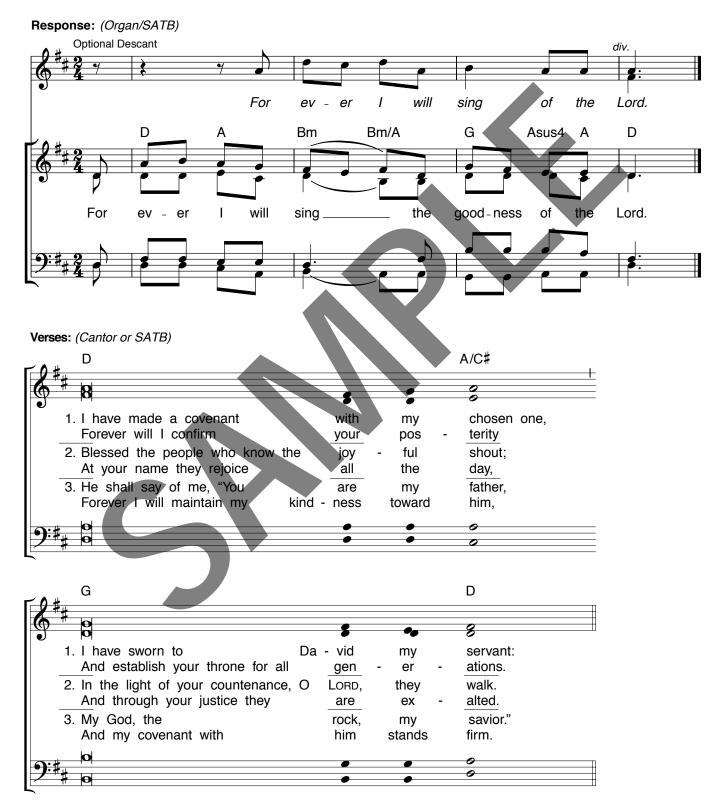




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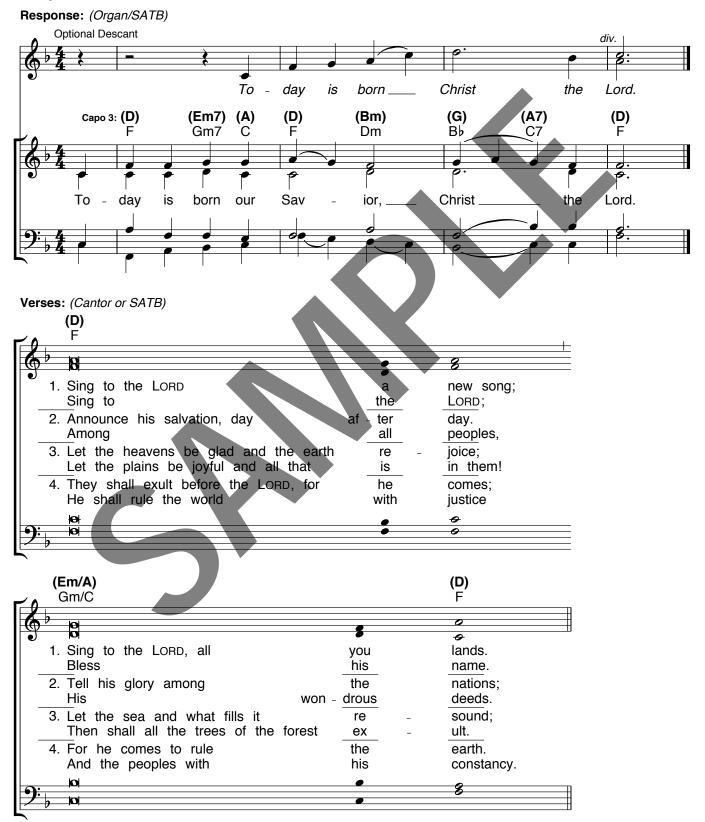


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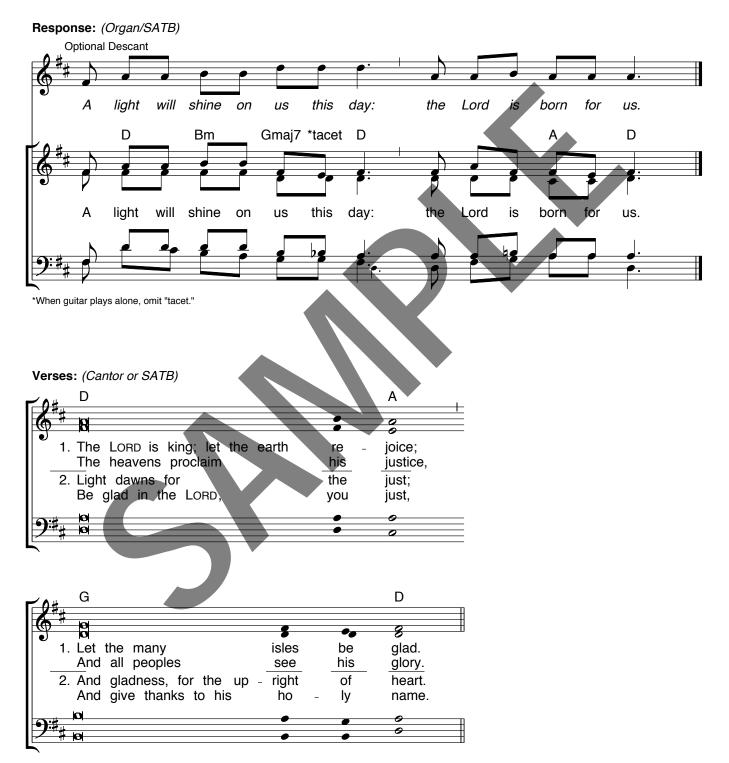
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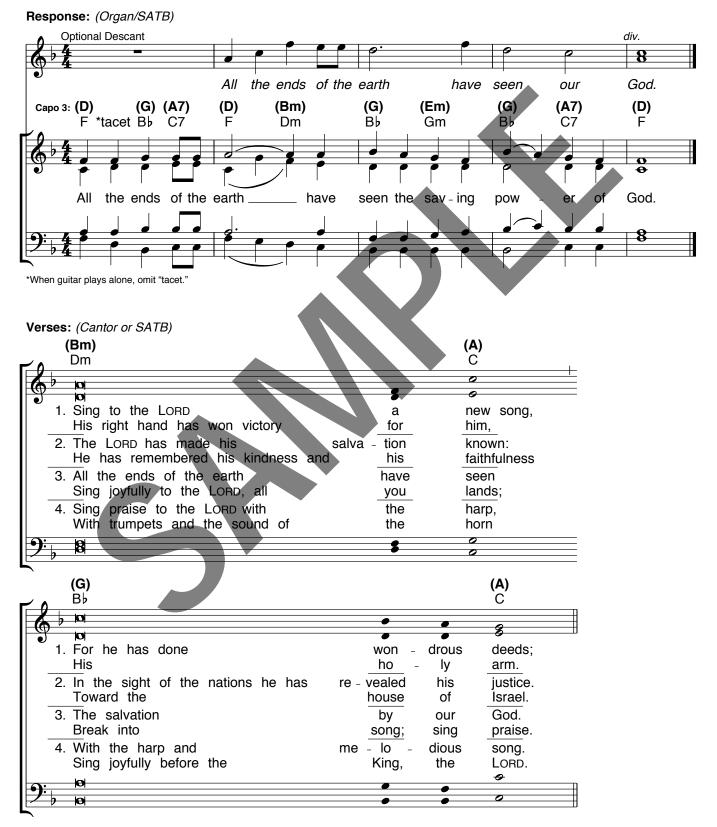


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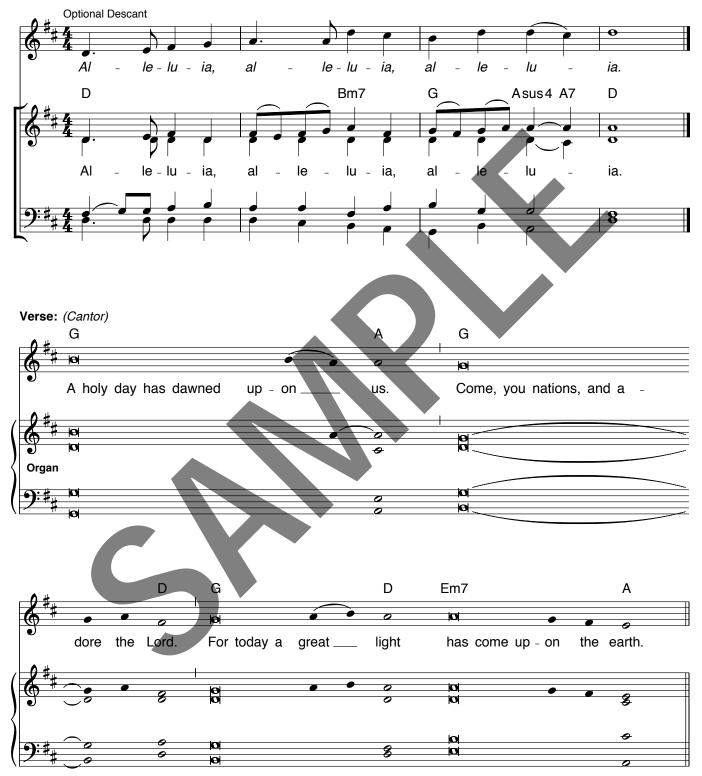
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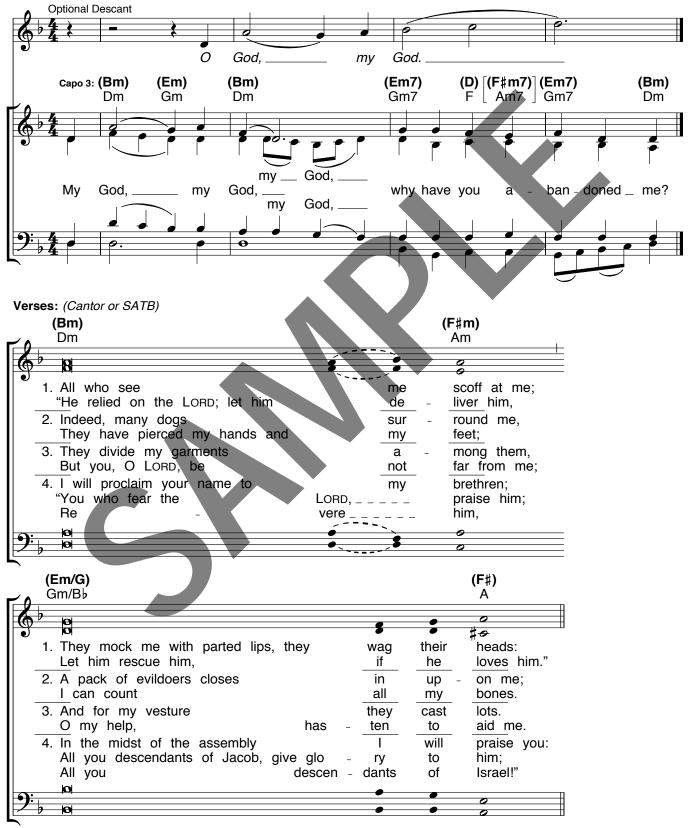


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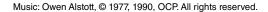


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