

First Sunday of Advent - RCL Year "A"

Psalm 122



- 1 I was glad when they / said to me,\*  
"Let us go to the / house of the LORD.
- 2 Now our feet are / standing\*  
within your gates, / O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a / city\*  
that is at un/ity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the / LORD,\*  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the / Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of / judgment,\*  
the thrones of the / house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jer/usalem:\*  
"May they pros/per who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your / walls\*  
and quietness with/in your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and com/panions' sake,\*  
I pray for / your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the / LORD our God,\*  
I will / seek to do you good. "

Second Sunday of Advent - RCL Year "A"

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19



- 1 Give the King your justice, O / God,\*  
and your righteousness / to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people / righteously\*  
and the / poor with justice.
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people,\*  
and the little / hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the / people;\*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush / the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and / moon endure,\*  
from one generation / to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the / mown field,\*  
like showers that / water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous / flourish;\*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the / moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of / Israel,\*  
who a/lone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for / ever!\*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. / Amen. Amen.

Third Sunday of Advent – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 146:4-9 or canticle 3 or 15 (*Magnificat*)



- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob / for their help!\*  
whose hope is / in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is / in them;\*  
who keeps his pro/mise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who / are oppressed,\*  
and food to / those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the / blind;\*  
the LORD lifts up those / who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the / stranger;\*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way / of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for / ever,\*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. / Hallelujah!

Fourth Sunday of Advent – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph / like a flock;\*  
Shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh.\*  
stir up your strength and / come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O / God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD / God of hosts,\*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers / of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the / bread of tears;\*  
you have given them / bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our / neighbors,\*  
and our enemies / laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O / God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your / right hand,\*  
the son of man you have made / so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn a/way from you;\*  
give us life, that we may call / upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD / God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

Christmas Eve and Day – RCL Years “A, B, and C”

Proper I – Psalm 96

Tone V.1



- 1 Sing to the LORD a / new song;\*  
Sing to the LORD, / all the / whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and / bless his Name;\*’  
proclaim the good news of his sal/vation from / day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the / nations\*  
and his wonders a/mong all / peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be / praised.  
he is more to be / feared than / all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but / idols;\*  
but it is the LORD who / made the / heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his / presence!\*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his / sanctu/ary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the / peoples;\*  
ascribe to the LORD / honor and / power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his / Name;\*  
bring offerings and / come in/to his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of / holiness;\*  
let the whole earth / tremble be/fore him.
- 10 Tell it among the nations: “The / LORD is King!”\*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the / peoples with / equity.”
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is / in it;\*  
let the field be joyful and / all that / is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD / when he comes,\*  
when he / comes to / judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with / righteousness\*  
and the / peoples / with his truth.

Christmas Eve and Day – RCL Years “A, B, and C”

Proper II – Psalm 97

Tone V.1



- 1 The LORD is King; let the / earth rejoice;\*  
let the multitude / of the / isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round a/bout him,\*  
righteousness and justice are the foun/dations /of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes be/fore him\*  
and burns up his ene/mies on / every side.
- 4 His lightnings light / up the world;\*  
the earth / sees it and / is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the / LORD,\*  
at the presence of the / Lord of the / whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his / righteousness,\*  
and all the peoples / see his / glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in / false gods!\*  
Bow down be/fore him, / all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah re/joyce,\*  
because of your / judgments, / O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD, most high over / all the earth;\*  
you are exalted / far a/bove all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate / evil;\*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the / hand of the / wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the / righteous,\*  
and joyful gladness for those who / are true/hearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you / righteous,\*  
and give thanks / to his / holy Name.

Christmas Eve and Day – RCL Years “A, B, and C”

Proper III – Psalm 98

Tone V.1



- 1 Sing to the LORD a / new song,\*  
for he has done / marve/lous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his / holy arm\*  
has he won for him/self the / victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his / victory;\*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the / sight of the / nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of / Israel,\*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the / victory / of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, / all you lands;\*  
lift up your / voice, re/joyce, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the / harp,\*  
with the / harp and the / voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the / horn\*  
shout with joy be/fore the / King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is / in it,\*  
the lands and / those who / dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers / clap their hands,\*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he / comes to / judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he / judge the world\*  
and the / peoples with / equity.

The First Sunday after Christmas – RCL Years “A, B, and C”

Psalm 147 or 147:13-21

Tone V.1

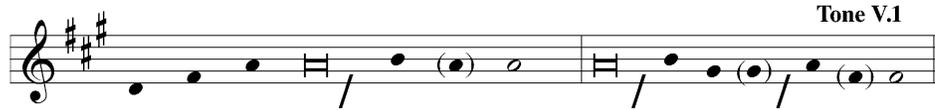


- [1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our / God!\*
- how pleasant it is to / honor / him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Je/rusalem;\*
- he gathers the / exiles of / Israel.
- 3 He heals the broken / hearted\*
- and / binds up / their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the / stars\*
- and calls them / all by / their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in / power;\*
- there is no limit / to his / wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the / lowly,\*
- but casts the / wicked / to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with / thanksgiving;\*
- make music to our / God up/on the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with / clouds\*
- and prepares / rain for / the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the / mountains\*
- and green / plants to / serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for / flocks and herds\*
- and for the young / ravens / when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a / horse;\*
- he has no pleasure in the / strength of / a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who / fear him,\*
- in those who await his / gracious / favor.]
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Je/rusalem;\*
- Praise your / God, O / Zion.
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of / your gates;\*
- he has blessed your / children with/in you.
- 15 He has established peace on your / borders;\*
- he satisfies you / with the / finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the / earth,\*
- and his word runs / very / swiftly.
- 17 He gives / snow like wool;\*
- he scatters / hoarfrost like / ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like / bread crumbs;\*
- who can / stand a/gainst his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and / melts them;\*
- he blows with his wind, / and the / waters flow.

- 20 He declares his word to / Jacob,\*  
his statutes and his / judgments to / Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other / nation;\*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments. / Halle/lujah.

The Second Sunday after Christmas – RCL Years “A, B, and C”

Psalm 84 or 84:1-8



Tone V.1

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O / LORD of hosts!\*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh re/joyce in the / living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her young;\*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my / King and / my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in / your house!\*  
they will / always be / praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is / in you!\*  
whose hearts are / set on the / pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a / place of springs,\*  
for the early rains have covered it with / pools of / water.
- 6 They will climb from / height to height,\*  
and the God of gods will reveal him/self in / Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, / hear my prayer;\*  
hearken, O / God of / Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O / God;\*  
and look upon the face of / your A/nointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in / my own room,\*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the / tents of the / wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both / sun and shield;\*  
he will give / grace and / glory.
- 11 No good thing will the / LORD withhold\*  
from those who / walk with in/tegrity.
- 12 O / LORD of hosts,\*  
happy are they who / put their / trust in you!

*When January 1 falls on a Sunday, use:*

The Holy Name – RCL Years “A, B, and C”

Psalm 8

Tone V.1



- 1 O LORD our / Governor,\*  
how exalted is your / Name in / all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and / children\*  
your majesty is praised a/bove the / heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adver/saries,\*  
to quell the enemy / and the a/venger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your / fingers,\*  
the moon and the stars you have / set in their / courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of / him?\*the son of man that / you should / seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the / angels,\*  
you adorn him with / glory and / honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of / your hands,\*  
you put all things / under / his feet:
- 8 All sheep and / oxen,\*  
even the / wild beasts / of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the / sea,\*  
and whatsoever walks in the / paths of / the sea.
- 10 O LORD our / Governor,\*  
how exalted is your / Name in / all the world!

*When January 6 falls on a Sunday, use:*

The Epiphany – RCL Years “A, B, and C”

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14



- 1 Give the King your justice, / O God,\*  
and your righteousness / to the / King’s Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people / righteously\*  
and the / poor with / justice.
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people,\*  
and the little / hills bring / righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the / people;\*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush / the op/pressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and / moon endure,\*  
from one generation / to an/other.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the / mown field,\*  
like showers that / water / the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous / flourish;\*  
there shall be abundance of peace  
till the / moon shall / be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay / tribute,\*  
and the kings of Arabia and / Saba / offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down be/fore him,\*  
and all the nations / do him / service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out / in distress,\*  
and the oppressed who / has no / helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and / poor;\*  
he shall preserve the lives / of the / needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and / violence,\*  
and dear shall their / blood be / in his sight.

The First Sunday after the Epiphany – RCL Year “A”  
Psalm 29 (This psalm is used for all three years.)

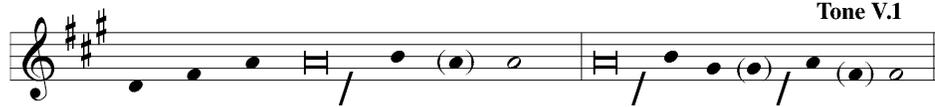
Tone V.1



- 1 Ascribe to the / LORD, you gods,\*  
ascribe to the LORD / glory / and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due his Name;\*  
worship the LORD in the / beauty of / holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory / thunders;\*  
the LORD is upon the / mighty / waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful / voice;\*  
the voice of the LORD is a / voice of / splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedar trees;\*  
the LORD breaks the / cedars of / Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip / like a calf,\*  
and Mount Hermon / like a / young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the / wilderness;\*  
the LORD shakes the wilder/ness of / Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the / oak trees writhe\*  
and / strips the / forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the / LORD\*  
all are / crying, / “Glory!”
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned a/bove the flood;\*  
the LORD sits enthroned as / King for / evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his / people;\*  
the LORD shall give his people the / blessing / of peace.

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 40:1-12



- 1 I waited patiently up/on the LORD;\*  
he stooped to / me and / heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the / mire and clay;\*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and / made my / footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our / God;\*  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their / trust in / the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the / LORD!\*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or / turn to / false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
how great your wonders and your / plans for us!\*  
there is none who can / be com/pared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and / tell them!\*  
but they are / more than / I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no / pleasure\*  
(you have given me / ears to / hear you );
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have / not required,\*  
and so I / said, “Be/hold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written con/cerning me:\*  
‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is / deep in / my heart.’ ”
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congre/gation;\*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and / that, O / LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your de/liverance;\*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness  
from the great / congre/gation.
- 12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion / from me;\*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me / safe for / ever.



When February 2 falls on a Sunday, use:

The Presentation – RCL

Psalm 84 or 24:7-10

Tone V.1



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O / LORD of hosts!\*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice / in the / living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her young;\*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my / King and / my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your / house!\*  
they will al/ways be / praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is / in you!\*  
whose hearts are / set on the / pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a / place of springs,\*  
for the early rains have covered it with / pools of / water.
- 6 They will climb from / height to height,\*  
and the God of gods will reveal him/self in / Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, / hear my prayer;\*  
hearken, O / God of / Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O / God;\*  
and look upon the face of / you're a/nointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in / my own room,\*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the / tents of the / wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both / sun and shield;\*  
he will give / grace and / glory.
- 11 No good thing will the / LORD withhold\*  
from those who walk / with in/tegrity.
- 12 O / LORD of hosts,\*  
happy are they who / put their / trust in you!



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 15

Tone V.1



- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your taber/nacle?\*  
who may abide up/on your / holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does / what is right,\*  
who speaks the / truth from / his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil / to his friend;\*  
he does not heap contempt up/on his / neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is re/jected,\*  
but he honors / those who / fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to / do no wrong\*  
and does / not take / back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in / hope of gain,\*  
nor does he take a bribe a/gainst the / innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these / things\*  
shall / never be / overthrown.

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 112:1-9, (10)

Tone V.1



- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who / fear the LORD\*  
and have great delight in / his com/mandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty / in the land;\*  
the generation of the / upright / will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be / in their house,\*  
and their righteousness will / last for / ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the / upright;\*  
the righteous are merciful and / full of com/passion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in / lending\*  
and to manage their af/fairs with / justice.
- 6 For they will never be / shaken;\*  
the righteous will be kept in ever/lasting re/membrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil / rumors;\*  
their heart is right; they put their / trust in / the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and / will not shrink,\*  
until they see their desire up/on their / enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the / poor,\*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their / head with / honor.
- [10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and / pine away;\*  
the desires of the / wicked will / perish.]

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 119:1-8

Tone V.1



- 1 Happy are they whose way is / blameless,\*  
who walk in the / law of / the LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe / his decrees\*  
and / seek him with / all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any / wrong,\*  
but always / walk in / his ways.
- 4 You laid down your com/mandments,\*  
that we should / fully / keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made / so direct\*  
that I might / keep your / statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be / put to shame,\*  
when I regard all / your com/mandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an un/feigned heart,\*  
when I have learned your / righteous / judgments.
- 8 I will keep your / statutes;\*  
do not utter/ly for/sake me.



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 2 or 99

Tone V.1



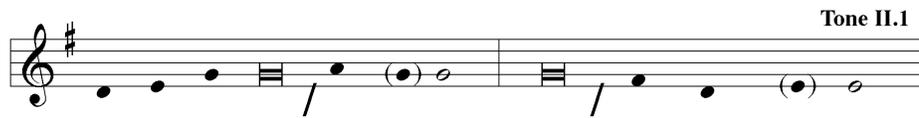
- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar?\*
- Why do the peoples / mutter / empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together,\*
- against the LORD and against / his Anointed?
- 3 “Let us break their / yoke,” they say;\*
- “let us / cast off their / bonds from us.”
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is / laughing;\*
- the Lord has them / in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his / wrath,\*
- and his rage / fills them with / terror.
- 6 “I myself have / set my king\*
- upon my holy / hill of / Zion.”
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the / LORD:\*
- he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have / I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance\*  
and the ends of the earth for / your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an / iron rod\*  
and shatter them like a / piece of / pottery.”
- 10 And now, you / kings, be wise;\*
- be warned, you / rulers / of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the / LORD with fear,\*  
and with trembling / bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you / perish;\*
- for his wrath is / quickly / kindled.
- 13 Happy are they / all\*  
    who take / refuge / in him!



The First Day of Lent, or Ash Wednesday – RCL Years “A, B, and C”

Psalm 103 or 103:8-14

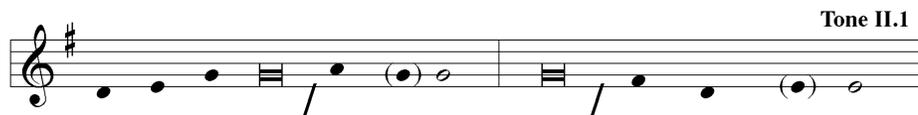
Imposition of Ashes – Psalm 51:1-18



- [1 Bless the LORD, / O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless / his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, / O my soul,\*  
and forget not all / his benefits.
- 3 He forgives / all your sins\*  
and heals all your / infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the / grave\*  
and crowns you with mercy and lov/ing-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with / good things,\*  
and your youth is renewed like / an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes / righteousness\*  
and judgment for all / who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to / Moses\*  
and his works to the children / of Israel.]
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and / mercy,\*  
slow to anger and of / great kindness.
- 9 He will not always ac/cuse us,\*  
nor will he keep his anger / for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our / sins,\*  
nor rewarded us according to / our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high a/bove the earth,\*  
so is his mercy great upon those / who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the / west,\*  
so far has he removed / our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his / children,\*  
so does the LORD care for those / who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof / we are made;\*  
he remembers that / we are but dust.
- [15 Our days are like the / grass;\*  
we flourish like a flo/wer of the field;
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is / gone,\*  
and its place shall know / it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures  
for ever on those who / fear him,\*  
and his righteousness on chil/dren's children;
- 18 On those who keep his / covenant\*  
and remember his commandments / and do them.

- 19 The LORD has set his throne in / heaven,\*  
and his kingship has domin/ion over all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his / bidding,\*  
and hearken to the voice / of his word.
- 21 Bless the LORD, all / you his hosts,\*  
you ministers of his / who do his will.
- 22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his do/minion;\*  
bless the LORD, / O my soul.]

## Psalm 51:1-18



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-/kindness;\*  
in your great compassion blot out my / offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my / wickedness\*  
and cleanse / me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my trans/gressions, \*  
and my sin is ever / before me.
- 4 Against you only have I / sinned, \*  
and done what is evil / in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you / speak \*  
and upright in / your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my / birth, \*  
a sinner from / my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep with/in me, \*  
and will make me understand wis/dom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be / pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall / be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and / gladness, \*  
that the body you have bro/ken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my / sins \*  
and blot out all my in/iquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean / heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit / within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your / presence \*  
and take not your holy Spi/rit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving / help again \*  
and sustain me with your bounti/ful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the / wicked, \*  
and sinners shall / return to you.

- 15 Deliver me from / death, O God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my / salvation.
- 16 Open my / lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall / proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered / sacrifice; \*  
but you take no delight in / burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled / spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you / will not despise.

First Sunday in Lent – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 32



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for/given,\*  
and whose sin / is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD im/putes no guilt,\*  
and in whose spirit there / is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered a/way,\*  
because of my groaning / all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me / day and night;\*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat / of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my / sin to you,\*  
and did not / conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the / LORD.”\*  
Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers  
to you in time of / trouble;\*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall / not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from / trouble;\*  
you surround me with shouts of / deliverance.
- 9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that / you should go;\*  
I will guide / you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under / standing;\*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not / stay near you.”
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the / wicked;\*  
but mercy embraces those who trust / in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the / LORD;\*  
shout for joy, all who / are true of heart.

Second Sunday in Lent – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 121



- 1 I lift up my eyes to the / hills;\*  
from where is / my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the / LORD,\*  
the maker of hea/ven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your / foot be moved\*  
and he who watches over you will / not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over / Israel\*  
shall neither slum/ber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches / over you;\*  
the LORD is your shade at / your right hand.
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by / day,\*  
nor / the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all / evil;\*  
it is he who shall / keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your / coming in,\*  
from this time forth / for evermore.

Third Sunday in Lent – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 95



- 1 Come, let us sing to the / LORD;\*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our / salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanks/giving\*  
and raise a loud shout / to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a / great God,\*  
and a great King / above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the / earth,\*  
and the heights of the hills are / his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he / made it,\*  
and his hands have molded / the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and / bend the knee,\*  
and kneel before the LORD / our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his / hand.\*  
Oh, that today you would hear/ken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the / wilderness,\*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when / they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the / test,\*  
though they / had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and / said,\*  
“This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do / not know my ways.”
- 11 So I swore in my / wrath,\*  
“They shall not enter / into my rest.”

Fourth Sunday in Lent – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 23



- 1 The Lord is my / shepherd;\*  
I shall / not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green / pastures\*  
and leads me beside / still waters.
- 3 He revives my / soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways for / his Name’s sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no / evil;\*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, / they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence  
of those who / trouble me;\*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is run/ning over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my / life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD / for ever.

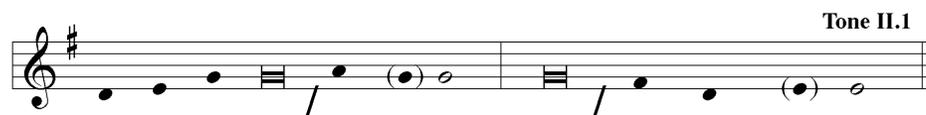
Fifth Sunday in Lent – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 130



- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, / hear my voice;\*  
Let your ears consider well the voice of my sup/plication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is / done amiss,\*  
O Lord, / who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness / with you;\*  
therefore you / shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul / waits for him;\*  
in his word / is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the / morning;\*  
more than watchmen for / the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the / LORD,\*  
for with the LORD there / is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous re/demption,\*  
and he shall redeem Israel / from all their sins.

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) – RCL Year “C”  
Psalm 31:9-16 (This psalm is used for all three years.)

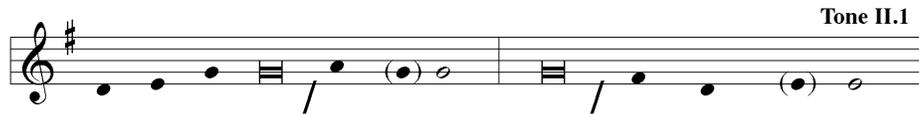


- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in / trouble;\*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and / my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with / sighing;\*  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones / are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my ac/quaintance;\*  
when they see me in the street they / avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, / out of mind;\*  
I am as useless as / a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is / all around;\*  
they put their heads together against me; they plot / to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in / you, O LORD.\*  
I have said, “You / are my God.
- 15 My times are / in your hand;\*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who per/secute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your / servant,\*  
and in your loving-kind/ness save me.”



Good Friday – RCL Years “A, B, and C”

Psalm 22



- 1 My God, my God, why have you for/saken me?\*
- and are so far from my cry and from the words / of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not / answer;\*
- by night as well, but / I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the / Holy One,\*
- enthroned upon the praises / of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their / trust in you;\*
- they trusted, and you / delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were de/livered;\*
- they trusted in you and were / not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no / man,\*
- scorned by all and despised by / the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to / scorn;\*
- they curl their lips and wag their / heads, saying,
- 8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him de/liver him;\*
- let him rescue him, if he / delights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the / womb,\*
- and kept me safe upon / my mother’s breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since / I was born;\*
- you were my God when I was still in / my mother’s womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is / near,\*
- and there / is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls en/circle me;\*
- strong bulls of Bashan / surround me.
- 13 They open wide their / jaws at me,\*
- like a ravening and a roar/ing lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are / out of joint;\*
- my heart within my breast / is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
- my tongue sticks to the roof of my / mouth;\*
- and you have laid me in the dust / of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle a/round me;\*
- they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count / all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat / over me;\*
- they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for / my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O / LORD;\*
- you are my strength; hasten / to help me.

- 19 Save me from the / sword,\*  
my life from the power / of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the / lion's mouth,\*  
my wretched body from the horns / of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my / brethren;\*  
in the midst of the congregation I / will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that / fear him;\*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, / give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his / face from them;\*  
but when they cry to him / he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great as/sembly;\*  
I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those / who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall / praise him.\*  
"May your heart live / for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / LORD;\*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow / before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the / LORD;\*  
he rules over / the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship;\*  
all who go down to the dust fall / before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / serve him;\*  
they shall be known as the LORD's / for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people / yet unborn\*  
the saving deeds / that he has done.

Easter Vigil– RCL Years “A, B, and C”

At the Eucharist – Psalm 114

Tone V.3



- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of / Egypt,\*  
the house of Jacob from a peo/ple of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God’s sanctu/ary\*  
and Israel / his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and / fled;\*  
Jordan / turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains / skipped like rams,\*  
and the little / hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you / fled?\*
- O Jordan, / that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you / skipped like rams?\*
- you little / hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the / Lord,\*  
at the presence of the / God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of / water\*  
and flint-stone in/to a flowing spring.

Easter Day – RCL Year “C”

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (This psalm is used for all three years.)

Tone V.3



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good,\*  
his mercy en/dures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel / now proclaim,\*  
“His mercy en/dures for ever.”
- 14 The LORD is my strength and / my song,\*  
and he has become / my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and / victory\*  
in the tents / of the righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the LORD has / triumphed!\*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the / LORD has triumphed! ”
- 17 I shall not die, but / live,\*  
and declare the / works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me / sorely;\*  
but he did not hand me / over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of / righteousness;\*  
I will enter them; I will offer / thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the / LORD;\*  
he who is right/eous may enter”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you / answered me\*  
and have become / my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders re/jected\*  
has become / the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s / doing,\*  
and it is mar/velous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has /acted;\*  
we will rejoice / and be glad in it.

Second Sunday of Easter – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 16

Tone V.3



- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge / in you;\*  
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good a/bove all other.”
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the / land,\*  
upon those who are noble a/mong the people.
- 3 But those who run after / other gods\*  
shall have their / troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not / offer,\*  
nor take the names of their / gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion / and my cup;\*  
it is you / who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a / pleasant land;\*  
indeed, I have a / goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me / counsel;\*  
my heart teaches / me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always be/fore me,\*  
because he is at my right hand / I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit re/joices;\*  
my body al/so shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me / to the grave,\*  
nor let your ho/ly one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the / path of life;\*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are plea/sures for ever-more.

Third Sunday of Easter – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Tone V.3



- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my suppli/cation,\*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I / called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took / hold of me;\*  
I came to / grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the / LORD:\*  
“O LORD, I / pray you, save my life.”
- 10 How shall I re/pay the LORD\*  
for all the good things / he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of sal/vation\*  
and call upon the / Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD\*  
in the presence of / all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the / LORD\*  
is the death / of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your / servant;\*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have / freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks/giving\*  
and call upon the / Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD\*  
in the presence of / all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the / LORD’S house,\*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. / Hallelujah!

Fourth Sunday of Easter – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 23

Tone V.3



- 1 The Lord is my / shepherd;\*  
I / shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green / pastures\*  
and leads me be/side still waters.
- 3 He revives my / soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways / for his Name’s sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no / evil;\*  
for you are with me; your rod and your / staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble me;\*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is / running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the / LORD for ever.



Sixth Sunday of Easter – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 66:7-18

Tone V.3



- 7 Bless our God, you / peoples;\*  
make the voice of his / praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our / souls in life,\*  
and will not al/low our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have / proved us;\*  
you have tried us just as / silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the / snare;\*  
you laid heavy burdens / upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and / water;\*  
but you brought us out into a place / of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay / you my vows,\*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I / was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the / smoke of rams;\*  
I will give you / oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who / fear God,\*  
and I will tell you what / he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my / mouth,\*  
and his / praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my / heart,\*  
the Lord would / not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has / heard me;\*  
he has attended to the / voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my / prayer,\*  
nor with/held his love from me.

Ascension Day – RCL Years “A, B, and C”

Psalm 47 or 93

Tone V.3

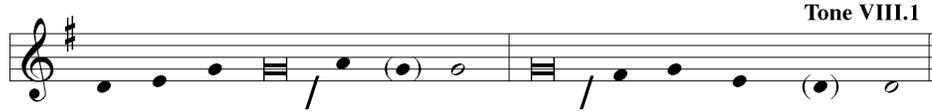


- 1 Clap your hands, all you / peoples;\*  
shout to God / with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be / feared;\*  
he is the great King / over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples / under us,\*  
and the nations / under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for / us,\*  
the pride of / Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a / shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound / of the Ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing / praises;\*  
sing praises to our / King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of / all the earth;\*  
sing prais/es with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the / nations;\*  
God sits up/on his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered to/gether\*  
with the people of the / God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth be/long to God,\*  
and he is high/ly exalted.





The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday – RCL Year “A”  
Psalm 104:25-35, 37b (This psalm is used for all three years.)



- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your / works!\*
- in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full / of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to / number,\*  
crea/tures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Le/viathan,\*  
which you have made / for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them / look to you\*  
to give them their food / in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they / gather it;\*
- you open your hand, and they are / filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are / terrified;\*
- you take away their breath, and they die and re/turn to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are cre/ated;\*
- and so you renew the / face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for / ever;\*
- may the LORD re/joyce in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it / trembles;\*
- he touches the / mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I / live;\*
- I will praise my God while I / have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine / please him;\*
- I will re/joyce in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, / O my soul.\*  
\_\_\_/ Hallelujah!

Pentecost 1: Trinity Sunday – RCL Year “A”  
Psalm 8 or Canticle 2 or 13 (*Benedictus es, Domine*)

Tone VIII.1



- 1 O LORD our / Governor,\*  
how exalted is your / Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and / children\*  
your majesty is praised a/bove the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adver/saries,\*  
to quell the enemy and / the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your / fingers,\*  
the moon and the stars you have set / in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of / him?\*the son of man that / you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the / angels;\*  
you adorn him with glo/ry and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of / your hands;\*  
you put all things / under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and / oxen,\*  
even the / wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the / sea,\*  
and whatsoever walks in the / paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our / Governor,\*  
how exalted is your / Name in all the world!

Pentecost 2 Proper 6 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 or 100

Tone VIII.1



- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my suppli/cation,\*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I / called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the / LORD\*  
for all the good things / he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of sal/vation\*  
and call upon the / Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD\*  
in the presence of / all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the / LORD\*  
is the death / of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your / servant;\*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have / freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks/giving\*  
and call upon the / Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD\*  
in the presence of / all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the / LORD’S house,\*  
in the midst of you, / O Jerusalem.

Pentecost 2 Proper 6 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 or **100**

**Tone VIII.1**



- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, / all you lands;\*  
serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before his / presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD him/self is God;\*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep / of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his / courts with praise;\*  
give thanks to him and / call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is ever/lasting;\*  
and his faithfulness en/dures from age to age.

Pentecost 3 Proper 7 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 86:1-10, 16, 17 or 69:8-11 (12-17) 18-20

Tone VIII.1



- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and / answer me,\*  
for I am poor / and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am / faithful;\*  
save your servant who / puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are / my God;\*  
I call upon you / all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your / servant,\*  
for to you, O LORD, I / lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and for/giving,\*  
and great is your love toward all who / call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to / my prayer,\*  
and attend to the voice of my / supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call up/on you,\*  
for / you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like / you, O LORD,\*  
nor any/thing like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship / you, O LORD,\*  
and / glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great; you do / wondrous things;\*  
and / you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy up/on me;\*  
give your strength to your servant; and save the child / of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and / be ashamed;\*  
because you, O LORD, have helped me and / comforted me.

Pentecost 3 Proper 7 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 69:8-11 (12-17) 18-20 or 86:1-10, 16, 17

Tone VIII.1



- 8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered re/proach,\*  
and shame has / covered my face.
- 9 I have become a stranger to my own / kindred,\*  
an alien to my / mother’s children.
- 10 Zeal for your house has eaten / me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall/en upon me.
- 11 I humbled myself with / fasting,\*  
but that was / turned to my reproach.
- [12 I put on sack-cloth / also,\*  
and became a by/word among them.
- 13 Those who sit at the gate murmur a/gainst me,\*  
and the drunkards make / songs about me.
- 14 But as for me, this is my / prayer to you,\*  
at the time / you have set, O LORD:
- 15 “In your great mercy, / O God,\*  
answer me with / your unfailing help.
- 16 Save me from the mire; do not let me / sink; \*  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of / the deep waters.
- 17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow / me up; \*  
do not let the Pit shut its / mouth upon me.]
- 18 Answer me, O LORD, for your / love is kind; \*  
in your great com/passion, turn to me.”
- 19 “Hide not your face from your / servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for / I am in distress.
- 20 Draw near to me and re/deem me; \*  
because of my ene/mies deliver me.





Pentecost 5 Proper 9 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 45:11-18 or (Song of Solomon 2:8-13) *not pointed* or 145:8-15

Tone VIII.1



- 11 “Hear, O daughter; consider and listen / closely;\*  
forget your people / and your father’s house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your / beauty;\*  
he is your master; therefore / do him honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a / gift;\*  
the rich among the people / seek your favor.”
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she / enters;\*  
her / gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the / king;\*  
after her the bridesmaids follow / in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness / they are brought,\*  
and enter into the / palace of the king.
- 17 “In place of fathers, O king, you shall/ have sons;\*  
you shall make them princes / over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to an/other;\*  
therefore nations will praise you for e/ver and ever.”

Pentecost 5 Proper 9 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 145:8-15 or 45:11-18

Tone VIII.1



- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of com/passion,\*  
slow to anger and / of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to / everyone\*  
and his compassion is / over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise / you, O LORD,\*  
and your faithful / servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your / kingdom\*  
and speak / of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your / power\*  
and the glorious splendor / of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting / kingdom;\*  
your dominion endures through/out all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in / all his words\*  
and merci/ful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all / those who fall;\*  
he lifts up those / who are bowed down.





Pentecost 7 Proper 11 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 or 86:11-17

Tone VIII.1



- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and / known me;\*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern / my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-/places\*  
and are acquaint/ed with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my / lips,\*  
but you, O Lord, know it / altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and be/fore\*  
and lay your / hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful / for me;\*  
it is so high that I can/not attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your / Spirit?\*
- where can I flee/ from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, / you are there;\*  
if I make the grave my bed, you / are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the / morning\*  
and dwell in the uttermost / parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will / lead me\*  
and your / right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, “Surely the darkness will / cover me,\*  
and the light a/round me turn to night,”
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the / day;\*  
darkness and light to / you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and / know my heart;\*  
try me and / know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness / in me\*  
and lead me in the way that is / everlasting.





Pentecost 8 Proper 12 – RCL Year “A”  
Psalm 128 or 119:129-136

Tone VIII.1



- 1 Happy are they all who / fear the LORD,\*  
and who / follow in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your / labor;\*  
happiness and prosper/ity shall be yours.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine with/in your house,\*  
your children like olive shoots round a/bout your table.
- 4 The man who / fears the LORD\*  
shall / thus indeed be blessed.
- 5 The LORD bless you from / Zion,\*  
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the / days of your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's / children;\*  
may peace be / upon Israel.



*When August 6 falls on a Sunday, use:*

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Psalm 99

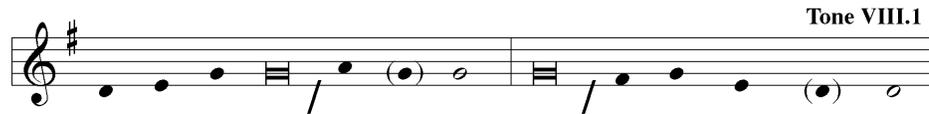


- 1 The LORD is King; let the people / tremble;\*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; / let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in / Zion;\*  
he is high a/bove all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and / awesome;\*  
he / is the Holy One.
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established / equity;\*  
you have executed justice and righteous/ness in Jacob.”
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and fall down before his / footstool;\*  
he / is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call up/on his Name,\*  
they called upon the LORD, / and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of / cloud;\*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree / that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered / them indeed;\*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them / for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and worship him upon his / holy hill;\*  
for the LORD our God / is the Holy One.

*Not used this year.*

Pentecost 9 Proper 13 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 17:1-7, 16 or 145:8-9, 15-22



- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my / cry; \*  
listen to my prayer, which does not / come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your / presence; \*  
let your eyes be / fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by / night, \*  
melt me down; you will find no im/purity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as / others do; \*  
I have heeded the / words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of / your law; \*  
in your paths my feet / shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will / answer me; \*  
incline your ear to / me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-/kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise / up against them.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall / see your face; \*  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, behold/ing your likeness.

*Not used this year.*

Pentecost 9 Proper 13 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22 or 17:1-7, 16



**Tone VIII.1**

- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of com/passion,\*  
slow to anger and / of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to / everyone\*  
and his compassion is / over all his works.
- 15 The LORD upholds all / those who fall;\*  
he lifts up those / who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon / you, O LORD,\*  
and you give them their food / in due season.
- 17 You open / wide your hand\*  
and satisfy the needs of every / living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in/ all his ways\*  
and lov/ing in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call up/on him,\*  
to all who call up/on him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who / fear him;\*  
he hears their / cry and helps them.
- 21 The LORD preserves all those who / love him,\*  
but he destroys / all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the / LORD;\*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ev/er and ever.

Pentecost 10 Proper 14 – RCL Year “A”

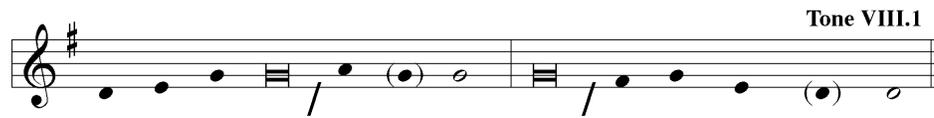
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b or 85:8-13

Tone VIII.1



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call up/on his Name;\*  
make known his deeds a/mong the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises / to him,\*  
and speak of all his / marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his / holy Name;\*  
let the hearts of those who / seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and / his strength;\*  
continu/ally seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels / he has done.\*  
his wonders and the / judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his / servant,\*  
O children of Ja/cob his chosen.
- 16 Then he called for a famine / in the land\*  
and destroyed / the supply of bread.
- 17 He sent a man be/fore them,\*  
Joseph, who was / sold as a slave.
- 18 They bruised his feet in / fetters;\*  
his neck they put in an / iron collar.
- 19 Until his prediction / came to pass,\*  
the word of / the LORD tested him.
- 20 The king sent and re/leased him;\*  
the ruler of the / peoples set him free.
- 21 He set him as a master over his / household,\*  
as a ruler over all / his possessions,
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his / will\*  
and to teach his elders wisdom. / Hallelujah

Pentecost 10 Proper 14 – RCL Year “A”  
Psalm **85:8-13** or 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b



- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is / saying,\*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who / turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who / fear him,\*  
that his glory may / dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met to/gether;\*  
righteousness and peace have / kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the / earth,\*  
and righteousness shall look / down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant pros/perity,\*  
and our land will / yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go be/fore him,\*  
and peace shall be a / pathway for his feet.

Pentecost 11 Proper 15 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 133 or 67

Tone VIII.1

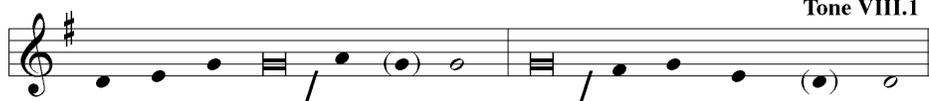


- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant / it is,\*  
when brethren live togeth/er in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil up/on the head\*  
that runs / down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of / Aaron,\*  
and runs down upon the / collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of / Hermon\*  
that falls upon the / hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the / blessing:\*  
\_\_\_ / life for evermore.

Pentecost 11 Proper 15 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 67 or 133

Tone VIII.1



- 1 May God be merciful to us and / bless us,\*  
show us the light of his counte/nance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon / earth,\*  
your saving health a/mong all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, / O God;\*  
let all the / peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and / sing for joy,\*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the na/tions upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, / O God;\*  
let all the / peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her / increase;\*  
may God, our own God, give / us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his / blessing,\*  
and may all the ends of the earth / stand in awe of him.





Pentecost 13 Proper 17 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c or 26:1-8

Tone VIII.1



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call up/on his Name;\*  
make known his deeds a/mong the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises / to him,\*  
and speak of all his / marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his / holy Name;\*  
let the hearts of those who / seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and / his strength;\*  
continu/ally seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels / he has done.\*  
his wonders and the / judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his / servant,\*  
O children of Ja/cob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into / Egypt,\*  
and Jacob became a sojourner / in the land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly / fruitful;\*  
he made them stronger / than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his / people,\*  
and dealt unjustly / with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his / servant,\*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen. / Hallelujah





Pentecost 14 Proper 18 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 119:33-40 or 149

Tone VIII.1



- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your / statutes,\*  
and I shall / keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall / keep your law; \*  
I shall keep / it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your com/mandments,\*  
for / that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to / your decrees\*  
and / not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is / worthless; \*  
give me / life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your / servant,\*  
which you make to / those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I / dread,\*  
because your / judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your com/mandments;\*  
in your righteous/ness preserve my life.



Pentecost 15 Proper 19 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13 or 114

Tone VIII.1



- [1 Bless the LORD, / O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, / bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, / O my soul,\*  
and forget not / all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives / all your sins\*  
and heals all / your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the / grave\*  
and crowns you with mercy and / loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with / good things,\*  
and your youth is renewed / like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes / righteousness\*  
and judgment for / all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to / Moses\*  
and his works to the chil/dren of Israel.]
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and / mercy,\*  
slow to anger and / of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always ac/cuse us,\*  
nor will he keep his an/ger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our / sins,\*  
nor rewarded us according / to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high a/bove the earth,\*  
so is his mercy great upon / those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the / west,\*  
so far has he re/moved our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his / children,\*  
so does the LORD care for / those who fear him.

Pentecost 16 Proper 20 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or 145:1-8

Tone VIII.1



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call up/on his Name;\*  
make known his deeds a/mong the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to / him,\*  
and speak of all his / marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his / holy Name;\*  
let the hearts of those who / seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his / strength;\*  
continu/ally seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels / he has done.\*  
his wonders and the / judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his / servant,\*  
O children of Ja/cob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and / gold;\*  
in all their tribes there was not / one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their / going,\*  
because they / were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a / covering\*  
and a fire to give light in / the night season.
- 40 They asked, and / quails appeared,\*  
and he satisfied them with / bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and / water flowed,\*  
so the river ran in / the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his / holy word\*  
and Abra/ham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with / gladness,\*  
his cho/sen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the / nations,\*  
and they took the / fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his / statutes\*  
and observe his laws. / Hallelujah!

















Pentecost 20 Proper 24 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13) or 99

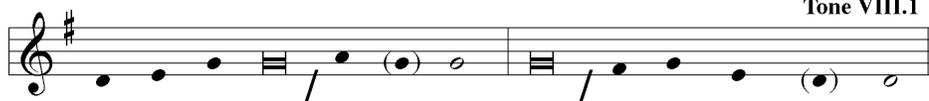
Tone VIII.1



- 1 Sing to the LORD a / new song;\*  
Sing to the LORD, / all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and / bless his Name;\*’  
proclaim the good news of his salva/tion from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the / nations\*  
and his wonders a/mong all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be / praised.  
he is more to be / feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but / idols;\*  
but it is the LORD who / made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his / presence!\*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his / sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the / peoples;\*  
ascribe to the LORD ho/nor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his / Name;\*  
bring offerings and / come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of / holiness;\*  
let the whole earth trem/ble before him.
- [10 Tell it among the nations: “The / LORD is King!”\*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peo/ples with equity.”
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is / in it;\*  
let the field be joyful and / all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD / when he comes,\*  
when he / comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with / righteousness\*  
and the / peoples with his truth.]

Pentecost 21 Proper 25 – RCL Year “A”  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 or 1

Tone VIII.1



- 1 Lord, you have been our / refuge\*  
from one generation / to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the / earth were born,\*  
from age / to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the / dust and say,\*  
“Go / back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when / it is past.  
and like a / watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a / dream;\*  
we fade away sud/denly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and / flourishes;\*  
in the evening it is dried / up and withered.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you / tarry?\*
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the / morning;\*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the / days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you af/flicted us\*  
and the years in which we suf/fered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your / works\*  
and your splendor / to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be up/on us;\*  
prosper the work of our hands; pros/per our handiwork.

Pentecost 21 Proper 25 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 1 or 90:1-6, 13-17

Tone VIII.1



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the / wicked,\*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats / of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the / LORD,\*  
and they meditate on / his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not / wither;\*  
everything they / do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the / wicked;\*  
they are like chaff which / the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when / judgment comes,\*  
nor the sinner in the council / of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the / righteous,\*  
but the way of the / wicked is doomed.



Pentecost 22 Proper 26 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 43 or 107:1-7, 33-37

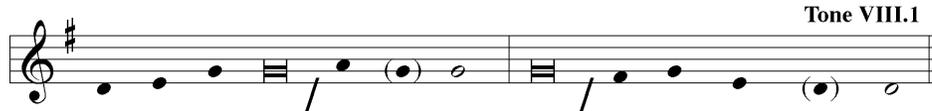
Tone VIII.1



- 1 Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly / people;\*  
deliver me from the deceitful / and the wicked.
- 2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me / from you?\*
- and why do I go so heavily while the ene/my oppresses me?
- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may / lead me,\*  
and bring me to your holy hill and / to your dwelling;
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and / gladness;\*
- and on the harp I will give thanks to / you, O God my God.
- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, / O my soul?\*
- and why are you so disquie/ted within me?
- 6 Put your / trust in God;\*
- for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my coun/tenance, and my God.

Pentecost 23 Proper 27 – RCL Year “A”

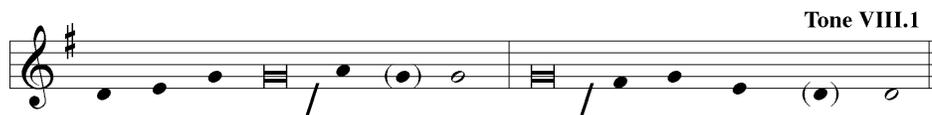
Psalm 78:1-7 or 70



- 1 Hear my teaching, O my / people;\*  
incline your ears to the / words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a / parable;\*  
I will declare the myster/ies of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have / told us,\*  
we will not hide / from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the / LORD,\*  
and the wonderful / works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for / Israel,\*  
which he commanded them to / teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know, and the children / yet unborn;\*  
that they in their turn might tell it / to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their / trust in God,\*  
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep / his commandments;

Pentecost 23 Proper 27 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 70 or 78:1-7



- 1 Be pleased, O God, to de/liver me;\*  
O Lord, make / haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dis/mayed;\*  
Let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw / back and be disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say, “Aha!” and gloat over me / turn back,\*  
be/cause they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be / glad in you;\*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever, / “Great is the LORD!”
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and / needy;\*  
come to me speed/ily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and de/liverer;\*  
O LORD, / do not tarry.

Pentecost 24 Proper 28 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 123 or 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

Tone VIII.1

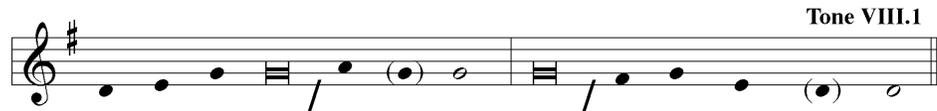


- 1 To you I lift up my / eyes,\*  
to you enthroned / in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their / masters,\*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand / of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the / LORD our God,\*  
until he show / us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have / mercy,\*  
for we have had more than e/nough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent / rich,\*  
and of the de/rision of the proud.



Last Sunday of Pentecost Proper 29 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 100 or 95:1-7a



- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, / all you lands;\*  
serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before his / presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD him/self is God;\*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep / of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his / courts with praise;\*  
give thanks to him and / call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is ever/lasting;\*  
and his faithfulness en/dures from age to age.

Last Sunday of Pentecost Proper 29 – RCL Year “A”

Psalm 95:1-7a or 100



- 1 Come, let us sing to the / LORD;\*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of / our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanks/giving\*  
and raise a loud / shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a / great God,\*  
and a great / King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the / earth,\*  
and the heights of the hills / are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he / made it,\*  
and his hands have mold/ed the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and / bend the knee,\*  
and kneel before the / LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our / God, (\*)  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the / sheep of his hand.\*

## Gradual Psalms for the Congregation

There are many methods for singing the psalms in use today. Plainsong, certainly the oldest known method in the history of the Church, must take place of preference. The elaboration of plainsong melodies for texts of antiphons and portions of psalms as “minor propers” of the mass, is intentionally set apart as music for trained choirs. However, the eight original psalm tones provide a melodic formula subservient to the text and simple enough for any congregation to sing. Since repetition is the easiest way to teach any form for music, these psalms have intentionally been set to the same chant for the Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter seasons, and Sundays after Pentecost.

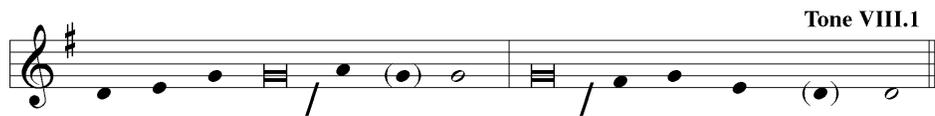
The first three notes [intonation] are used only for the beginning verse.

The Reciting Note (RN) is used for text up to the / symbol.

Words following the / symbol are sung syllabically to each note. (\*see below)

Parenthetical notes ( ) are only used when needed.

Notes indicate pitch. Natural word accents supply the rhythm.



[intonation] RN / \* RN /

1 [ I was glad ] when they / said to me,\*  
“Let us go to the / house of the LORD.

2 Now our feet are / stand-ing\*  
within your gates, / O Je-ru-sa-lem.

And another example:



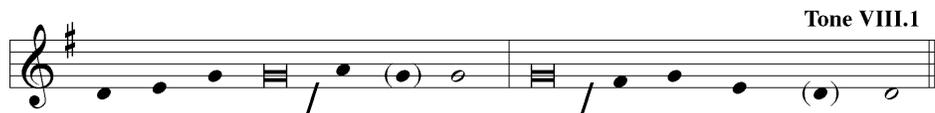
1 [Ascribe to] the / LORD, you gods,\*  
ascribe to the LORD / glory / and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due his Name;\*  
worship the LORD in the / beauty of / holiness.

\*The pointing for some half verses before an asterisk uses only the first note after the reciting note.

This is called an *Abrupt Mediation* (... number our / days\* - “G” reciting note ending on “A” for “days”.

(... from the / Lord,\* - “G” reciting note ending on “A” for “LORD”.



So teach us to number our / days\*  
that we may apply our / hearts to wisdom.

Children are a heritage from the / LORD,\*  
and the fruit of the / womb is a gift.