

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Response

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

As a river flows

$\text{♩} = 56$

p _____ *f* _____ peace for e - ver. _____

Jus - tice shall flou - rish in his time, _____ and full - ness of peace for e - ver. _____

The musical score for the response is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It begins with a piano introduction marked *p* and a dynamic change to *f*. The vocal line starts with the lyrics "peace for e - ver." and continues with "Jus - tice shall flou - rish in his time, and full - ness of peace for e - ver." The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex bass line in the left hand.

Verses

1. O God, with your judgment en - dow the king, and with your justice, the king's son;
2. Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
3. For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
4. May his name be blessed for - ever; as long as the sun his name shall re - main.

The musical score for the verses is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps. It features a vocal line with four verses of text and a piano accompaniment consisting of sustained chords in both hands.

he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.
May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.
In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

The musical score for the second verse continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment from the first verse, maintaining the same 4/4 time and key signature.