

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Mass

December 24, 2025

Response

Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

Joyfully flowing

♩ = 42

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

The musical score for the Response consists of two systems. The first system features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and includes the lyrics "For - ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord." The piano accompaniment supports the vocal line with chords and moving lines. The second system continues the piano accompaniment, with dynamics ranging from mezzo-piano (*mp*) to forte (*f*) and back to mezzo-piano (*mp*).

Verses

1. I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:
2. Blessed the people who know the joy - ful shout; in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.
3. He shall say of me, "You are my father, my God, the rock, my savior."

The first system of the Verses section contains three numbered verses of the psalm. The musical notation is sparse, primarily consisting of whole notes and rests on a single staff, with a piano accompaniment below. The piano part uses chords and simple rhythmic patterns to provide harmonic support.

Forever will I con - firm your pos - terity and establish your throne for all gen - er - ations.
At your name they re - joice all the day, and through your justice they are ex - alted.
Forever I will main - tain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm.

The second system of the Verses section continues with the second verse of the psalm. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes chords and a simple rhythmic pattern, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.