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# PREFACE

Cantare amantis est.

*Singing belongs to the one who loves.*

St. Augustine, Sermon 336

Throughout salvation history, across the centuries and on into the future, song rises from loving hearts. Sacred music begins in a quiet attentiveness of heart and takes shape in spaces ordained for listening – places where stone, silence, and sound work together to the glory of God’s Word. In such spaces, light filters gradually, voices resonate and fade, and prayer abides beyond the final note. From this listening Church the tradition of chant was born, allowing Scripture to be heard as it unfolds in melody, breath, intention, and stillness.

The psalms are the Church’s prayer. As they embrace the total range of human experience – praise and lament, trust and longing, joy and repentance – they accompany the faithful through every season of the liturgical year. Held in common along this journey, the one Word unites every voice of the global faithful in sung prayer.

In singing responsorial psalms, the text always has primacy. The verses are meant to be proclaimed at a natural pace, guided by meaning rather than meter. Cantors are invited to sing freely and with flexibility, allowing the words themselves to determine the rhythm and flow. The notation is offered as a support and a vessel for the text, never as a constraint. When the word is allowed to lead, the music serves its truest purpose: to carry the message clearly and prayerfully.

Each response is designed to invite shared participation from the worshipping assembly, uniting cantor, choir, and congregation in prayer common to all. In this way, the responsorial psalm fulfills its role as “an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word [which] holds great liturgical and pastoral importance, because it fosters meditation on the word of God” (GIRM, 61).

This collection is offered in the hope that the Church may sing her prayer in humility, beauty, and trust, and that musicians may give voice to their *jubilum* – the “exultation which flows from hearts overflowing with the joy of grace” (Leo XIV).

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# First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

## Response

Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Exuberant!

♩ = 90

*mf* *sim.* *f*

Let us go re - joi - - cing to the house of the Lord.

Let us go re - joi - cing to the house of the Lord.

## Verses

1. I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD." And  
2. Jerusalem, built as a city with com - - pact unity.  
3. According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.  
4. Pray for the peace of Je - rusalem! May those who love you prosper! May  
5. Because of my brothers and friends I will say, "Peace be with - in you!" Be -

now we have set foot within your gates, O Je - - - rusalem.  
To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD.  
In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.  
peace be within your walls, prosper - ity in your buildings.  
cause of the house of the LORD, our God, I will pray for your good.

# 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. \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 aff - licted 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.

he shall govern your peo - ple 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 pro - claim his happiness.

# Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8, 2025

## Response

Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

In pure rejoicing

♩ = 42

*f*

Sing to the Lord a new song for he has done mar - ve-lous deeds.

## Verses

1. Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done won - drous deeds; His  
2. The LORD has made his salva - tion known: in the sight of the nations he has re - vealed his justice.  
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the sal - vation by our God.

right hand has won victory for him, his ho - - ly arm.  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 14, 2025

Response (or: Alleluia)

Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Plaintively

♩ = 54

*p* Lord, Lord, Lord, come and *mf* save us.

Verses

1. The LORD God keeps faith for - ever, secures justice for the op - - - pressed,  
2. The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The  
3. The fatherless and the widow he sus - tains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The

gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets cap - - - tives free.\_\_\_\_\_  
LORD loves the just; the LORD pro - - - tects strangers.\_\_\_\_\_  
LORD shall reign for - ever; your God, O Zion, through all ge - - ne - rations.\_\_\_\_\_



# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

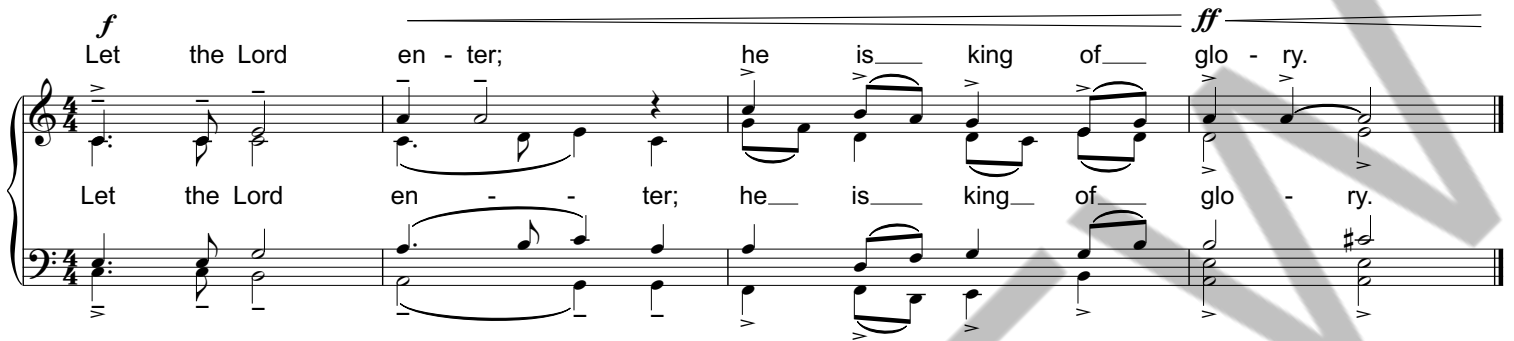
## Response

Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

With exultant grandeur

$\text{♩} = 67$

*f* Let the Lord en - ter; he is king of glo - ry. *ff*



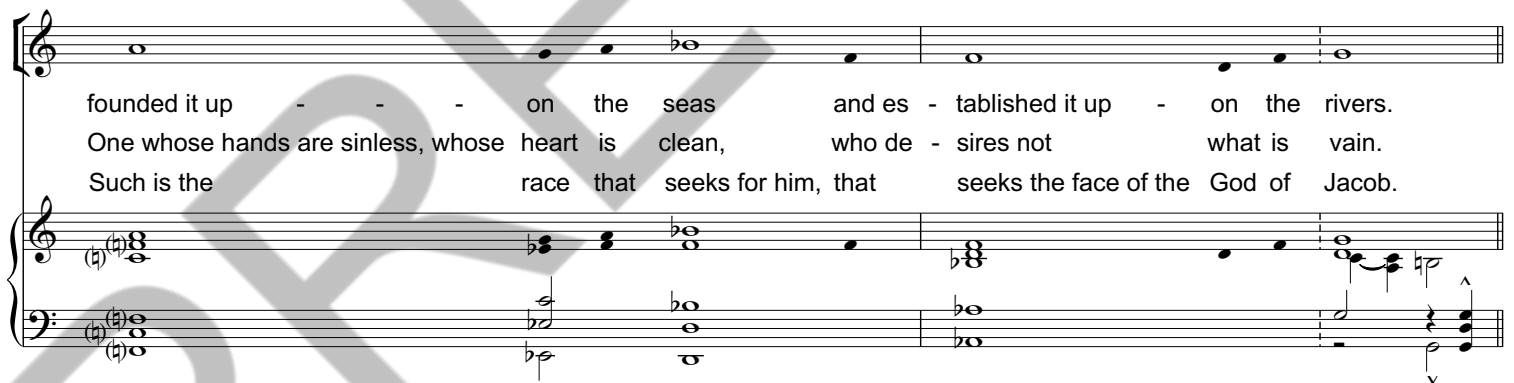
Let the Lord en - ter; he is king of glo - ry.

## Verses



1. The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he  
2. Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place?

3. He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior.  
founded it up - - on the seas and es - tablished it up - on the rivers.  
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who de - sires not what is vain.  
Such is the race that seeks for him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.



# The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Mass

December 24, 2025

## Response

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

Joyfully flowing

♩ = 42

*mp* *f* *mp*

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

## 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."

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 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass during the Night

December 25, 2025

## Response

Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

In joyful wonder

♩ = 126 (♩. = 42)

*mf*

To - day is born our Sa - vior, Christ the Lord.

## Verses

1. Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
2. Announce his salvation, day af - ter day. Tell his glory a - mong the nations;  
3. Let the heavens be glad and the earth re - jice; let the sea and what fills it re - sound;  
4. They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth.

let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!  
He shall rule the world with justice  
Sing to the LORD; bless his name.  
among all peoples, his won - drous deeds.  
Then shall all the trees of the forest ex - ult.  
and the peoples with his constancy...

# The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass at Dawn

December 25, 2026

## Response

Psalms 97:1, 6, 11-12

With dawning joy

♩ = 62

*mp*

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

## Verses

1. The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many isles be glad. The  
2. Light dawns for the just; and gladness, for the upright of heart. Be

heavens pro - claim his justice, and all peoples see his glory.  
glad in the LORD, you just, and give thanks to his ho - ly name.