

Psalm 32 (excerpts)

Tune: Hendon - "Take My Life and Let it Be"

v. 1, 2

Blest are they whose sins the Lord
Has forgiven by His Word!
Pure their spirits are within;
Them He charges with no sin,
Them He charges with no sin.

v. 5, 6

I confessed my sin to You;
You forgave me, ever true.
Let confession's pleading sound
Reach You while You may be found,
Reach You while You may be found.

v. 8, 9

Teach me, Lord, how I should live;
Sound instruction ever give!
Let me never stubborn be;
Let Your eye watch over me,
Let Your eye watch over me.

Psalm 42 (excerpts)

Tune: Nettleton - "Come, Thou Fount"

v. 1-3

As the deer pants for fresh water
Let my soul, Lord, pant for You!
Let my soul thirst as it ought to
For the Savior, ever true.
Tears by day have been my portion,
Tears by night have been my food,
While my foes add to my sorrow
Saying, "Where, now, is your God?"

v. 6-8

Oh my God, my soul is weary,
Therefore I remember You.
Let Your grace and goodness near be
And Your promise, firm and true.
Lord, when trials and fears surround me,
Your commands will be my song;
When distresses sore confound me,
Your great love will keep me strong.

v. 9-11

Lord, forget me not in mourning
'neath my foes' oppressing hand.
See their mocking, hear their scorning;
Help my weary soul to stand.
Hope in God, praise Him forever
When despair on you has trod.
Look to Jesus; never, never
Doubt your gracious, saving God.

Psalm 70

Tune: Slane - "Be Thou My Vision"

v. 1-3

O God to rescue me, do not delay!
Let those who seek me be turned back, I pray!
Bring them to shame
Who would bring me to strife.
Humble, dishonor those
Who seek for my life.

v. 3, 4

Let them be turned back
Because of their shame
Who would bring trouble

And harm to my name;
Let all who seek You
Be glad and rejoice;
Let them salvation
Proclaim with their voice!

v. 4, 5

Let all who love You Your Name magnify!
Hear the afflicted and needy who cry:
"Hasten to help us, O Savior, we pray!
God, our Deliverer, O do not delay!"

Psalm 110

Tune: Aurelia - "The Church's One Foundation"

v. 1-3

"Sit by Me at My right hand,"
The Lord says to my Lord,
"until I make Your feet stand
On all who hate Your Word."
From in His Church the Savior
Rules all his enemies;
While those who know His favor
Go forth the Lord to please.

v. 3, 4

Filled with the Spirit's power
In holy robes of love,
From early morning's hour
They serve their Lord above.
Christ reigns a Priest forever,
The King of Righteousness
And King of Peace Who ever
His chosen ones will bless.

vv. 5-7

The Lord at Your right hand, Lord,
In wrath shall shatter kings,
When judgment by His strong Word
He to the nations brings.
Then, all His foes defeated,
He takes His hard-won rest,
In glorious triumph seated
With us, redeemed and blest!

Psalm 143 (excerpts)

Tune: Divinum Mysterium - "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

vv. 1, 2

Hear my earnest prayer, O Lord!
Give ear to my plea for grace!
In Your faithfulness and righteousness
Look upon me with Your face!
Enter not to judgment with Your servant, Lord,
With Your loving servant, Lord:
None can stand before Your Word.

vv. 7, 8

Answer quickly, O my Lord!
Do not hide from me Your face!
For my spirit fails and I am like
Those who do not know Your grace.
In the morning let me hear Your steadfast love;
Lord, I trust You, show my way!
I lift up my soul and pray!

Psalm 146

Tune: Hallelujah! What a Savior - "Man of Sorrows"

vv. 1, 2, 10

Praise the Lord, my soul give praise!
While I live, His Name I'll raise!

And exalt Him all my days -
God forever reigns in Zion!

vv. 3, 4, 10

Trust we not in prince or man -
No salvation's in their hand;
Death shall take them, breath and plans -
God forever reigns in Zion!

vv. 5, 6, 10

Blest are they whose hope resides
In the Lord, Christ at his side.
By Him heav'n and earth abide -
God forever reigns in Zion!

vv. 7, 8, 10

Jesus sets the pris'ner free,
Heals blind eyes that they may see,
Lifts those burdened painfully -
God forever reigns in Zion!

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A Psalter Psampler

Jesus commands us to sing.

Sing to the Lord!

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Psalm 96.1

Simply put, the Lord Jesus loves music, and He particularly seems to love the music His Church makes when we are singing songs of praise and celebration to His glorious Name. Singing is an indication of the filling of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5.18ff.). Singing focuses our minds on unseen things (Col. 3.1-3; Heb. 11.1). Singing engages our affections across a broad range of emotions and aspirations. Singing demands the exercise of physical strength. Singing is good for us. Some studies I've seen indicate that people who sing regularly actually live longer. Singing is one of the most eloquent witnesses to the reality of the risen Christ, for when we sing with gusto, unashamedly, and with full emotion, who can doubt that the One we honor with our "joyful noise" is truly alive and greatly pleased to hear us? The psalms have always been a source of rich singing for the followers of Christ. Here are a few you can learn to master and sing with great joy. These are excerpted from *The Ailbe Psalter* (Knoxville: Waxed Tablet, 2006).

