

Responsorial Psalms for a Funeral Liturgy

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D1

Psalm 23:1 – 3, 4, 5, 6
(1013-1)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Or:

Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
in verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Or:

Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Or:

Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my heads with oil;
my cup overflows.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Or:

Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

Only good ness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Or:

Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

D2

25:6 and 7b, 17-18, 20-21

(1013-2)

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Or:

No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your kindness are from old.

In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Or:

No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.

Relieve the troubles of my heart;
and bring me out of my distress.

Put an end to my affliction and my suffering;
and take away all my sins.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Or:

No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.

Preserve my life and rescue me;
let me know be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
because I wait for you, O LORD.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Or:

No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.

D3

27:1, 4, 7 and 8b and 9a, 13 – 14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Or:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Or:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD

and contemplate his temple.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Or:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Hear, O LORD, the sounds of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.
Your presence, O LORD, I seek.
hide not your face from me.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Or:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Or:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

D4

42:2, 3, 5cdef; 43:3, 4, 5
(1013-4)

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

As the hind longs for the running waters,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.
When shall I go and behold the face of God?

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

I went with the throng and led them in procession
to the house of God.
Amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving,
with the multitude keeping festival.

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Send forth your light and your fidelity;
they shall lead me on
And bring me to your holy mountain,
to your dwelling-place.

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Then will I go in to the altar of God,
the God of my gladness and joy;
Then will I give you thanks upon the harp,
O God, my God!

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Why are you so downcast, O my soul?
Why do you sigh within me?
Hope in God! For I shall again be thanking him,
in the presence of my savior and my God.

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

D5

63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
(1013-5)

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

D6

103:8 and 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18
(1013-6)

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Or:

The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger, and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Or:

The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
For he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Or:

The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Man's days are like those of grass;
like a flower of the field he blooms;
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone;
and his place knows him no more.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Or:

The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity
to eternity toward those who fear him,
And his justice toward children's children
among those who keep his covenant
and remember to fulfill his precepts.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Or:

The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

D7

116:5, 6, 10-11, 15-16ac
(1013-7)

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Or:

Alleluia.

Gracious is the LORD and just;
yes, our God is merciful.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Or:

Alleluia.

The LORD keeps the little ones;
I was brought low, and he saved me.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Or:

Alleluia.

I believed, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted";
I said in my alarm,
"No one is dependable."

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Or:

Alleluia.

Precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant,
you have loosed my bonds.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Or:

Alleluia.

D8

122:1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
(1013-8)

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Or:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the LORD.”
And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Or:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

To it the tribes go up,
The tribes of the LORD.
According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
In it are set up judgement seats,
seats for the house of David.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Or:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May those who love you prosper!
May peace be within your walls,
prosperity in your buildings.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Or:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Because of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will pray for your good.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Or:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

D9

130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, 6c-77, 8

(1013-9)

Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

Or:

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.

Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

Or:

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,

LORD, who can stand?

But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

Or:

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

I trust in the LORD;

my soul trusts in his word.

My soul waits for the LORD
more than the sentinels wait for the dawn.

Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

Or:

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

More than the sentinels wait for the dawn,

let Israel wait for the LORD,

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption.

Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

Or:

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

And he will redeem Israel

from all their iniquities.

Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

Or:

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

D10

14:1-2, 5-6, 7ab, 8ab, 10

(1013-10)

O Lord, hear my prayer.

O LORD, hear my prayer;
hearken to my pleading in your faithfulness;
in your justice answer me.
And enter not into judgement with your servant,
for before you no living man is just.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all your doings;
the works of your hands I ponder.
I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like parched land.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

Hasten to answer me, O LORD;
for my spirit fails me.
At dawn let me hear of your mercy,
for in you I trust.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God.
May your good spirit guide me
on level ground.

O Lord, hear my prayer.