

Responsorial Psalm Selections

(choose one from the Book of Psalms)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 1 Ps 32(33):12, 18, 20-22. R v.5

R. The Lord fills the earth with his love.

1. They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.
The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love. (R)

2. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
In him do our hearts find joy.
We trust in his holy name. (R)

3. May your love be upon us,
O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 2 Ps 33(34):2-9. R v.2; Alt. R v.9

R. I will bless the Lord at all times.

- or -

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R)

2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R)

3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R)

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 3 Ps 102(103):1-2, 8, 13, 17-18. R v.8; Alt. R v.17

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

- or -

R. The love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R)

2. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R)

3. The love of the Lord is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear;
his justice reaches out to children's children
when they keep his covenant in truth. (R)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 4 Ps 111(112):1-9. R cf. v.1

R. Happy the man who takes delight in the Lord's commands.

- or -

R. Alleluia!

1. Happy the man who fears the Lord,
who takes delight in his commands.
His sons will be powerful on earth;
the children of the upright are blessed. (R)

2. Riches and wealth are in his house;
his justice stands firm for ever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just. (R)

3. The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.
The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever. (R)

4. He has no fears of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
he will see the downfall of his foes. (R)

5. Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm forever.
His head will be raised in glory. (R)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 5 Ps 127(128):1-5. R cf. v.1;Alt. R v.4

R. O blessed are those who fear the Lord!

- or -

R. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R)

2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life. (R)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 6 Ps 144(145):8-10, 15, 17-18. R v.9

R. How good is the Lord to all.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R)

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time. (R)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 7 Ps 148(149):1-4, 9-14. R v.12

R. Praise the name of the Lord.

- or -

R. Alleluia!

1. Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his host. (R)

2. Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, shining stars.
Praise him, highest heavens
and the waters above the heavens. (R)

3. All mountains and hills,
all fruit trees and cedars,
beasts, wild and tame,
reptiles and birds on the wing. (R)

4. All earth's kings and peoples,
earth's princes and rulers:
young men and maidens,
old men together with children. (R)

5. Let them praise the name of the Lord
for he alone is exalted.
The splendour of his name
reaches beyond heaven and earth. (R)