

6 Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end;

And there is nothing hid-den from its heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, con-vert-ing the soul;

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the sim-ple;

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, re-joic-ing the heart;

The commandment of the Lord is pure, en-light-en-ing the eyes;

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, endur-ing for-ev-er;

The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous al-to-geth-er.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold;

Sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb.

11 Moreover by them Your ser-vant is warned.

And in keeping them there is great re-ward.

12 Who can under-stand his er-rors?

Cleanse me from secret faults.

13 Keep back Your servant also from pre-sumptuous sins;

Let them not have do-min-ion over me.

Then I shall be blame-less,

And I shall be innocent of great trans-gres-sion.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be accep-ta-ble in Your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my Re-deem-er.

Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son,

And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

As it was in the be-gin-ning,

Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

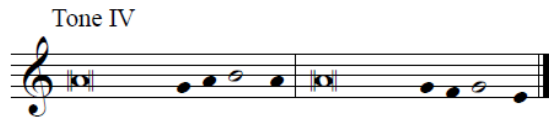
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Psalms for Ember Days in Advent



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Psalm 24



Antiphon:

O you who bring good tidings of peace to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength!

Say to the cities of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem: See our God is coming, the One whom we a-wait-ed.

Go up onto a high mountain, you who are bringing the good news to Zi-on.

Lift up your voice with strength.

1 The earth is the Lord's, and all its full-ness,
The world and those who dwell there-in.

2 For He has founded it up-on the seas,
And established it up-on the wa-ters.

3 Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord?
Or who may stand in His holy place?

4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to an
idol, Nor sworn de-ceitful-ly.

5 He shall receive bles-sing from the Lord,
And righteousness from the God of his sal-va-tion.

6 This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him,
Who seek Your face.

7 Lift up your heads, O you gates!
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glo-ry shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glo-ry?
The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord might-y in bat-tle.

12 Yes, the Lord will give what is good;"
And our land will yield its in-crease.

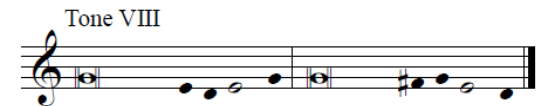
13 Righteousness will go be-fore Him,
And shall make His foot-steps our path-way.

**Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son,
And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.**

**As it was in the be-gin-ning,
Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.**

Antiphon Repeated

Psalm 19



Antiphon:

Rain down, you heavens, from above,
and let the clouds rain down the Right-eous One;

Let the earth be opened, and bring forth the Sa-vi-or.
Behold the maid-ser-vant of the Lord!

Let it be to me ac-cord-ing to your word.

1 The heavens declare the glo-ry of God;
And the firmament shows His handi-work.

2 Day unto day ut-ters speech,
And night unto night re-veals know-ledge.

3 There is no speech nor lan-guage
Where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line has gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.

In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, ⁵Which is like a
bridegroom coming out of his cham-ber,

And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

Psalm 85

Antiphon:

The voice of one crying in the de-sert:

Make ready the way of the Lord. Make straight His paths.

The angel Gabriel was sent to Ma-ry

A Virgin e-s-poused to Jo-seph.

1 Lord, You have been favora-ble to Your land;

You have brought back the captive-ty of Ja-cob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of Your peo-ple;

You have cov-ered all their sin.

3 You have taken a-way all Your wrath;

You have turned from the fierceness of Your an-ger.

4 Restore us, O God of our sal-va-tion,

And cause Your anger toward us to cease.

5 Will You be angry with us for-ev-er?

Will You prolong Your anger to all gen-er-a-tions?

6 Will You not re-vive us a-gain,

That Your people may re-joice in You?

7 Show us Your mercy, Lord,

And grant us Your sal-va-tion.

8 I will hear what God the Lord will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints;

But let them not turn back to fol-ly.

9 Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

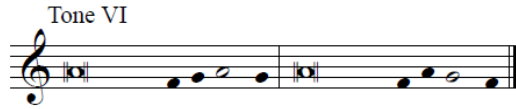
That glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met to-geth-er;

Righteous-ness and peace have kissed.

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth,

And righteousness shall look down from heav-en.



9 Lift up your heads, O you gates!

Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glo-ry shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glo-ry?

The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glo-ry.

Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son,

And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

As it was in the be-gin-ning,

Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

Antiphon Repeated

Psalm 50

Antiphon:

There shall come a star out of Ja-cob;

a Man shall rise out of Isra-el

He shall smite all the princes of the Gen-tiles,

and all the earth shall be His pos-ses-sion.

All kings shall fall down be-fore Him,

All na-tions shall serve Him.

1 The Mighty One, God the Lord, Has spo-ken and called the earth

From the rising of the sun to its going down.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep si-lent;

A fire shall de-vor be-fore Him,

And it shall be very tempestuous all a-round Him.

4 He shall call to the heav-ens from a-bove,

And to the earth, that He may judge His peo-ple:

5 “Gather My saints to-geth-er to Me,

Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacri-fice.”



6 Let the heavens de-clare His righteous-ness,
 For God Him-self is Judge.
 7 “Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will
 testi-fy a-gainst you;
 I am God, your God!
 8 I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices Or your burnt
 off’r-ings,
 Which are continual-ly be-fore Me.
 9 I will not take a bull from your house,
 Nor goats out of your folds.
 10 For every beast of the for-est is Mine,
 And the cattle on a thousand hills.
 11 I know all the birds of the moun-tains,
 And the wild beasts of the field are Mine.
 12 “If I were hungry, I would not tell you;
 For the world is Mine, and all its full-ness.
 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
 Or drink the blood of goats?
 14 Offer to God thanks-giv-ing,
 And pay your vows to the Most High.
 15 Call upon Me in the day of trou-ble;
 I will deliver you, and you shall glo-ri-fy Me.”
Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son,
And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.
As it was in the be-gin-ning,
Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

Antiphon Repeated

Tone IV



Antiphon:

Now the Lord and Ru-ler is com-ing;
 And He shall be called Em-man-u-el.
 His days shall witness the rise of jus-tice and much peace.
 And He shall be called Em-man-u-el.
 16 But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to de-
clare My stat-utes,
 Or take My covenant in your mouth,
 17 Seeing you hate in-struc-tion
 And cast My words be-hind you?
 18 When you saw a thief, you con-sen-ted with him,
 And have been a partaker with a-dulter-ers.
 19 You give your mouth to e-vil,
 And your tongue frames de-ceit.
 20 You sit and speak a-gainst your bro-ther;
 You slander your own mother’s son.
 21 These things you have done, and I kept si-lent;
 You thought that I was alto-geth-er like you;
 But I will re-buke you,
 And set them in or-der be-fore your eyes.
 22 “Now consider this, you who for-get God,
 Lest I tear you in pieces, And there be none to de-liv-er:
 23 Whoever offers praise glo-ri-fies Me;
 And to him who orders his conduct aright I will show
 the sal-va-tion of God.”
Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son,
And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.
As it was in the be-gin-ning,
Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.
Antiphon Repeated