OUR BLESSING CUP

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Responsorial Song from Psalm 11 Holy Thursday for Cantor embly & Descants Noodw & Guitar with Keyboa

Our blessing cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

How can I repay you, O God, for the kindness you show me? I will pour out the cup of thanksgiving, calling on the name which saves us.

How precious in your eyes ,O God is the death of your faithful. rvant, the child of your handmaid, I am ve my bonds, and rel you ha me.

I will offer sacrifice in thanksgiv and call on your name night and day. I will fulfill the voy you, before this holy a

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This late post-Exilic psalm is an Individual Thanksgi an earlier text was edited at a late stage of Israel proclaim before the entire assembly God's tender-he grave danger. Special vows were then made (renewed).

Many clues indicate much earlier origins. King would declare special Days of Atoner for a successful outcome. On these days, sad gratitude to God. Other evidence of earlier original two personal testimonies about Go faithfulness person would present a testimor parch Temple. After the Exile, BC Nation. The editors delved into revisions on many of these early testin

maic in verses 7, 12 and 16 indicates that grateful individual coming to the Temple to vering him or her, a devout suppliant, from e individual in debt to God for such favors.

Exile, to the days of the monarchy. The ts may pre ster, and special Days of Thanksgiving of Nation. d, when the King would make a public testimony in comparison to other psalms. Psalm 34 compiles r in distress. In the early days, the grateful the haple priests, to be enshrined in a chest in the ned their liturgy to reflect a more spiritually mature ged when sent into Exile) and based their psalm

A major shift in emphasis in this Temple rene move from formalist religion, the mindless performance of ritual by priests, to ote a greater participa. the assembly. These early individual testimonies were revised to include how the people into becoming active participants. The passive bystanders had now become the per

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vv. 1-2	God is at	to th	as of the faithful
vv. 3-4	The absolut	P	psalmist had faced
vv. 5-11	God's merciful		ion
vv. 12	Hymn of Gra		

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Thursday Liturgy. In particular, the final hymn of thanksgiving becomes the m is associ ith the the ass ting the Institution of Eucharist. The pouring of the blessing cups of liberation and ewish *chaburah* or friendship meal. The psalm is also used frequently during the on cha Readin response to the Scriptures.

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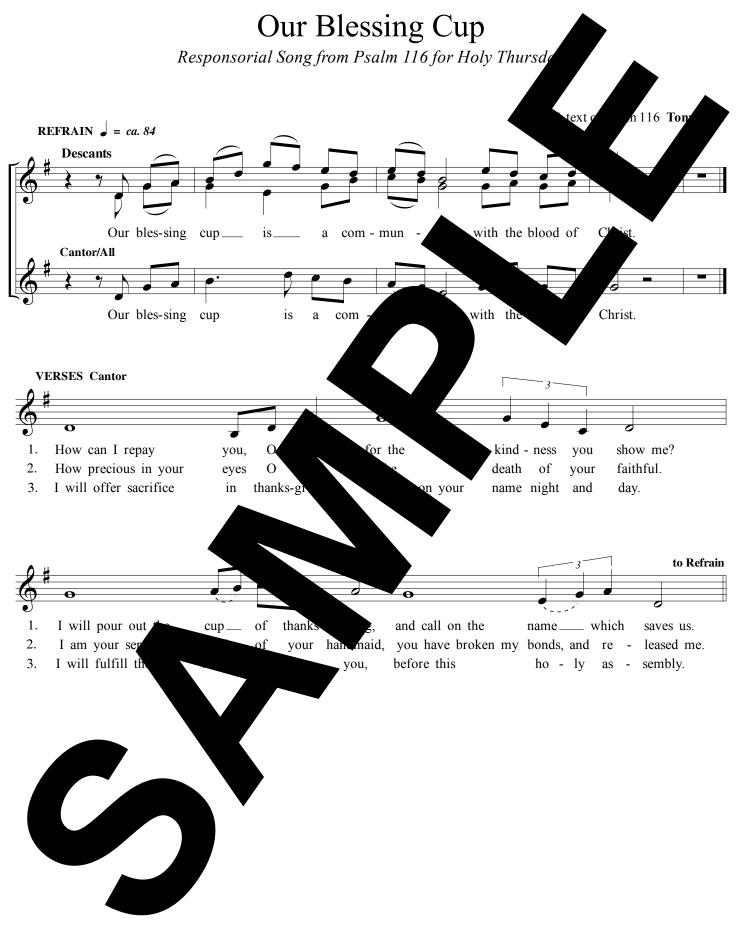
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