

Psalms for Funeral Liturgy



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Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd & Though I Walk

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Dm Dm/C Dm/Bb Dm/A

The Lord is my she-pherd; there is no-thing I shall want.

Dm Dm/C Dm/Bb Dm/A Dm

5 Dm Dm/C Dm/Bb F/A C Dm

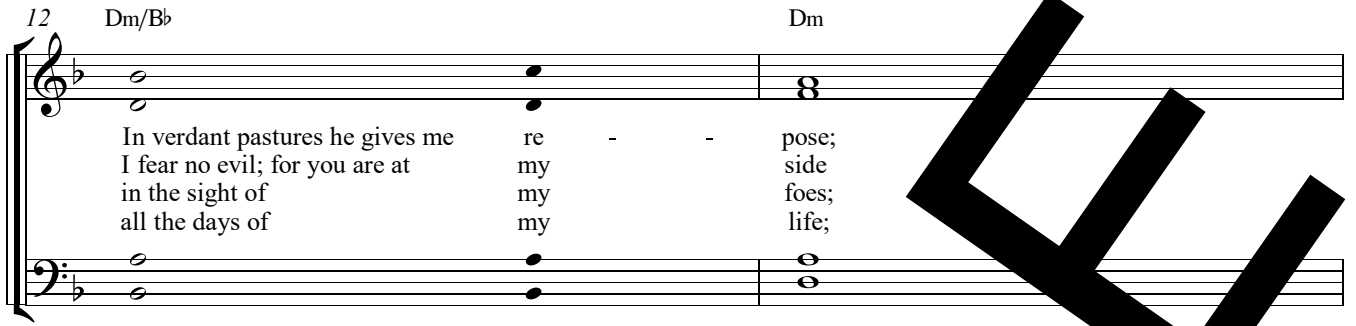
Though I walk in the val-ley of dark-ness, I fear no ev-il for you are with me.

Dm Dm/C Dm/Bb F/A C Dm

10 Dm Dm/C

1. The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
 2. Even though I walk in the dark valley,
 3. Your goodness and kindness follow me.
 4. Your goodness and kindness follow me.

12 Dm/Bb Dm



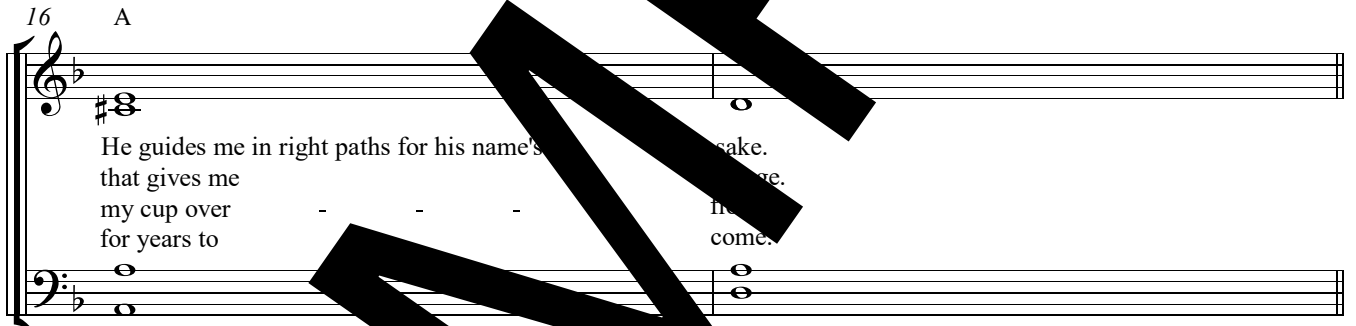
In verdant pastures he gives me re - - pose;
 I fear no evil; for you are at my side
 in the sight of my foes;
 all the days of my life;

14 Bb Dm



Besides restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul
 with your rod and my head
 You anoint my head with oil
 And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever

16 A



He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
 that gives me praise.
 my cup overflows because of his goodness.
 for years to come.

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Psalm 25: To You, O Lord & No One Who Waits

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D G(add2) Bm

To you, O Lord, I lift my

D G(add2) Bm A

5 D G A Bm Gmaj7 A D

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

D G(add2) Gmaj7 A D

13 Bm A

1. Remember that your compassions, O LORD,
2. Relieve the troubles of my heart;
3. Perceive my cry for help, and answer me;
for my cry has gone up to you, O LORD, and my voice for help has come to you.

15 G D

My troubles are from you, O LORD, and I am weary of my grief.
Bring me not into dishonor, for I take refuge in you.
Do not bring me into dishonor, for I take refuge in you.

17 Bm A

In your kindness remem - ber me,
Put an end to my affliction and my suffering;
Let integrity and uprightness pre - serve me,

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of musical notation. It features two staves: a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C), and a bass clef staff with the same key signature and time signature. The music consists of two measures. The first measure is marked with a Bm chord, and the second measure is marked with an A chord. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measure boundaries.

19 G D

because of your goodness, O LORD.
and take away all my sins.
because I wait for you, O D.

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of musical notation. It features two staves: a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C), and a bass clef staff with the same key signature and time signature. The music consists of two measures. The first measure is marked with a G chord, and the second measure is marked with a D chord. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measure boundaries.

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Psalm 27:
The Lord is My Light
& I Believe That I Shall See

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Chords: Eb Eb/D Ab/C Bb F(add2) Eb

The Lord is my light and my sal - va -

Chords: Eb Bb/D Cm Bb Ab Bb Eb

I be-lieve that I shall see the good things of the LORD in the land of the li - ving.

Chords: Eb Bb

1. The LORD is my light and my sal - vation;
2. One thing I seek of the LORD; this I seek:
3. He has heard my sound of call;
4. I be-lieve that I shall see the bounty of the LORD

10 Ab Eb

whom should I fear?
 To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.
 have pity on me, and answer me.
 in the land of the living.

12 Cm Bb

The LORD is my life's refuge;
 That I may gaze on the loveliness of your face;
 Your presence, O LORD, I seek
 Wait for the LORD with courage;

14 Ab Eb

of whom should I be afraid?
 and contemplate his temple.
 Hide not your face from me.
 be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

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Psalm 42: My Soul is Thirsting

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Am F(add2) G(sus4) C F

My soul is thirst-ing for the liv-ing God: when shall I see him face to

Am F(add2) G(sus4) C F G⁶ Am

5 Am F

1. As the hind longs for the running waters,
 2. Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.
 3. I went with the throng and led them in procession
 4. Send forth your light and your truth, for your fidelity;
 5. Then will I go to the altar of God,
 6. Why are you downcast, O my soul?

7 C G

to the house of God.
 they shall lead me on
 the God of Jacob - ness and joy;
 Why do you sigh with in me?

9 Am

F

Amid loud cries of joy and thanks - giving
 And bring me to your ho - ly moun-
 Then will I give you thanks up - on the harp
 Hope in God! For I shall again be thank - ing him,

11 C

G

so my soul longs for you, O God.
 When shall I go and behold the face of God?
 with the multitude keep of God?
 to your dwell ing festival.
 O God, my place.
 in the presence of my savior and my God.

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Psalm 63: My Soul is Thirsting

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B♭maj7 Gm Dm C

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

B♭maj7 Gm Dm C(sus4)

6 Dm Gm

1. O God, you are my God whom I seek;
2. Thus have I gazed toward you in sanctuary
3. Thus will I bless you live;
4. You my help,

8 B♭maj7 C

for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
to see your power and your glory,
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
and in the shadow of your wings I shall be satisfied for joy.

10 Dm Gm

For my soul is a great desire for you, O God, than life;
And the riches of your house shall satisfy my soul, because you are my life;
my soul clings to you, because you are my life.

12 B♭maj7 C

like the earth, parched, lifeless and
my lips shall glow
and with exultant lips my
your right hand

wit - out water.
ri - fy you
mouth shall praise me.
up - holds

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Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind & The Salvation of the Just

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C F(add2) Am G

The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, the Lord is kind and mer-ci-

C F(add2) G(sus4) G

5 C F G

The sal - va - tion of the just comes from the Lord.

C G F G

10 C G

1. Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
 2. As a father's compassion on his children,
 3. Mercies are those of grass;
 4. For the kindness of the LORD is from eter-

ternity,

12 F G

slow to anger, and abound - ing in kindness
 so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him
 like a flower of the field he blo
 to eternity toward those who fear him,

14 Am G

Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
 For he knows how we are rmed,
 The wind sweeps over him and he is
 And his justice toward child - ren's ch

16 F G(sus4) G

nor does he requite us according to our crimes.
 he remembers that we are dust.
 and his place knows no more.
 among those who keep his covenant and remember to ful-fill his precepts.

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Psalm 116: I Will Walk in the Presence & Alleluia

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E A B(sus4) B A E

I will walk in the pre-sence of the Lord, in the land of the li - ve

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). Chord symbols E, A, B(sus4), B, A, and E are placed above the vocal staff. The lyrics are: "I will walk in the pre-sence of the Lord, in the land of the li - ve".

5 E B/D# C#m B A F#m E

Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

Detailed description: This system contains the next two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in grand staff. Chord symbols E, B/D#, C#m, B, A, F#m, and E are placed above the vocal staff. The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia." A measure rest of 5 is indicated at the beginning of the system.

10 C#m A

1. ... even when I said,
2. Precious the eyes of the LORD,

Detailed description: This system contains the final two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in grand staff. Chord symbols C#m and A are placed above the vocal staff. The lyrics are: "1. ... even when I said, 2. Precious the eyes of the LORD,". Measure rests of 10 are indicated at the beginning of the system.

12 E/G# B

"I am great - - ly a - - fflicted"
is the death of his faithful

14 C#m A

Gracious is the LORD and just;
The LORD keeps the lit - tles ones;
I said in my a - rm,
O LORD, I am your servant,

16 E/G# B

yes, our God merciful.
I was brought low, and he has me.
"No man is de - pen - able."
you have my bonds.

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Psalm 122: I Rejoiced & Let Us Go Rejoicing

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C Am G Em D

I re-joiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

C Am G Em C D(sus4) D

5 C G Em D

Let us go re-joice to the house of the Lord.

C G Em D

10 Em D/F# G

1. I rejoiced because they said to me,
2. To it will go up, the tribes of the LORD,
3. Praise the people of Jer - - usalem!
4. Because of my enemies and friends

12 C D(sus4) D

"We will go up to the house of the Lord
 According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord,
 May those who love you with all their hearts, minds, and strength,
 I will say "Peace be upon you!"

14 Em D/F# G

And now we have set foundations for our feet.
 In it are set up judgment seats, because of the house of the Lord,
 May peace be within your walls, Jerusalem.
 Because of the house of the LORD, our feet shall stand firm.

16 Am D D

within your gates, O Jerusalem.
 seats for the house of David.
 prosperity in your buildings.
 I will pray for you, O Jerusalem,
 because you are holy.

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Psalm 130: Out of the Depths & I Hope in the Lord

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F C/E Dm C Bb F

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

F C/E Dm C Bb Bbm F

5 F C/E D Bbmaj7 C(sus4) C

I hope in the Lord I trust in his word.

F C/E Dm Bbmaj7 C(sus4) C

10 Dm Bb(add2)

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
 2. If you, O Lord, mark iniquities,
 3. I trust in the LORD;
 4. More than the eagles wait for the dawn,
 he will redeem Israel - - - el

12 F C

LORD, hear my voice!
 LORD, who can stand?
 my soul trusts in his word.
 let Israel wait for the LORD,

14 Gm Gm

Let your ears be at - tentive
 But with you is for - ness,
 My soul waits for the
 For with the LORD is kindness

16 F C

to my voice in sup - re - cation.
 that you may be - ed.
 more than the sentinels wait for the
 and with him is plen - teous re - demption.
 from all in - iquities.

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Psalm 143: O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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Cm Gm Ab

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer

Cm Gm Ab Eb

5 Cm

1. O LORD, hear my prayer;
2. I remember the days of old;
3. Hasten to answer me, O LORD;
4. Teach me to do your will,

7 Ab Eb

hearken to my pleading in your faithfulness; in your justice answer me.
I meditate on all your doings; I ponder the works of your hands.
for my spirit fails me.
for my soul is in distress; my God.

9 Cm Gm

And do not enter into judgment with your servant,
I am your servant, O LORD.
I am your servant, O LORD.
I am your servant, O LORD.
I am your servant, O LORD.

