

For Ever I Will Sing

Christmas Vigil Version

(based on "O Little Town of Bethlehem")

Ps. 89

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Thank you for choosing **Cher & Gene Klosner's psalm series!**

All of our psalms are written in comfortable "congregational keys" and presented in SATB(+), but have been written so that all music ministry groups can use them, from soloist to duo, to contemporary praise teams (SAT), to full choirs.

Also available in Soloist/Small Group format.

This PDF contains the following versions:

- Refrain Full Score + Verse chords (for director, piano accompanist)
- Refrain P/G/V + Verse chords (for piano accompanist)
- Refrain Lead Sheet + Verse chords (for cantor; guitar accompanist, piano "chorders" - similar to fake books)
- Refrain SATB (for choir members)
- Verse Full Score (for cantor, accompanist)
- Refrain Assembly (for director, worship aid makers)

Format:

- Solo cantor refrain melody*
- Choir and congregation responds in **unison** (melody) refrain
- Solo cantor verse
- Choir and congregation refrain with harmonies
- [Continue thru multiple verses and harmonized refrains]
- End with repeat of harmonized refrain (optional)

*The melody line is the soprano part (male cantor sings an octave below), unless otherwise indicated.

Verses are by **ONE cantor**, chant-style (non-metered, free rhythm). Verses are not designed for multiple singers or harmonies.

For the **accompanist**, the rhythm resumes (a tempo) on the last word of each verse to bring choir and congregation in for the refrain, which then has **choir** harmonies from there on out.

We like to do a double refrain after the last verse to "close out" the song, so we use the turnaround accompaniment for repeating the refrain, then the Final ending at the very end.

Note to accompanist:

Follow the "turnaround" chords when repeating the refrain (refer to recording).

Use the "interlude into verses" when going into verses.

Psalm Tones:

Overall, we have 16 different melodies of psalm tones for the verses that get "mixed and matched" with all the hundreds of different psalm refrains throughout the 3-year cycle, one per psalm refrain. We normally give two options from which the cantor can choose, depending on the cantor's vocal range.

This way, a cantor doesn't have to learn hundreds of different verse melodies over the three-year cycle.

The particular psalm tone being matched to this refrain, however, is "Psalm Tone ST. LOUIS" in E, which starts on the same note as the beginning of the refrain (Mi in solfege). ST. LOUIS is the tune name for "O Little Town of Bethlehem," so the refrain of this song matches the first two lines of the song, and the verses are a continuation of that.

This refrain text comes up often during the year (see Assembly page for complete list), but this "O Little Town" version should only be used for 4th Sunday of Advent B, Christmas Vigil, and December 24th Morning.

Another tune is available from Light the Fire! Music for the remainder of the year.

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Other tips for the vocalists on "For Ever I Will Sing (Christmas Vigil Version)":

Use with Psalm Tone ST. LOUIS (in E).

Basses/Baritones: your last note of the refrain, you are given an option between octaves - choose whichever fits your range; a large choir allows for both notes to be sung.

Cantors: Do not attempt to force the verse text into the familiar meter of the "O Little Town of Bethlehem" tune. Let go of that constraint and follow the natural flow of the text, allowing natural breaks, as you would any psalm tone verse. A cantor is essentially a singing lector.

We strongly recommend listening to the recordings of this psalm.

Musically yours,

Cher & Gene

DIFFICULTY LEVEL		
(easy/medium/advanced)		
melody	harmony	accompaniment
e	e	e

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♩ = 88

Capo 4: C
Capo 2: D
E

G⁷sus⁴
A⁷sus⁴
B⁷sus⁴

G⁷
A⁷
B⁷

C
D
E

A

Dm⁷
Em⁷
F⁷

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

Piano

For ev - er, for ev - er, for
For ev - er, for ev - er, for

♩ = 88

C/G
D/A
E/B

G⁷
A⁷
B⁷

C
D
E

C
D
E

C/B^b
D/C
E/D

A⁷
B⁷
C⁷

Dm
Em
F⁷m

S
A

T
B

Pnc

3

ev - I will sing the good - ness of the Lord. For
ev - er will sing the good - ness of the Lord. For

C/G
G⁷
C
C

D/A
A⁷
D
D

E/B
B⁷
E
E

1. turnaround into
2. interlude into v
3. Final

repeated refrains
repeated refrains
repeated refrains

S
 A
 ev - er I will sing. For sing.

T
 B
 ev - er I will sing. For sing. sing.

Pno.
 1. turnaround into
 repeated refrains

2. interlude into
 repeated refrains

3. Final

Verse chords ("O Little Town (ST. LOUIS)" Psalm 101, Soprano, Guitar, no capo:

C#m7 F#m7 | G#7sus4 G#7 | C#m7 Amaj7 | G#7sus4 G#7 |
 E | Aadd9 F#m7 | E/B B7sus4 | E || B7sus4 B7 |

Verse chords ("O Little Town (ST. LOUIS)" Psalm 101, Tenor/Bass, Guitar, capo 2:

Bm7 Em7 | F#7sus4 F#7 | Bm7 Gmaj7 | F#7sus4 F#7 |
 D | Gadd9 Em7 | D/A A7sus4 | D || A7sus4 B7 |

Verse chords ("O Little Town (ST. LOUIS)" Psalm 101, Alto, Guitar, capo 4:

Am7 Dm7 | E7sus4 E7 | Am7 Amaj7 | E7sus4 E7 |
 C | Fadd9 Dm7 | C/G G7sus4 | C || G7sus4 G7 |

SAMPLE

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Capo 4: C
Capo 2: D
E

G⁷sus⁴
A⁷sus⁴
B⁷sus⁴

G⁷
A⁷
B⁷

C
D
E

Dm⁷
Em⁷
F#m

For ev er, for ev er, for

Piano



C/G
D/A
E/B

G⁷
A⁷
B⁷

C
D
E

D

E/D

B^b
B⁷
C^{#7}

A⁷

Dm
Em
F#m

3
ev - er... I the good - ness of the Lord. For

Pno.



7

C/G D/A E/B G⁷ A⁷ B⁷ C D E G⁷sus⁴ A⁷sus⁴ B⁷sus⁴ C D E C D E

1. turnaround into repeated refrains 2. interlude into verses 3. Final

ev - er I will sing. For sing. sing.

Pno.

Verse chords ("O Little Town (ST. LOUIS)" Psalm Tone), Mandolin, no capo:

C#m7 F#m7 | G#7sus4 G#7 | C#m7 Am7sus4 G#7 |
E | Aadd9 F#m7 | E/B B7sus4 | E || B7sus4 G#7 |

Verse chords ("O Little Town (ST. LOUIS)" Psalm Tone), Guitar, no capo:

Bm7 Em7 | F#7sus4 F#7 | Bm7 F#7sus4 F#7 |
D | Gadd9 Em7 | D/A A7sus4 | D || B7sus4 G#7 |

Verse chords ("O Little Town (ST. LOUIS)" Psalm Tone), Guitar, capo 4:

Am7 Dm7 | E7sus4 Dm7 Fmaj7 | E7sus4 E7 |
C | Fadd9 Dm7 | G G7 | E7sus4 G7 |



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Capo 4: C G7sus4 G7 C Dm7
 Capo 2: D A7sus4 A7 D Em7
 E B7sus4 B7 I E A #m7

3 C/G G7 C G C/Bb A Dm
 D/A A7 D C/B C B7 Em
 E/B B7 E C#7 #m7

7 C/G G7 C C
 D/A A7 D D
 E/B B7 E E

1. the promise to perlude into verses
 2. created in
 3. Final

For ev - er, for ev - er, for
 ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord. For
 ev - er I will sing. For sing. sing.

Verse chords ("O Little Town (ST. LOUIS)" Psalm Tone), Piano, Guitar, no capo:

C#m7 F#m7 | G#7sus4 G#7 | C#m7 Amaj7 | G#7sus4 G#7 |
 E | Aadd9 F#m7 | E/F# | E | B7sus4 B7 |

Verse chords ("O Little Town (ST. LOUIS)" Psalm Tone), Guitar, capo 2:

Bm7 Em7 | F#7sus4 F#7 | Bm7 Amaj7 | F#7sus4 F#7 |
 D | Gad | D/A A7sus4 | B7sus4 A7 |

Verse chords ("O Little Town (ST. LOUIS)" Psalm Tone), Guitar, capo 4:

Am7sus4 E7 | Am7 Amaj7 | E7sus4 E7 |
 C | Fadd9 Bm7 | C/G G7sus4 | G7sus4 G7 |

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NOTE: No harmonies until after 1st verse; follow Soprano line for melody. See format below.

1

SOPRANO ALTO

TENOR BASS

For ev - er, for ev - er, for

ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord. For

ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord. For

3

7

S

A

T

B

1. turnaround repeated refrains | 2. interlude into verses | 3. Final

ev - er I will sing. For sing. sing.

ev - er I will sing. For sing. sing.

Format:

- Solo cantor refrain (melody) *
- Choir and cantor (harmony) second in **unison** (melody) refrain
- Solo cantor (melody)
- Choir and congregation refrain with harmonies
- [Repeat thru multiple verses and harmonized refrains]
- End with repeat of harmonized refrain (optional)

*The melody line is the soprano part (male cantor sings an octave below).

For Ever I Will Sing verses
 Ps. 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 / Psalm Tone ST. LOUIS in E
 4th Sunday of Advent B

Cherolyn Klosner-Lane

[Based on "O Town of Bethlehem" by
 Phillips Brooks/Louis H. Redner]
 Arr., Cherolyn Klosner-Lane & Gene Klosner

Freely chanted, non-metered, solo cantor only

Capo 4: Am⁷ Dm⁷ E⁷(sus4) E⁷ Am⁷ E⁷(sus4) E⁷
 Capo 2: Bm⁷ Em⁷ F^{#7}(sus4) F^{#7} Bm⁷ F^{#7}(sus4) F^{#7}
 C^{#m}⁷ F^{#m}⁷ G^{#7}(sus4) G^{#7} C^{#m}⁷ A^m G^{#7}(sus4)

Cantor (PT StL)

1. The promises of the LORD I will sing for - ever; through all generations my mouth shall
 2. "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my serv - ant: for -
 3. "He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the rock, my sav - ior.' For -

Piano

Cant.

1. you have said, "My kindness is estab - lish - ed for - ever"; in heav - en you have con - firmed your
 2. ever will I confirm your king - dom and es - tab - lish your throne for all gener -
 3. ever I will maintain my kind - ness toward - him, and my cov - enant with him stands

Pno.

Cant.

1. faith - ful - ty
 2. a - ctions
 3. firm - ly

Pno.

To m. 1 of refrain...

For Ever I Will Sing verses
Ps. 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 / Psalm Tone ST. LOUIS in E
Christmas Vigil

Cherolyn Klosner-Lane
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Capo 4: Am⁷ Dm⁷ E⁷(sus4) E⁷ Am⁷ F⁷ F⁷(sus4) E⁷
 Capo 2: Bm⁷ Em⁷ F⁷(sus4) F⁷ Bm⁷ Gmaj⁷ F⁷(sus4) F⁷
 C#m⁷ F#m⁷ G#⁷(sus4) G#⁷ C#m⁷ Amaj⁷ F⁷(sus4) G#⁷

Cantor (PT StL)

1. I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant for -
 2. Blessed the people who know the joy-ful shout; in the light of your countenance,
 O LORD, they will say, "You are my father, my God, my rock, my salvation." For -

Piano

C F(add9) C/G G⁷(sus4)
 D G(add9) E⁷ D/A A⁷(sus4)
 E F(add9) F#m⁷ E/B B⁷(sus4)

3

Cant.

1. ever will I confirm your pos-tion i - ty and es - tab-lish your throne for all gener-
 2. name they re - joice all day, and through your just-ice they are ex-
 3. ever I will main-tain kind-ness toward him, and my cov-enant with him stands

Pno.

♩ = 88
a tempo

5

Cant.

1. a - tions...
 2. al - ted... } For
 3. firm

♩ = 88
a tempo

Pno.

To m. 1 of refrain...

For Ever I Will Sing verses
 Ps. 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 / Psalm Tone ST. LOUIS in E
 December 24, Mass in the Morning

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 Arr., Cherolyn Klosner-Lane & Gene Klosner

Freely chanted, non-metered, solo cantor only

Capo 4: Am⁷ Dm⁷ E⁷(sus4) E⁷ Am⁷ E⁷(sus4) E⁷
 Capo 2: Bm⁷ Em⁷ F⁷(sus4) F⁷ Bm⁷ F⁷(sus4) E⁷
 C⁷m⁷ F⁷m⁷ G⁷(sus4) G⁷ C⁷m⁷ A⁷ G⁷(sus4)

Cantor (PT StL)

1. The favors of the LORD I will sing for - ever; through all generations my mouth shall
 2. "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: for -
 3. "He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the rock, my savior.' For -

Piano

C Dm⁷ C/G G⁷(sus4)
 D G⁷(sus4) Em⁷ D/A A⁷(sus4)
 E A(add9) F⁷m⁷ E/B B⁷(sus4)

3

Cant.

1. you have said, "My kindness is estab - lished for ever"; in heav - en you have con - firmed your
 2. ever will I confirm your throne and es - tab - lish your throne for all gener -
 3. ever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my cov - enant with him stands

Pno.

♩ = 88
a tempo

5

Cant.

1. faith - ful -
 2. a - tion
 3. firm -

For

Pno.

♩ = 88
a tempo

To m. 1 of refrain...

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For ev - er, for ev - er, for ev - er I will sing
good - ness of the Lord. For ev - er I will sing.

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Use for:

4th Sunday of Advent B (adv4B)
Christmas Vigil Mass ABC (xmvigABC)
December 24*: Mass in the Morning (adv1224AM)

Use with "O Little Town (ST. LOUIS)" Psalm Tone in E

Also available from Light the Fire! Music:

This text set to a non-Advent/Christmas tune, for:

4th Sunday of Advent B
Holy Thursday: Chrism Mass
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
Thursday of the 4th Week of Easter ABC
Friday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time (II)
April 25*: St. Mark, Evangelist
June 13*: St. Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the Church
June 27*: St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church
August 2*: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop
August 21*: St. Pius X, pope
November 4*: St. Charles Borromeo, bishop
November 11*: St. Martin of Tours, bishop
November 23*: St. Clement I, pope and martyr
December 7*: St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church
Ritual Masses: Christian Initiation and the Easter Vigil
Ritual Masses: Conferral of Holy Orders
Various Needs: Holy Church, Election of Pope or a Bishop
*not on Sundays

Text version:

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