

GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD, FOR YOU I LONG

Responsorial Song for Morning Prayer from Psalm 63 for Sunday

for Psalmist, Assembly, Decant & Duet with Keyboard, Flute & Guitar **TONY BARR**

I thirst for you, my God. I long to see you facet

phase one distress and alienation

God, you are my God, for you I long, my soul thirsts for you alone.

Always, my heart pines for you

like the parched, weary land, craving water.

I look to your Holy Place to see your power and glory!

phase two despair born of remembrance

I remember you as I lie on my bed, all night my thoughts turn to you.
Always, you have kept me in safety, in the shelter of your wings I delight!
I cling to you for protection, your right hand shall guide and keep me.

phase three the oracular consultation

phase four a rebirth of ecstatic contentment

My life is a blessing to you, my hands raised in song to your name. You fill me with joy at your banquet, every breath that I take shall praise you! What are my days without your love? My lips make constant thanksgiving;

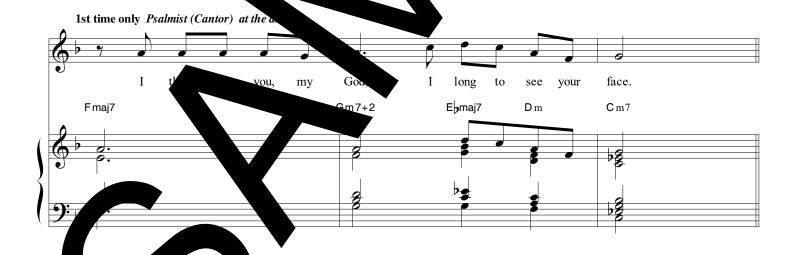
Let all who try to destroy my life be wiped from the face of the earth. Your power drives injustice to flight, the proud tumble down to the dust. The just shall rejoice in your presence, only the living shall give you glory!

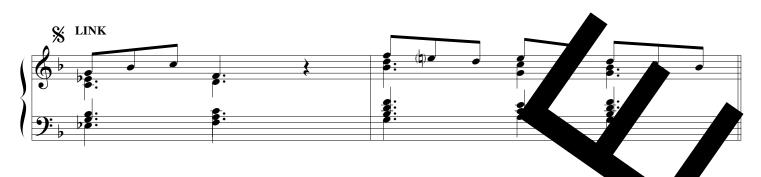
As with all these psalm settings, instrumental pieces are to be played only if those instruments are available. At its most basic form, all the psalm needs is a psalmist (cantor) and assembly. Reommended is for two psalmists (cantors) singing alternating verses, determined by their vocal range.

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