

I WILL SING FOR EVER
Responsorial Song from Psalm 89 for Advent 4B
for Psalmist (Cantor), Assembly & Descant
with Keyboard, Flute, Oboe & Guitar

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*I will sing for ever,
your love is everlasting.*

I will sing the whole day long
the good things you have promised,
tell the Ages yet to come
that you will not forget us.

"I have made a covenant
I chose you as my people.
As I swore that day to David,
Nations will acclaim you."

You alone are God, my hope,
my joy, my Rock, my safety.
Keep us from all hurt and harm,
protect your holy Nation.

Psalm 89 apparently is a conflation of three independent psalms, each component section dealing with differing subject matters. It spans the origins, development, and ultimate disappearance of Israel's monarchy. Throughout this period of history, Israel adopted the practice of electing a king to rule the nation during the early days, but unlike her Canaanite neighbors, their king was no god, for instead God was their King. The earthly ruler was a prophet through whom the Deity mediated laws and good government for the well-being not only of the kingdom but of the whole known world. The first fragment originated in the Northern Kingdom, the second in the Southern Sanctuary, and the third element from post-Exilic times.

Its selection for the final Sunday of Advent is a prophetic foreshadowing of Christmas, not only about the imminent arrival of the long-expected messiah, but of the immanent presence of the One who is always present, forming us as a People. United in love for a common cause, we share in this messianic kingship of priesthood and prophet through baptism. Our ministry is to work untiringly for peace, by ensuring that justice is the birthright of all. And so we fulfill the messianic hopes expressed in Psalm 72, that by living together harmoniously, we enjoy a shared and equal access to all the fruits of this planet, whose integrity we safeguard and nourish.

- Tony Barr

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INTRO ♩ = ca. 144

1st time only Psalmist (Cantor) *at the ambo*

I will sing for ev - er, your
F Gm7 F Bb Gm Am Dm

love is - last - ing.
Bb Gm Gm7 Bb C Bb/C

SAMPLE

REFRAIN

Flute on selected Refrains

Oboe on selected Refrains

Descant on selected Refrains

I will sing for ev - your love is

All

I will sing for ev - , your love is

F Gm7 F Gm Bb Gm Am Dm Bb Gm

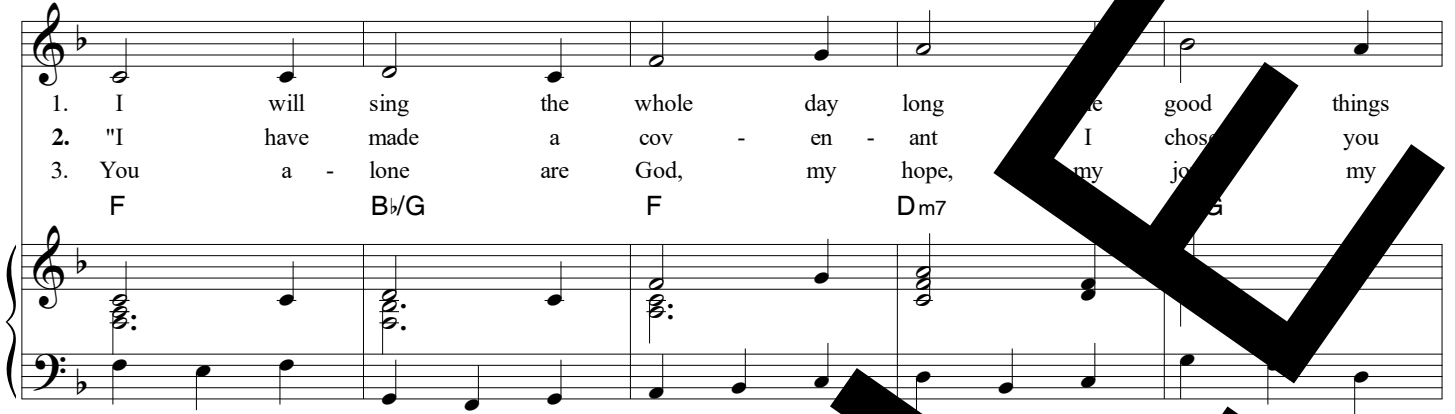
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ev - er - ing.

ev - er - ing. Gm7 Bb/C C Bb/C

VERSES Psalmist (Cantor) *at the ambo*

1. I will sing the whole day long
2. "I have made a covenant
3. You alone are God, my hope,
F B \flat /G F Dm7



1. you have promised, tell
2. as my people. As
3. Rock, my safety. keep us
Gm/B \flat C F Dm7



1. yet to that you will not for -
2. day to and harm. pre - tions will ac -
3. hurt and harm. pre - tions will ac -
Gm B \flat F E \flat F



D.S.

1. get us
claim
Na -
C C/ Am/C B \flat /C



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ev - er - last - ing.

VERSES Psalmist (Cantor) at the ambo

1. I will sing the whole day long the
 2. "I have made a covenant with me, I
 3. You are God, my hope, my

1. good things you have promised,
 2. chose my people.
 3. joy, my safety.

1. tell the - ges yet to come that
 2. I have said that day to Da - vid,
 3. Keep from all hurt and harm, pro -

1. you will not for - get us.
 2. Na - tion will ac - claim you."
 3. tect your ho - ly Na - tion.

to Refrain