

Psalm 118

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Easter Vigil Alleluia Psalm • Easter Day, *alternate response*

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

The first system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written on a single treble clef staff in a B-flat major key signature (two flats). The lyrics are "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The piano accompaniment is written on two staves, a treble and a bass clef, and features a steady harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Easter Day • Easter Common 1

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.

The second system of the musical score continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line lyrics are "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad." The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic accompaniment as the first system.

SAMPLE

Psalm Tone

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R/ v. 24

1. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever." R/
2. The right hand of the LORD has struck power;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD. R/
3. The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
it is wonderful in our eyes. R/

Note:
The Lectionary for **Easter Sunday** has the whole of v. 2 in quotation marks.
The Lectionary for **Easter Common Psalm 1** reverses the first two lines of v. 2.

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SAMPLE

2nd Sunday of Easter, Years A-B-C

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

4th Sunday of Easter, Year B

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

2nd Sunday of Easter, Years A-B-C, alternate response •
4th Sunday of Easter, Year B, alternate response

Al - le - lu - ia.

SAMPLE

Psalm Tone

Mode 8

2 Easter A-B-C

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24. R/ v. 1

1. Let the house of Israel say,
 "His mercy endures forever."
 Let the house of Aaron say,
 "His mercy endures forever."
 Let those who fear the LORD say,
 "His mercy endures forever." R/
2. I was hard pressed and was falling,
 but the LORD helped me.
 My strength and my courage is the LORD,
 and he has been my savior.
 The joyful shout of victory
 in the tents of the just.
3. The stone which the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone.
 By the LORD has this been done;
 it is wonderful in our eyes.
 This is the LORD who has done this
 let us be glad and rejoice in him.

Easter

Psalm 118:5-9, 21-23, 26, 29. R/ v. 22

1. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
 for his mercy endures forever.
 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
 than to trust in man.
 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
 than to trust in princes. R/
2. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
 and have been my savior.
 The stone which the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone.
 By the LORD has this been done;
 it is wonderful in our eyes. R/
3. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD;
 we bless you from the house of the LORD.
 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
 and have been my savior.
 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
 for his kindness endures forever. R/

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