

OFFICE OF READINGS



PSALM 107 I

“O give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his mercy endures forever.”

Let the redeemed of the Lord say this,
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
and gathered from far-off lands,
from east and west, north and south.

They wandered in a barren desert,
finding no way to a city they could dwell in
Hungry they were and thirsty;
their soul was fainting within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need,
and he rescued them from their distress,
and he guided them along a straight path,
to reach a city they could dwell in.

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the whole human race;
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.
Some dwelt in darkness and the shadow of death,
prisoners in misery and chains,

having rebelled against the words of God,
and spurned the plan of the Most High.

He humbled their heart with toil.
They stumbled; there was no one to help.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need,
and he rescued them from their distress.

He led them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
and broke their chains to pieces.

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the whole human race;
for he bursts the gates of bronze,
and cuts through the iron bars.

PSALM 107 II

Some fell sick on account of their sins,
and were afflicted on account of their guilt.

They had a loathing for every food;
they drew near to the gates of death.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need,
and he rescued them from their distress.

He sent forth his word to heal them,
and saved their life from destruction.

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the whole human race.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanks,
and tell of his deeds with rejoicing.

Some went down to the sea in ships,
to trade on the mighty waters.

These have seen the deeds of the Lord,
the wonders he does in the deep.

For he spoke and raised up the storm-wind,
tossing high the waves of the sea
that surged to heaven and dropped to the depths.
Their souls melted away in their distress.

They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
for all their skill was gone.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need,
and he rescued them from their distress.

He stilled the storm to a whisper,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.

They rejoiced because of the calm,
and he led them to the haven they desired.

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the whole human race.

Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people,
and praise him in the meeting of the elders.

PSALM 107 III

He changes rivers into desert,
springs of water into thirsty ground,
fruitful land into a salty waste,
for the wickedness of those who live there

He changes desert into pools of water,
thirsty ground into springs of water.

There he settles the hungry,
and they establish a city to dwell in.

They sow fields and plant their vines,
which yield an abundant harvest.

He blesses them; they grow in numbers.
He does not let their cattle decrease.

They are diminished and brought low
by oppression, evil, and sorrow.

He pours contempt upon princes,
makes them wander in trackless wastes.

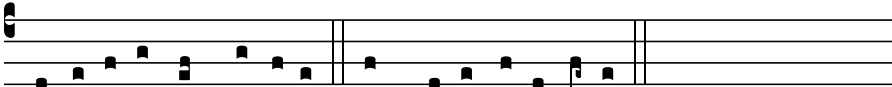
But he raises the needy from distress;
makes families numerous as a flock.

The upright see it and rejoice,
while all the wicked close their mouths.

Should not one who is wise recall these things,
and understand the merciful deeds of the Lord?

tr. Let them thank the Lord for his mercy.

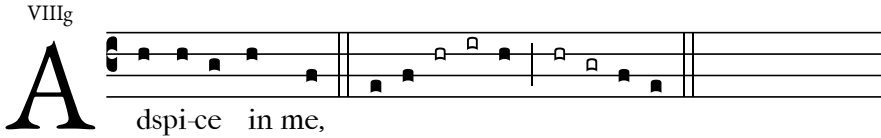
IVe



Confi-te-antur Dómino mi-se-ri-córdi-æ e-ius.

Your truth, O God, is high as the clouds.
—Lord, your goodness is deep as the ocean.

LAUDS



PSALM 119: 145-152

I call with all my heart; Lord, answer me.

I will observe your statutes.

I call upon you; save me, and I will keep your decrees.

I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have hoped in your word.

My eyes awaken before dawn, to ponder your promise. †

In your mercy, hear my voice, O Lord;

give me life by your decrees.

Those who pursue me with malice draw near;

they are far from your law.

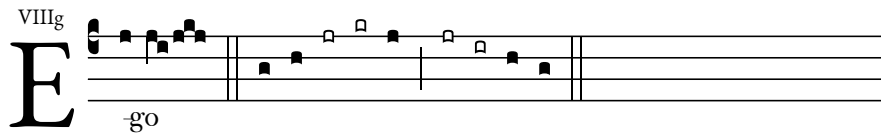
But you, O Lord, are close;

all your commands are truth.

From of old I have known that your decrees

are established forever.

tr. Look upon me and have mercy, O Lord.



WISDOM 9:1-6, 9-11

O God of my ancestors, Lord of mercy,

who by your word have made all things,

and in your wisdom have established man

to be master of the creatures you have made,

To govern the world in holiness and righteousness,
and to pass judgment with an upright heart,
grant me wisdom, the consort of your throne,
and reject me not from your children.

For I am your servant, the son of your handmaid,
a man who is weak and short-lived,
young in understanding of judgment and law;
though one be perfect among the children of Adam, †
yet if wisdom from you be not with him,
he shall be regarded as nothing.

With you is wisdom who knows your works,
who was present when you made the world,
and comprehends what is pleasing in your eyes,
and what is right in accord with your commands.

O send her forth from the holy heavens;
from the throne of your glory dispatch her,
that she may be with me and labor at my side,
and I may know what is pleasing to you.

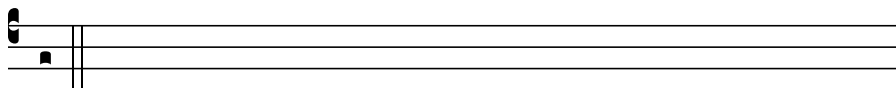
For she knows and understands all things, †
and she will prudently guide me in my actions,
and will keep guard over me with her glory.

tr. I dwell in the highest places and my throne is on a cloudy pillar.

VIIIg



Ego in altíssimis hábi-to, et thronus me-us in co-lúmna nu-



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PSALM 117

O praise the Lord, all you nations;
acclaim him, all you peoples!

For his mercy has prevailed over us;
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Glory...

tr. Praise the Lord, all you nations.

