

Opening Responses for Common Worship Daily Prayer

incorporating music by François Barthélemon, Heinrich Isaac, J.S. Bach and William Croft

Morning Prayer

and our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

O Lord, open our lips

The musical notation for Morning Prayer is in G major and 3/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "and our mouth shall pro - claim your praise." Below the notation, the text "O Lord, open our lips" is written.

Evening Prayer

O Lord, make haste to help us.

O God, make speed to save us.

The musical notation for Evening Prayer is in G major and 3/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "O Lord, make haste to help us." Below the notation, the text "O God, make speed to save us." is written.

Seasonal: Ascension to Pentecost

Send your Holy Spirit up - on us,

The musical notation for Seasonal: Ascension to Pentecost is in G major and 3/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Send your Holy Spirit up - on us,"

and clothe your peo - ple with power from on high. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation for Seasonal: Ascension to Pentecost is in G major and 3/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "and clothe your peo - ple with power from on high. Al - le - lu - ia."

Seasonal: All Saints to Advent

They make known the glo - ry of your king - dom.

Your faithful servants bless you.

The musical notation for Seasonal: All Saints to Advent is in G major and 3/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "They make known the glo - ry of your king - dom." Below the notation, the text "Your faithful servants bless you." is written.

Thanksgiving Prayers

to you be glo - ry and praise for e - ver.
praise and glo - ry

Blessed are you... (end - ing)

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp). The top system shows a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The bottom system shows a single bass line with the lyrics 'Blessed are you... (end - ing)'.

end of line end of sentence end of line end of line

final sentence

The musical notation shows four measures on a single bass line, each ending with a double bar line. The first, third, and fourth measures are labeled 'end of line', and the second measure is labeled 'end of sentence'. The entire sequence is labeled 'final sentence'.

Bles - sed be God for e - ver.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

The musical notation is in G major. The top system shows a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The bottom system shows a single bass line with the lyrics 'Blessed be God, Father, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit.'

About these Responses

These are a sample of how the opening responses could be sung in Morning and Evening Prayer from *Common Worship: Daily Prayer*. In the BCP offices, there are 4 opening responses, but in CW there is only a single opening response, which is expanded in seasonal time to two.

To expand this to something more musically satisfying, I have suggested also setting the thanksgiving prayers to music. They all contain the phrase "To you be praise and glory for ever" or similar so I have suggested allocating this line to choir.

The choir sections all reuse music from hymns.

Whilst I don't pretend that these are of any high quality, you are more than welcome to use these if you would like to. I would also be happy to add other seasonal responses to the set.

Dan Soper, May 2020

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