

PSALM

# 107 O thank the LORD, for he is good

D Em7 F# Em7 D Bm7 Em7 A D A

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2 Some wan-dered in the des-ert wastes, not find - ing an - y way  
3 Straight was the path he led them on, a cit - y to at - tain.

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Let those whom GOD re - deemed say this, those res - cued by his grace.  
to reach a cit - y where they might ob - tain a place to stay.  
So for the LORD's un - fail - ing love let them give thanks a - gain,

Bm F#m Gma7 A7 F#m7 B7 Em A F# G A

He saved them from their en - e - mies and brought them from the lands,  
Their life and strength were ebb-ing fast in thirst and emp - ti - ness.  
and for the awe-some deeds of power which he for men a - chieves -

D G Em7 F#m G D Bm7 Em7 A7 Dsus D

from east and west, from north and south, safe from op - press - ing hands.  
Then in de-spair they sought the LORD, who saved them from dis - tress.  
for hun-gry souls he fills with good; the thirst - y he re - lieves.

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Alternative tune: GOSHEN, on following page

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- 4 Some sat in darkness and in gloom, in chains of iron held;  
they scorned the ways of God Most High, against his words rebelled.  
And so he made them labour hard in bitterness and shame.  
They stumbled, and they could not rise; to help them no one came.
- 5 Then to the LORD they cried for help; he saved them from their doom.  
He broke away their cruel chains and brought them out of gloom.  
So let them thank him for his love, the deeds which he achieves –  
because he breaks down gates of bronze and iron bars he cleaves.
- 6 Some erred through their rebellious ways and for their sins paid dear.  
All kinds of food revolted them; the gates of death drew near.  
Then in despair they sought the LORD; he saved them from their doom.  
His word went forth with healing power and kept them from the tomb.
- 7 So for the LORD's unfailing love let them give thanks again,  
and for the awesome deeds of power which he achieves for men.  
Let them prepare a sacrifice and bring an offering;  
in praise of all his mighty acts let them rejoice and sing.
- 8 Yet others traded on the sea; they sailed the ocean's length.  
They saw the wonders of the LORD, and on the deep his strength.  
For when he spoke, a tempest rose; the sea grew wild and rough.  
They mounted up to heaven and then went down into the trough.
- 9 At this their courage fled away, for danger was in view.  
They reeled and staggered as with drink; they knew not what to do.  
Then in despair they sought the LORD, who saved them from distress.  
He stilled the storm, so that the waves were hushed in quietness.
- 10 Their joy was great when it grew calm; they anchored safe again.  
Then let them thank him for his love, his awesome deeds for men.  
So in the elders' council may they ever praise the LORD;  
and in the people's gathering let them exalt their GOD.
- 11 He changed the streams to wilderness, fresh springs to desert bare,  
and fruitful land to barren waste, for sins of dwellers there.  
He changed parched ground to flowing streams; the hungry there he led  
to found a city safe and strong, which they inhabited.
- 12 They reaped a fruitful harvest from the vineyard and the field.  
He blessed and made them multiply; their herds maintained their yield.  
They faced decline, their fortunes fell, they suffered great distress.  
Brought low by him who scorns the proud, they roamed the wilderness.
- 13 But he did not abandon them; he brought the needy folk  
from their affliction and increased their families like a flock.  
The upright see this and are glad; the wicked hold their peace.  
Let all the wise take note and learn the LORD's love does not cease.

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The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The system includes three measures of music, with lyrics written below the staff.

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The fourth system of musical notation concludes the hymn. It includes three measures of music with lyrics written below the staff.