

OPENING CANTICLES

Form 1 Morning

A Ordinary Time

Benedicite –a Song of Creation (37a)

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord you heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O people of God bless the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord;
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart;

Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: []
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

(The Song of the Three 35-37, 60-65)

B Eastertide

The Easter Anthems (62a) c

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: []
death has no more dominion over him.

In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.
See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead: []
the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
for as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory ...

(1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8, Romans 6.9-11, 1 Corinthians 15.20-22)

OR *Psalm 100*

Form 1 Evening

A Song of David (4)

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,
for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty.
Everything in heav'n and on earth is yours;
yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.

Riches and honour come from you
and you rule over all.
In your hand are power and might;
yours it is to give power and strength to all.

And now we give you thanks, our God,
and praise your glorious name.
For all things come from you,
and of your own have we given you.

Glory ...

(1 Chronicles 29.10b-13, 14b)

Form 2 Morning

A Ordinary Time

A Song of God's Compassion

- 1 The Lord is full of compassion and mércy,
slow to anger and of gréat kíndness.
- 2 He will not always áccúse us, *
neither will he keep his angèr fòr éver.
- 3 He has not dealt with us áccòrding tò òur síns,
nor rewarded us áccòrding tò òur wíckedness. *
- 4 For as the heav'ns are high ábòve thè éárrh, *
so gréat is his mércy upon thòse whò féar him.
- 5 As far as the east is fròm thè wést, *
so far has he sèt òur síns from us.
- 6 As a father has compassion òn his chíldrén, *
so is the Lord mérciful towards thòse whò féar him.
- 7 For he knows of what wè áre máde; *
he remembers that we áre but dúst.
- 8 Our days are bútt áss grááss; *
we flourish as a flower òf thè fíeld;
- 9 For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is góne, *
and its place shall know it nò móre.
- 10 But the mérciful goodness of the Lord is fròm of old
and endures for ever on thòse whò féar him, *
and his ríghteousness on chíldrén's chíldrén;
- 11 On thòse who kèep his cóvénant *
and remember his commandmènts tò dó them.

Glory . . .

(Psalm 103. 8-18)

B After Ascension Day till Pentecost

A Song of God's Righteousness

- 1 Bless the Lord, Ó my s^oul,
and all that is within me bless his h^oly n^ame.
- 2 Bless the Lord, Ó my s^oul,
and forget not all his b^enefits;
- 3 Who forgives all y^our sⁱns
and heals all y^our infirmities;
- 4 Who redeems your life fr^om th^e Pⁱt
and crowns you with faithful love and c^omp^assion;
- 5 Who satisfies you with g^ood thⁱngs,
so that your youth is renewed like an e^agle's.
- 6 The Lord ex^ecutes rⁱghteousness
and judgement for all who are o^ppressed.
- 7 He made his ways kn^own t^o M^oses
and his works to the childr^en of Ísrael.
- 8 The Lord has established his thr^one in héav'n, *
and his kingdom has dominion o^ver all.
- 9 Bless the L^ord, y^ou ángels of his, *
you mighty ones who do his bidding and hearken to the voice of his w^ord.
- 10 Bless the Lord, all y^ou his h^osts, *
you ministers of his who d^o his wⁱll.
- 11 Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his d^omⁱnion; *
bless the Lord, Ó my s^oul.

Glory . . .

(Psalm 103, 1-7, 19-22)

Form 2 Evening

A Song of God's Greatness

- 1 Bless the Lord, Ó my s^oul. *
O Lord my God, how excellent is your gr^eatness!
- 2 You are clothed with majesty and h^onour, *
wrapped in light as in a g^arment.
- 3 The sun knows the time for its s^etting. *
You make darkness that it may be nⁱght.
- 4 O Lord, how manifold are your w^orks! *
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your cr^eatures.
- 5 When you send forth your spirit, they are cr^e-ated, *
and you renew the face of the e^arth.
- 6 May the glory of the Lord endure for ^ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in his w^orks;
- 7 I will sing to the Lord as long as I lⁱve; *
I will make music to my God while I have my b^eing

Glory . . .

(Psalm 104. 1,2,21b,22a,26,32,33,35)

Form 3 Morning

A Song of the King's Glory – Psalm 24

Form 3 Evening

A Song of Mercy and Truth

- 1 O God, will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 2 Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.
- 3 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 4 Mercy and truth are met together, *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
- 5 Truth shall spring up from the earth *
and righteousness look down from heav'n.
- 6 Righteousness shall go before him *
and direct his steps in the way.

Glory . . .

(Psalm 85.6,7,9-11,13)

Form 4 Morning

A Song of God's Glorious Name – Psalm 8.

Form 4 Evening

A Song of God's Descending

- 1 I love you, O Lórd my stréngth. *
The Lord is my crag, my fortress and my delíverer.
- 2 In my distress I called upón the Lórd *
and cried out to my Gód for hélp.
- 3 He heard my voice in his témples *
and my cry came to his éars.
- 4 He parted the heav'ns and cáme dówn *
and thick darkness was under his féet.
- 5 He rode upon the cherubim and fléw; *
he came flying on the wings of the wínd.
- 6 He made darkness his covering round ábout him, *
dark waters and thick clouds his pávilion.
- 7 From the brightness of his presence, through the clóuds *
burst hailstones and coals of fire.
- 8 The Lord also thundered out of héav'n; *
the Most High uttered his voice with hailstones and coals of fire.
- 9 For you will save a lówly péople *
and bring down the high looks of the próud.
- 10 You also shall light my cándle; *
the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bríght.
- 11 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried in the fire; *
he is a shield to all who trúst in him.

Glory . . .

(Psalm 18. 1, 6, 7, 10-14, 28. 29. 31)

Form 5 Morning

A Song of Joy – Psalm 100.

Form 5 Evening

A Song of God's Splendour (Psalm 96.1-3,6-10a,13b)

1 Sing to the Lord a nēw sŏng; *
sing to the Lord, all thē eárh.

2 Sing to the Lord and blēss hīs náme; *
tell out his salvation from dáy tŏ dáy.

3 Declare his glory amŏng thē nátions *
and his wonders amŏng all péoples.

4 Honour and majesty áre bēfŏre him; *
power and splendour are in hīs sánctuary.

5 Ascribe to the Lord, you families ōf thē péoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honour and stréngth.

6 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due tŏ hīs náme; *
bring offerings and come intŏ hīs cóurts.

7 O worship the Lord in the beauty ōf hŏliness; *
let the whole earth tremblē bēfŏre him.

8 Tell it out among the nations that the Lŏrd is kíng. *
with righteousness he will judge the world and the peoples with hīs trúth.

Glory . . .

(Psalm 96.1-3,6-10a,13b)

Form 6 Morning

A Ordinary Time

A Song of Triumph – Psalm 95. 1-7 [8-11]

B Lent

A Song of Penitence

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your gr̄eat gōodness; *
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out mẏ off̄ences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly fr̄om mẏ w̄ickedness *
and cleanse me fr̄om mẏ s̄in.
- 3 For I acknowl̄edge mẏ f̄aults *
and my sin is ever b̄ef̄ore me.
- 4 Against you only h̄ave I s̄inned *
and done what is evil in youṙ s̄ight,
- 5 So that you are justified in youṙ s̄entence *
and righteous in youṙ j̄udgement.
- 6 Cast me not away fr̄om youṙ pr̄ésence *
and take not your h̄oly sp̄irit from me.
- 7 Give me again the joy of youṙ s̄alv̄ation *
and sustain me with your gr̄acious sp̄irit;
- 8 Then shall I teach youṙ ways t̄o th̄e w̄icked *
and sinners shall r̄et̄urn to you.
- 9 Deliver me from my guilt, O God, the God of mẏ s̄alv̄ation, *
and my tongue shall sing of youṙ r̄ighteousness.

Glory . . .

(Psalm 51.1-5,12-15)

B Passiontide

A Song of Lamentation

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow;
Which was brought upon me,
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage;
Remember my affliction and my bitterness,
the wormwood and the gall!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’
The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that we should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

For the Lord will not reject for ever;
though he causes grief, he will have compassion,
According to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Glory . . .

(Lamentations 1.12,16a,b; 3.19,22-26,31-33)

Form 6 Evening

A Song of Entreaty

- 1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; *
answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgement with your servant, *
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- 3 My spirit faints within me; *
my heart within me is desolate.
- 4 I stretch out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.
- 5 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; *
hide not your face from me lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 6 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for in you I put my trust; *
show me the way I should walk in, for I lift up my soul to you.
- 7 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; *
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.
- 8 Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake; *
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

Glory . . .

(Psalm 143. 1,2,4,6-8,10,11)

Form 7 Morning

A Song of God's Praise - Psalm 63. 1-9.

Form 7 Evening

A Song of God's Light

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid, *
and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
- 3 One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life
- 4 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek his will in his temple.
- 5 For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter; *
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock.
- 6 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Glory . . .

(Psalm 27.1,3-6,8)

Canticles 21, 62 or 64 are used on feasts and other occasions. They are to be found in the files entitled 'CANTICLES' (Files 5 and 6).

THE BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

Forms 1-7 Evening

R Let my prayer rise be fore you as in - cense,

The musical score consists of three systems of piano accompaniment. Each system has a treble and bass clef. The first system includes the lyrics 'R Let my prayer rise be fore you as in - cense,'. The music is in a minor key with a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system concludes the piece with a double bar line.

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips; R

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.
But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;
in you I take refuge; do not leave me defenceless. R

(Psalm 141.1-4b, 8)