

Psalm 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6

Reader: **Though I walk in the valley of darkness,
I fear no evil, for you are with me.**

All: Though I walk in the valley of darkness,
I fear no evil, for you are with me.

Reader: **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
in verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.**

*(Look up at the congregation and they will repeat the response.
Say it along with them.)*

All: Though I walk in the valley of darkness,
I fear no evil, for you are with me.

Reader: **He guides me in right paths
for his name sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.**

All: Though I walk in the valley of darkness,
I fear no evil, for you are with me.

Reader: **You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

All: Though I walk in the valley of darkness,
I fear no evil, for you are with me.

Reader: **Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come.**

All: Though I walk in the valley of darkness,
I fear no evil, for you are with me.

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Psalm 27:1, 4, 7 and 8b and 9a, 13-14

Reader: **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reader: **The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?**

**The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?**

*(Look up at the congregation and they will repeat the response.
Say it along with them.)*

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reader: **One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:**

**To dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life.**

**That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple.**

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reader: **Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.**

**Your presence, O LORD, I seek.
Hide not your face from me.**

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reader: **I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.**

**Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.**

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

(Now, please turn this page for the next reader.)

Psalm 121:1-8

Reader: **My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

All: My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Reader: **I raise my eyes toward the mountains:
From where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

*(Look up at the congregation and they will repeat the response.
Say it along with them.)*

All: My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Reader: **May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.**

All: My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Reader: **The LORD is your guardian and your shade
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun will not smite you,
nor the moon in the night.**

All: My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Reader: **The LORD will guard you from all evil;
he will guard your soul.
The LORD will guard your coming and going
both now and forever.**

All: My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

(Now, please turn this page for the next reader.)

Psalm 103:8, 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18

Reader: **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

All: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reader: **Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger, and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.**

*(Look up at the congregation and they will repeat the response.
Say it along with them.)*

All: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reader: **As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
For he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.**

All: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reader: **Man's days are like those of grass;
like a flower of the field he blooms;
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone,
and his place knows him no more.**

All: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reader: **But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity,
to eternity toward those who fear him,
And his justice toward children's children
among those who keep his covenant
and remember to fulfill his precepts.**

All: The Lord is kind and merciful.

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Psalm 116:5, 6, 10-11, 15-16ac

Reader: **I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Reader: **Gracious is the LORD and just;
yes, our God is merciful.
The LORD keeps the little ones;
I was brought low, and he saved me.**

*(Look up at the congregation and they will repeat the response.
Say it along with them.)*

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Reader: **I believed, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted";
I said in my alarm,
"No man is dependable."**

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Reader: **Precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.
O LORD, I am your servant,
you have loosed my bonds.**

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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Psalm 16

Reader: **Praise the Lord who is near the broken hearted.**

All: Praise the Lord who is near the broken hearted.

Reader: **Protect me, O God;
I trust in you for safety.
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
All the good things I have come from you."**

(Look up at the congregation and they will repeat the response.

Say it along with them.)

All: Praise the Lord who is near the broken hearted.

Reader: **And so I am thankful and glad,
And I feel completely secure,
Because you protect me from the power of death.
I have served you faithfully,
And you will not abandon me to the world of the dead.**

All: Praise the Lord who is near the broken hearted.

Reader: **You will show me the path that leads to life;
Your presence fills me with joy
And brings me pleasure forever.**

All: Praise the Lord who is near the broken hearted.

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Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8

Reader: **I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.**

All: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Reader: **Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.**

*(Look up at the congregation and they will repeat the response.
Say it along with them.)*

All: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Reader: **If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.**

All: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Reader: **I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.
My soul waits for the LORD
more than the sentinels wait for the dawn.**

All: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Reader: **More than the sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD,
For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.**

All: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

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Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Reader: **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

All: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Reader: **O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.**

*(Look up at the congregation and they will repeat the response.
Say it along with them.)*

All: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Reader: **Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.**

All: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Reader: **Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.**

All: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Reader: **You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.**

All: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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Psalm 84

Reader: **Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.**

All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Reader: **How lovely your dwelling, O LORD Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;
My heart and flesh cry out for the living God.**

*(Look up at the congregation and they will repeat the response.
Say it along with them.)*

All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Reader: **Even the sparrow has found a home
and the swallow a nest to settle her young,
My home is by your altars,
O LORD Almighty, my king and my God!**

All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Reader: **Blessed the man who finds refuge in you,
in their hearts are pilgrim roads.
As they pass through the Baca valley,
they find spring water to drink.
The early rain covers it with blessings.
They will go from strength to strength
and see the God of gods on Zion.**

All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Reader: **Hear my prayer, O LORD Almighty!
listen, God of Jacob.
O God, watch over our shield;
look upon the face of your anointed.
Better one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.
Better the threshold of the house of my God
than a home in the tents of the wicked.**

All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Reader: **For a sun and shield is the LORD God,
bestowing all grace and glory.
The LORD withholds no good thing
from those who walk without reproach.**

All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

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Psalm 25:6 and 7b, 17-18, 20-21

Reader: **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

All: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Reader: **Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your kindness are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.**

*(Look up at the congregation and they will repeat the response.
Say it along with them.)*

All: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Reader: **Relieve the troubles of my heart;
And bring me out of my distress.
Put an end to my affliction and my suffering;
and take away all my sins.**

All: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Reader: **Preserve my life and rescue me;
let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
Because I wait for you, O LORD.**

All: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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This Psalm selection would be totally SUNG by our choir with the congregation joining in the sung Refrain.

All other Psalm selections are READ.

Based on Psalm 23 – the Sung refrain is:

Reader: **Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life.**

All: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Reader: **God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.**

*(Look up at the congregation and they will repeat the response.
Say it along with them.)*

All: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Reader: **Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
My spirit shall sing the music of your name.**

All: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Reader: **Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.**

All: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Reader: **You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.**

All: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Reader: **Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.**

All: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

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