

Options for the Responsorial Psalm

Option 1 | Psalm 23

Response (R.) Reader: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

All: **The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Option 2 | Psalm 25

Response (R.) Reader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

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

Reader: Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

Relieve the anguish of my heart
and set me free from my distress.
See my affliction and my toil
and take all my sins away. **(R.)**

Preserve my life and rescue me.
Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.
May innocence and uprightness protect me:
for my hope is in you, O Lord. **(R.)**

Option 3 | Psalm 27

Response (R.) 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 help;
 whom shall I fear?
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
 before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**

 There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
 for this I long,
 to live in the house of the Lord,
 all the days of my life,
 to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
 to behold his temple. **(R.)**

 O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
 have mercy and answer.
 It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
 hide not your face. **(R.)**

 I am sure that I shall see the Lord's goodness
 in the land of the living.
 Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
 Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Option 4 | Psalm 42

Response (R.) Reader: My soul is thirsting for the living God:
when shall I see him face to face?

All: **My soul is thirsting for the living God:
when shall I see him face to face?**

Reader: Like the deer that yearns
for running streams,
so my soul is yearning
for you, my God. **(R.)**

My soul is thirsting for God,
the God of my life;
when can I enter and see
the face of God? **(R.)**

These things will I remember
as I pour out my soul:
how I would lead the rejoicing crowd
into the house of God,
amid the cries of gladness and thanksgiving,
the throng wild with joy. **(R.)**

Option 5 | Psalm 63

Response (R.) 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, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

You have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Option 6 | Psalm 103

Response (R.) Reader: The Lord is kind and merciful.

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

Reader: The Lord is compassion and love,
 slow to anger and rich in mercy.
 He does not treat us according to our sins
 nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**

 As a father has compassion on his sons,
 the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
 for he knows of what we are made,
 he remembers that we are dust. **(R.)**

 As for man, his days are like grass;
 he flowers like the flower of the field;
 the wind blows and he is gone
 and his place never sees him again. **(R.)**

 But the love of the Lord is everlasting
 upon those who hold him in fear;
 his justice reaches out to children's children
 when they keep his covenant in truth. **(R.)**

Option 7 | Psalm 115

Response (R.) 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: How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved. **(R.)**

I trusted even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted,'
and when I said in my alarm:
'No man can be trusted.' **(R.)**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**

Option 8 | Psalm 122

Response (R.) Reader: I rejoiced when I heard them say:
let us go to the house of the Lord.

All: **I rejoiced when I heard them say:
let us go the house of the Lord.**

Reader: I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**

For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David. **(R.)**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
‘Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces peace!’ **(R.)**

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

Option 9 | Psalm 130

Response (R.) Reader: Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord.

All: **Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord.**

Reader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
 Lord, hear my voice!
 O let your ears be attentive
 to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**

 If you, O Lord, should mark my guilt,
 Lord, who would survive?
 But with you is found forgiveness:
 for this we revere you. **(R.)**

 My soul is waiting for the Lord,
 I count on his word.
 My soul is longing for the Lord
 more than watchman for daybreak. **(R.)**

 Because with the Lord there is mercy
 and fullness of redemption,
 Israel indeed he will redeem
 from all its iniquity. **(R.)**