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# SELECTIONS OF PSALMS,

*To be used instead of the Psalms of the Day, at the discretion of the Minister.*

## SELECTION I.

From Psalm *xix. Cæli enarrant.*

**T**He heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy-work.

One day telleth another; and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language; but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands; and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy fer-

vant taught; and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth; O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord; my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm *xxiv. Domini est terra.*

**T**He earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas; and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord; and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of those who seek him; even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

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Who is the King of glory? it is the Lord, strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Psalm ciii. *Benedic, anima mea.*

**P**raise the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thy sin; and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction; and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment; for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

He shewed his ways unto Moses; his works unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not always be chiding; neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him!

Look how wide also the east is from the west; so far hath he set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his

own children; even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

For he knoweth whereof we are made; he remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass; for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him; and his righteousness upon childrens children;

Even upon such as keep his covenant: and think upon his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord, ye Angels of his, ye that excel in strength; ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion; praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

### SELECTION II.

From Psalm cxxxix. *Domine, probasti.*

**O** Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me; thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed; and spiest out all my ways.

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For lo, there is not a word in my tongue; but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before; and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit? or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning; and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me; then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day; the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

For my reins are thine; thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

My bones are not hid from thee; though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book were all my members written,

Which day by day were fashioned; when as yet there was none of them.

How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God; O how great is the sum of them!

If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand; when I wake up I am present with thee.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me; and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm cxlv. *Exaltabo te, Deus.*

**I** Will magnify thee, O God, my King, and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto thee, and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised; there is no end of his greatness.

One generation shall praise thy works unto another, and declare thy power.

As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;

So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; and I will also tell of thy greatness.

The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed, and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful; long suffering and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving unto every man, and his mercy is over all his works.

All thy works praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

They shew the glory of thy Kingdom, and talk of thy power;

That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom, might be known unto men.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

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kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

The Lord upholdeth all such as fall, and lifteth up all those that are down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord, and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him; yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him, he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him; but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

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### SELECTION III.

Psalm li. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

**H**Ave mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight, that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness; and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

Psalm xlii. *Quemadmodum.*

**L**Ike as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day

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day and night; while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

4 Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself; for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;

In the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among such as keep holy-day.

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

The Lord hath granted his loving kindness in the day-time; and in the night-season did I sing of him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life.

I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

Namely, while they say daily unto me, Where is now thy God?

Why art thou so vexed, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God; for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

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### S E L E C T I O N   I V.

Psalm xxxvii. *Noli æmulari.*

**F**Ret not thyself because of the ungodly; neither be thou envious against the evil doers.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and be withered even as the green herb.

Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good; dwell in the

land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thou in the Lord, and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.

Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him, and he shall bring it to pass.

He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light; and thy just dealing as the noon-day.

Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him; but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.

Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure; fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

Wicked doers shall be rooted out; and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone; thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.

But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth; and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.

The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just; and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

The Lord shall laugh him to scorn; for he hath seen that his day is coming.

The ungodly have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as are of a right conversation.

Their sword shall go through their own heart, and their bow shall be broken.

A small thing that the righteous hath; is better than great riches of the ungodly;

For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken, and the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

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The Lord knoweth the days of the godly, and their inheritance shall endure for ever.

They shall not be confounded in the perilous time; and in the days of dearth they shall have enough.

As for the ungodly, they shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall consume as the fat of lambs; yea, even as the smoke shall they consume away.

The ungodly borroweth, and payeth not again; but the righteous is merciful and liberal.

Such as are blessed of God, shall possess the land; and they that are cursed of him, shall be rooted out.

The Lord ordereth a good man's going, and maketh his way acceptable to himself.

Though he fall, he shall not be cast away; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

I have been young, and now am old; and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread.

The righteous is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

Flee from evil, and do the thing that is good; and dwell for evermore.

For the Lord loveth the thing that is right; he forsaketh not his that be godly, but they are preferred for ever.

The unrighteous shall be punished; as for the seed of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out.

The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever.

The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom, and his tongue will be talking of judgment.

The law of his God is in his heart; and his goings shall not slide.

The ungodly seeth the righteous, and seeketh occasion to slay him.

The Lord will not leave him in his hand; nor condemn him when he is judged.

Hope thou in the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall promote thee, that thou shalt possess the land: when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.

I myself have seen the ungodly in great power, and flourishing like a green bay-tree.

I went by, and lo, he was gone; I sought him, but his place could no where be found.

Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right; for that shall bring a man peace at the last.

As for the transgressors, they shall perish together; and the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out at the last.

But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord, who is also their strength in the time of trouble.

And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them; he shall deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.

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### SELECTION V.

Psalm i. *Beatus vir, qui non abiit.*

**B**lessed is the man, that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful:

But his delight is in the law of the

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the Lord; and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side; that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither; and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them, but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment, neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm xv. *Domine, quis habitabit?*

**L**ord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart:

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour; and hath not slandered his neighbour:

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes, and maketh much of them that fear the Lord:

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not, thou it were to his own hindrance.

He that hath not given his money upon usury, nor taken reward against the innocent.

Whofo doeth these things, shall never fall.

Psalm xci. *Qui habitat.*

**W**hofo dwelleth under the defence of the most High,

shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold; my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; his faithfulnes and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope; thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his Angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands; that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; yea, I am with him



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him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

### SELECTION VI.

From Psalm xxxii. *Beati, quorum.*

**B**lessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

I will acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord; and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found; but in the great waters they shall not come nigh him.

Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go, and I will guide thee with mine eye.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly; but whose putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Psalm cxxx. *De profundis.*

**O**ut of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amidst, O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

Psalm cxxi. *Levavi oculus meos.*

**I** Will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper; the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day; neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in; from this time forth for evermore.

### SELECTION VII.

Psalm xxiii. *Dominus regit me.*

**T**he Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture,

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ture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm xxxiv. *Benedicam Domino.*

**I** Will always give thanks unto the Lord, his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me; and let us magnify his Name together.

I fought the Lord, and he heard me; yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him; yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is; blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye that are his Saints; for they that fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; but they who seek the

Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that lusteth to live, and would fain see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

Eschew evil, and do good; seek peace, and ensue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers.

The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

He keepeth all his bones, so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants; and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Psalm lxxv. *Te decet hymnus.*

**T**Hou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer; unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me; O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man whom thou choofest, and receivest unto thee;

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he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea, and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens, thou that makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blestest it; thou makest it very plentiful.

The river of God is full of water; thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little vallies thereof; thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blestest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness, and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep; the vallies also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

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### SELECTION VIII.

From Psalm lxxxiv. *Quam dilecta!*

**O** How amiable are thy dwellings; thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be always praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery, use it for a well; and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength, and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob:

For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God; than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence; the Lord will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Psalm lxxxv. *Benedixisti, Domine.*

**L**ord, thou art become gracious unto thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people; and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

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Turn us then, O God our Saviour, and let thine anger cease from us.

Wilt thou be displeas'd at us for ever? and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us; that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord; and grant us thy salvation.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me; for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kiss'd each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth, and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness, and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him; and he shall direct his going in the way.

*Pfalm vciii. Dominus regnavit.*

**T**He Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel; the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

He hath made the round world so sure, that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began hath thy feat been prepared; thou art from everlasting.

The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly, but yet the

Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure; holiness becometh thine house for ever.

*Pfalm xcvi. Dominus regnavit.*

**T**He Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof; yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his seat.

There shall go a fire before him, and burn up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings gave shine unto the world; the earth saw it, and was afraid.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord; at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens have declared his righteousness, and all the people have seen his glory.

Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods; worship him, all ye gods.

Sion heard of it, and rejoiced; and the daughters of Juda were glad, because of thy judgments, O Lord.

For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth; thou art exalted far above all gods.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil; the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous; and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous,

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teous, and give thanks for a remembrance of his holinefs.

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### SELECTION IX.

Pfalms viii. *Domine, Dominus nofter.*

**O** Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world; thou haft fet thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and fuck-lings haft thou ordained ftrength, becaufe of thine enemies, that thou mighteft ftill the enemy and the avenger.

For I will confider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers; the moon and the ftars, which thou haft ordained.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the fon of man, that thou vifiteft him?

Thou madeft him lower than the angels, to crown him with glory and worfhip.

Thou makeft him to have dominion of the works of thy hands; and thou haft put all things in fubjection under his feet;

All fheep and oxen; yea, and the beafts of the field;

The fowls of the air, and the fifhes of the fea; and whatfoever walketh through the paths of the fea.

O Lord our Governor: how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

From Pfalm xxxiii. *Exultate, jufti.*

**R**ejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the juft to be thankful.

Praife the Lord with harp; fing praifes unto him with the lute, and inftrument of ten ftings.

Sing unto the Lord a new fong;

sing praifes unto him with a good courage.

For the word of the Lord is true, and all his works are faithful.

He loveth righteousnefs and judgment; the earth is full of the goodnefs of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the hofts of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the fea together, as it were upon an heap, and layeth up the deep as in a treafure-houfe.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; ftand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world;

For he fpake, and it was done; he commanded, and it ftood faft.

Pfalms cxlvii. *Laudate Dominum.*

**O** Praife the Lord, for it is a good thing to fing praifes unto our God; yea, a joyful and pleafant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerufalem, and gather together the outcafts of Ifrael.

He healeth thofe that are broken in heart, and giveth medicine to heal their ficknefs.

He telleth the number of the ftars, and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power; yea, and his wifdom is infinite.

The Lord fetteth up the meek, and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O fing unto the Lord with thankfgiving; fing praifes upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heavens with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth; and maketh the grafs to

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grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle; and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

The Lord's delight is in those who fear him, and put their trust in his mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Sion.

For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates, and hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the flower of wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth, and his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool; and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels; who is able to abide his frost?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them; he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.

He sheweth his word unto Jacob; his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation, neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

From Psalm lvii. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

**S**ET up thyself, O God, above the heavens; and thy glory above all the earth.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise.

Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp: I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people, and I will sing unto thee among the nations.

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For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens; and thy glory above all the earth.

### S E L E C T I O N X.

From Psalm xcvi. *Cantate Domino.*

**O** Sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name; be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour unto the heathen, and his wonders unto all people.

For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

Psalm cxlviii. *Laudate Dominum.*

**O** Praise the Lord of heaven; praise him in the height.

Praise him all ye angels of his; praise him all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, all ye heavens, and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever; he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord upon earth; ye dragons, and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and vapours, wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars;

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Beasts and all cattle; worms and feathered fowls;

Kings of the earth and all people; princes, and all judges of the world;

Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord; for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

He shalt exalt the horn of his people: all his saints shall praise him: even the children of Israel, even the people the serveth him.

From Psalm cxlix. *Cantate Domino.*

**O** Sing unto the Lord a new song; let the congregation of saints praise him.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him, and let the children of sion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance, let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

For the Lord hath pleasure in his people, and helpeth the meek-hearted.

Psalm cl. *Laudate Dominum.*

**O** Praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet; praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

¶ *Portions of Psalms, to be sung or said, at Morning Prayer, on certain Feasts and Fasts, instead of the "Venite Exultemus," when any of the foregoing Selections are to follow instead of the Psalms, as in the table.*

### CHRISTMAS-DAY.

From Psalms xlv. lxxxix. cx.

**T**HY feat, O God, endureth forever; the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord; with my mouth will I ever be showing thy truth from one generation to another.

For I have said, mercy shall be set up for ever; thy truth shalt thou establish in the heavens.

The Lord is our defence, the holy one of Israel is our King.

Thou spaketh sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty, I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

I will set his dominion in the sea, and his right hand in the floods.

And I will make him my first-born, higher than the kings of the earth.

The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion; be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.

In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with

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with an holy worship; the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

The Lord sware, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Meichize-dech.

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### ASH-WEDNESDAY.

From Pſalms xxxii. xxxviii. cxxx.

**B**lessed is he, whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man, unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Put me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger; neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure:

For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me fore.

My wickednesses are gone over my head, and are like a fore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

I will confess my wickednesses, and be sorry for my sin.

Haste thee to help me, O Lord, God of my salvation.

Out of the depth have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

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### GOOD-FRIDAY.

From Pſalms xxii. lxix. xl.

**M**Y God my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me? and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

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But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

He trusted in God, that he would deliver him; let him deliver him, if he will have him.

The council of the wicked layeth siege against me; they pierced my hands and my feet.

They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord; O my strength, haste thee to help me.

Thy rebuke hath broken my heart; I am full of heaviness; I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me.

They gave me gall to eat; and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

Sacrifice and meat-offering thou wouldest not, but mine ears hast thou opened.

Burnt-offerings and sacrifice for sin hast thou not required: Then said I, Lo, I come;

In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God: I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.

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### ASCENSION-DAY.

From Pſalms xxiv. xlvii.

**L**ift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

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Who is the King of Glory? the Lord strong and mighty; even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is the King of Glory? Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

O clap your hands together, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.

God is gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham; for the shields of the earth belong unto God. He is greatly exalted.

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### WHITSUNDAY.

From Psalms ii. lxxviii.

**I** Will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Be wise now, therefore, O ye

kings; be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Sing unto God, sing praises to his name; extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name Jah, and rejoice before him.

Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance, and refreshedst it when it was weary.

The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those that published it.

Though ye have lain among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

Thou hast ascended on high; thou hast led captivity captive; thou has received gifts for men, yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Bless the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits; even the God of our salvation.

Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises unto the Lord;

To him that rideth upon the heaven of heavens, which were of old: Lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

Ascribe ye strength unto God; his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.

O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places; the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.