

Blessed is the Man

The First Kathisma of the Psalter

(First Stasis)

Psalm I

Chanter: Blessed is the Man who never goes by the advice | of the godless...

People:

Bless - ed is the man who never goes by the advice of the god - less.

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody from the first system. It features a repeat sign at the end. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Reader: ...Who never loiters in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the destructive, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who reflects on his law day and night. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves do not fall; and all that He does prospers. Not so the godless, not so! No, they are like dust which the wind hurls from the face of the earth. So the godless will not rise at the judgment, nor sinners at the gathering of the righteous.

Chanter: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the god | less is doomed.

People:

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the god-

The third system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are written below the notes.

- less is doomed. Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

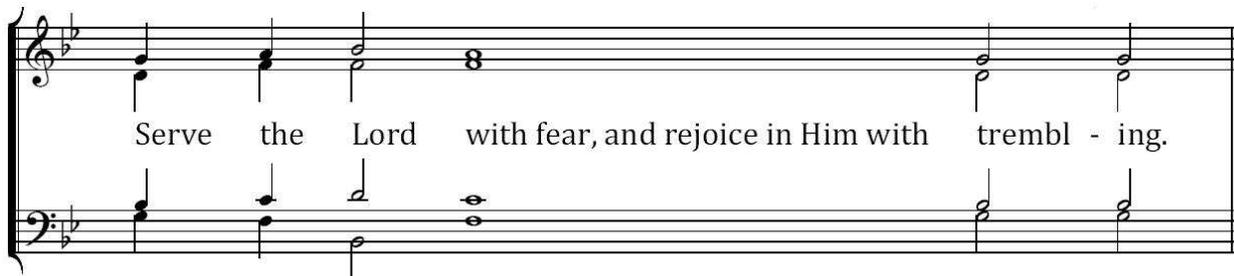
The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody from the third system. It features a repeat sign at the end. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Psalm 2

Reader: Why do the nations rage, and the peoples cherish vain dreams? The kings of the earth take their stand and its rulers join forces together against the Lord and against his Christ. 'Let us break their bonds asunder and throw off their yoke from us.' He Who dwells in heaven will laugh at them; the Lord will hold them in derision. Then He will speak to them in his wrath, and alarm them in his fury. But I am appointed king by Him over Sion, his holy mountain, proclaiming the Lord's decree. The Lord said to me, 'Thou art my Son. Today I have begotten Thee. Ask of Me, and I will give Thee the nations for thy inheritance, and the ends of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt rule them with a rod of iron, and crush them like a potter's vessel.' And now, you kings, understand; all you rulers of the earth, take warning.

Chanter: Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice in | Him with trembling.

People:



Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice in Him with trembl - ing.

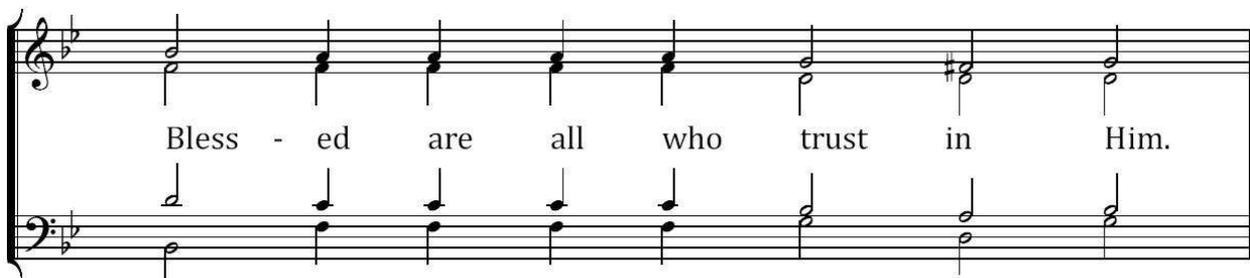


Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Reader: Embrace correction and discipline, lest the Lord be angry, and you perish through leaving the right way. When his fury suddenly blazes out...

Chanter: ...blessed are all who | trust in Him.

People:



Bless - ed are all who trust in Him.

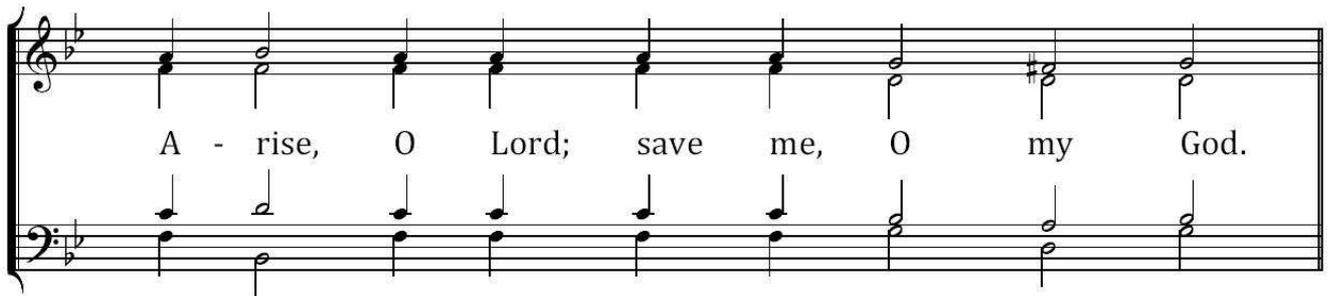


Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Psalm 3

Reader: Lord, how many are those who trouble me! How many are rising up against me! How many are saying of my soul: 'There is no salvation for him in his God.' But Thou, O Lord, art my protector, my glory, and the lifter up of my head. I cry to the Lord with my voice, and He answers me from his holy mountain. I lie down to rest and I sleep, I awake and rise, for the Lord sustains me. I will not be afraid of myriads of people ranged on every side against me.

Chanter: Arise, O Lord; save me, | O my God.



A - rise, O Lord; save me, O my God.

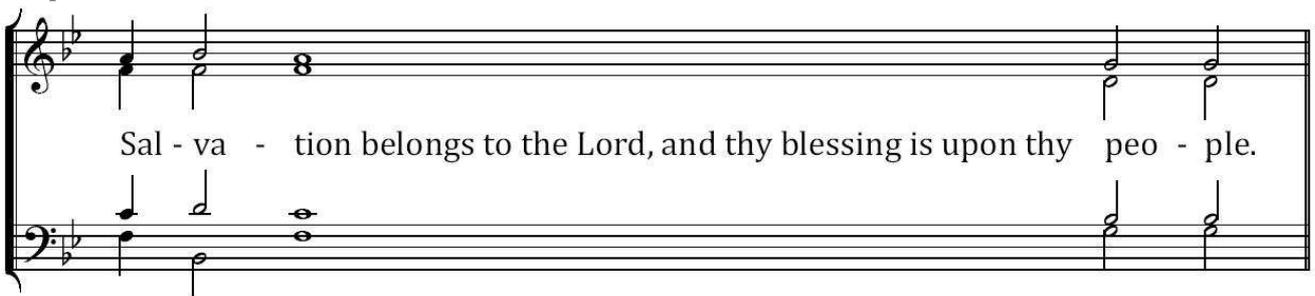


Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Reader: For Thou strikest all who vainly oppose me; Thou breakest the teeth of sinners.

Chanter: Salvation belongs to the Lord, and thy blessing is up | on thy people.

People:



Sal - va - tion belongs to the Lord, and thy blessing is upon thy peo - ple.



Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit;

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of a - ges. A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glo - ry to Thee, O God!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Glo-ry to Thee, O God!