

Antiphons

For the Conferral of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

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from the *Roman Missal*

All the prayers given for a man may be adapted for a woman, with the necessary change of gender, or adapted for several individuals, with the necessary change to the plural.

Where more than set of texts is given they may be used interchangeably, e.g. for Confirmation Entrance Antiphon A may be used with Communion Antiphon B.

1. For the Election or Enrollment of Names

The rite of “election” or “enrollment of names” for catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil should be celebrated during the Mass of the First Sunday of Lent. If, for pastoral reasons, it is celebrated apart from this Sunday, the Mass that follows may be used with the color violet on any day except those listed in nos. 1-4 of the Table of Liturgical Days. The Mass of the Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent may also be used.

2. For the Celebration of the Scrutinies

These Masses may be used when the Scrutinies for the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil are celebrated at the time proper for them, namely, on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. If, however, for pastoral reasons, the Scrutinies cannot take place on these Sundays, other appropriate weekdays may be chosen in Lent, or, whenever Baptism is to be conferred outside the Easter Vigil, also at other times of the year. Nevertheless, in the first Mass of the Scrutinies, the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman is always read, in the second, that of the Man born blind, in the third, that of Lazarus, as given respectively for the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

3. For the Conferral of Baptism

The Sacraments of Christian Initiation are usually conferred on adults during the Vigil of the Holy Night of Easter. If, however, they are celebrated apart from the Paschal Solemnity because of necessity, this Mass may be used on days when Ritual Masses are permitted.

This Mass may also be said for the conferral of the Baptism of infants, under the same conditions.

4. For the Conferral of Confirmation

This Mass is used at the conferral of Confirmation on days when Ritual Masses are permitted.

MUSIC NOTE

The settings of Election and Scrutinies are based on the Lent Antiphons; Baptism and Confirmation on the Easter Antiphons.

When Baptism and Confirmation are celebrated in the Easter Season an Alleluia is added to the end of the antiphon. Outside that season it may be omitted. Where that is the case the Confirmation Communion Antiphon should end on an A major chord.

FOR THE ELECTION OR ENROLMENT OF NAMES

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Psalm 104(105):3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord re - joice; turn to the Lord and his strength;

constant - ly seek his face.

Psalm 62 (63):2-9

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.
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.
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.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

Glory be...

Alternative Psalm verses

Psalm 104 (105): 1-11, 43-45

FOR THE ELECTION OR ENROLMENT OF NAMES

Communion Antiphon

Ephesians 1:7

In Christ, we have re-demp - tion by his Blood and for - give - ness of our sins,

in ac - cord with the riches of his grace.

Psalm 129 (130)

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.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

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

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

Glory be...

Alternative Psalm verses

Ephesians 1:3-10

Celebration of the Scrutinies

A: FOR THE FIRST SCRUTINY

Entrance Antiphon I

Ezechiel 36:23–26

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands;

and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities,

and I will give you a new spirit says the Lord.

†

Ezekiel 36:24–28

I will take you from the nations, †
and gather you from all the countries,
and bring you into your own land.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, †
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

A new heart I will give you,
and a new spirit I will put within you;
and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone,
and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put my spirit within you, †
and cause you to walk in my statutes
and be careful to observe my ordinances.

You shall dwell in the land
which I gave to your fathers;
and you shall be my people,
and I will be your God.

Glory be...

Alternative Psalm verses

Psalm 33 (34)

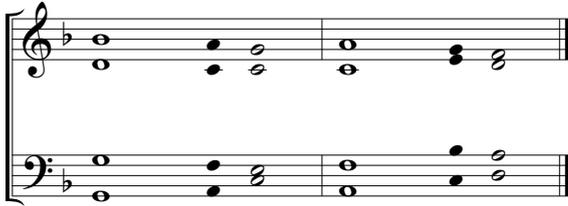
A: FOR THE FIRST SCRUTINY

Entrance Antiphon II

cf. Isaiah 55:1



Come to the waters, you who are thirsty, says the Lord; you who have no money, come and drink joy-ful-ly.



Isaiah 55:1-5

Every one who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Hearken diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

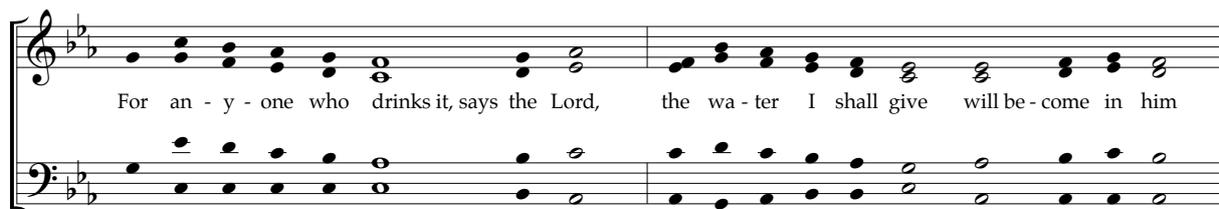
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
Behold, you shall call nations that you know not,
and nations that knew you not shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you

Glory be...

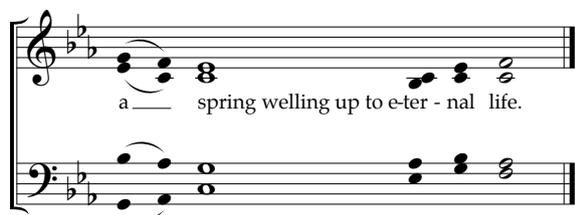
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Communion Antiphon

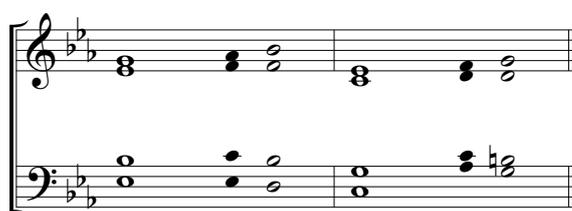
cf. John 4:14



For an - y - one who drinks it, says the Lord, the wa - ter I shall give will be - come in him



a — spring welling up to e-ter - nal life.



Isaiah 12:1-2, 4-6 [1-6]

I thank you, Lord, you were angry with me
but your anger has passed and you give me comfort.

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he is my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.
Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples.

Declare the greatness of his name,
sing a psalm to the Lord!
For he has done glorious deeds;
make them known to all the earth.

People of Sion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory be...

Alternative Psalm verses

Psalm 22 (23)
Isaiah 55:1-5

B: FOR THE SECOND SCRUTINY

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Psalm 24(25):15-6

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me,

for I am a - lone and poor.

†

Psalm 24 (25): 1-2, 15-22

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. †
I trust you, let me not be disappointed;
do not let my enemies triumph.

My eyes are always on the Lord;
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy
for I am lonely and poor.

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.

See how many are my foes;
how violent their hatred for me.
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.
Redeem Israel, O God, from all its distress.

Glory be...

Alternative Psalm verses

Psalm 56 (57)

B: FOR THE SECOND SCRUTINY

Communion Antiphon

cf. John 9: 11, 38

The Lord a-noin - ted my eyes: I went, — I — washed, I saw and I be-lieved in God.

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Psalm 26 (27)

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?

When evil-doers draw near
to devour my flesh,
it is they, my enemies and foes,
who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me
my heart would not fear.
Though war break out against me
even then would I trust.

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.

For there he keeps me safe in his tent
in the day of evil.
He hides me in the shelter of his tent,
on a rock he sets me safe.

And now my head shall be raised †
above my foes who surround me
and I shall offer within his tent
a sacrifice of joy.
I will sing and make music for the Lord.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
“Seek his face”.

It is your face, O Lord that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me,
O God my help!
Though father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will receive me.

Instruct me, Lord, in your way;
on an even path lead me.
When they lie in ambush protect me
from my enemy’s greed.
False witnesses rise against me,
breathing out fury.

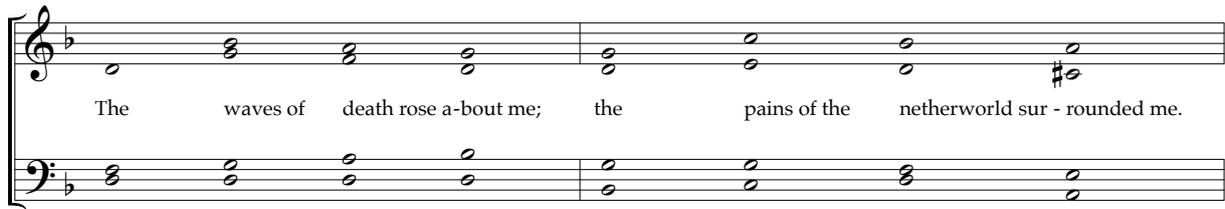
I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

Glory be...

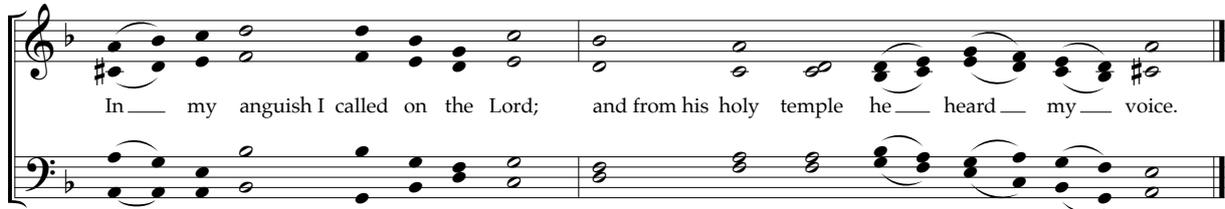
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Entrance Antiphon

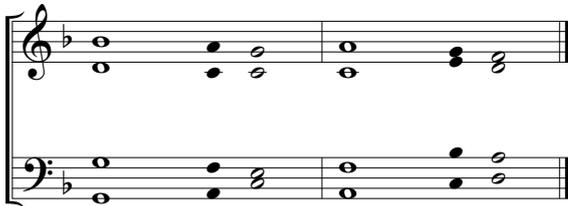
cf. Ps 17 (18):5-7



The waves of death rose a-bout me; the pains of the netherworld sur - rounded me.



In my anguish I called on the Lord; and from his holy temple he heard my voice.



Psalm 17 (18):2-7

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

The waves of death rose about me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;
the snares of the grave entangled me;
the traps of death confronted me.

In my anguish I called to the Lord;
I cried to my God for help.
From his temple he heard my voice;
my cry came to his ears.

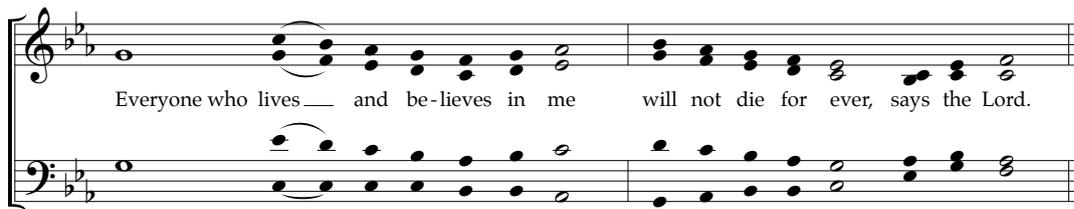
Alternative Psalm verses

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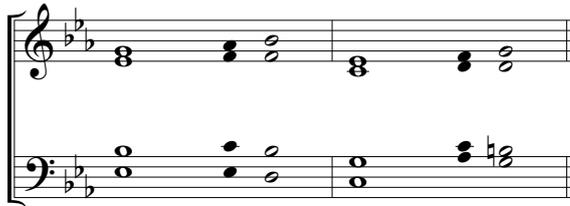
C — FOR THE THIRD SCRUTINY

Communion Antiphon

cf. John 11:26



Everyone who lives — and be-lieves in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.



Psalms 115 (116):10–19

I trusted even when I said:
“I am sorely afflicted,”
and when I said in my alarm:
“No man can be trusted.”

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord’s name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people.
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.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord’s name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Glory be...

FOR THE CONFERRAL OF BAPTISM — A

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Ephesians 4:24

Put on the new man, cre-ated in the im - age of God in righteousness and holiness of truth.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Psalm 8

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!

Your majesty is praised above the heavens;
on the lips of children and of babes
you have found praise to foil your enemy,
to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
The moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a God;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!

Glory be...

FOR THE CONFERRAL OF BAPTISM — A

Communion Antiphon

cf. 1 John 3:1

See what love the Father has be - stowed on us. that we may be called and

may tru - ly be the chil-dren of God. al - le - lu - ia.

Psalm 102(103)

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion,
who fills your life with good things,
renewing your youth like an eagle's

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgment for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

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.

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.

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,
when they keep his will in their mind.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,†
mighty in power, fulfilling his word,
who heed the voice of his word.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts,
his servants who do his will.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his works,†
in every place where he rules.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord!

Glory be...

Alternative Psalm verses

Psalm 33 (34) or Ephesians 1:3-10

FOR THE CONFERRAL OF BAPTISM — B

Entrance Antiphon

Titus 3:5, 7

God has saved us through the bath that gives re - birth and renewal in the Ho - ly Spirit,

that, justified by his grace, we may be-come heirs with the hope of e-ter-nal life.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

†

Ezekiel 36:24–28

I will take you from the nations, †
and gather you from all the countries,
and bring you into your own land.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, †
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

A new heart I will give you,
and a new spirit I will put within you;
and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone,
and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put my spirit within you, †
and cause you to walk in my statutes
and be careful to observe my ordinances.

You shall dwell in the land
which I gave to your fathers;
and you shall be my people,
and I will be your God.

Glory be...

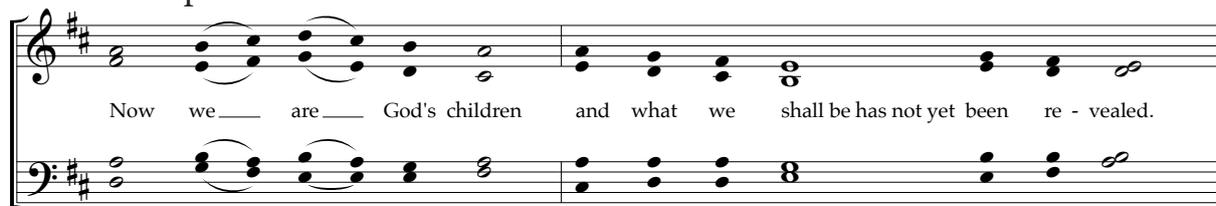
Alternative Psalm verses

Psalm 22 (23) or Psalm 50 (51): 3–4., 8–9, 12–13, 14, 17

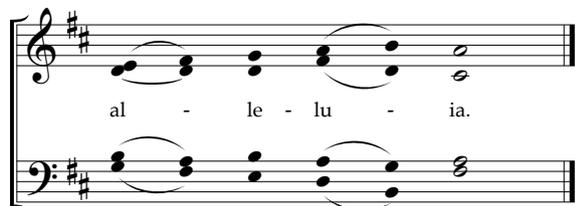
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Communion Antiphon

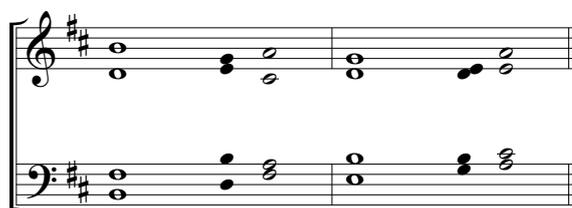
cf. 1 John 3:2



Now we are God's children and what we shall be has not yet been re - vealed.



al - le - lu - ia.



Ephesians 1:3–10

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

He chose us in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy
and blameless before him.

He destined us in love
to be his sons through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of his will, †
to the praise of his glorious grace,
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace,
which he lavished upon us.

He has made known to us †
in all wisdom and insight
the mystery of his will,
according to his purpose,
which he set forth in Christ

His purpose he set forth in Christ
as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in him,
things in heaven and things on earth.

Glory be...

Alternative Psalm verses

Psalm 33 (34)

FOR THE CONFERRAL OF CONFIRMATION — A

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Ezekiel: 36:25–26

Thus — says the Lord: I will pour clean water up-on you and I will — give you a new heart;

a new spirit I will put with-in you. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

†

Ezekiel 36:24–28

I will take you from the nations, †
and gather you from all the countries,
and bring you into your own land.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, †
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

A new heart I will give you,
and a new spirit I will put within you;
and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone,
and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put my spirit within you, †
and cause you to walk in my statutes
and be careful to observe my ordinances.

You shall dwell in the land
which I gave to your fathers;
and you shall be my people,
and I will be your God.

Glory be...

Alternative Psalm verses

Psalm 22 (23)

FOR THE CONFERRAL OF CONFIRMATION — A

Communion Antiphon

cf. Hebrews 6:4

Re-joice in the Lord, all you who have been en-lightened, who have tasted the gift from heaven

and have been made sharers in the Ho-ly Spirit. al - le - lu - ia.

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Psalm 33(34)

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.
Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.
The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.
Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.
Come, children and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.
They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.
Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
Glory be...

FOR THE CONFERRAL OF CONFIRMATION — B

Entrance Antiphon

Romans 5:5; cf 8:11

The love of God has been poured in - to our hearts

through the Spi - rit of God dwel - ling with - in us, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Psalm 102(103)

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion,
who fills your life with good things,
renewing your youth like an eagle's

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgment for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

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.

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.

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,
when they keep his will in their mind.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,†
mighty in power, fulfilling his word,
who heed the voice of his word.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts,
his servants who do his will.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his works,†
in every place where he rules.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord!

Glory be...

Alternative Psalm verses

Psalm 62(63): 2-9

18 — *Confirmation*

FOR THE CONFERRAL OF CONFIRMATION — B

Communion Antiphon

cf. Psalm 33 (34): 6, 9

Look ___ to - wards him and ___ be radiant; let your fa - ces not be ___ a - bashed.

Taste ___ and see that the Lord ___ is good. Bles-sed the man who seeks re-fuge in him. al - le - lu - ia.

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Psalm 33(34)

I will bless the Lord at all times,
 his praise always on my lips;
 in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
 The humble shall hear and be glad.
 Glorify the Lord with me.
 Together let us praise his name.
 I sought the Lord and he answered me;
 from all my terrors he set me free.
 Look towards him and be radiant;
 let your faces not be abashed.
 This poor man called; the Lord heard him
 and rescued him from all his distress.
 The angel of the Lord is encamped
 around those who revere him, to rescue them.
 Taste and see that the Lord is good.
 He is happy who seeks refuge in him.
 Revere the Lord, you his saints.
 They lack nothing, those who revere him.
 Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
 but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.
 Come, children and hear me
 that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
 Who is he who longs for life
 and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil
 and your lips from speaking deceit.
 Turn aside from evil and do good;
 seek and strive after peace.
 The Lord turns his face against the wicked
 to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
 The Lord turns his eyes to the just
 and his ears to their appel.
 They call and the Lord hears
 and rescues them in all their distress.
 The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
 those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
 Many are the trials of the just man
 but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
 He will keep guard over all his bones,
 not one of his bones shall be broken.
 Evil brings death to the wicked;
 those who hate the good are doomed.
 The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
 Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
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