

The Psalter, or Psalms of David

The first Day at Morning Prayer

PSALM 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

Tone I B 1



BLESSED 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.

2. But his delight is in the / law of the Lord; * and in his law will he
exercise / himself day and night.
3. And he shall be like a tree planted / by the water-side, * that will
bring forth his fruit / in due season.
4. His leaf also / shall not wither; * and look, whatsoever he doeth, / it
shall prosper.
5. 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.
6. Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to / stand in the judgment, *
neither the sinners in the congregation / of the righteous.
7. But the Lord knoweth the / way of the righteous; * and the way of
the ungod/ly shall perish.

Glory be to the / Father, and to the Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, * world /
without end. Amen.

PSALM 2 *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

Tone III A 4



WHY DO the heathen so furiously / rage together? * and why do the
people imagine / a vain thing?

2. The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take / counsel
together * against the Lord, and against his / Anointed:



3. Let us break their / bonds asunder, * and cast away / their cords
from us.
4. He that dwelleth in heaven shall / laugh them to scorn: * the Lord
shall have them in / derision.
5. Then shall he speak unto / them in his wrath, * and vex them in his
sore / displeasure:
6. - / Yet have I set my King * upon my holy hill / of Zion.
7. I will re/hearse the decree; * the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art
my Son, this day have I / begotten thee.
8. Desire of me, and I shall give thee the nations for / thine
inheritance, * and the utmost parts of the earth for thy / possession.
9. Thou shalt bruise them with a / rod of iron, * and break them in
pieces like a pot/ter's vessel.
10. Be wise now / therefore, O ye kings; * be instructed, ye that are
judg/es of the earth.
11. - / Serve the Lord in fear, * and rejoice unto him / with reverence.
12. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, † and so ye perish from the right
way, if his wrath be kindled, / yea but a little * Blessed are all they
that put / their trust in him.
- Glory be to the / Father, and to the Son, * and to / the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, * world
with/out end. Amen.

PSALM 3 *Domine, quid multiplicati?*

Tone II 1



- LORD, HOW are they increased that / trouble me! * many are they
that rise / against me.
2. Many one there be that say of my / soul, * There is no help for
him / in his God.
3. But thou, O Lord, art my de/fender; * thou art my worship, and the
lifter up / of my head.



4. I did call upon the Lord with my / voice, * and he heard me out
of / his holy hill.
5. I laid me down and slept, and rose / up again; * for the Lord /
sustained me.
6. I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the / people, * that have set
themselves against / me round about.
7. Up, Lord, and help me, O my / God, * for thou smitest all mine
enemies upon the cheek-bone; thou hast broken the teeth of
the / ungodly.
8. Salvation belongeth unto the / Lord; * and thy blessing is upon / thy
people.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the / Son, * and to / the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, * world
with/out end. Amen.

PSALM 4 *Cum invocarem*

Tone VIII 1



- HEAR ME when I call, O God of my / righteousness: * thou hast set
me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and
hear/ken unto my prayer.
2. O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine / honor, * and
have such pleasure in vanity, and seek / after falsehood?
3. Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that
is / godly; * when I call upon the Lord / he will hear me.
4. Stand in awe, and / sin not; * commune with your own heart, and in
your / chamber, and be still.
5. Offer the sacrifice of / righteousness, * and put your / trust in the
Lord.
6. There be many that / say, * Who will / show us any good?
7. Lord, lift thou / up * the light of thy countenance upon us.



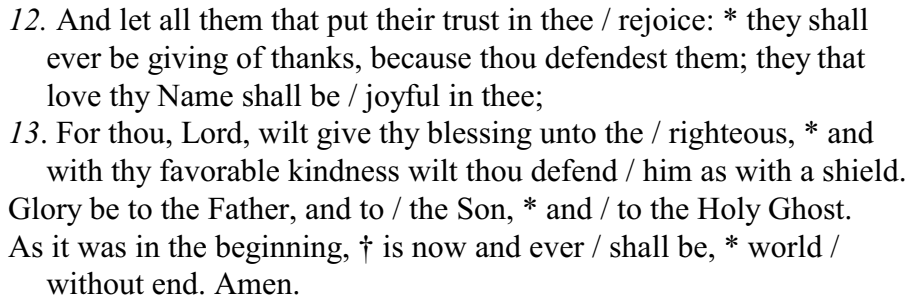
8. Thou hast put gladness in my / heart; * yea, more than when their
corn and / wine and oil increase.
9. I will lay me down in peace, and take my / rest; * for it is thou,
Lord, only, that makest me / dwell in safety.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the / Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost.
- As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, * world /
without end. Amen.

PSALM 5 *Verba mea auribus*

Tone I A 4



- PONDER my words, / O Lord, * consider my / meditation.
2. O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and / my
God: * for unto thee / will I make my prayer.
3. My voice shalt thou hear betimes, / O Lord; * early in the morning
will I direct my prayer unto thee, / and will look up.
4. For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wick/edness; * neither
shall any / evil dwell with thee.
5. Such as be foolish shall not stand in / thy sight; * for thou hatest all
them that / work iniquity.
6. Thou shalt destroy them that / speak lies: * the Lord will abhor both
the blood-thirsty / and deceitful man.
7. But as for me, in the multitude of thy mercy I will come into / thine
house; * and in thy fear will I worship toward thy / holy temple.
8. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine en/emies; *
make thy way / plain before my face.
9. For there is no faithfulness in / their mouth; * their inward parts
are / very wickedness.
10. Their throat is an open se/pulchre; * they / flatter with their
tongue.
11. Destroy thou them, O God; let them perish through their own
imagi/nations; * cast them out in the multitude of their
ungodliness; for they have re/belled against thee.



13. For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the / righteous, * and
with thy favorable kindness wilt thou defend / him as with a shield.

As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, * world /
without end. Amen.