

# Selected Responsorial Psalms

## **Psalm 16: *The Path of Life* – Scott Soper**

refrain: *You will show me the path of life, the delights that await me in your presence. Without you there is nothing; no joy can be complete until at last I sit by your side.*

1. O God, you are my refuge, do not turn me away; I say, “You are my God.” Without you there can be no good.
2. I bless the Lord who guides me even in my sleep; my face is turned to God. With the Lord at my side I shall stand firm.
3. My heart exults, my spirit sings, even my body trusts in you; for you will not abandon my soul to death, nor let me sink into the grave.

## **Psalm 23: *Shepherd Me, O God* – Marty Haugen**

refrain: *Shepherd me, O God beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently You raise me and heal my weary soul, You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of Your Name.
3. Though I should wander through the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side; your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.
5. Surely Your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

## ***I Have Loved You (partially from Psalm 24)* – Michael Joncas**

refrain: *I have loved you with an everlasting love. I have called you, and you are mine. I have loved you with an everlasting love. I have called you, and you are mine.*

1. Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him: He will bring you His light and His peace.
2. Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him: He will bring you His joy and His hope.
3. Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him: He will bring you His care and His love.

## **Psalm 23: *The Lord Is My Shepherd/ I Shall Live in the House of the Lord* – Scot Crandal**

refrain: *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

**or,** refrain: *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

2. He guides me in right paths for his names sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

3. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

4. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

## **Psalm 25: *To You, O Lord* – Marty Haugen**

refrain: *To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to you I lift my soul.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Teach me Your paths, and keep me in the way of your truth, for you are God my Savior.

2. For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing his way to those who seek Him, gently leading the poor and humble.

3. To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to his Word, who live his love, he will always be near. He will show them his Mercy.

## **Psalm 25: *To You, O Lord* – Scott Soper**

refrain: *To You, O Lord, I lift up, I lift my soul, my God.*

1. Your ways, O Lord, make known to me. Teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth, for you are God, and for you I will wait.

2. Good and upright is the Lord; he shows us the way. He guides the meek to justice, he teaches the humble to follow his ways.

3. Your way, O Lord, is kindness to those who are true. Your friendship is with those who love you; you reveal to them your Word.

## **Psalm 27: *The Lord is My Light* – David Haas**

refrain: *The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom shall I be afraid?*

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom should I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom should I shrink?
2. 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.
3. I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord, in the land of the living; hope in him and take heart, hope in the Lord!

## **Psalm 27: *The Lord is My Light* – Randall DeBruyn**

refrain: *The Lord is my light, the Lord is my light, the Lord is my light and my salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; if God is my help, whom should I fear? The Lord is my refuge, my stronghold and my strength; why should I be afraid?
2. There is but one thing that I want: to live in the dwelling place of God; to look all my days on the beauty of the Lord, and contemplate God's holy temple.
3. I shall see for myself the grace of God, the dawn of that day among the living. Wait for the Lord, find strength in your hearts; have courage and wait for God.

## **Psalm 84: *How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place* – Michael Joncas**

refrain: *How lonely is your dwelling place, O Lord God of Hosts!*

1. My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord, my heart and my flesh cry out; even the sparrow may find a home, the swallow a nest for her young; your altars, my king and my God!
2. How happy are they who may dwell in your courts, how happy when you are their strength; though they might go through the valley of death, they make it a place of springs. Your first rain will bring it to life.
3. O Lord of Hosts, hear my cry, and hearken, O God of Jacob; one day in your house is worth much more to me than ten thousand anywhere else; the Lord is my sun and my shield!

## **Psalm 91: *Be With Me* – Marty Haugen**

refrain: *Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. Be with me, Lord, I pray.*

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Most High, who abide in the shadow of our God, say to the Lord, “My refuge and fortress, the God in whom I trust.”

2. No evil shall befall you, no pain come near, for His angels stand close by your side, guarding you always and bearing you gently, watching over your life.

3. Those who cling to the Lord live secure in His love; lifted high those who trust in His name. Call on the Lord, He will never forsake you. He will bring you salvation and joy.

## **Psalm 103: *The Lord is Kind and Merciful* – Marty Haugen**

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

1. Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all my being bless his name; bless the Lord and forget not His benefits.

2. He pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows, redeems your life from destruction, and crowns you with His kindness.

3. Merciful, merciful and gracious is our God; slow to anger, abounding in kindness.

This is a list of psalms recommended for funerals. Other responses may also be used, including the Magnificat and the Canticle of Simeon. Please speak with the Director of Music if you have any questions.