

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time • B

Prayer of Preparation

*O Great Arbiter of the well-off and the widow,
whose warning thwarts my foolish desires,
teach me the song of surrender and sacrifice,
that I may willingly turn over my life to you.
For I long to sing
from the depths of my soul
of your sustaining, protecting,
and enduring commitment
to the poor and broken of this world.*

Amen.

Psalm Reflection

In the first reading and the gospel we encounter two widows who have lost almost everything yet willingly give God what little they have left. God rewards the first with abundant sustenance; Jesus names the second a model for all discipleship. If we are to be fully committed disciples we must give all we have for the sake of the kingdom. Nothing can be held back. When we find ourselves left with nothing because of the kingdom, we needn't fear, for we will have staked our security on a God who cares steadfastly for those in need (psalm). We can sing Psalm 146 with confidence in God's providence and protection. But we must give all we have—our whole heart—if we are to discover what God is giving in return. What do you hold back from God? What would enable you to give it freely?

Psalm 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 *The Revised Grail Psalms*

Dancing, with energy ♩. = 60

Refrain

Capo 1: (D) Eb (F#m7) Gm7 (Bm) Cm (Bm/A) Cm/Bb (G) Ab (G/A) Ab/Bb (C#) Db (D) E

mf
Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord, my soul!

mf

mf

Verses

(D)
E \flat

(A/C \sharp)
B \flat /D

(G/B)
A \flat /C

(A SUS4)
B \flat SUS4



1. It is the LORD who preserves fidelity for - ever, who does justice to those who are op - pressed. It is
 2. The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind, the LORD who raises
 3. The LORD up - holds the orphan and the widow, but up those who are bowed down. It is the
 thwarts the path of the wicked. The



(Bm7)
Cm7

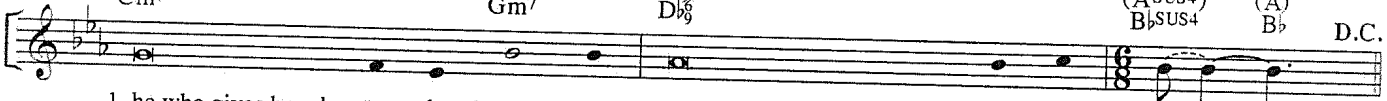
(F \sharp m7)
Gm7

(C \flat)
D \flat \flat

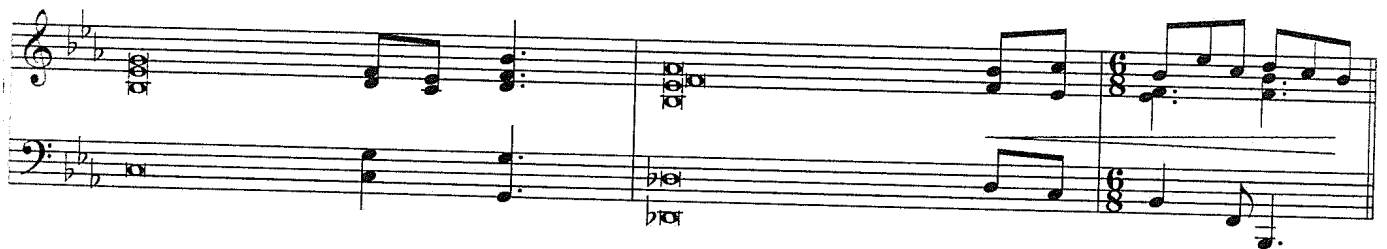
(A SUS4)
B \flat SUS4

(A)
B \flat

D.C.



1. he who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD who sets pris - 'ners free. _____
 2. LORD who loves the just, the LORD who pro - tects the stran - ger. _____
 3. LORD will reign for - ever, the God of Sion from age to age. Al - le - lu - ia. _____



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*O Splendor and Stronghold of all my days,
with a wise assurance I place my trust in you
and, by your side, I stand secure.
Permit me to walk
along the path of your justice.
For I long to lead the music
of your steadfast, abiding love,
that all may follow and sing,
rejoicing in the presence of your great goodness.*

Amen.

Psalm Reflection

These verses from Psalm 16 affirm the positive vision of the end times portrayed in the first reading and gospel. It is not catastrophes that will dominate, but the “glory” of Christ coming with “great power” (gospel). Heaven and earth may cease to be, but the words of Christ “will not pass away” (gospel). Being faithful to discipleship does not mean we will be spared tragedy, suffering, conflict, or death. But God will never abandon to “hell” (psalm) those who have led others to “justice” (first reading). God will lead them instead along the “path of life.” Psalm 16 is our song of confidence in and thanksgiving for the inheritance we await: God’s very Self for ever.

Psalm 16:5 and 8, 9–10, 11 *The Revised Grail Psalms*

Legato ♩ = 84–88

Refrain

Capo 3: (D)

F
mp - mf

(B♭)
D♭

(C)
E♭

(D)
F

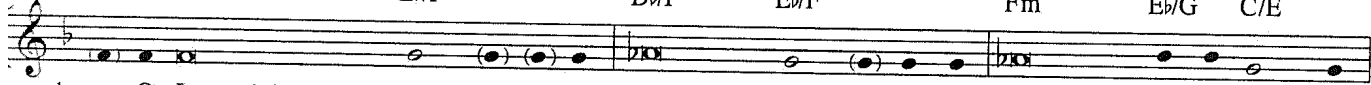
mp - mf

You are my in - her - i - tance, my in - her - it - ance, O Lord.

mp - mf

Verses

(Dm) (C/D) (Bb/D) (C/D) (Dm) (C/E) (A/C#)
 Fm Eb/F Db/F Eb/F Fm Eb/G C/E

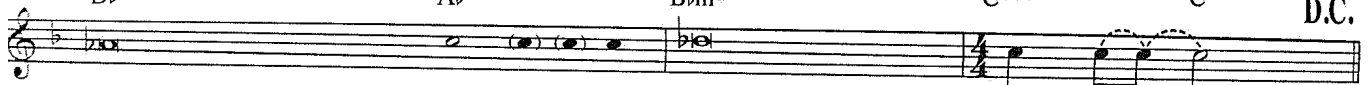


1. O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup; you your - self who se - cure my lot. I
 2. And so, my heart re - joices, my soul is glad; e - ven my flesh shall rest in hope. For the
 3. You will show me the path of life, [_____]

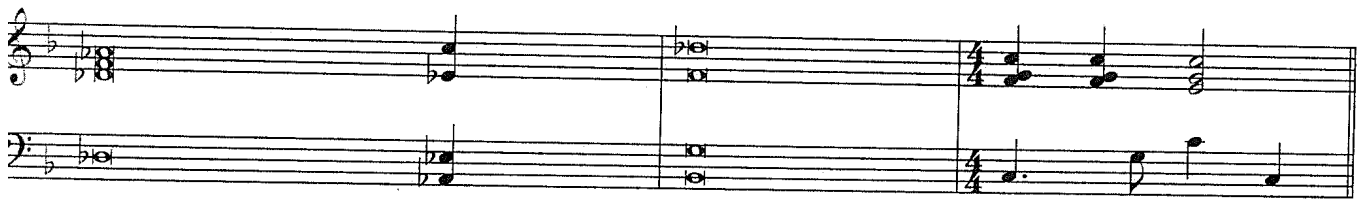


(Bb) (F) (Gm6) (Asus4) (A)
 Db Ab Bbm6 CSUS4 C

D.C.



1. keep the LORD before me always; with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
 2. you will not abandon my soul to hell, nor let your holy one see cor - rup - tion.
 3. fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, bliss for - ev - er.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe • B

Prayer of Preparation

*O God of All,
you are the first and last,
the very genesis and fulfillment of our history:
In the kinship of your love,
I will live in your holy house.
In the presence of your Christ
I will stand firm.
For in him I long to testify
to the truth of his saving grace!*

Amen.

Psalm Reflection

Psalm 93 states that God made the world “firm, not to be moved” (psalm). The ancient Hebrews pictured the world as a platform balanced on the chaotic waters of the sea. The only power protecting the earth from the turbulent surging of the sea was the stabilizing hand of God. Psalm 93 proclaimed God to be ruler of all things, all history, all events. When we sing this psalm, we proclaim that the power of Christ the King is greater than all the forces of evil in the universe. His kingdom is not a territory to which he has laid claim, however, but a people he has redeemed and “made ... into a kingdom” (second reading). We are Christ’s kingdom; it is through us that he makes the world firm against the forces of evil and the power of death. Do you believe who he is? Do you know, because of him, who you are?

Psalm 93:1ab, 1c-2, 5
The Revised Grail Psalms

Regal, acclamatory ♩ = 63

Refrain

D^{NO3}

G/A

Fmaj7

G⁶

A^{SUS2}

The Lord is king; he is robed in maj - es - ty.

you I lift my soul.

Verses

Am7 BbADD9 C (FSUS4) F

1. O LORD, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths.
2. Good and up - right is the LORD; he shows the way to sin - ners.
3. All the LORD's paths are mer - cy and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and com - mands.

Gm7 C FSUS4 F Bb C/Bb

1. Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my sal - vation. I have
2. [] He guides the humble in right judgment; to the
3. [] The LORD's secret is for those who fear him; to

BbADD9 C GSUS4 G D.C.

1. hoped in you all day long.
2. humble he teach - es his way.
3. them he re - veals his cov - e - nant.