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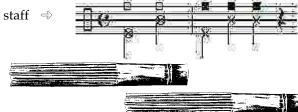
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HAWAIIAN PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS

<u>'Ili'ili & Pū'ili:</u> Play the top line of the percussion staff ⇒



['Ili'Ili: Pebble castanets, a pair to each hand] [Pū'ili: Split-bamboo rattle, a pair to each player] [another option: Pū'ili can instead play the "te" of the percussion staff score]

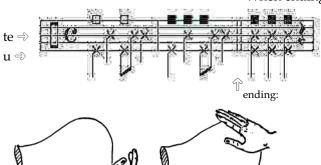
 $\underline{K\bar{a}l\bar{a}}$ 'au: In ensemble, play the 1^{st} beat of a phrase (a group of measures); avoid playing on every measure's downbeat.

If $k\bar{a}l\bar{a}$ au replaces 'ili'ili and $p\bar{u}$ 'ili, then use the top line; $\Box = u'', \blacksquare = t''$

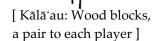
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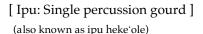
<u>Ipu & Ipu heke:</u> Play the "u-te" pattern of the percussion score.

When endings appear; play the "u" only









[Ipu heke: Double percussion gourd]

(See pgs. 173-176 "Ipu" in <u>Hawaiian Music and Musicians</u> (ed. George Kanahele)

1979 [University Press of Hawai'i] for excellent detail on performance with the ipu heke)

<u>Kā'eke'eke & Kā'eke'eke nui:</u> Play the "u-te" pattern of the percussion score. (see score directly above) When endings appear; play the "u" and "te" together.



left= "u" right= "te"

[Kā'eke'eke: Bamboo pipes ; left drum is tall "u" and right drum is shorter "te"] [Kā'eke'eke nui; Double-noded (or more) bamboo pipes]



Pahu drum: Improvise according to the ensemble's needs and local drumming traditions.

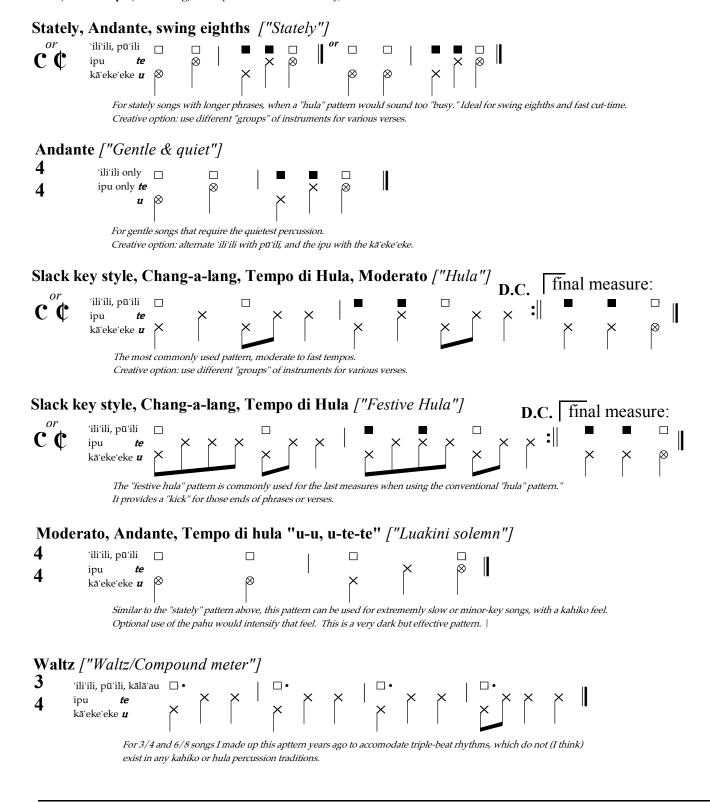
'<u>Ulī'ulī:</u> Improvise according to the ensemble's needs and local traditions.



PATTERNS FOR HAWAIIAN PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS

Each of the psalm settings have specially written percussion parts. They are creatively based on these patterns commonly in use.

(KEY: Tempo (Strumming) label ["Percussion nickname"])





GUITAR & 'UKULELE STRUMS FOR THE PSALMS OF HAWAIIAN PSALMS KOLU



When playing Hawaiian percussion instrument patterns, you are not limited to those patterns in the score. You are able to improvise according to your local traditions and personal abilities. You can find an explanation of Hawaiian percussion instruments on page 2 and 3 of this collection.

A chart of Guitar and 'Ukulele strumming patterns is found on page 48. You are not limited to the strumming suggestions, and are welcomed to even figure out tablature for a true slack key guitar [kī hō'alu] arrangement. I would be most grateful if you'd share that arrangement with myself and others who use this music. Mahalo! Below are suggested strum patterns for these psalms:

Psalm 25 "Teach Me, O Lord, the Way" [Māhoe]

- →Ant: Chang-a-lang / Vrs: Slack key or U-te or Andante Psalm 40 "Yes, I Come to Do Your Will" ['Ōmea]
- ► Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: U-te or Andante Psalm 27 "I Know I'll See ['Emiliana]
- →Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: Salck key or U-te or Andante Psalm 27 "The Lord is My Light and My Salvation" ['Emiliana]
- →Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: Slack key or U-te or Andante Psalm 146 "Happy the poor in Spirit" [Hau'oli]
- ➡Ant: Chalang-a-lang, new / Vrs: Slack key or U-te or Andante Psalm 54 "God Alone Guards My Life" [Kiaʻi]
- →Ant: Chang-a-lang / Vrs: Slack key or U-te, Stately, or Andante Psalm 15 "They Who Act With Justice" [Pono]
- → Ant: Stately or Andante or U-te / Vrs: Andante Psalm 22 "You Are My Praise, Lord" [Ua Kea o Hāna]

⇒Entire song: Waltz

Psalm 29 "Lord, Bless Your People with Peace" [Hoʻomalu]

➡Ant: Relaxed Chang-a-lang / Vrs: U-te or Andante

Psalm 18 "I Love You, God My Strength" [Aloha Akua]

- → Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: Slack key or U-te or Andante Psalm 25 "O God, Recall Your Tenderness" [Hoʻomanaʻo]
- ► Entire song: Slack key or U-te, Stately, or Andante Psalm 96 "O Praise the Glory of God's Power" [Oli Hou]
 - ➤ Ant.Chang-a-lang / Vrs: Chang-a-lang

Psalm 131 "In You, O Lord, I Have Found My Peace" [Ha'aha'a]

►Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: Slack key or Andante

Psalm 34 "The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor" [Uē Nō nā 'Iilihune]

⇒Entire song: U-te, Stately, Slack key or Andante

Psalm17 "Lord, When Your Glory Appears" [Kou Nani]

➡Ant: Slow Chalang-a-lang, new /Vrs: Andante

Psalm 121 "Our Help is the Lord" [Nānā ke Akua]

►Ant: Relaxed Chang-a-lang / Vrs: U-te or Andante

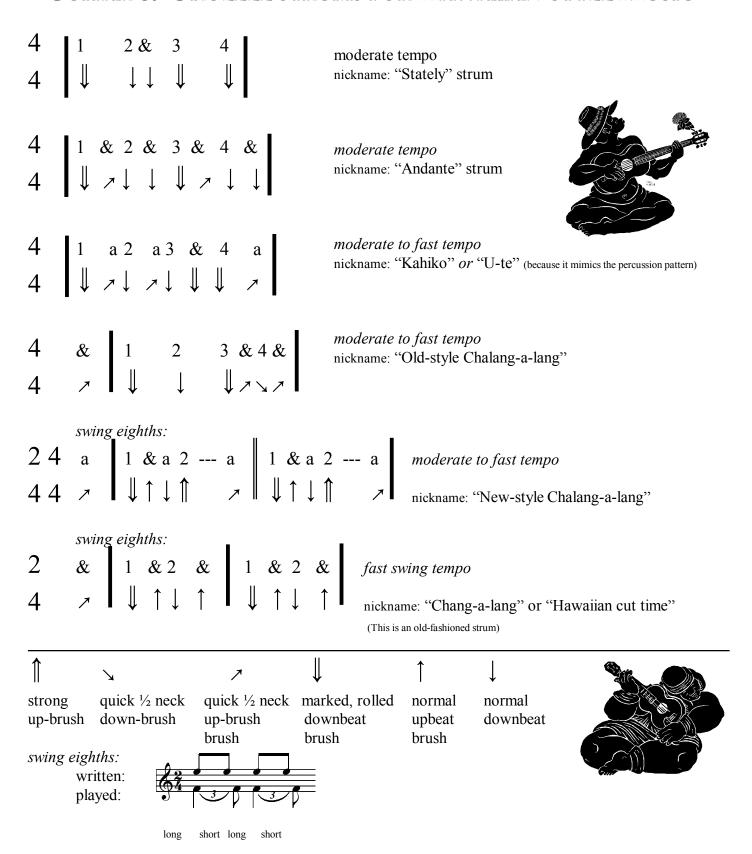
Psalm 93 "Lord, You Reign in Glory" [He Nani ke Akua]

►Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: U-te or Andante

Psalm11 "The Just Will See Your Face" [Kalaupapa]

⇒Ant: Andante /Vrs: Kahiko

GUITAR & 'UKULELE STRUMS FOR HAWAIIAN-STYLE MUSIC



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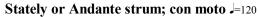
This setting of Psalm 25 would work very well as a seasonal responsorial psalm for the start of Ordinary time in the B cycle, right after the Baptism of the Lord. The antiphon should be played with enough spirit to match the assembly's response of asking for God's teaching guidance, while the tempo-relaxed verses expressively plea with God on behalf of the assembly; such is the musical responsibility of the psalmist. God does point out the way for a just life: it happens to be the very manner in which God loves and leads the poor; with justice, tenderness, and such goodness. "Māhoe" is the dedicatee's Hawaiian name; it means "twin".



Ps 40: 2.4.7-8.8-9.10 [64]

Dedicated to Reverend Clyde Guerreiro, ss.cc., with much aloha

Robert M. Mondoy, 1998





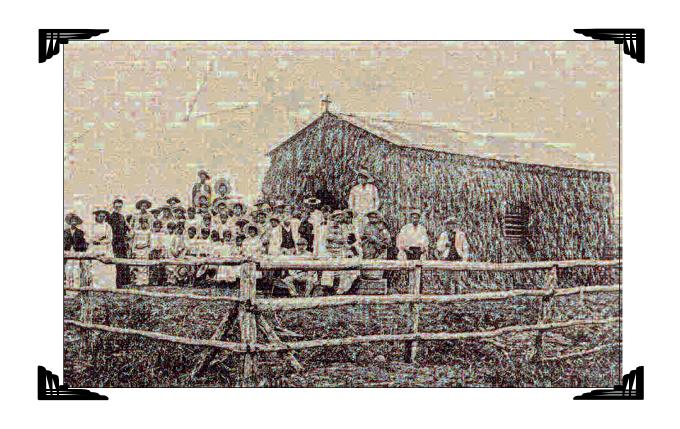


This setting of Psalm 40 would work very well as a seasonal responsorial psalm for the start of Ordinary time in the A cycle. The antiphon should "move" well enough to comfortably engage the assembly in its response. The music style of the verses deliberately pays tribute to the [current] ballad style of some of our local secular composers, a style that elicits a direct emotional response, given the text of the psalm's verses. "Ōmea" is the dedicatee's Hawaiian name-meaning.



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A Catholic Community in Puna, Hawai'i (The priest is Fr. Bonaventure Loots, ss.cc. (d. 1899), photo taken sometime between 1882 and 1899. This could possibly be the grass hut chapel in Kapa'ahu (near Kalapana) built by Fr. Damien De Veuster ca.1865

Psalm 27 Choral Antiphon



Psalm 27⁴

"The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation" ['Emiliana]



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Psalm 146 * "Happy the Poor in Spirit" [Hauʻoli]

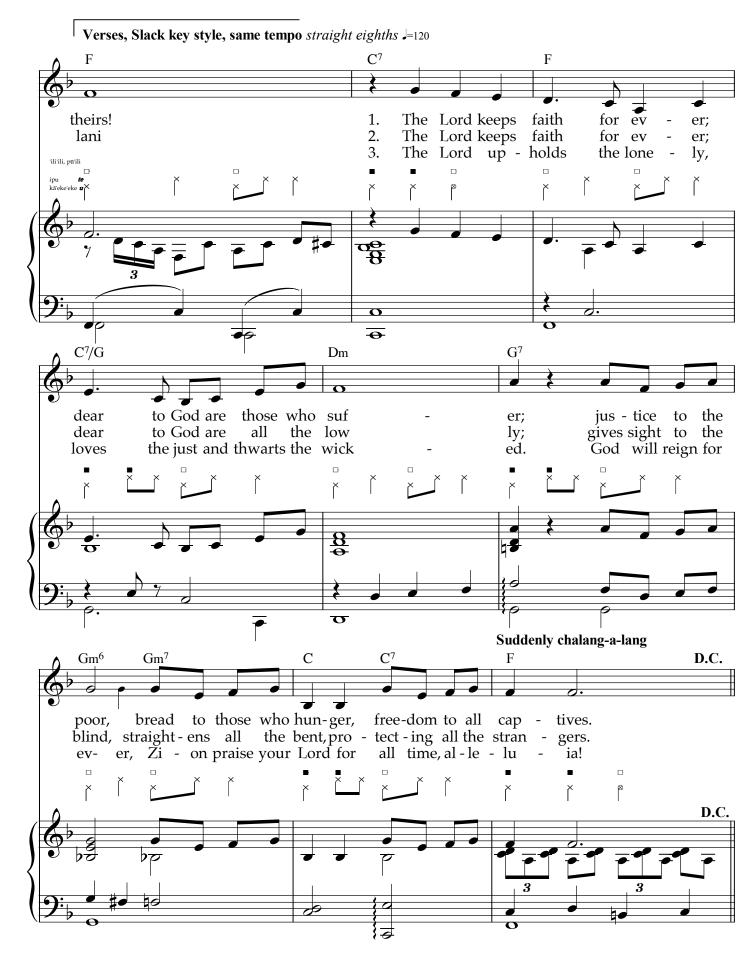
Ps.146: 6-7.8-9.9-10 [70]

Dedicated to June Kaoliwākūkahakaioululani Lum, with much aloha

Robert M. Mondoy, 1998



This setting of Psalm 146 works well as another seasonal psalm for the Beginning of the A cycle Ordinary Time, right after Psalm 40 is used for a few weeks. Indeed, the people of God are happy, because the good news is that God is faithful and good, and upholds the lowly. It is well and good that Zion's people praise their God. How appropriate that the chalang-a-lang strum/style proclaim God's praise in our islands!



Dedicated to Roland (d. 2008) and Genevieve Hoʻomalu-Kaluna Chang (d. 2014) of Hana, Maui, with much aloha

Ps. 54: 3-4.5.6-8 [134]

Chang-a-lang style relaxed in "2", swing eighths =92

Robert M. Mondoy, 1998



The antiphon of Psalm 54 should permit everyone in the assembly to strongly re-affirm their trust in a saving God. The psalmist elaborates on the confidence of a worshipper with a free heart, willing and eager to praise God's good name and saving power. Jenny and Ronald were among my first Hāna acquaintancess when I was Sacred Hearts religious brother there in 1976. Several of these Hawaian psalm arrangements have been dedicated to many beloved 'ohana I've made there. The aloha and the music the Hāna folk shared with me had a profound influence early on in my Hawaiian-stye liturgical compositions, among the latter a "Hāna Mass" dedicated to the people of the parish.

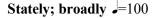


Psalm 15² * "They Who Act with Justice" [Pono]

Ps. 15: 2-3.3-4.5 [108]

Dedicated to Nathan Mamo, with much friendship and aloha

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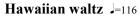


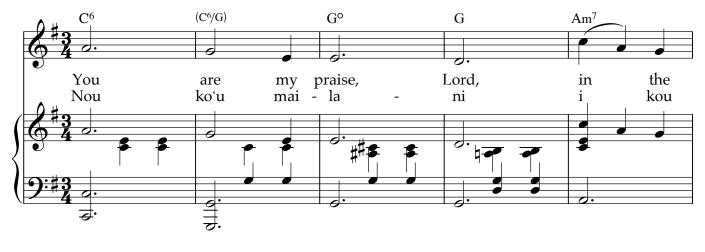
The hope of the just lies in the faith that they mirror a loving and good God in their actions and in their words. The stateliness of the antiphon reflects the journey of the just to the reward of God's own hospitality. The "contemporary" style verses chronicle the virtues of the same just ones. Would that we humbly but confidently sing of not only our heroes, but ourselves, when we sing this psalm.

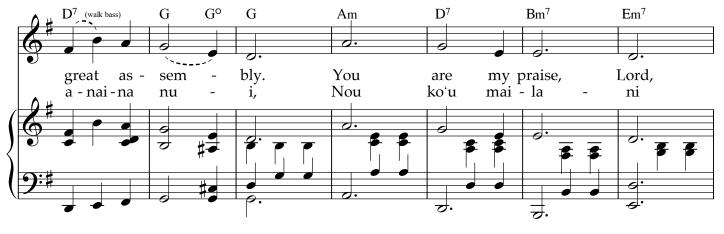
Psalm 22³ "You Are My Praise, Lord" [Ua Kea o Hāna]

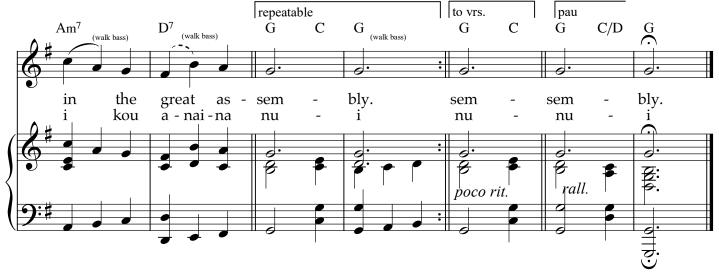
Dedicated to Aunty Maria "Sally" Lau (1932-2013) and Uncle Edwin Lau (1932-2018), with much aloha

Ps. 22: 26-27.28.30.31-32 [53] Robert M. Mondoy, 1998









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The ca. 1888 melody *Ua Kea o Hāna*, by Edward Pu'ukea, is well-known and beloved by the people of the Hāna district; it is an important name-place song for the community. Aunty Sally's *'ohana* [*neé* Paz] is "calabash" to our family and they lived in Ka'elekū in Hāna on a sugar plantation before moving to Moloka'i in 1945. This Easter season text begs to be used during Ordinary time, emphasizing the power of a saved community, the "great assembly," the Body of Christ that, through love, proclaims praise for such empowerment in God's plan of salvation.

Ps.29:1-2.3-4.4.9-10 [21]

Dedicated to Max Reiter, with much aloha

Robert M. Mondoy, 1998

Relaxed chang-a-lang style swing eighths J=100



The text of this psalm is used for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Its use can be continued for a few weeks more as a seasonal responsorial psalm. The calmness of the antiphon is in direct contrast to the verses' enthusiasm. Ps. 104.3 "O Bless the Lord" [Keawe] in the 4th Volume of Hawaiian Psalms is an alternate psalm for the same feastday.

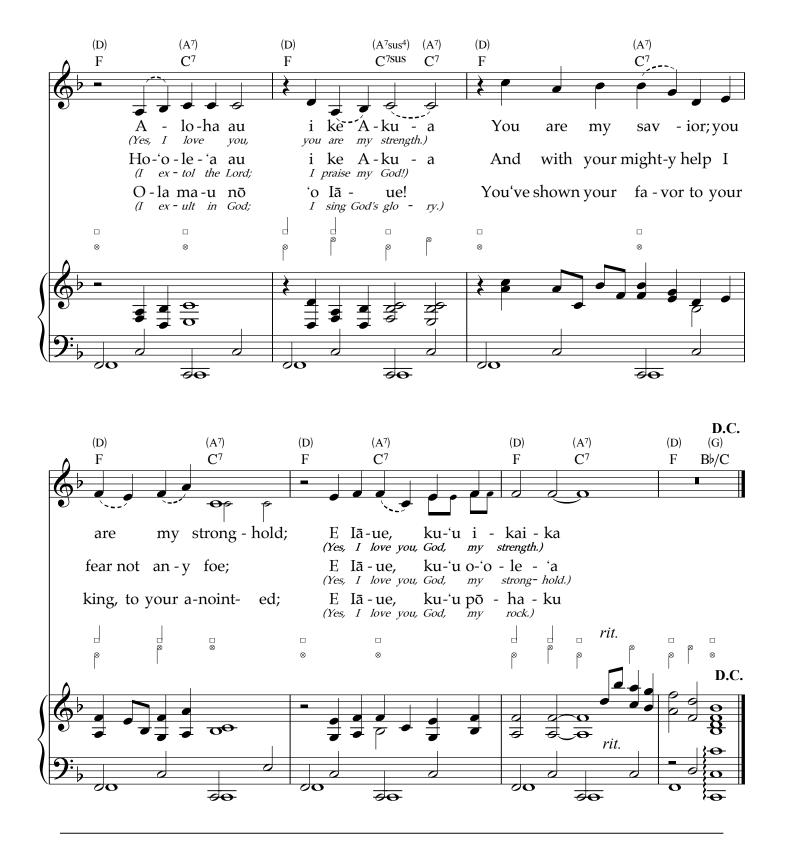


Psalm 18 * "I Love You, God, My Strength" [Aloha Akua]



^{*}If you prefer, "Iāue" can be substituted for "Ka Haku" throughout.

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Sometimes the only way to say aloha is to sing aloha. The tempo of the antiphon can be quite flexible; each phrase gradually intensifies until the closing cadence of the antiphon. The verses, while being faster than the antiphon, should still be calm and relaxed and personal. Kekai Kalaola was one of the first of my many newly-made friends when I was a religious brother in Hāna during the summer of 1977. I have very strong memories of the times spent there with the Hāna 'ohana, who gave me a greater appreciation and love of our local Hawaiian culture.

Psalm 25 * "O God, Recall Your Tenderness" [Hoʻomanaʻo]



How would you ask God to listen to your plea for mercy, and for the tender aloha you need to learn and live your life? The psalmist captures this plea in the most intimate way, hence this tender and touching setting. The people of God should always be confident enough in their relationship with Yahweh to remind themselves that their God is a graceful teacher, a God of the poor and those who stray, a God of all goodness and justice and compassion.

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Dedicated to Jim & Patt Severson, with much aloha Ps. 96: 1-3.4-5.7-8.9-10 [148] Robert M. Mondoy, 1999 **Chang-a-lang style** *swing eighths* \downarrow =120 D^7 Am^7 Am^7 D^7 Am^7 O praise the glo-ry of God's pow - er, O praise the E ha - 'a - wi 'ou - ko - u iā Ιā i ka maila- ni ue (iā Ha ku) Instr. Bass: read staff || pau to verses repeatable G G D^7 G of God's name. mau me ka ho - 'o - na - ni Verses, [note repeat of line for vrs. 1,4] 1. Sing a new song for the Lord, (sing it, and dance it, a new song 1. Sing that song and bless God's name be - ing, to all ev - 'ry - where!) (to ev - 'ry good, 2. This no - ble God, so (sing out your praise, so de-serv-ing our God.) 3. Now pro-claim the Lord, all earth, (sing all you na - tions, pro-claim God.) bow down be - fore God's presence.): 4. Bow and trem-ble, now, all earth, (trem-ble and 4. Tell all peo-ples that God rules! (tell all the na - tions that God a - lone rules!) ili'ili, pü'ili



Once we know the power of God's providence, even fear itself is diminished before our confidence in God's omnipotent love. How often do we tell God (in a new song, even an old one) how much confidence we have in *the* God above all other gods, above all nations? That confidence in *lāue* (Yahweh) brings us joy, even a little giddy laughter, because our lives have been freed from any outside intimidation and freed from our feelings of helplessness. *lāue* is on our side.

Ps.131: 1.2.3 [151] Dedicated to Elizabeth Smith, with much aloha

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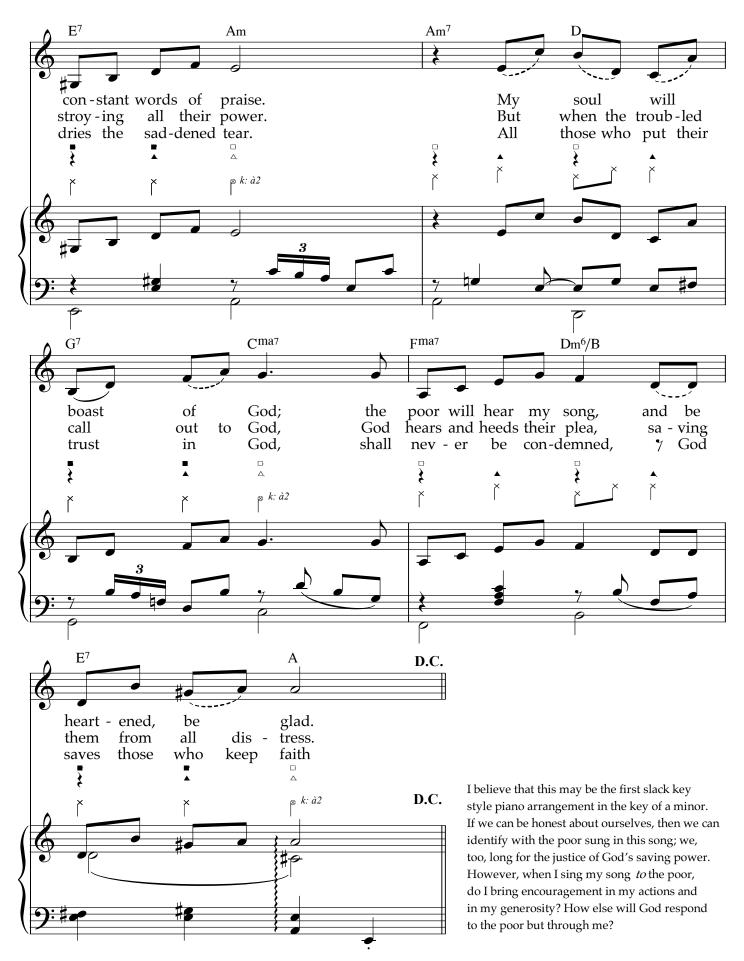
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Psalm 131 is one of my favorite psalms, one that reminds me of the wonderful connection we all have with a nurturing God. We are not as important or complex as we arrogantly make ourselves to be; God's peace is sufficient, God's love profoundly simple. Would that we be calm within when things are peacefully still or perplexingly fast-paced; God is always there.

Psalm 34⁴ * "The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor" [Uē Nō Nā 'Ilihune]





Dedicated to Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawekiuokalani Cazimero, with much aloha





When I awake each day, God shows me his glory, his justice. God knows the path I walk, God knows the sincerity of my love. God cherishes me as the apple of his eye, as the sheltered one of his folded wings. How can I not feel an intense joy when I encounter God's glory, now or in the world to come? This setting is respectfully dedicated to a friend who has added immeasurable joy and beauty to all of our lives with his music, hula, and his devotion to nā mea Hawai'i.

Ps.121:1-2.3-4.5-6.7-8 [147]

Dedicated to E. Kaiponohea Hale, with much aloha

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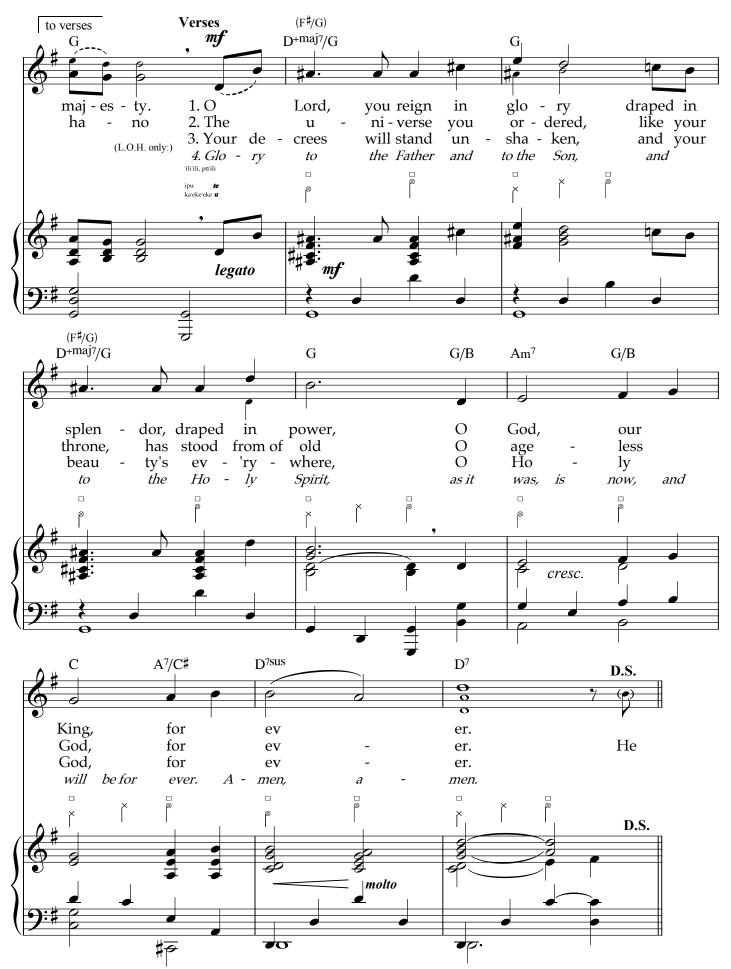
The classic Psalm 121 longs for God's help, God's protection. The psalmist yearns for God's nurturing presence, and reminds the faithful that God watches every move we make, and intimate to him is every step of our lives' journeys. If God made the heavens and the earth, what can God *not* do? We are free from all harm, and free to live in peace because God cherishes and secures our lives, our future. This setting is respectfully dedicated to a friend, a kumu of nā mea Hawai'i himself, who has immensely enriched Hawai'i's cultural resources by his teaching, writing, composing, hula, and music.



Psalm 93 * "Lord, You Reign in Glory" [He Nani ke Akua]



The psalmist's image of a magnificent God wreathed in majesty, splendor and power was very much in the mind of the early church that celebrated Christ as the *pantocreator*, the holy Son of God whose reach and authority spans beyond the universe and time itself. Rather than fear this image, we celebrate with joy-filled comfort. This is a *loving* ruler, very loving.



Ps.11: 4.5.7 [302] Dedicated to Vince and Anita Bradley, with much aloha

Robert M. Mondoy, 2008

Andante J=100

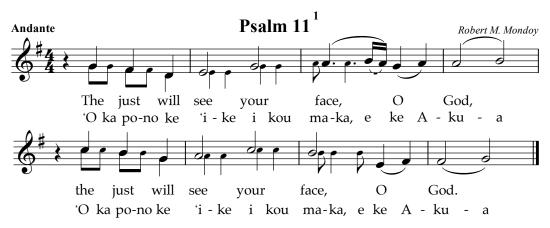


In 2008 I arbitrarily selected Psalm 11 for a Kalaupapa liturgical celebration honoring St. Damien's feastday on the eve of Pentecost. We had been accustomed for years using Pss. 34 or 89 for his feastday, and the interest in being a bit different brought this setting of Psalm 11 into existence. Its text lauds the power of a just God and the works of anyone who acts justly, reflecting God's compassion by their good deeds. It was debuted in Kalaupapa, hence it's Hawaiian tune-name. Several years earlier, after a visit to Kalaupapa, artist Anita Benson-Bradley gifted me with one her watercolor paintings of Kalaupapa, and this psalm-dedication is an expression of gratitude for her generosity. Mahalo!

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- 1. God dwells in his holy temple, the heavens hold God's throne; the Lord watches the earth, his eyes fixed on the nations.
- 2. Weighing both righteous and wicked, rejecting the violent. The Lord loves justice, the just will see God's face.

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- 1. Those who walk with integrity and justice, They who do what is right and speak the truth from their hearts; never spreading slander.
- 2. Those who do no wrong to friend and neighbor, Those who hold the godless in disdain but honor all they who believe.
- 3. Those who keep their word, come what may, Those who share from their wealth; not taking bribes; they the just, evermore unshaken.
- 4. (LOH only) Glory to You, to Christ and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.

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- 1. O God, hear my just claim, give me your full attention. For my prayer deserves an answer, for you know I speak the truth.
- 2. I walk in your ways, God, I do my best to follow. I call to you, God, answer, be attentive, hear my plea.
- 3. Keep a loving eye on me, God, guard me beneath your wings. Justified, I shall behold you! Waking, I will see your glory.

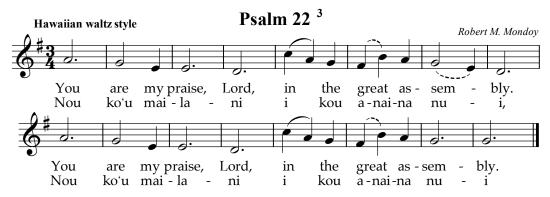
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- 1. Ilove you, God, my strength, my rock; Aloha au i ke Akua (Yes, Ilove you, you are my strength). You are my savior, you are my stronghold; E Iāue, ku'u ikaika (Yes, Ilove you, God, my strength)
- 2. My God, I lean on you, my shield, my great defense; Hoʻoleʻa au i ke Akua (I extol the Lord; I praise my God). And with your mighty help I fear not any foe; E Iāue, kuʻu oʻoleʻa (Yes, I love you, God, my stronghold).
- 3. Long live the Lord! And blessed be my rock! Ola mau nō 'o Iāue (I exult in God; I sing God's glory).

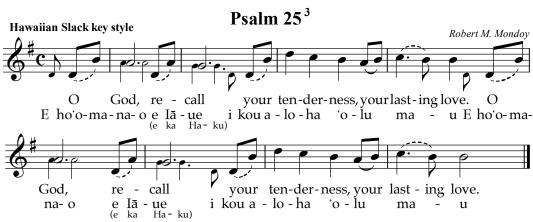
 You've shown your favor to your king, to your anointed; E Iāue, ku'u pōhaku (Yes, I love you, God, my rock).

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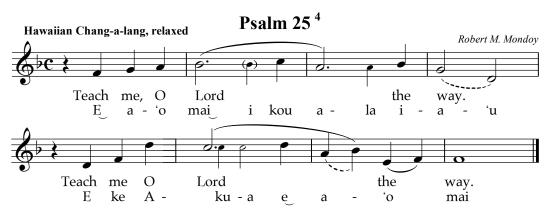
- 1. I make good my promise before our people; all seekers of God shall break out in praise. The lowly and poor shall eat all their fill; "May all hearts live for ever in joy."
- 2. All peoples, all families shall turn to you now; all seekers of God shall bow down in praise. All those who have lived and all those who've died still proclaim God for ever all time.
- 3. So we and our children will live for you now; all seekers of God shall serve all their days; Proclaiming to those to be born; the news that God saves all for ever through love.
- LOH 4. Glory, honor and worship to you, O Father, and to the Son and the Spirit, as it was since the start, is now, and will be for ever. Amen, amen.

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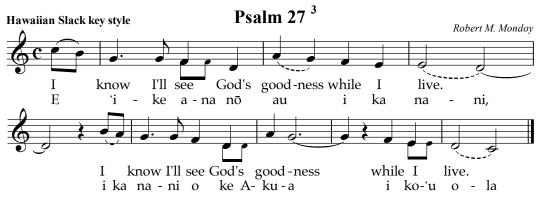
- 1. Teach me how to live, Lord, show me the way. Steer me toward your truth, O saving God, my saving God, you, my constant hope.
- 2. Recall your tenderness, your lasting love. Remember not my faults, all the sins of my youth. To show your goodness, God, remember me.
- 3. Good and just is God, good and just is the Lord, see the Lord who guides all of those who stray. God who leads the poor, pointing out the way.

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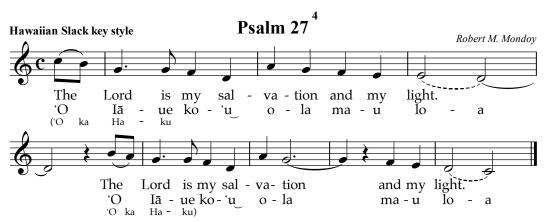
- 1. Teach me how to live, Lord, show me the way. Steer me toward your truth, you, our saving God, you, my constant hope.
- 2. Recall your tenderness, your lasting love. To show your own goodness, God, remember us; God, remember me.
- 3. Good and just is the Lord, guiding those who stray. God leads all the poor, pointing out the way, pointing out our way.

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- 1. The Lord is my own saving light; of whom should I be afraid? And God is my strong fortress; and I shall dread nothing.
- 2. I ask the Lord, one thing I seek, all my life to live in God's house. There caught up in God's beauty at prayer in his temple.
- 3. O God, now listen to my voice, have mercy; answer me. Deep within a voice has spoken: "Look for the face of God."

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- 3. O God, now listen to my voice, have mercy; answer me. Deep within a voice has spoken: "Look for the face of God."
- 4. I know I will see how good God is while I am still alive. Be strong, trust in the Lord. Be brave, trust in God.

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- 1. Give the Lord glory, you spirits! Give glory! Honor God's strength! Honor the name of the Lord! See how majestic and holy! Bow and adore!
- 2. Give the Lord glory, all nature! Give glory! Honor God's voice! Thunderous the voice of the Lord, over the massive seas; powerful and splendid.
- 3. Give the Lord glory, all people! Shout "Glory!" all you on earth. "Glory!" all shout in your temple. You rule the mighty waters; You, our king forever.

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- 1. I will never stop thanking God with constant words of praise, with constant words of praise. My soul will boast of God; the poor will hear my song, and be heartened, be glad.
- 2. It is God who confronts all evildoers, blotting out their deeds, destroying all their power. But when the troubled call out to God, God hears and heeds their plea, saving them from all distress.
- 3. It is God who stays near broken hearts, who heals the wounded soul, who dries the saddened tear. All those who put their trust in God shall never be condemned, God saves those who keep faith.

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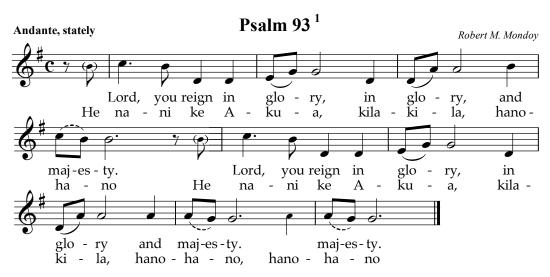
- 1. I waited and waited for my God. At long last God bent down to hear my complaint. God taught me a new song, a hymn of praise.
- 2. Sacrifice and offerings you seek not; what you seek is an open ear and my heart. So I say to you, now, "Lord, here am I."
- 3. "I will come to live by your written word." How I want to do all that pleases you; I delight in your law, God, deep in my heart.
- 4. I will sing and celebrate your love. I will speak of your justice to us all; I will not hold back the story of your love.

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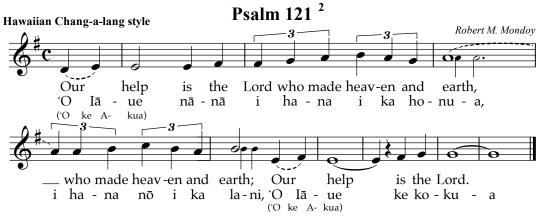
- 1. Use your power to save me, O God. Hear my plea. Lord, listen now to what I say and judge, O God, in my favor.
- For the godless and the haughty ones attack me. Be my safety from all those who seek my life, those who do their deeds without conscience.
- 3. Savior God, you alone do guard my life. With a free heart I will sacrifice to you and praise your good name for ever. .

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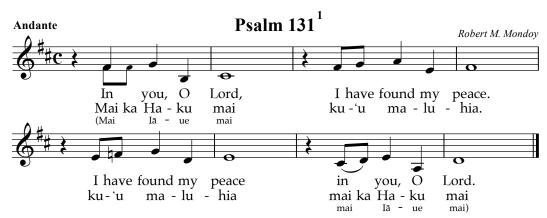
- 1.0 Lord, you reign in glory, draped in splendor, draped in power, O God, our King, for ever.
- 2. The universe you ordered, like your throne, has stood from of old, O ageless God, for ever.
- 3. Your decrees will stand unshaken, and your beauty's everywhere, O Holy God, for ever. LOH only:
- 4. Glory to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was, is now, and will be for ever. Amen, amen.

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- 1. If I look to the mountains, will they come to my aid? My help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
- 2. May God, the ever wakeful, keep your foothold secure. The guardian of Israel sleeps and slumbers not.
- 3. God is your strong protector, God is surely your shield; the sun not harm you by day nor the moon at night.
- 4. God is shelter from evil. Your life God will secure. God watches you far and near, God loves you now and always. LOH. only:
- 5. Glory, honor, and worship to You, to Christ and the Holy Spirit. As it was, is now and will be for ever, Amen.

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- 1. O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty; I busy not myself with great things, nor with things too sublime for me.
- 2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and in peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul within me.
- 3. O Israel, hope in the Lord, both now and for ever.

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- 1. The Lord keeps faith for ever; dear to God are those who suffer; justice to the poor, bread to those who hunger, freedom to all captives.
- 2. The Lord keeps faith for ever; dear to God are all the lowly; gives sight to the blind, straightens all the bent, protecting all the strangers.
- 3. The Lord upholds the lonely, loves the just and thwarts the wicked. God will reign for ever, Zion, praise your Lord for all time; alleluia! ©1998 Mondoy Music. Hawaiian: Puakea Nogelmeier, 2002. "Hau'oli" [70]

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