

# Psalm 34<sup>3</sup>

*“Taste and See” [Makanalua]*

*(Damien’s Psalm)*

A RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
IN THE HAWAIIAN STYLE  
BY ROBERT M. MONDOY

FOR ORDINARY TIME & BLESSED DAMIEN FEAST



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Ps 34: 2-3.6-7.8-9.20-21 [565]

Dedicated to Henry Nalai'elua, with much aloha

Robert M. Mondoy, 1996

Chalang-a-lang style, swing eighths ♩ = 116

Taste and see that the Lord is good. O, taste and  
 E ho - 'ā - 'o 'ou - kou, E ho - 'ā - 'o 'ou - kou A e 'i - ke ho - i

see that the Lord is good. good.  
 he mai - ka - i nō Iā - ue. ue.

♩ = 80 Suddenly Kahiko style Straight eighths

*mf* 1. I will bless the Lord at all times;  
 2. Look towards him and be ra - di - ant;  
 3. ♪ The an - gel of the Lord  
 4. Ma - ny trials be - set the just ones,

*mf* ilili, pūili

his praise\_ al-ways on my lips. In the Lord\_ my\_  
 let your fa - ces not\_ be a - shamed. This poor one\_ called;  
 is right there to res-cue those in need. Come and drink in the  
 but the Lord will res-cue them the same. God will guard their\_

soul shall make its boast\_ The\_ hum- ble  
 and the Lord\_ heard\_ him and\_ res - cued him  
 rich- ness of God\_ They are hap- py  
 way\_ and their works\_ Ev - 'ry part of them

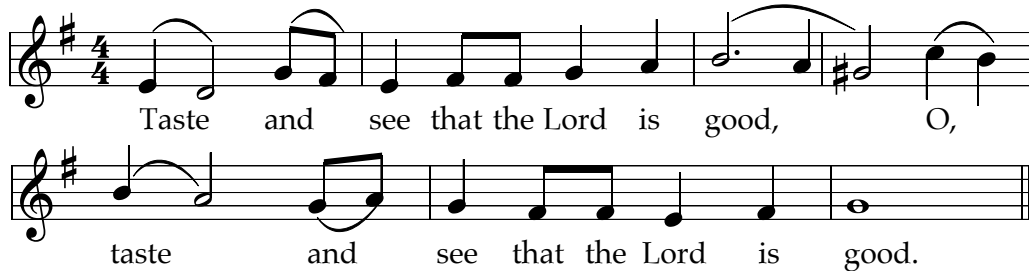
*accel.* **Chalang-a-lang, a tempo**

shall\_ hear and be glad\_  
 from\_ all his dis - tress\_  
 who seek re - fuge in him\_  
 shall be watched by the Lord God.

Makanalua is one of the *ahupua'a* of Kalawao County, Molokai, where Blessed Damien worked among the most destitute of God's people. The text here is the official psalm-text for Blessed Damien's feastday. There are many settings of Psalm 34, but this is the only one (so far) based on Hawaiian music styles. Note the *kahiko* style of hawaiian percussion in the verses - it is very different from the typical percussion rhythms used elsewhere in the Hawaiian psalter. Alternate the 'ili'ili and pū'ili; you may find that alternating the ipu and kā'eke'eke is also effective.

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2. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be ashamed. This poor one called; and the Lord heard him and rescued him from all distress.
3. The angel of the Lord is right there to rescue those in need.. Come and drink in the richness of God. They are happy who seek refuge in him.
4. Many trials beset the just ones, but the Lord will rescue them the same. God will guard their way and their works, every part of them shall be watched by the Lord God.

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 i - ke ho - i he mai - ka - i nō la - ue

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