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Hawaiian Psalms 'Ekahi



Responsorial Psalms for Ordinary Time & other Celebrations of the Church year

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HAWAIIAN PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS

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





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



[Ipu: Single percussion gourd] (also known as ipu heke'ole)

[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)

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



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





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

'Ulī'ulī: 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"])



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GUITAR & 'UKULELE STRUMS FOR HAWAIIAN-STYLE MUSIC



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



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 4. 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 8 "How Great is Your Name" [Ka'anapu] ⇒Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: U-te or Andante Psalm 32 "They Who Trust" [Malukūpa'a] Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: U-te or Andante Psalm 67 "O God, Be Gracious" [Makahiki] ⇒Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: Hawaiian cut time or U-te Psalm 128 "How Blessed are You" [Kalākaua] Ant: Stately / Vrs: Andante Psalm 89 "My Heart Shall Sing" [Kamiano] Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: Hawaiian cut time or U-te Psalm 4 "Lift Up the Light of Your Face" [Kainoa] Ant: Stately / Vrs: U-te or Andante Psalm 8 "Great is Your Name, Lord" [Koali] ⇒Ant: Andante / Vrs: U-te Psalm 145 "I Will Give You Glory" [Keoni] Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: U-te or Andante

Psalm 23 "My Shepherd is the Lord" [Nokahaku] ⇒Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: U-te or Andante Psalm 145 "How Good You Are, Lord" [Mālamalama hou] ➡ Entire song: Chang-a-lang, a.k.a. Hawaiian cut time Psalm 133 "Behold How Good It Is" ['Olu o pu'ulani] Ant: Andante / Vrs: Chalang-a-lang, trad. or new Psalm 98 "All the Ends of the Earth" [Ka Inuwai] Ant: Chalang-a-lang, new / Vrs: Stately Psalm 65 "You Keep Your Promise" [Ho'olehua] ⇒Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: Chalang-a-lang, new Psalm 34 "I Will Bless the Lord" [Kamō'ī] ⇒Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: U-te or Andante Psalm 51 "Lord, Be Merciful" [Kalema] ⇒Ant: Stately or Andante / Vrs: U-te or Andante Psalm 66 "Let All the Earth" [Me ka nani a'o Kaupō] Ant: Chalang-a-lang, new / Vrs: U-te

Psalm 8² // *"How Great is Your Name" [Ka'anapu]*

Ps. 8: 2.4-5.6-7.2-3 [166] For the Ka'anapu family, in memory of David Ka'anapu (1939-1986), with much aloha Robert M. Mondoy, 1986 Slack key style \downarrow =84



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This is the first example of an inculturation liturgical composition using slack key style. It is unusual in that both the antiphon and verses can be accompanied with Hawaiian percussion instruments. During funerals use the **alternate text* so that the psalm can be specific to the occasion. The tempo should be calm and unhurried.

In memory of William Hughes (1917-1987), deacon and friend, and commissioned by Mary Hughes (1922-2004); with much aloha Ps. 32:10.1.6-7.9.11



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Commissioned by Mary Hughes, this setting commemorates the memory of deacon William Hughes, one of Honolulu Diocese's first permanent deacons. The text of the second verses, "I will be there as your teacher" keynotes the confidence we need to possess as ministers to one another. The name *Malukūpa'a* is the translation of the meaning of the name William. The antiphon is not fast, and is comparatively slower than the verses. The Hawaiian percussion players need to flexible enough not to rush or confuse the overall tempo. If you have a choir, the men can interject with "E aloha ē" during the antiphon.

Psalm 67¹ // "O God, Be Gracious" [Makahiki]

Ps. 67: 2-3.4-5.6.8. [18]



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Dedicated to Michael Hughes, with much aloha



Psalm 67 is a psalm of thanksgiving. The verses and antiphon are originally composed. If you are doing only a single voice for the verses, choose the upper note; if you can only sing the lower note, be sure some instrument (keyboard, guitar, whatever) plays the upper voice. It is given the name *Makahiki* because it is the same psalm used for the feast of Mary, Mother of God, which is celebrated on New Year's Day.

Psalm 128¹ *"How Blessed Are You" [Kalākaua]*



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This setting of Psalm 128 is very cheery and quite good for wedding celebrations. The verses are rather wordy and the melody line full of leaps, so be sure to find a tempo suitable to your skill. Use lots of Hawaiian percussion for the verses, but not for the antiphon. It is given the name *Kalākaua* because of the antiphon's similarity to the tune *Kalākaua he inoa*.

Psalm 89² *My* Heart Shall Sing" [Kamiano]

Dedicated to Bertram Lock, ss.cc., with much aloha

Robert M. Mondoy, 1989



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In 1989, Hawai'i celebrated the 100th anniversary of the death of Blessed Fr. Damien de Veuster, ss.cc. Fr. Bert was also ordained this year, and hence the name *Kamiano*. This delightful setting encourages robust singing for the antiphon, and an equally robust Hawaiian percussion group for the verses. Improvised harmony for the verses is encouraged, but be sure to enunciate the words.

Psalm 4¹ * "Lift Up the Light of Your Face" [Kainoa]

Dedicated to Walter & Frances Yoshimitsu & family , with much aloha

Robert M. Mondoy, 1990



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Ps.4: 2,4,7,9 [47]



This psalm setting is quite gentle and unhurried, and even the percussion parts should be flexible and gentle. *'Ili'ili* and *ipu* would the instruments of choice. *Kainoa* is the middle name of the eldest Yoshimitsu daughter, Debra, and she was a music minister as wellin our community. The gentle character of Psalm 4 would merit such a gentle Hawaiian name.

Psalm 8 * "Great is Your Name, Lord" [Koali]

Dedicated to Chris Iharis Villiarimo (d. 2012) & family, in memory of Bernard (d. 1990), with much aloha Ps. 8: 4-5.6.7-9.2-3 [66] Robert M. Mondoy, 1990

Slack key style J=104

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Verses; A little faster =108 G D^7 G D^7 G C G 1. When I see the work of cre - a - tion, when I see the name. I won-der 2. How why you made us just а lit - tle noa. 3. You have giv - en the pow'r to rule o -ver us Lord, you si-lence 4. all who harm us, you have e -ven ʻiliʻili, pūʻili ipu **te** ka'eke'eke **u** $\widehat{}$ and the stars you set a - bove us; What are that should moon we you than an - gels; Yet you crowned us all with less gods and all the works of your hands; Gave fish flow'r and us and si lenced death it self; How you name is wor thy of C^6 D^7 D.S. G Great is your care for us, that you e-ven reach us with your love? He keu ka glo - ry, giv - en us the hon - or as your child - ren. est, gave us all the beau - ty for of this land. child-ren and babes. praise on the lips of of D.S. rit. 0

Koali is the name of an east Maui place-song familiar to me since 1976. I have always liked it, and so for Bernie's funeral arranged Psalm 8 to the melody. It also works quite well for Ordinary Time. If you hold the fermata as indicated, you will be adding a bit more "sassiness" to the verses' rendition. This setting reflects the profound joy of us all in celebrating God's goodness in all the world.



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The antiphon of this psalm setting should allow for the assembly to stretch forth its praise to the King of glory. Even the verses should be taken at an easy, elegant tempo so that the words and the percussion parts can shine through. This version of Ps. 145 was designed for "high feasts", more particularly the feast of Christ the King. Its name, *Keoni*, is also the middle name of the dedicatee.

Psalm 23¹ *"My Shepherd is the Lord"* [Nokahaku]

Ps. 23: 1-2.3.3-4.5.6 [66] Dedicated to the family of Dominick John LaRocco (1947-1993), and in his memory, with much aloha
Slack key style J=92
Robert M. Mondoy, 1993



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This setting of Psalm 23 is quite effective when you use the tempo most appropriate to your assembly's sensibilities. Let the meaning of the antiphon's text shine through by a heart-felt manner of singing, and then the verses will naturally be contrasted with a light-hearted confidence. *Nokahaku* is Dominick's name-meaning in Hawaiian; Dom was well-liked by his friends in the choir, and was always most reverently playful in his way of Eucharistic thanksgiving.

Psalm 145¹ / "How Good You Are, Lord" [Mālamalama hou]

Robert M. Mondoy, 1995

Ps.145: 8-9.10.15.17-18 [776.6]

Dedicated to Aaron Paragoso , with much aloha

Chang-a-lang style swing eighths \downarrow =132



This version of Psalm 145 is replete with the local sense of familial celebration, hence the choice of *chang-a-lang* technique. You may contrast the verses with a slack-key rendition, if you wish. Hawaiian percussion may not be necessary, given the "noisiness" of the strum. If you desire it, ipu would suffice on the verses. This setting earns the name *Mālamalama hou* ["the shining one": Aaron] because it a completely near re-working of an earlier tune I wrote, and it just happens to be another rendition of Ps. 145. This would work well for weddings where assemblies find it easy to celebrate in a Hawaiian way.

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Psalm 133¹ *"Behold How Good It Is" ['Olu o Pu'ulani]* Ps 133: 1.2.3.Ps 134: 1.2-3 [0] Dedicated to the people of Moloka'i, with much aloha Robert M. 1



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Both the antiphon and the verses are based on Helen Lindsey Parker's *'Olu' o Pu'ulani*. Be sure to use two **different** strums for this setting of Psalm 133; the antiphon uses a "straight" beat, while the verses are in "swing" beat (i.e., *chalang-a-lang*). I chose this tune to work with because the original text of *'Olu o Pu'ulani* commemorates both the tragedy of and the hopes for a young son of a Ho'olehua homestead family sent to Kalaupapa. It was introduced to me by Clyde Sproat. More about this song: see my "Mele Aloha o Moloka'i" songbook at www.mondoymusic.com











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You can use improvised Hawaiian percussion parts as per your local community *chang-a-lang/chalang-a-lang* tradition. The refrain of this setting of Psalm 98 is based on the verse portion of *Ka Inuwai* by David Nape (1870-1913), a songwriter from the turn of the century. The verse portion of Psalm 98 is original. Irmgard Aluli (1911-2001) was a wonderful friend and encouragement to me; I first learned of her work "Ho'omaika'i" while a 6th grader during summer religious instruction on Moloka'i; her composition was my first exposure to Hawaiian liturgical inculturation.

"You Keep Your Promise" [Ho'olehua]

Robert M. Mondoy, 1994

Ps. 65: 6.10.11.12.13-14 [103]

Psalm 65^{1}

Relaxed Chalang-a-lang style *swing eighths* \downarrow =96



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This setting of Psalm 65 evokes clear images of God's love for his people and for all creatures. The references to water, crops, the "distant islands" (us in Hawai'i ?), and nature's abundance would make this version appropriate also for Thanksgiving. The name *Ho'olehua* is ascribed to this original melody to commemorate the agricultural homestead community on Moloka'i.
Psalm 34¹ / *"I Will Bless the Lord" [Kamō'ī]*

Dedicated to Roy M. Mondoy, with much aloha

Robert M. Mondoy, 1994

Ps. 34: 2-3.4-5.6-7.8-9 [174q, 776.2] **Slack key style, with motion** ↓=104



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You can used improvised Hawaiian percussion parts for both the antiphon and the verses. This setting of one of the recommended seasonal responsorial psalms is relaxed and informal. The original tune is named after Roy, which in Hawaiian can be translated as *Kamō'ī*.

Psalm 51² *"Lord, Be Merciful"* [Kalema]

Dedicated to Irmgard Aluli (1911-2001) and her family, with much aloha

Robert M. Mondoy, 1994

Ps. 51: 3-4.5-6.12-13.14.17 [22, 174e, 219]



This setting can be done in a very sentimental manner, given the antiphon's text, but don't get carried away, please. Mean what you sing, and sing what the words mean. The verses can be done a bit *rubato*, its melody is based on *kahiko* chant. Although only *ka 'eke 'eke nui* parts are written out, improvised *'ili'ili* and *kālā 'au* can be used. Psalm 51 uses the musical vocabulary of Hawaiian folk-song, and takes it as far as possible to accommodate the text's penitential character. *Kalema* is the Hawaiian transliteration of Lent. The setting of Psalm 51 is affectionately dedicated to Irmgard Aluli and her family. Irmgard (years ago) composed a song for her sister, "Kahuki 'aialo," which coincidentally has the same melodic incipit! The first time I heard her song was some time after I composed my Kalema!

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Psalm 66^{*} Clet All the Earth Cry Out" [Me ka Nani a'o Kaupō]

Ps. 66: 1-3.4-5.6-7 [174]

Dedicated to Cecilia, Emily, and Samuel Kupau of Pukuilua, with much aloha

Robert M. Mondoy, 1994

Chang-a-lang style *swing eighths* \downarrow =120



The verses of this setting are based on *Me ka Nani a'o Kaupō* by John Pi'ilani Watkins. Psalm 66 echoes the joy of the Easter season and makes reference to the deliverance of God's people as recounted in the Exodus Easter Vigil reading. The antiphon is very syncopated - don't be afraid to let the laughter and mirth shine through. Sissy Kupau's mother was from Kaupō, and I wanted to dedicate this Easter psalm setting to this fellow music minister and dear friend from Hāna.



['Ōlelo Hawai'i]



Chang-a-lang style *swing eighths* \downarrow =120

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 When I call on your name, O God of goodness, confident that you heed the prayer of my soul. My heart sings of your mercy and your justice, you who grant your love to all who call on you.

2. Those he loves, he grants favors and the choicest blessings upon us, we who live by his grace. When in trouble I know my loving God will save me from all harm and lead me into life.

3. There are those who will wonder whether true joy can be found, but I have been blessed with God's

joy. You, O Lord, shall lift up the light of your face shining on our lives with never ending love.

4. When I lay down to slumber, even then I know I'll sleep at once, so secure is my lot. You alone make my dwelling place secure and safe at all times; you, my comfort and my joy.

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1. When I see the work of creation, when I see the moon and the stars you set above us; What are we that you should care for us, that you even reach us with your love.

- 2. How I wonder why you made us just a little less than gods and angels; yet you crowned us all with glory, given us the honor as your children.
- 3. You have given us the power to rule over all the works of your hands; Gave us fish and flower and forest, gave us all the beauty of this land.
- 4. Lord, you silence all who harm us, you have even silenced death itself; How your name is worthy of praise on the lips of children and of babes.

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1. When I see the heavens and the works of your hands, and the moon and the stars which you arranged; what are we that you should keep us in mind, that you should care for us.

2. Yet you have made us just a little less than gods; and with glory and honor you have crowned us, gave us power to rule the works of your hands; you give us every good thing.

3. Oh, how your name is graced with royal majesty on the lips of children and of babes, you have found praise to foil the evil one [to foil death itself], to silence those who wish us harm.

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1. So green and cool are pastures where God leads me, where I can rest and find my heart's repose. So cool and clear are waters where God leads me, there I can pause and revive my drooping spirit.

2. You guide my steps in ways of truth and safety. I fear no harm even in the darkest valley. You are right there to guide me and protect me with crook and staff, with these you make me happy.

3. A feast with all the richest foods you set for me, in sight of foes whose harm has come to nothing.

You have anointed me with royal dignity, and fill my cup, my joy to overflowing.

4. I know God's kindness follows me wheree'er I go, the goodness of my God will stay till life is done. For when my life is ended I'll find love itself, and I shall dwell with love for years to come.

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^{1.} Happy they whose offense is forgiven, those who knew sin's heavy burden. For the Lord removed all my guilt; For you, O Lord, are generous to your people; You, O Lord, are generous to us all.

2. So may faithful men and women pray to you in times of need. Though the floods of sorrow surround them, they stand secure for their shelter is in you; We stand secure for our shelter is in you.

3. I will show the path of your calling, I will be there as your teacher; I will keep my eye on you always. Rejoice! Rejoice, you who follow with your hearts; Rejoice we all who follow with our hearts.

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1. I will bless the Lord at all times, I will shout his love and goodness. In the Lord my soul shall finds its boast and the humble shall hear and be glad.

- 3. Look towards him with confidence, O look towards him and shine with joy. When the poor cry out to the Lord he hears them and rescues them from all their distress.
- 4. The angel of the Lord encamps around all those who trust his power. Taste and see the goodness of our God. O how happy are all those who seek refuge in him.

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^{2.} Glorify the Lord with me, O glorify his great compassion; when I sought the Lord he answered me and from all my terrors he has set me free.



4. Give back to me your help, your joy; sustain in me a fervor that will last. Open my lips, O Lord open my heart so I can praise your mercy

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1. You care for the earth, you give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over living streams that nourish all of the bounty of our land.

2. And thus you provide the earth and drench its furrows with kindness. Your life and your power shine forth in gentle winds that shower, blessing the bounty of our land.

3. You crown the year with your goodness, plenty and gen rous your harvest. Our hills are all covered with gladness, shouting for joy and singing, praising the kindness of our God.

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Proclaim his goodness, sing aloud his name; "Tremendous are the deeds of God!"

2. "Let all your creatures worship and acclaim your pow'r, and sing praise to the glory of your name!" O come and see the works of God, Tremendous deeds among the peoples.

4. O come and listen while I tell you what he's done for me and for all those who fear his name.

O blest be God who hears my prayer, Tremendous is his love and mercy!

3. He turned the sea into dry land before his people; let them cross the river to escape the foe.

O let our joy be in our God! Tremendous is his rule forever!

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1. O, raise a shout of joy to God, all you on earth, and sing praise to the glory of his name. Proclaim his goodness, sing aloud his name; "Tremendous are the deeds of God!"

2. "Let all your creatures worship and acclaim your pow'r, and sing praise to the glory of your name!" O come and see the works of God, Tremendous deeds among the peoples.

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1. O God be gracious to us, bless us in your goodness and let your face now shed its light upon us; So will your ways be known by every land and nation, and every soul shall learn your saving help.

2. Let all the nations of the earth exult in gladness, for it is known you rule the world with justice. You rule all peoples with your constancy and fairness; You guide all nations with your loving hand.

3. Let all the peoples praise you, each of them acclaim you; let every soul exult in its creator. And may the God of kindness grant us his true blessing till all revere him everywhere on earth..

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1. "I have exalted David, who shall serve me well, and with my oil I have anointed him; my guiding hand shall be with him wheree'er he goes, and my right arm will be a strength for him."

2. "Forevermore my truthfulness shall be with him, and in my love my servant shall delight. He'll say to me, 'You are my father and my God; you are the rock that sets my future sure.' "

3. Of this I'm sure: your love will last forevermore, your holy truth is firm in constancy. The heavens shout the glory of your name, O God, and here on earth your people shout their praise

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1. Sing to the Lord a brand new song for the wondrous deeds he's done. His right hand has won the vict'ry, his holy arm has won salvation for us all.

- 2. God has revealed his saving power in the sight of all the nations. He has kept his faithful promise to his people, to the house of Israel.
- 3. All of the earth, from east to west, have seen the saving power of God. Sing your hearts to the Lord, all you nations; sing a song of praise and joy to God who saves.
- 4. Sing to the Lord with all your music; sing with harp and tuneful song. Trumpet forth all praise to our God, sing with joy before the Lord, before the King.

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1. Blessed are the ones who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. By the labor of your hands shall you eat, for the Lord will bless you with prosperity and bless you with his goodness, and bless you with his goodness.

2. There a wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the heart of her own home; there the children shall be like olive shoots around the table of your own home; God give you all his kindness, God give you all his kindness.

3. May the Lord bless you always from his seat set in Zion, may you look upon your children's children in the happy city of Jerusalem; God give you joy all your days, God give you joys all your days.

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1. How good and pleasant where people dwell as one; it brings such joy and sweet anointing overflowing over all. How good and beautiful where we all dwell as one, so like the oil, the precious oil of the Lord's anointing.

2. It is like the dew of morning shining on the grass, the silver gleaming, the sparkling radiance of the heights of Zion. It is like the evening sunset at each end of day; the twinkling starlight, the glowing moonlight from the vault of heaven.

3. O come and bless the Lord all you who seek him. O come and stand within the courts, within the house of God. Lift up, lift on high your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord, the one who blesses you from Zion.

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1. You are kind and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. O, how good are you to all creatures, how compassionate to all who look to you.

2. All your creatures give you their thanks, Lord, all your friends sing out and repeat their blessing. And the hope of all living beings look to you to give them food in due season.

3. You are just in all of your ways, Lord; O, how loving are you in all of your works. You are near to all who will call you, those who call upon you, who speak from their hearts.

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1. I will bless you day after day, and praise your name forever. You are great, Lord, highly to be praised, your greatness cannot be measured, your greatness cannot be measured.

2. Age to age shall proclaim your works, shall declare your mighty deeds. They shall speak of your splendor and glory, shall tell of the wonders of creation, shall tell of the wonders of creation.

3. All your creatures thank you, Lord, and your friends repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign; declare your might, O God, and declare your might, O God.

4. LOH only: Glory, honor, worship to you, to Christ and to the Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever and ever, amen. Will be for ever and ever, amen..

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