Seasonal Responsorial Psalms in English (with optional Hawaiian antiphons) in the Hawaiian Slack-Key Guitar, Chang-a-lang and Chalang-a-lang styles. *2019 Edition*





Moloka'i Cowries, composer's collection, from the 1960s

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HAWAIIAN PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS

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





['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]

Kālā'au: *In ensemble*, play the 1st beat of a phrase (a group of measures); avoid playing on every measure's downbeat. If kālā'au replaces 'ili'ili and pū'ili, then use the top line; $\Box = "u"$, $\blacksquare = "te"$ **Ipu & Ipu heke:** Play the "u-te" pattern of the percussion score. When endings appear; play the "u" only "te te -P ending:



[Kālāʿau: Wood blocks, a pair to each player]

"u"

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

[Ipu heke: Double percussion gourd] (See pgs. 173-176 "Ipu" in Hawaiian Music and Musicians (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.



"u"

[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.



"te"

<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"])



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



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 5. 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 19 "Your Words, O Lord" [Koi, Vers. 2]	
⇒Stately or Andante/Vrs: Slack key or U-te or Andante	Psalm 65 "In Good Ground" [Hua]
Psalm 71 "My Lips Shall Sing" {E Mele Au]	➡Ant: Stately, or Andante/Vrs: Slack key or U-te, Stately, or Andante
Stately or Andante/Vrs: Slack key or U-te or Andante	Psalm 138 "O Lord, Your Love is Eternal" [Kou Mau Lima]
Psalm 103 "The Lord Is Tender, Caring" [Mālama]	➡All: Slack key or U-te, Stately, or Andante
⇒All: Slack key or U-te or Andante	Psalm 3 "Rise Up,. Lord" [E Kū Mai]
Psalm 138 "Lord, when I call On You" [Paoakalani]	►All: Stately or U-te, Stately, or Andante
►All: Slack key or U-te or Andante	Psalm 86 "Hear Me, Lord" [E Maliu Mai]
Psalm 51 "Be Merciful, O Lord" [E Aloha Mai]	⇒All: Slack key or U-te, Stately, or Andante
⇒All: U-te or Andante	Psalm 122 "I Rejoiced" [Ka Hale o Ka Haku]
Psalm 118 "This is the Day" ['O Kēia nō Ka Lā]	⇒All: Slack key or U-te, Stately, or Andante
Ant: Chang-a-lang / Vrs: Slack key or U-te, Stately, or Andante	Psalm 122 "I Rejoiced [Me ka 'Oli'oli]
Psalm 91 "Be With Me" [Nāu No Au]	,
►Ant: Stately, or Andante / Vrs: U-te, Stately, or Andante	→ All: Slack key or U-te, Stately, or Andante
Psalm 33 "The Earth is Full" [Paʿapū]	Psalm 128 "May the Lord Bless" [Ku'u Home I Keaukaha]
⇒Ant: Chang-a-lang/ Vrs: U-te or Andante	►Ant: Chang-a-lang / Vrs: Slack key or U-te, Stately, or Andante
Psalm 87 "All You Nations" [Mailani]	
⇒All: Chang-a-lang	

GUITAR & 'UKULELE STRUMS FOR HAWAIIAN-STYLE MUSIC



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Psalm 19⁹ * "Your Words, O Lord" [Koi vrsn2]

Ps. 19: 8.9.10.15 [69] Andante J=100

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Verses; slack key style D^7 D^7 G G G 1. The of the Lord God's per-fect law per-fect, Ο is 2. O God's God's de - mands just, Ο de are 3. How the fear, of the Lord, God's pure, the fear 4. Ι ask you, my God, to keep pride in my ʻiliʻili, (pūʻili) \mathbf{D}^7 С G G D the The Lord's love re vives soul. de - crees are light mands de the heart. God's com - mands, Ο _ Ο crees stand for - ev- er. God's vi - sion fault-less de in all things is becheck; help me break its grip. Then Ι can stand ∩ D.C. G/D D^7 G does guide the ion, en - light - en the wor-thy of God's rule our trust; sim - ple. God's com-mands do sharp-en vis _ eye. right and just, God's judge ments do keep their truth. fore you blame - less and free from dead - ly sin. D.C 0

One does not willingly accept the commands of another without first entering into a covenental relationship of trust in the latter's guidance. The text of Psalm 19 makes abundantly clear that covenantal relationship; both God's trustworthiness and our humble practice of virtue. Still we are human, and asking God for forgiveness and support can bring us a joy of not just "doing" good, but "being" good.

Psalm 71² * "My Lips Shall Sing" [E Mele Au]



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Verses



A certain unshakable confidence in the Lord, and a matured sense of confidence at that, runs deep throughout Psalm 71. Even when describing the trial of inimical conflict there is a sense of calm security. The psalmist seems drenched in musical outpouring while declaring that desire to sing of the Lord's goodness. The initial notes of the antiphon may sound vaguely familiar, an homage to a well-known "Hawaiian" song by Jack Pitman (1906-1986.)

"The Lord Is Tender, Caring" [Mālama] Psalm 103

Dedicated to Charlotte Clarke & family, in memory of Thomas Walters Clarke, Jr.(1935-2018), with much aloha Ps.103: 1-2.3-4.8-10.12-13 [91]

Slack key style, Andante J=104



[&]quot;Psalm 103 is a lovely and optimistic work," in the words of psalms-scholar Carroll Stuhlmueller, C.P., "where thanksgiving easily blends into hymnic praise, sinfulness enables one to settle into God's gracious compassion, individual concerns about health reach outwards to God's covenant with Israel and the heavenly throne that spans the universe." It is my desire, in this setting, to musically match the tenderness of the texts' content.

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Verses: a little slower; slack key style, J=96



Psalm 138 * "Lord, When I Call On You For Help" [Paoakalani]

Psalm 138, 1-2.2-3.6-7.7-8 [111]

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Stately strum, Not fast J=100



Suddenly a bit faster, slack key style, *straight eighths* J=112



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The opening bars of Psalm 138 come from a famous song by Queen Lili'uokalani, " Ku'u Pua i Paoakalani." Queen Lili'uokalani is certainly one of the outstanding persons of Hawaiian history, who suffered much injustice alongside the people of the Hawaiian kingdom at the time of annexation. This song and others she composed at that time enunciated her compassion, her mercy, her patience, and her enduring trust in God. Psalm 138 could well have been a prayer she prayed during her imprisonment. I chose not to include a Hawaiian language translation of the antiphon because of the strength and beauty of the original Hawaiian text of the song. This arrangement is an homage of sorts to the tune and to the memory of a much beloved Hawaiian monarch.

Psalm 51⁹ "Be Merciful, O Lord" [E Aloha Mai]



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This recent setting of Psalm 51 for Lent is rich in musical dolor and compunction. The Hawaiian antiphon is particularly easy to sing; mahalo to Puakea Nogelmeier. Even from sin and sorrow and guilt can sprout a renewal of purity, joy, and restoration to loving realtionship with God..."e aloha mai i'au..."

Psalm 118⁸ * "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" ['O Kēia Nō Ka Lā]

Ps. 118:1-2.16-17.22-23 [42, 174k] Chalang-a-lang style swing eighths J=120 Dedicated to, with much aloha

Robert M. Mondoy, 2019



I recently finally composed a "Hawaiian" version of Easter season's Psalm 188 "This is the Day." It is written in an openly cheery and festive manner, and can easily be accompanied with Hawaiian percussion instruments in the "auana" style. There is really nothing like Easter Sunday, and nothing echoes our Easter "alleluia" as well as this psalm.

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Psalm 91³ *"Be With Me"[Nāu No Au]*

Ps. 91: 1-2.10-11.12-13.14-15 [24]

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As psalms-scholar A. Maillot-A. Lelièvre remarks; "Psalm 91 promises no immunization from trouble; God grants protection in such a way that each trial strengthens and purifies God's servant." Our journeys towards to Father are beset with trials, with no quick and easy victory over sin and temptation. But, with God's affirmative presence, the believer will most certainly arrive at peace, and find eternal glory. The antiphon feels like someone strolling and musing at the same time. The kahiko rhythmic pulse is woven into the verses' accompaniment.

Psalm 33 * "The Earth Is Full of the Goodness of the Lord" [Paʿapū]

Ps.33: 12.18.20-21.22 [41.1, 776.1]

Chang-a-lang style *swing eighths* \downarrow =88

Robert M. Mondoy, 2022





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Dedicated to Marji Clemente & Michael Doyle, with much aloha

Verses1, 2, same tempo, but straight eighths



This version of Palm 33 is used at nuptial celebrations, as well as the Easter Vigil. The psalmist, speaking in the self-plural, can easily be imagined as a wedding couple thoughtfully invoking God's creative power and reliable and loving trustworthiness on the vigil of their wedding celebration, as in Tobit 8:4b-9. The antiphon is a melodic homage to Ma'iki Aiu Lake's (1925-1984) well known song, "Aloha Kaua'i," composed (with the help of others) in 1954. The dedicatee is from Kaua'i. Be comfortable between the shift of swing eighths and straight eights. This setting reflects the profound joy of us all in celebrating God's teeming goodness ("pa'apū") in his creation throughout the whole world.



Wailua Falls, Kauaʻi (photo rmm June 2010)

Psalm 87 "All You Nations, Give Glory" [Mailani]



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Verses J=108



This cheery, somewhat giddy, setting of Psalm 87 is unapologetic in the festive chang-a-lang style. The psalmist, while clearly exaggerating the neighboring nations' deference to Yahweh, abundantly extols Yahweh's unique love for Israel and for Zion. The expression "Oh, here is my home" resonates with many of Hawai'i's folks. God loves the nations, indeed; and God loves Hawai'i, too.





Robert M. Mondoy, 2023 Ps. 65: 10.11.12-13.14 [103] Andante -97 (Descant only after Vrs 2, and only with English) In good ground does the seed fall, in good ground does the D^7 B7/D# (Am) G/B G Em G/D In good ground does the fall, good ground does the seed in Instr. Bass: read staff rit. _ _ _ _ _ _ fall, How der - ful seed won der - ful, won its har - vest. -C^{maj7} Cm/A G/D Am⁷/D D^7 G to verses fall, How won - der-ful, won - der-ful its har - vest. seed rit. 6 6 ρ P

Dedicated to, with much aloha

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Verses: Slack key style, straight eighths J=97



The antiphon of the Lectionary's settings of Psalm 65 comes from Luke 8:8. In this antiphon the believer is likened to the good ground in which the seed, the word of God, thrives and bears a rich harvest. According to Carl Stuhlmuller C.P., Psalm 65 "possibly occupied a prominent place in (the) Jewish Temple pilgrimage months of September-October," when crops have been gathered and prayer offered up for rain to break the long dry season. I elected to include an alternate text that reflects the Hawaiian cultural identification not to grain, but to kalo (taro). We all know well the importance of kalo to the Hawaiian table and its symbolism in the Hawaiian cultural world-view.

Psalm 138⁷ & "O Lord, Your Love Is Eternal" [Piano Ahiahi / Kou Mau Lima]

Ps. 138: 1-2.2-3.6.8 [121]

Robert M. Mondoy, 2023

Slack key style; rather relaxedly J=84



Robert M. Mondoy, 2023. Text: Hawaiian: Baibala Hemolele, alt. Tune by Robert M.Mondoy, 2023.

The verses are after *Piano Ahiahi*, a mele hula by Pälea (b. 1852), ca. 1870? ©2023 Mondoy Music 1555 Pohaku St. B-104 Honolulu HI 96817. All rights reserved. Go listen to this music: www.mondoymusic.com. If this is a photocopy, your teacher / music director has arranged to pay \$1.00 royalty for each unit. Verses, same tempo -84 E^7 E^7 А А 1. I 2. I hands. will thank you with all li-ma will thank you for your fid-el-i-3. Though high you up 'ili'ili, (pū'ili) E^7 E^7 join in heav-en's cho-rus, bow - ing towards your ho - ly Ι am, and love, Ι ty for your great For when call you low - ly; from a - far you see the proud and take up our you E^7 Dm/A E^7 А to praise your to praise your name. name,



When I first learned of *Piano Ahiahi*, I immediately liked the simplicity of the chant and my imagined setting conjured up by the (a) historical arrival of the piano to Hawai'i. I thought that Palea's work commemorating that event with a Hawaiian chant delighted me to no end. I wish I could have been there, so to speak. I think the chant is a good match for this psalm-setting, and I hope you enjoy its musical sincerity of melody and harmony. The pace is not fast, but sung in a matter-of-fact relaxed tempo befitting slack-key guitar playing. Like God's love, the tempo is steadfast and in paced certainty.

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Ps. 3 : 2-3.4-5.6-7 [323]

Robert M. Mondoy, 2024

Kahiko; solemn, loud, & strongly accented -80





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Psalm 86³ ("Hear Me. Lord, O Hear Me" [E Maliu Mai]

In memory of Clyde A. Takase (1952-2023), my childhood friend,, with much aloha

Ps.86 1-2.3-4.5-6: [324]

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Psalm 122⁶ * "I Rejoiced" [Ka Hale o Ka Haku]

Ps. 122: 1-2.3-4.4-5.6-7.8-9 [1, 162, 174w] Dedicated to Michael, Keolani & Kalena Hughes, with much aloha Slack key style =88

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Psalm 122⁷ (*TRejoiced When I Heard Them Say"* [Me ka 'oli'oli]

Ps. 122: 1-2.3-4.4-5.6-7.8-9 [1, 162, 174w]

Dedicated to, with much aloha

Robert M. Mondoy, 2022

Slack key Hawaiian style straight eighths J=84



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The verses of this psalm setting are based on "Ku'u Home i Keaukaha," composed ca. 1935 by Haili Church (Hilo) member and Hawai'i civic and music leader Albert Nāhale'ā (1910-1970) in honor of Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole's work in the creation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. Keaukaha was one of the original Hawaiian Homestead lands on Hawai'i island. The song's original Hawaiian text seemed to me consonant to the the psalm's heartfelt hope of a blessed household filled with love and possibility.

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1. Lord, how daunting the armies massed against me! All of them jeer at me, "God will not save you."

When I call, you answer from your holy mountain.

3. I rest easy at night and rise in the morning sure of God's protection. I fear not the thousands standing against me.

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1. The law of the Lord is perfect, O God's perfect love revives the soul. The Lord's decrees are worthy of our trust; God's rule does guide the simple.

2. O God's demands are just, O God's demands delight the heart. O God's commands, O God's commands do sharpen vision, enlighten the eye.

3. How pure, the fear, the fear of the Lord, God's faultless decrees stand forever. God's vision in all things are right and just, God's judgements do keep their truth.

4. I ask you, my God, to keep my pride in check; help me break its grip. Then I can stand before you blameless and free from deadly sin.

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^{2.} But you are my shield, Lord, my reason to boast; you hold my head high.



- 1. Blest the land whose God is the Lord, the heirs whom God has chosen. Good looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love.
- 2. With all we are, we wait for God, the Lord, our help, our shield. Our hearts find joy, find joy in the Lord; we trust God's holy name.

3. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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- 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offense. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.
- 2. All of my wrongs, I truly know them; always before me is my sin. Against you and you alone have I sinned; my evil in your sight.
- 3. O God create in me a pure heart, O God create in me a steadfast spirit. From your sweet presence don't cast me out, deprive me not your holy spirit.
- 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 tend and water the land. How wonderful the harvest. You fill your springs and ready the seeds (*huikalo*) and prepare the harvest to come.
- 2. You drench the furrows and level all the ridges. With gentle showers do you bless our land with abundance to come.
- 3. You crown the year with riches, all you touch comes alive. Even the lands untilled yield crops, and the hills are clothed with joy.
- 4. Flocks clothe the pastures, valleys filled with grain, Yes, valleys shout in joy to God, shout for joy and break into song.
- 4 alt. Our land provides and nurtures, lo'i filled with kalo. Yes, valleys shout in joy to God, shout for joy and break into song.

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- 1. O Lord, you are my shelter, do not fail me. You always do me right; deliver me, rescue me, hear me and save me.
- 2. O be my rock and haven to whom I can always turn; and be my tow'r of strength, keep me safe from evildoers; free me.
- 3. You are my hope, O Lord from the day of my own youth. I have relied on you since my birth, my strength from my mother's womb.
- 4. My lips shall speak your goodness each day I praise your saving acts; and from my youth util now I still learn to praise you.

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1. Hear me, Lord, and act, I am poor and helpless. You are my God, watch over me, for I am loyal to you. Save me, your servant, for I trust you.

2. Each waking hour I beg your mercy, Lord. Bring joy to me, your servant, I offer myself to you.

3.You are good and forgiving, loyal to all who call upon you. Hear my prayer, O Lord, answer my cry for help.

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1. Zion is set on the holy mountain. The Lord love her gates above all the dwellings of Israel. Oh, great is your renown, Oh, great is your renown, O city of God.

2. I register as her citizens Egypt, Babylon, Philistia, Ethiopia, and Tyre: "Each was born in her." People will say, "Zion mothered each and every one." The Most High protects the holy city.

3. It is recorded in God's register that one and all was born in her, who are her children. And all shall sing their fes-ive dance, sing-ing: "Here, Oh here is my home!"

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- 1. All you sheltered by the Most High, who live in the Almighty God's shadow, say to the Lord, "My refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust.
- 2. No evil shall ever reach you, No harm come near your home. God commands the angels to guard you wherever you may go.
- 3. With their hands they will support you so that your feet will not strike a stone. Walk fearlessly on the asp, the viper, the dragon and the lion.
- 4. I deliver all who cling to me and raise the ones who know my name. I will answer those who call me in trouble, and rescue and honor them.

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My soul, bless the Lord, bless God's holy name, bless God's holy name! My soul, bless the Lord, and hold dear all God's gifts.
Bless God, who forgives your sin and heals every illness, who snatches you from death and enfolds you with tender care.
O the Lord is tender and caring, slow to anger, rich in love. God will not accuse us long, nor exact from us what we deserve.
As far as east is from west, so God removes all our sins. As tender as father to child, so gentle is God to us.

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1. Give thanks, the Lord is good, "God's love is forever!" Now let Israel say, "God's love is forever!"

2. With his right hand raised high the Lord strikes with power. I'll not die; but I'll live to tell the Lord's great deeds.

3. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. How wonderful, how wonderful in our eyes.

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1. With joy I heard them say, Let us go to the house of the Lord!" And now, Jerusalem, we stand inside, inside your gates.

2. Jerusalem, thus built that city and temple are one. To you the tribes go up, ev'ry tribe, ev'ry tribe of the Lord.

3. It is the law of Israel there to honor, to honor God's name. The seats of law are here, the throne of David, of David's line. 4.Pray peace for Jerusalem: happiness, happiness for your homes, Pray for safety inside your walls and peace within, within

your houses.

5. For love of family and friends I say, "Peace be with you!" For love of the Lord's own house I will pray, I will pray for your good.

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4. Pray peace for Jerusalem: happiness, happiness for your homes, Pray for safety inside your walls and peace within, within your houses.

5. For love of my fam'ly and friends I say, "Peace be with you!" For love of the Lord's own house I pray, I pray for your good.

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Blest are you who fear the Lord and walk his ways. And your table rich from labor; blest are you and favored. Your wife a fruitful vine, olive shoots, your children. All about your fam 'ly board; gathered there by love.
May the Lord stretch forth to bless you from his seat in Zion. You who fear the Lord and love him, shall be ever favored. May you see your children's children, see Jerusalem prosper. On you, on Israel be God's own peace.

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- 1. I thank you, Lord, with all I am, and I join the chorus of the heavens. I bow toward your holy temple, so that I praise and thank your name.
- 2. The glory of your name and promise is seen by all in your great love. For when I call out, yes, you answer and built up strength within my being.
- 3. Though high above, you see the lowly. Though far away, you see the proud. And when I have to face my foe, Lord, you raise your hand, reach out and save me.
- 4. You keep my life, take up my cause, and complete what you set out for me, For I know, God, you love me always. Forsake not what your hand has made.

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1. I will thank you with all I am, I join in heaven's chorus, bowing towards your holy temple to praise your name, to praise your name.

2. I will thank you for your fidelity and for your great love, For when I call you act and answer my prayer and give me strength.

3. Though high up you see all the lowly; from afar you see the proud and you take up our cause. Forsake not what your hands have made.

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