

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Antiphon by Andrew R. Motyka (2011)

The king-dom of hea - ven is like a pearl of great_ worth.

This musical score is for a vocal antiphon. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is simple and contemplative, with a final note on a whole note. The accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and some melodic lines.

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Mode VIII

1. 2. 3. Last

This musical score is for a Mode VIII chant. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score is divided into four measures, each labeled with a number or 'Last'. The melody is simple and consists of a few notes, often with a fermata. The accompaniment is a simple harmonic support, often using a single note or a simple chord.

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Psalm 34

1. I will bless the LORD *at* all times;
Praise of him is always in *my* mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall *make* its boast;
The humble shall hear and *be* glad.
 2. Glorify the LORD with me;
Together let us praise *his* name.
I sought the LORD, and he *an*-swered me;
From all my terrors he set *me* free.
 3. Look toward him *and* be radiant;
Let your faces not be *ab*-ashed.
This lowly one called; *the* LORD heard,
And rescued him from all his *dis*-tress.
 4. The angel of the LORD *is* encamped
Around those who fear him, to *res*-cue them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Blessed the man who seeks refuge *in* him.
 5. Fear the LORD, *you* his holy ones.
They lack nothing, those *who* fear him.
The rich suffer want *and* go hungry,
But those who seek the LORD lack *no* blessing.
 6. Come, chil-*dren*, and hear me,
That I may teach you the fear of *the* LORD.
Who is it that *de*-sires life
And longs to see prosper-*ous* days?
 7. Guard your *tongue* from evil,
And your lips from speaking *dec*-eit.
Turn aside from evil *and* do good.
Seek after peace, and *pur*-sue it.
 8. The LORD turns his eyes *to* the just,
And his ears are open to *their* cry.
The LORD turns his face *a*-gainst the wicked
To destroy their remembrance from *the* earth.
 9. When the just cry out, *the* LORD hears,
And rescues them in all their *dis*-tress.
The LORD is close to the *bro*-kenhearted;
Those whose spirit is crushed he *will* save.
 10. Many are the trials *of* the just man,
But from them all the LORD will *res*-cue him.
He will keep guard over *all* his bones;
Not one of his bones shall *be* broken.
 11. Evil brings death *to* the wicked;
Those who hate the just man *are* doomed.
The LORD ransoms the souls *of* his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be *con*-demned.
- Dox.** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Ho-ly Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, *is* now,
And will be forever. *A*-men.