

**Below is the so-called “Abbey Psalms & Canticles,”** over which the USCCB is attempting to exert copyright (as of 2019). It remains to be seen whether this can be done, as the “translation” is virtually identical to other translations.

℟ Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Psalm After Seventh Reading

**This is completely wrong, and has been wrong since 1998. It’s literally 100% backwards:**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*When baptism is celebrated, responsorial psalm A is used; when baptism is not celebrated, responsorial psalm B or C is used.*

*A When baptism is celebrated*

Ps 42 (41):3, 5cdefg; 43 (42):3, 4

℟ (42:2) Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.

My soul is thirsting for God,  
the living God;  
when can I enter and appear  
before the face of God?

℟ Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.

For I would go to the place  
of your wondrous tent,



**I**TS EDITORS LEFT NO STONE turned in their quest for the best versions of these ancient Catholic hymns, combing through centuries of English translations from the sixteenth century to the present day. In the process, they have revealed much little-known material, and some that is published in a hymnal for the first time. [They] navigate this difficult terrain with assurance; indeed, the editors’ explanation of the Urbanite reform and its impact on English translators is a model of clarity, and contains information this reviewer has not encountered elsewhere.

—Dr. Aaron James: 2019 review of the *Brébeuf Catholic Hymnal* in the *Journal of the Society for Catholic Liturgy* • <https://ocwatershed.org/hymn/>