

C-1 THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD  
PSALM 33:12 AND 18,20-21,22 (776-1)

LEADER: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

ALL: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**LEADER: Happy the nation whose God is Yahweh, the people he has chosen for his heritage. But see how the eye of Yahweh is on those who fear him, on those who rely on his love.**

ALL: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**LEADER: Our soul awaits Yahweh, he is our help and our shield; our hearts rejoice in him, we trust in his holy name.**

ALL: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**LEADER: Yahweh, let your love rest on us as our hope has rested in you.**

ALL: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

C-2 BLESS THE LORD  
PSALM 34:2-3; 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (776-2)

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Or Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

ALL: I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Or Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

LEADER: My soul glories in Yahweh, let the humble hear and rejoice. Proclaim with me the greatness of Yahweh, together let us extol his name.

ALL: I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Or Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**LEADER: I seek Yahweh, and he answers me and frees me from all my fears. Every face turned to him grows brighter and is never ashamed.**

ALL: I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Or Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**LEADER: A cry goes up from the poor man, and Yahweh hears, and helps him in all his troubles. The angel of the Yahweh pitches camp round those who fear him; and he keeps them safe.**

ALL: I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Or Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**LEADER: How good Yahweh is – only taste and see!  
Happy the man who takes shelter in him.  
Fear Yahweh, you his holy ones: for those who**

**fear him want for nothing.**

ALL: I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Or Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

LEADER: The Lord is kind and merciful.  
Or the Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

ALL: The Lord is kind and merciful.  
Or the Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

**LEADER: Bless Yahweh, my soul, bless his holy name, all that is in me! Bless Yahweh, my soul, and remember all his kindnesses.**

ALL: The Lord is kind and merciful.  
Or the Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

**LEADER: Yahweh is tender and compassionate, slow to anger, most loving. As tenderly as a father treats his children, so Yahweh treats those who fear him.**

ALL: The Lord is kind and merciful.  
Or the Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

**LEADER: Yet Yahweh's love for those who fear him lasts from all eternity and for ever, like his goodness to their children's children as long as they keep his covenant.**

ALL: The Lord is kind and merciful.  
Or the Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

**C-4 HAPPY THE**

**MAN**

**PSALM 112:12, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8,9 (766-4)**

**LEADER:** Happy are those who do what the Lord

Or: commands.  
Alleluia.

ALL: Happy are those who do what the Lord  
commands.

Or: Alleluia.

**LEADER: Happy the man who fears Yahweh by joyfully  
keeping his commandments! Children of such  
a man will be powers on earth, descendants of  
the upright will always be blessed.**

ALL: Happy are those who do what the Lord  
commands.

Or: Alleluia.

**LEADER: There will be riches and wealth for his family  
and his righteousness can never change. For  
the upright he shines like a lamp in the dark,  
he is merciful, tenderhearted, virtuous.**

ALL: Happy are those who do what the Lord  
commands.

Or: Alleluia.

**LEADER: Interest is not charged by this good man, he is  
honest in all his dealings. Kept safe by virtue,  
he is ever steadfast, and leaves an  
imperishable memory behind him; with  
constant heart, and confidence in Yahweh.**

ALL: Happy are those who do what the Lord  
commands.

Or: Alleluia.

**LEADER: He need never fear bad news. Steadfast in heart he overcomes his fears: in the end he will triumph over his enemies.**

ALL: Happy are those who do what the Lord commands.

Or: Alleluia.

**LEADER: Quick to be generous, he gives to the poor, his righteousness can never change, men such as this will always be honored.**

ALL: Happy are those who do what the Lord commands.

Or: Alleluia.

C-5 HAPPY ALL THOSE  
PSALM 128:1-2; 3 4-5 (776-5)

LEADER: Happy are those who fear the Lord.  
Or: See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.

ALL: Happy are those who fear the Lord.  
Or: See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.

**LEADER: Happy, all those who fear Yahweh and followed in his paths. You will eat what your hands have worked for, happiness and prosperity will be yours.**

ALL: Happy are those who fear the Lord.  
Or: See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.

**LEADER: Your wife, a fruitful vine on the inner walls of your house. Your sons: round your table like shoots round an olive tree.**

ALL: Happy are those who fear the Lord.  
Or: See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.

**LEADER: Such are the blessings that fall on the man who fears Yahweh. May Yahweh bless you from Zion all the days of your life!**

ALL: Happy are those who fear the Lord.  
Or: See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.

C-6 THE LORD IS COMPASSIONATE  
PSALM 145: 8-9 AND 15, 17-18

LEADER: The Lord is compassionate to all his creatures.

ALL: The Lord is compassionate to all his creatures.

**LEADER: He, Yahweh, is merciful, tenderhearted, slow to anger, very loving, and universally kind; Yahweh's tenderness embraces all his creatures.**

ALL: The Lord is compassionate to all his creatures.

**LEADER: Yahweh, all your creatures thank you, and your faithful bless you. Patiently all creatures look to you to feed them throughout the year.**

ALL: The Lord is compassionate to all his creatures.

**LEADER: Righteous in all that he does, Yahweh acts only out of love, standing close to all who invoke him, close to all who invoke Yahweh faithfully.**

ALL: The Lord is compassionate to all his creatures.

C-7 PRAISE THE LORD  
PSALM 148:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12ab, 12c-14a (776-7)

LEADER: Let all praise the name of the Lord.  
Or: Alleluia.

ALL: Let all praise the name of the Lord.  
Or: Alleluia.

**LEADER: Let heaven praise Yahweh: praise him, heavenly heights, praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his armies!**

ALL: Let all praise the name of the Lord.  
Or: Alleluia.

**LEADER: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, shining stars, praise him, highest heavens, and waters above the heavens!**

ALL: Let all praise the name of the Lord.  
Or: Alleluia.

**LEADER: Mountains and hills, orchards and forests, wild animals, and farm animals, snakes and birds.**

ALL: Let all praise the name of the Lord.  
Or: Alleluia.

**LEADER: All kings on earth and nations, princes, all**

**rulers in the world, young men and girls, old people, and children, too!**

ALL: Let all praise the name of the Lord.  
Or: Alleluia.

**LEADER: Let them all praise the name of Yahweh, for his name and no other is sublime, transcending earth and heaven in majesty, raising the fortunes of his people.**

ALL: Let all praise the name of the Lord.  
Or: Alleluia.