

PALM SUNDAY KOINONIKON

*Psalm 117*Based on Tone 4, Serbian Chant
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REFRAIN:

The musical score is written for Soprano Alto and Tenor Bass. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is for the first line of the refrain, and the second system is for the second line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Soprano Alto
Bless - ed is He that comes_ in the Name of the Lord!

Tenor Bass
God_ is the Lord, and has re - vealed Him - self to us!

VERSES:

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Let Israel say: "For He is good; for His mercy endures forever!"

Let the house of Aaron say: "For He is good; for His mercy endures forever!"

Let those who fear the LORD say: "For He is good; for His mercy endures forever!"

Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.

With the LORD on my side I do not fear. What can man do to me? The LORD is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

They surrounded me like bees, they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

*This setting is in the **responsorial style**. The chanter begins by singing the refrain (in melody) which is repeated (in parts) by all the singers. Each verse of the Psalm, intoned by the chanter, is answered with the singing of the refrain. At the end of the Psalm the chanter sings (in melody) the first half of the refrain, which is concluded (in parts) by all the singers.*

Hark, glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD is exalted, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has chastened me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech You, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech You, give us success!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD. God is the LORD, and has revealed Himself to us!

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God, I will extol You.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His mercy endures for ever!

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