

## Funeral Psalms

### **Psalm 23: 1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6 (31)**

*Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. In verdant pastures He gives me repose;  
Besides restful water He leads me, He refreshes my soul. **R/.**
2. He guides me in right paths, For his name's sake, even though I walk in the dark valley I fear  
no evil;  
For you are at my side with your rod and your staff, that give me courage. **R/.**
3. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R/.**
4. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, for years to come. **R/.**

### **Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13-14 (174.5)**

*Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?  
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? **R/.**
2. One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek to dwell in the land of the LORD all the days of my  
life,  
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD, and contemplate this temple. **R/.**
3. I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living.  
Wait for the LORD, with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD! **R/.**

### **Psalm 63: 2, 3-4. 5-6, 8-9 (96)**

*Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God whom I seek; for my flesh pines and my soul thirsts.  
Like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. **R/.**
2. Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory,  
For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. **R/.**
3. Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting my hand, I will call upon your name.

As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. **R/.**

4. You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.  
My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me. **R/.**

### **Psalm 103: 8 & 10, 13-14. 15-16, 17-18 (1013.6)**

*Response: The Lord is kind and merciful*

1. Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger, and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does He deal with us, nor does He requite us according to our crimes.  
**R/.**

2. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.  
For he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. **R/.**

3. Man's days are like those of grass; like a flower of the field he blooms;  
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone, and his place knows him no more. **R/.**

4. But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity, to eternity toward those who fear him,  
And his justice toward children's children among those who keep his covenant and remember to fulfill his precepts. **R/.**

### **Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (1)**

*Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

1. I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD."  
And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R/.**

2. Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity.  
To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD. **R/.**

3. According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.  
In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David. **R/.**

4. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper!  
May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings. **R/.**

5. Because of my relatives and friends I will say "Peace be within you!"  
Because of the house of the LORD, our God, I will pray for your good. **R/.**