INDEX FOR PSALM USE

Adapted from CWOS page 335.

Christian Worship: Occasional Services includes a number of psalm settings. These psalms are selected to fit ideally in Compline and in the services of Lent and Holy Week. Some may also serve well in other services. These psalms often use more verses than psalms in Christian Worship. When used for a Sunday service, a shorter selection of verses may be made. The following chart shows additional days or occasions when these psalms may be used. Psalms that are appointed for the Christian Worship three-year lectionary are in regular type. Additional suggestions are in italic. This chart includes only psalms with music in CWOS, not other psalms suggested for use in CWOS.

Some of the psalms with music are found only in the electronic files. The setting for a psalm in bold type was originally written for Compline. Some CWOS psalms are intended to be sung by a cantor or choir and not by the congregation.

Psalm 2  Christmas Dawn ABC, Christmas 1A, Baptism of our Lord BC, Transfiguration A (verses 6-12), Pentecost 25
Psalm 4  Lent 2C, Pentecost 2A
Psalm 22  Good Friday ABC, Easter 5B (verses 25-31), Pentecost 5C, Pentecost 22B
Psalm 23  Easter 4ABC, Pentecost 9B, Pentecost 21A, Christian Funeral
Psalm 27  Epiphany 3A (verses 1-9), Lent 4B (verses 1-6[7-14]), Good Friday Tenebrae, Pentecost 9C, Pentecost 18A (verses 1-9), Pentecost 20C, Christian Funeral
Psalm 27  A second setting composed for Tenebrae.
Psalm 31  Lent 6ABC (Sunday of the Passion), Pentecost 2A, Pentecost 5A, Pentecost 18B, St. Stephen
Psalm 34  Pentecost 11C, Pentecost 12B (verses 1-8), Pentecost 14A, Pentecost 23C, All Saints' Day (verses 1-10)
Psalm 51  Christian Worship's Psalm 51a: Ash Wednesday ABC, Lent 5B (verses 10-15), Pentecost 3B, Pentecost 16A, Pentecost 17C
Psalm 88  Two settings for Stripping the Altar; no other use suggested.
Psalm 91  Lent 1C, Pentecost 5A, St. Michael and All Angels, Time of Crisis.
Note that three different settings of Psalm 91 are included.
Psalm 118  Palm Sunday, Advent midweek service, Church Dedication
CWOS uses verses 1, 19, 20, 25-29 for Palm Sunday. A different verse selection is commonly used for Easter. The CWOS verse selection makes this psalm setting less ideal for other days when Psalm 118 is appointed.
Psalm 130  Advent 2A, Advent 3C, Epiphany 7B, Ash Wednesday, Lent 1A, Holy Innocents, Christian Funeral, Corporate Confession

Psalm 130  A second setting composed for Ash Wednesday.

Psalm 131  Pentecost 26A

Psalm 134  Pentecost 13A, Church Dedication

Psalm 136  Epiphany 5C, St. Thomas ABC (verses 1-4, 23-26), Pentecost 10B and Pentecost 11A (verses 1-9, 23-26)

In addition to the psalms, CWOS provide settings of canticles that may be used on various occasions.

Song of Moses (Exodus 15)  Easter C (verses 1-11)

First Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12)  Advent 3C (verses 2-6, in place of the psalm), Easter Dawn, Lent 4C

All You Works of the Lord (Benedicite)  May substitute for other canticles.

Song of Mary (Magnificat, two settings)  Evening Prayer, Advent 3B, St. Mary - Mother of our Lord