

# Responsorial Psalm

*The responsorial psalm is generally sung and led by a cantor.*

**A Psalm 23:** Response: My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

*Verses:*

Lord, you are my shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
Where you give me repose.  
Near restful waters you lead me,  
To revive my drooping spirit.

You guide me along the right path;  
You are true to your name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
No evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
With these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
In the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
My cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
All the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
For ever and ever.

To the Father and Son give glory,  
Give glory to the Spirit.  
To God who is, who was, and who will be  
For ever and ever.

**B Psalm 23:** Response: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

*Verses:*

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet water of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff,  
my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me  
all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.