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And the edification of His saints.*

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Preface

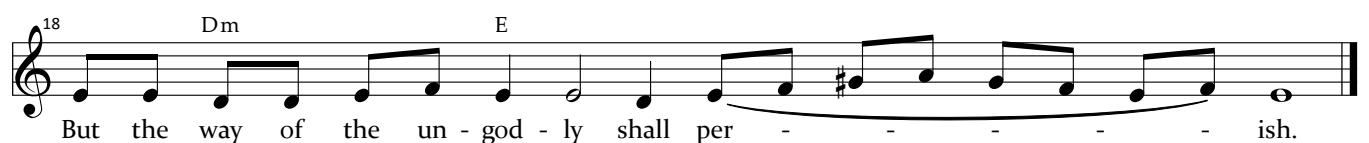
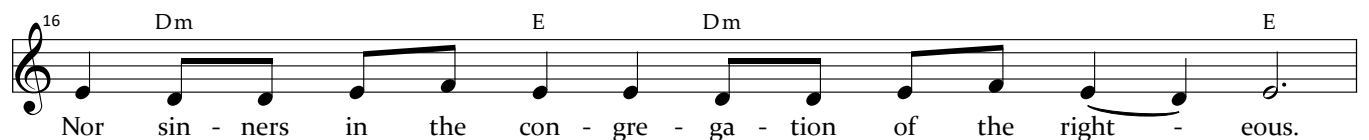
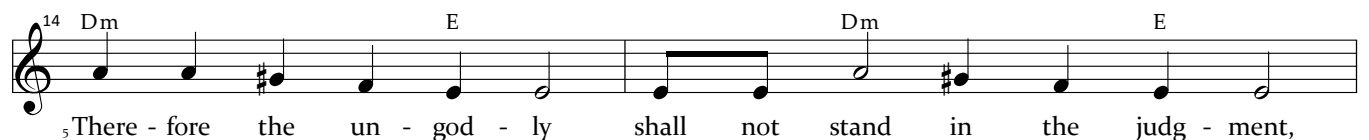
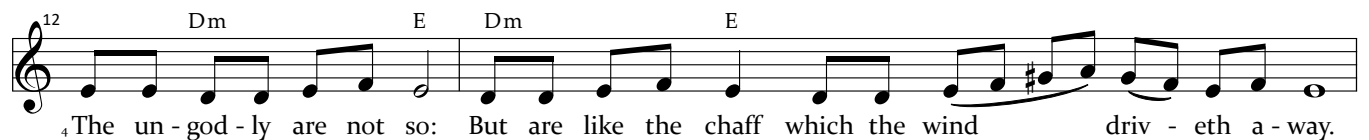
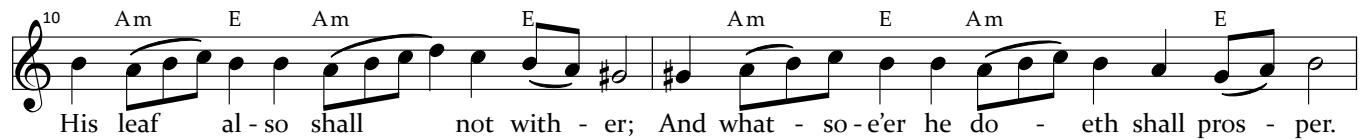
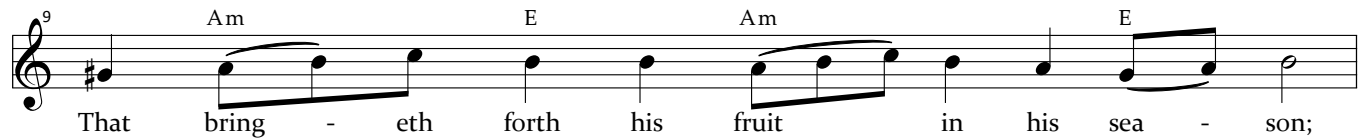
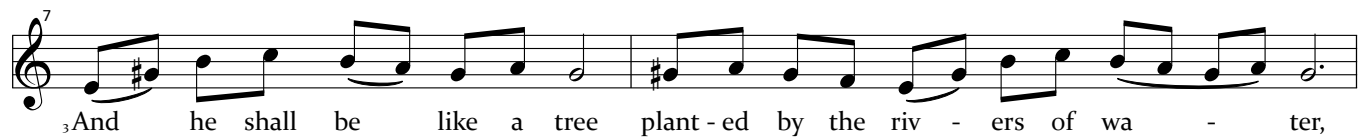
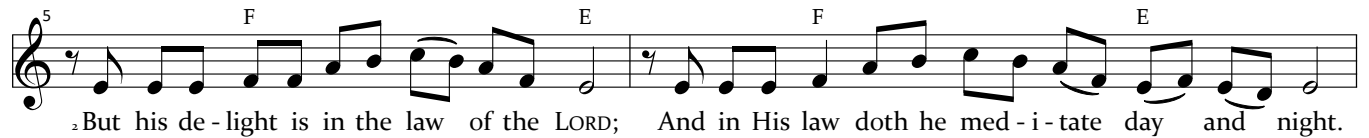
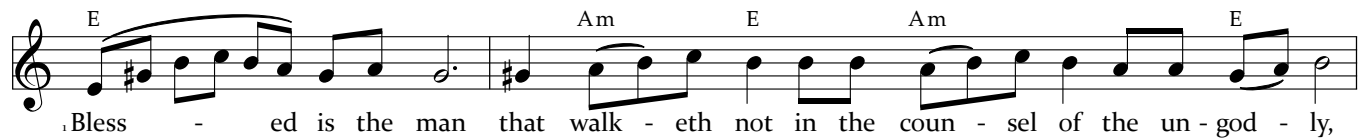
*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom,
Teaching and admonishing one another
In psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs,
Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
Colossians 3:16*

This collection of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs was written out of a desire to sing God's word as it appears in the Bible (NKJV or KJV) in order to memorize it and grow thereby, as we are instructed in Colossians. With congregational examples of such musical settings being almost non-existent, I set forth to write settings of my own in the context of local church music ministry: Trinity Church in Kirkland, WA (2002–2008) and Christ Church in Moscow, ID (2008–present). Without particular models to imitate, I have drawn on various historic styles, incorporating and/or parodying them into my songs. A wide variety of scales and modes, meters and forms have been employed to serve and highlight the structure of the poetry (Hebrew parallelism, chiasmus, etc.). Chant, Lutheran hymnody, Genevan psalmody, folk song, marches, Baroque dances, and more have served as sources. In all cases, my intent has been for the music to serve and glorify the word.

Learning new music, particularly in unfamiliar styles or forms, takes some effort and diligence. As God Himself calls us to sing new songs so too will He also provide us with means to accomplish this. I pray that this collection, along with the recordings found at www.christkirk.com/resources/music, might prove useful to all who would endeavor to learn them and be attended with the blessings and promises of God associated with His holy Word. May God use these meager offerings to spread His Word, strengthen His people, and glorify His name.

Soli Deo Gloria.

David R. Erb, July 2014



Psalm 3

A Psalm of David when he fled from Absalom his son.

David R. Erb, 2016

Em Am Em B7 Em Am B B7 Em Bm Am(9-8) B

1 LORD, how they have in - creased who trou - ble me! Ma - ny are they who rise up a - gainst me.

Em Am Em B7 Em Am B B7 Em Bm Am(9-8) B

2 Ma - ny are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God."

E7 E7 E7 Asus A D7 D7 D7 Gsus G Em F B Em Am Bsus B Em

3 But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glo - ry and the One who lifts up my head.

E7 E7 E7 Asus A D7 D7 D7 Gsus G Em F B Em Am Bsus B Em

4 I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me from His ho - ly hill.

33 Am Em G B7 D# Em Am B B7 Em Bm D Am(9-8) C B

5 I lay down and slept; I a - woke, for the LORD sustained me.

41 Em Am Em G B7 D# Em Am B B7 Em Bm D Am(9-8) C B

6 I will not be a - fraid of ten thousands of peo - ple Who have set themselves a - gainst me all a - round. 7 A -

49 E7 G# E7 G# Asus A D7 F# D7 F# Gsus G Em G F A B Em G Am Bsus B Em

rise, O LORD; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my en - e - mies on the cheekbone;

57 E7 G# E7 G# Asus A D7 F# D7 F# Gsus G Em G F A B Em G Am Bsus B Em

You have bro - ken the teeth of the un - god - ly. 8 Sal - va - tion be - longs to the LORD.

65 Em G F A B Em G Am Bsus B E

Your bless - ing is up - on Your peo - ple.

Psalm 6

To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments.
On an eight-stringed harp. A Psalm of David.

Moderato

1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your an - ger, Nor chasten me in Your hot dis-plea - sure. 2 Have

5 mer - cy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are trou - bled.

9 3 My soul al - so is great - ly trou - bled; But You, O LORD— how long?

Un poco animato

13 4 Re - turn, O LORD, de - liv - er me! Oh, save me for Your mer - cies' sake!

17 5 For in death there is no re - mem - brance of You; In the grave who will give You thanks?

21. **Moderato**

6 I am wea - ry with my groaning; All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears. 7 My

25.

eye wastes away be - cause of grief; It grows old because of all my en - e-mies. 8 De-

29.

part from me, all you workers of in - iq - ui - ty; For the LORD has heard the voice of my weep - ing.

33. **Un poco animato**

9 The LORD has heard my sup - pli - ca - tion; The LORD will re - ceive my pray'r.

37.

10 Let all my enemies be a-shamed and great-ly trou-bled; Let them turn back and be ashamed sud - den - ly.

To the Chief Musician. On an instrument of Gath. A Psalm of David.

¹O LORD, our Lord, How ex - cel - lent is Your name in all the earth,

²Who have set Your glo - ry a - bove the heav'ns!

³Out of the mouth of babes and nursing in - fants You have ordained strength, Be - cause of Your en - e - mies,

⁴That You may si - lence the en - e - my and the a - veng - er.

⁵When I con - sid - er Your heav'ns, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

⁶What is man that You are mind - ful of him, And the son of man that You vis - it him?

⁷For You have made him a lit - tle low - er than the angels, And You have crowned him with glo - ry and hon - or.

⁸You have made him to have dom - in - ion o - ver the works of Your hands;

⁹You have put all things un - der his feet, ¹⁰All sheep and ox - en— E - ven the beasts of the field,

¹¹The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.

¹²O LORD, our Lord, How ex - cel - lent is Your name in all the earth.

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