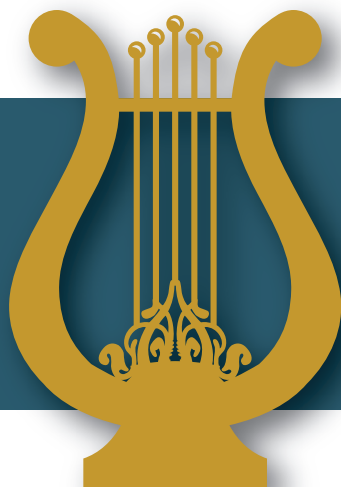


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**Psalm 34**  
Cantor, SATB Choir, Keyboard, Guitar,  
Clarinet in B $\flat$ , Assembly

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## PSALM 34

INCLUDES THREE RESPONSE SETTINGS

TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD  
I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES  
THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR

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# Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord/ I Will Bless the Lord at All Times (Psalm 34)

for Ann Callahan

Refrain and chanted verses:

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

Metered verses based on Psalm 34

Kevin Keil

**REFRAIN:** ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 76$ ) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Capo 3: (Em) Gm (Cmaj7) Ebmaj7 (D) F (G) Bb

*mf (a tempo)*

Soprano  
Alto

Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Taste and

Tenor  
Bass

*mf (a tempo)*

Keyboard

*mf (a tempo)*

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	(C) E $\flat$	(Cmaj7) E $\flat$ maj7	(Am7) Cm7	(D) F	(Bm7) Dm7	(Em) Gm	
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1-4 (5)  
(1st time: D.C.)  
to Verses/  
Optional Interlude

Final  
*Fine*

*rit. last time*

see the good-ness of the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. Lord.

Taste the good-ness of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

*rit. last time*

	(Em) Gm	(Em7/D) Gm7/F	(Cmaj7) E $\flat$ maj7	(Bm7) Dm7	(Em) Gm	(Em7/D) Gm7/F	
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1-4 (5)  
(1st time: D.C.)  
to Verses/  
Optional Interlude

Final  
*Fine*

*rit. last time*

**METERED VERSES**

	(Em) Gm	(Em7/D) Gm7/F	(Cmaj7) E $\flat$ maj7	(Bm7) Dm7	(Em) Gm	(Em7/D) Gm7/F	
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1. I will bless the Lord at all times. Con-stant are my words of  
 2. Glo - ry in the Lord of all life. Let us join our songs of  
 3. Look up - on the Lord, be ra - diant. Let your fac - es shine with  
 4. Al-ways keep your tongue from e - vil, and your lips from speak - ing

(C#<sup>o</sup>7) E<sup>o</sup>7 (Am) Cm (D) F (Gmaj7) B<sup>b</sup>maj7

1. praise. In my God on - ly shall I glo - ry. Let the  
 2. praise! Seek the Lord! Seek the Lord who an - swers. From all  
 3. joy! When the poor called up - on the Lord's name, they were  
 4. lies. Turn a - way, yield — not to e - vil. Strive for

(Am) Cm (F#<sup>o</sup>7) A<sup>o</sup>7 (B7) D7 (Em/G) (B7/F#) Gm/B<sup>b</sup> D7/A

1. hum - ble re - joice to hear me say:  
 2. fears my God has set me free.  
 3. res - cued from all that gave them fear.  
 4. jus - tice and ev - er - last - ing peace.

*rit.* *D.C.*

## OPTIONAL INTERLUDE

(Am) Cm (D) F (Am7) Cm7 (D) F

(Cmaj7) E<sup>b</sup>maj7 (Em) Gm (G/F) B<sup>b</sup>/A<sup>b</sup> (F) A<sup>b</sup> (A7) D7

*rit.* *D.C.*



\*ALTERNATE REFRAIN: (♩ = ca. 76) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Capo 3: (Em) Gm (Cmaj7) Ebmaj7 (D) F (G) Bb

*mf (a tempo)*

Soprano Alto

Tenor Bass

Keyboard

*mf (a tempo)*

I will bless the Lord at all times. I will

(C) Eb (Cmaj7) Ebmaj7 (Am7) Cm7 (D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (Em) Gm

*rit. last time*

1-4 (1st time: D.C.) to Verses Final Fine

bless the Lord at all times, at all times. times.

I will bless at all times. *rit. last time*

1-4 (1st time: D.C.) to Verses Final Fine

*rit. last time*

Note: Play Refrain as an Intro.

\*Alternate Refrain may be used for Weddings or as a common psalm response.

# Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord/ I Will Bless the Lord at All Times (Psalm 34)

CLARINET in B $\flat$

Kevin Keil

REFRAIN/ALTERNATE REFRAIN: ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 76$ ) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

(a tempo)  
*mf*

*rit. last time* 1-4 (5) (1st time: D.C.) Final  
to Verses/Optional Interlude  $\left(\frac{4}{4}\right)$  Fine

## METERED VERSES 1-4

*mp*

*rit. D.C.*

## OPTIONAL INTERLUDE

*rit. D.C.*

## CHANTED VERSES

*rit. D.C.*

...hear me	and	be
...delivered me from	all	my
...distress he	saved	_____
...who takes refuge	in	_____
...remembrance of them	from	the
...crushed in spirit	he	_____
...one of them	shall	be

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Note: Refrain is played as an Intro.

# The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor (Psalm 34)

Psalm 34:7a, 2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

Kevin Keil

**REFRAIN:** (♩ = ca. 76) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Capo 3: (Em) (Am/C) (D) (G)  
Gm Cm/E♭ F B♭

*mf (a tempo)*

**Soprano Alto**  
The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ hears the cry\_ of the poor. \_\_\_\_\_ The\_

**Tenor Bass**  
*mf (a tempo)*

**Keyboard**  
*mf (a tempo)*

(C) (Cmaj7)(Am7) (D) (Bm7) (Em)  
E♭ E♭maj7 Cm7 F Dm7 Gm *rit. last time*

1, Final 2-4  
(♩) D.C. (Fine) \_\_\_\_\_ to Verses

Lord hears the cry\_ of\_ the poor, \_\_\_\_\_ of the poor. poor.

poor. \_\_\_\_\_  
*rit. last time*

1, Final D.C. 2-4  
(♩) (Fine) \_\_\_\_\_ to Verses

*rit. last time*

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## VERSES: Cantor

(C)  
Eb

(Bm/D)  
Dm/F

(Am7/C)  
Cm7/Eb

1. I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever  
2. The LORD confronts the e - vil - doers, to destroy remembrance of them  
3. The LORD is close to the bro - ken - hearted; and those who are crushed in spirit

(Em)  
Gm

(Am)  
Cm

(Em/G)  
Gm/Bb

1. in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
2. from the earth. When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,  
3. he \_\_\_\_\_ saves. The LORD redeems the lives of his servants;

(F#7)  
A7

(B7)  
D7

*rit.* *D.C.*

1. the lowly will hear me and be glad.  
2. and from all their distress he res - cues them.  
3. no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in \_\_\_\_\_ him.

*rit.* *D.C.*

# The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor (Psalm 34)

CLARINET in B $\flat$ 

Kevin Keil

REFRAIN: ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 76$ ) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

*(a tempo)*

*mf*

*rit. last time* 1, Final *D.C. (Fine)* 2-4 to Verses VERSES 1-3 *rit. D.C.*

...hear me and be  
...distress he res - cues  
...who takes refuge in

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## Composer Notes

“Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord” is a versatile setting of Psalm 34, which appears in the Sunday Lectionary numerous times, using various responses and verses. This octavo offers three of these responses, along with chanted versions of the verbatim Lectionary verses. There is also a setting that is intended for use during Communion using the response “Taste and see the goodness of the Lord,” along with paraphrased, metered verses of Psalm 34, and an interlude. Because of the modular nature of the music, different responses and verses may be combined to suit unique circumstances.

The *Lectionary for Mass* includes Psalm 34 with a variety of psalm responses:

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord” — Nineteenth and Twentieth Sundays in Ordinary Time (Year B), as a common psalm response in Ordinary Time, Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C), Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

“The Lord hears the cry of the poor” — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

“I will bless the Lord at all times” — Weddings

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## Assembly Editions


TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

Kevin Keil

**Refrain**




Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.



Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.

**Verses**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ry in the Lord of all life.
3. Look up - on the Lord, be ra - diant.
4. Al - ways keep your tongue from e - vil,



1. Con - stant are my words of praise. In my
2. Let us join our songs of praise! Seek the
3. Let your fac - es shine with joy! When the
4. and your lips from speak - ing lies. Turn a -



1. God on - ly shall I glo - ry. Let the
2. Lord! Seek the Lord who an - swers. From all
3. poor called up - on the Lord's name, they were
4. way, yield not to e - vil. Strive for

to Refrain



1. hum - ble re - joi ce to hear me say:
2. fears my God has set me free.
3. res - cued from all that gave them fear.
4. jus - tice and ev - er - last - ing peace.

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### TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD/ I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES (PSALM 34)

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*Refrain*  
Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.

*Alternate Refrain*  
I will bless the Lord at all times.

- I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.
- Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
- Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.
- Taste and see how good the LORD is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.
- The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.
- When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.
- Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him; he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

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### THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR (PSALM 34)

Kevin Keil

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

- I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.
- The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.
- When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. The LORD redeems the lives of his servants; no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him.

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