

# Taste and See That the Lord Is Good

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Refrain, Psalm 34:9

## OSTINATO REFRAIN (♩. = 54-56)

Soprano Alto

Taste and see, taste and

Tenor Bass

## VERSES

Cantor

ough-out all Gal - i - lee  
 2. I for those who are righ - teous, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. % Has no one con - demned you? \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Con now let us re - joice,  
 5. Cor and learn \_\_\_\_\_ from me,  
 6. \_\_\_\_\_ not our hearts burn - ing \_\_\_\_\_  
 7. Wis - dom's feast is pre - pared,  
 8. % I am the true bread  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ my flesh  
 10. Bless the LORD at all times  
 11. Ex - alt \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD,  
 12. % I \_\_\_\_\_ lled to the LORD,  
 13. I \_\_\_\_\_ poor and cried out,  
 14. O taste \_\_\_\_\_ and see,

Keyboard

F /A Gm

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Note: Play Ostinato Refrain as an Intro.

see that the Lord is good, that the

1. Je - sus cured the and pro-claimed the  
 2. but for those who are sin - I  
 3. 7 Then nei - ther do I.  
 4. for your broth - er was dead but has come back to  
 5. for my yoke is eas - and my bur - den is  
 6. as the Lord spoke to and ex - plained the  
 7. come and eat of her food, come that you may  
 8. that has come down from heav - en to give life to the  
 9. and drink my have e - ter - nal  
 10. that the hum - ble may hear 7 7 and re -  
 11. let us give praise to - geth praise the name of the  
 12. 7 who heard my cry and from all my fears  
 13. 7 the LORD an - swered me, saved me from my dis -  
 14. 7 O taste and taste and see the LORD'S

C C/Bb Dsus4 D

# VERSE

*D.C.*

Lord is good.

king - dom.

1. king - dom. \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 4:23)
2. come. \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 5:32)
3. more. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:10-11)
4. life. \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 15:32)
5. light. \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 11:29-30)
6. scrip - tures? \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 23:2)
7. live. \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 9:1-6)
8. world. \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 33)
9. life. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 6:54)
10. joyce. \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 34:2)
11. LORD. \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 34:4)
12. saved me. \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 34:5)
13. tress. \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 34:6)
14. good - ness. \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 34:9)

*D.C.*

Gm Gm/F C7sus4 Bb/C C

**Final**

F2/A Bbmaj7 Gm9 Bb/C F

*8vb*



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(Guitar/Vocal)

Refrain, Psalm 34:9

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**OSTINATO REFRAIN** (♩ = 54-56)

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B♭ (G/F#) B♭/A (Em) Gm

Melody  
Taste and see that the Lord is good, taste and see

**VERSES**

Cantor

1. Through - out Gal - i - lee  
 2. Not for those who are right - teous, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Has anyone con - demned you? \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. us re - joice,  
 5. Come and learn \_\_\_\_\_ from me,  
 6. Were not our hearts burn - ing \_\_\_\_\_  
 7. wisdom's feast is pre - pared,  
 8. I am the true bread  
 9. Those who eat \_\_\_\_\_ my flesh  
 10. Bless the LORD at all times  
 11. the LORD,  
 12. I came to the LORD,  
 13. I was poor and cried out,  
 14. O taste \_\_\_\_\_ and see,

(A) C (A/G) C/B♭ (F#m) Am (Bsus4) Dsus4 (B) D

see that the Lord is good, that the

1. Je - sus cured \_\_\_\_\_ the sick and pro - claimed \_\_\_\_\_ the  
 2. but for those who are sin - ners I have \_\_\_\_\_ I  
 3. Then nei - ther do I. Go and sin \_\_\_\_\_ no  
 4. for your broth - er was dead but has come back to  
 5. for my yoke \_\_\_\_\_ is eas - y. and my bur - den is  
 6. as the Lord spoke to us and ex - plained \_\_\_\_\_ the  
 7. come and eat of her food, come that you \_\_\_\_\_ may  
 8. that has come down from heav - en to give life to the  
 9. and \_\_\_\_\_ drink \_\_\_\_\_ my blood have e - ter - nal  
 10. that the hum - ble may be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ re -  
 11. let us give praise to \_\_\_\_\_ gear - er, praise the name of the  
 12. who heard \_\_\_\_\_ my cry and from all my fears  
 13. the LORD an - swered me, saved me from my dis -  
 14. O taste \_\_\_\_\_ and see, taste and see the LORD's

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(Em) Gm      (Em/D) Gm/F      (A7sus4) C7sus4      (A7) C7      (G/A) Bb/C      (A) C      *D.C.*

Lord is good. \_\_\_\_\_

*D.C.*

1. king - dom. \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 4:8)
2. come. \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 5:32)
3. more. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:10)
4. life. \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 15:32)
5. light. \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
6. scrip - tures? \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24:32)
7. live. \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 9:1-6)
8. world. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 6:32-33)
9. life. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 6:54)
10. joice. \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 34:2-3)
11. LORD. \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 34:4)
12. saved me. \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
13. tress. \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 34:7)
14. good - ness. \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 34:9)

**Final**  
(D2/F#) F2/A      (Gmaj7) Bbmaj7      (Em) Gm      (G/A) Bb/C      (D) F (let ring)

## Composer Notes

Although Psalm 34 often appears as a responsorial psalm in the Lectionary, it also has a long tradition of use as a Communion song. Since this setting is primarily intended for Communion, it not only includes psalm verses (see [Psalm 34](#)) but also other Scripture verses, mostly from the Gospels. The intention is to see the Paschal Mystery of Jesus as the greatest expression of God's goodness that we "taste and see" during Communion.

The ostinato of "Taste and See That the Lord Is Good" requires some care since the refrain and verses are sung simultaneously. Begin by singing the refrain several times (without the verses) until the assembly is comfortable with it, and then add the verses. To assist in comprehension, make sure the cantors are heard well, and include the text of the verses in the worship resource.

When introducing and rehearsing this song, invite your assembly to let go of the need to hear every single word. Clarity is not the only or primary value in the ostinato—there is also the beauty of blending multiple texts and melodies.

**Uses:** This song may be used throughout the year for Communion. In addition, it complements the readings of the following Sundays and celebrations:

Holy Week/Easter Season — Holy Thursday

- Ordinary Time — Ord. Time 2 (C) [marriage feast at Cana]
- Ord. Time 17–21 (B) [Jesus, the Bread of Life]
- Ord. Time 18 (A) [feeding the five thousand]
- Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Ritual Masses — First Communion

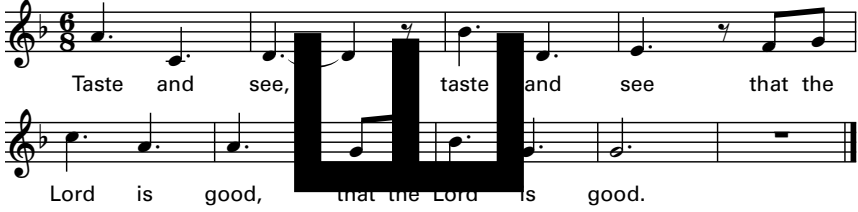
—Bob Hurd

# Assembly Edition

**TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD**

Bob Hurd

Ostinato Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see that the  
Lord is good, that the Lord is good.

Verses

1. Throughout all Galilee Jesus cured the sick and proclaimed the kingdom.	8. I am the true bread that has come down from heaven to give life to the world.
2. Not for those who are righteous, but for those who are sinners have I come.	9. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life.
3. Has no one condemned you? Then neither do I. Go and sin no more.	10. Bless the LORD at all times that the humble may hear and rejoice.
4. Come, now let us rejoice, for your brother was dead but has come back to life.	11. Exalt the LORD, let us give praise together, praise the name of the LORD.
5. Come and learn from me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.	12. I called to the LORD, who heard my cry and from all my fears saved me.
6. Were not our hearts burning as the Lord spoke to us and explained the scriptures?	13. I was poor and cried out, the LORD answered me, and saved me from my distress.
7. Wisdom's feast is prepared, come and eat of her food, come that you may live.	14. O taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the LORD'S goodness.

Text: Based on Psalm 34:2-5, 7, 9; Proverbs 9:5; Matthew 4:23; 11:29, 30; Luke 5:32; 15:32; 24:32; John 8:10, 11; 6:32, 33, 54. Refrain text © 1963, The Grail (England). All rights reserved. Used with permission of A.P. Watt, Ltd. Music and verses text © 2008, Bob Hurd. Published by OCP Publications, P.O. Box 1189, NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved.

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