

Psalm 104, Creation

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Introduction. Cantor sings refrain. All repeat refrain. Cantor sings verses. All sing refrain after each group of verses. In the psalm-tone the singer leaves the reciting note on the underlined word or syllable.

Introduction *8^{va}*

- (1) You send the springs into the valleys;
- (2) they flow between the mountains.
- (3) All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them,
- (4) and the wild asses quench their thirst. **R.**

- (1) You make darkness that it may be night,
- (2) in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- (3) The lions roar after their prey
- (4) and seek their food from God. **R.**

- (1) Beside them the birds of the air make their nests
- (2) and sing among the branches.
- (3) You water the mountains
from your dwelling on high;
- (4) the earth is fully satisfied
by the fruit of your works. **R.**

- (1) The sun rises, and they slip away
- (2) and lay themselves down in their dens.
- (3) Your people go forth to their work
- (4) and to their labour until the evening. **R.**

- (1) You make grass grow for flocks and herds
- (2) and plants to serve mankind;
- (1) That they may bring forth food from the earth,
- (2) and wine to gladden our hearts,
- (3) Oil to make a cheerful countenance,
- (4) and bread to strengthen the heart. **R.**

- (1) O God, how manifold are your works!
- (1) in wisdom you have made them all;
- (2) the earth is full of your creatures.
- (3) Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living this too many to number,
- (4) creatures both small and great. **R.**

- (1) The trees of the Most High are full of sap,
- (2) the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- (3) In which the birds build their nests,
- (4) and in whose tops
the stork makes his dwelling. **R.**

- (1) There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,
- (2) which you have made for the sport of it.
- (3) All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
- (3) You give it to them; they gather it;
- (4) you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. **R.**

- (1) The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats,
- (2) and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.
- (3) You appointed the moon to mark the seasons,
- (4) and the sun knows the time of its setting. **R.**

- (1) You hide your face, and they are terrified;
- (2) you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- (3) You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
- (4) and so you renew the face of the earth. **R.**