

Sunday of the Passion

Psalm 31.9-16

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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 *Best sung unaccompanied*

In - to your hands, O God, I com - mend my spi - rit.

1 2 3 4

- (1) Have mercy on me, O God, for I am in trouble;
(2) my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
(1) For my life is wasted with grief,
(2) and my years with sighing;
(3) my strength fails me because of affliction,
(4) and my bones are consumed. **R.**

- (1) I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours.
(2) a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
(2) when they see me in the street they avoid me.
(3) I am forgotten as one who is dead;
(4) I am as useless as a broken pot. **R.**

- (1) For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
(2) fear is all around;
(1) they put their heads together against me;
(2) they plot to take my life.
(3) But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Most High.
(4) I have said, "You are my God. **R.**"

- (1) My times are in your hand;
(2) rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
(3) Make your face to shine upon your servant,
(4) and in your loving-kindness save me." **R.**