

# Psalm 97

Introduction  
Pastoral

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Introduction. Cantor sings refrain.  
All sing 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.

Unis.

- (1) Our God reigns; let the earth rejoice.
- (2) let the multitudes of the isles be glad.
- (3) Clouds and darkness are round about you,
- (4) righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne. **R.**

- (1) A fire goes before you
  - (2) and burns up your enemies on every side.
  - (3) Your lightnings light up the world;
  - (4) the earth see it and is not afraid. **R.**
- (1) The mountains melt like wax  
at the presence of God,
  - (2) at the presence of the ruler of the whole earth.
  - (3) The heavens declare your righteousness,
  - (3) and all the peoples see your glory. **R.**
- (1) Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods!
  - (2) let all gods bow down before you.
  - (3) Zion hears and is glad,  
and the cities of Judah rejoice,
  - (4) because of your judgments, O God. **R.**

- (1) For you are the Holy One,
  - (1) most high over all the earth;
  - (2) you are exalted far above all gods.
  - (2) O God, you love those who hate evil;
  - (3) you preserve the lives of your saints
  - (4) and deliver them from the hand of the wicked. **R.**
- (1) Light has sprung up for the righteous,
  - (2) and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
  - (3) Let all the righteous rejoice in you,
  - (4) and give thanks to your holy name. **R.**