

Psalm 34 (Abbey)

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Soprano Alto

1. I will give laud and honor both Unto the Lord always: And eke my mouth for ever more Shall speak unto his praise.

Tenor Bass

2. I do delight to laud the Lord
In soul and eke in voice:
That humble men and mortified
May hear and so rejoice.

10. The lions shall be hungerbit,
and pined with famine much:
But as for them that fear the Lord,
No lack shall be to such.

18. Full many be the miseries,
That righteous men do suffer
But out of all adversities.
The Lord will them deliver.

3. Therefore see that ye magnify
With me the living Lord:
And let us now exalt his name,
Together with accord.

11. Come near therefore my children dear
And to my words give ear:
I shall you teach the perfect way,
How you the Lord shall fear.

19. The Lord doth so preserve and keep
His very bones always :
That not so much as one of them,
Doth perish or decay.

4. For I myself besought the Lord,
He answered me again:
And me delivered incontinent
From all my fear and pain.

12. Who is the man that would live long
And lead a blessed life:
See thou refrain thy tongue and lips
From all deceit and strife.

20. The sin shall slay the wicked man,
Which he himself hath wrought
And such as hate the righteous man
Shall soon be brought to naught.

5. Who so they be that him behold,
Shall see his light most clear:
Their countenance shall not be dashed,
They need it not to fear:

13. Turn back thy face from doing ill,
And do the Godly deed :
Enquire for peace and quietness,
And follow it with speed.

21. But they that serve the living Lord,
The Lord doth save them sound :
And who that put their trust in him,
Nothing shall them confound.

6. This silly soul for some relief,
Unto the Lord did call:
Who did him hear without delay,
And rid him out of thrall.

14. For why? the eyes of God above,
Upon the just are bent
His ears likewise doth hear the plaint
Of the poor innocent.

7. The angel of the Lord doth pitch
his tents in every place:
To save all such as fear the Lord,
That nothing them deface.

15. But he doth frown and bend his brows
Upon the wicked train
And cuts away the memory,
That should of them remain.

8. Taste and consider well therefore
That God is good and just:
O happy man that maketh him,
His only stay and trust.

16. But when the just do call and cry,
The Lord doth hear them so
That out of pain and misery,
Forthwith he lets them go.

9. Fear ye the Lord ye holy ones,
Above all earthly thing:
For they that fear the living Lord,
Are sure to lack nothing.

17. The Lord is kind and merciful
To such as be contrite
He saves also the sorrowful.
The meek, and poor in in spirit.

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1. All notes half value of original.

2. Measure 2, *Medius*: last note changed from B-natural to B-flat.

3. Converted to two staves: Soprano = *Tenor*, moved up one octave; Alto = *Medius*; Tenor = *Cantus*, moved down one octave; Bass = *Bassus*.