

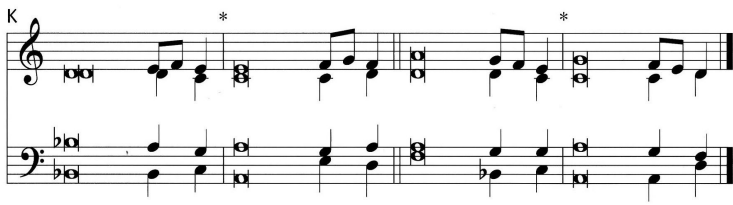
Genesis 22:1–18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and

said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

¹⁵And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."



Psalm 25:1–10

¹To you, | O Lord,*
 I lift | up my soul.
²O my God, in you I trust;
 let me not be | put to shame;*
 let not my enemies exult | over me.
³Indeed, none who wait for you
 shall be | put to shame,*
 they shall be ashamed
 who are wantonly | treacherous.
⁴Make me to know your ways, | O Lord;*
 teach me | your paths.
⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
 for you are the God of my sal- | vation;*
 for you I wait all the | day long.
⁶Remember your mercy,
 O Lord, and your | steadfast love,*
 for they have been | from of old.
⁷Remember not the sins of my youth
 or my trans- | gressions;*
 according to your steadfast love
 remember me,
 for the sake of your goodness, |
 O Lord!
⁸Good and upright | is the Lord;*
 therefore he instructs sinners |
 in the way.
⁹He leads the humble in | what is right,*
 and teaches the humble | his way.
¹⁰All the paths of the Lord are steadfast
 love and | faithfulness,*
 for those who keep his covenant
 and his testi- | monies.

James 1:12–18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains
 steadfast under trial, for when he has stood
 the test he will receive the crown of life,
 which God has promised to those who love
 him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted,
 "I am being tempted by God," for God
 cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself
 tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted
 when he is lured and enticed by his own
 desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived
 gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully
 grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved
 brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every
 perfect gift is from above, coming down
 from the Father of lights with whom there is
 no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of
 his own will he brought us forth by the
 word of truth, that we should be a kind of
 firstfruits of his creatures.

Mark 1:9–15

⁹In those days Jesus came from
 Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by
 John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up
 out of the water, immediately he saw the
 heavens opening and the Spirit descending
 on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came
 from heaven, "You are my beloved Son;
 with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him
 out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the
 wilderness forty days, being tempted by
 Satan. And he was with the wild animals,
 and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus
 came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel
 of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled,
 and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent
 and believe in the gospel."