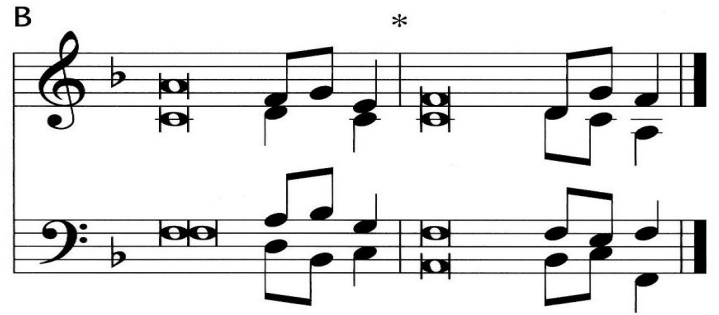


Lamentations 3:22–33

- 22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
- 23 they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
- 24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
- 25 The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
- 26 It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.
- 27 It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.
- 28 Let him sit alone in silence
when it is laid on him;
- 29 let him put his mouth in the dust—
there may yet be hope;
- 30 let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.
- 31 For the Lord will not
cast off forever,
- 32 but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance
of his steadfast love;
- 33 for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve the children of men.

**Psalm 30**

- 1 I will extol you, O Lord,
for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.
- 3 O Lord, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol,*
you restored me to life from among those
who go down | to the pit.
- 4 Sing praises to the Lord, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.
- 5 For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a | lifetime.*
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the | morning.
- 6 As for me, I said in my pros- | perity,*
"I shall nev- | er be moved."
- 7 By your favor,
O Lord, you made my mountain | stand strong;*
you hid your face; I | was dismayed.
- 8 To you, O | Lord, I cry,*
and to the Lord I plead for | mercy:
- 9 "What profit is there in my death,
if I go down | to the pit?*"
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your | faithfulness?
- 10 Hear, O Lord, and be merci- | ful to me!*
O Lord, be my | helper!"
- 11 You have turned for me my mourning
into | dancing;*
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with | gladness,
- 12 that my glory may sing your praise
and not be | silent.*
O Lord my God,
I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. . . .

¹³I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

Mark 5:21–43

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²²Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. ²⁵And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹And immediately

the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.