

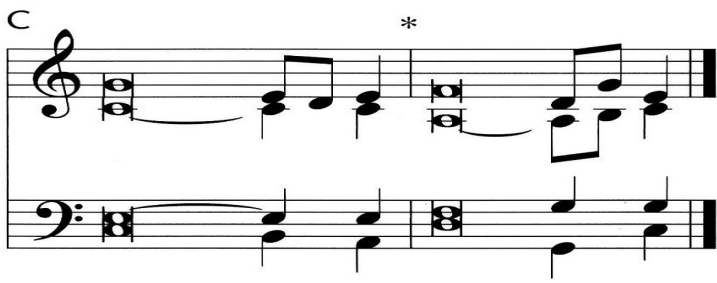
Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about ¹²⁰) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';
and
"Let another take his office.'

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.



Psalm 1

1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the
 counsel of the | wicked,*
 nor stands in the way of sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law | of the Lord,*
 and on his law he meditates |
 day and night.
3 He is like a tree
 planted by streams of water
 that yields its fruit in its season,
 and its leaf does not | wither.*
 In all that he does, he | prospers.
4 The wicked | are not so,*
 but are like chaff that the wind |
 drives away.
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand
 in the | judgment,*
 nor sinners in the congregation
 of the | righteous;
6 for the Lord knows the way of
 the | righteous,*
 but the way of the wicked
 will | perish.

1 John 5:9–15

9 If we receive the testimony of men,
 the testimony of God is greater, for this is
 the testimony of God that he has borne
 concerning his Son. **10** Whoever believes in
 the Son of God has the testimony in
 himself. Whoever does not believe God
 has made him a liar, because he has not
 believed in the testimony that God has

borne concerning his Son. **11** And this is the
 testimony, that God gave us eternal life,
 and this life is in his Son. **12** Whoever has
 the Son has life; whoever does not have the
 Son of God does not have life.

13 I write these things to you who
 believe in the name of the Son of God that
 you may know that you have eternal life.
14 And this is the confidence that we have
 toward him, that if we ask anything
 according to his will he hears us. **15** And if
 we know that he hears us in whatever we
 ask, we know that we have the requests
 that we have asked of him.

John 17:11b–19

[Jesus said:] "Holy Father, keep them
 in your name, which you have given me,
 that they may be one, even as we are one.
12 While I was with them, I kept them in
 your name, which you have given me. I
 have guarded them, and not one of them
 has been lost except the son of destruction,
 that the Scripture might be fulfilled. **13** But
 now I am coming to you, and these things I
 speak in the world, that they may have my
 joy fulfilled in themselves. **14** I have given
 them your word, and the world has hated
 them because they are not of the world, just
 as I am not of the world. **15** I do not ask that
 you take them out of the world, but that
 you keep them from the evil one. **16** They
 are not of the world, just as I am not of the
 world. **17** Sanctify them in the truth; your
 word is truth. **18** As you sent me into the
 world, so I have sent them into the world.
19 And for their sake I consecrate myself,
 that they also may be sanctified in truth."