

**Isaiah 63:7–14**

**7** I will recount the steadfast love  
of the Lord,

the praises of the Lord,  
according to all that the Lord  
has granted us,  
and the great goodness  
to the house of Israel  
that he has granted them according  
to his compassion,  
according to the abundance  
of his steadfast love.

**8** For he said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely."  
And he became their Savior.

**9** In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence  
saved them;

in his love and in his pity  
he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them  
all the days of old.

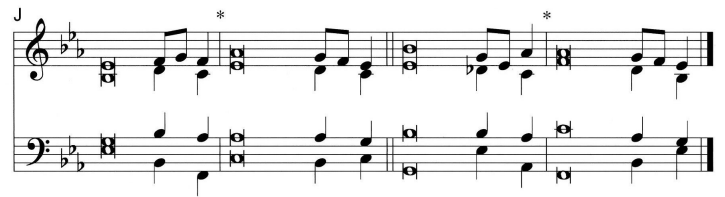
**10** But they rebelled  
and grieved his Holy Spirit;  
therefore he turned to be their enemy,  
and himself fought against them.

**11** Then he remembered the days of old,  
of Moses and his people.

Where is he who brought them up  
out of the sea  
with the shepherds of his flock?  
Where is he who put in the midst of them  
his Holy Spirit,  
**12** who caused his glorious arm  
to go at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for himself  
an everlasting name,

**13** who led them through the depths?  
Like a horse in the desert,  
they did not stumble.

**14** Like livestock that go down  
into the valley,  
the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest.  
So you led your people,  
to make for yourself a glorious name.

**Psalm 111**

**1** Praise the Lord!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my |  
whole heart,\*  
in the company of the upright,  
in the congre- | gation.

**2** Great are the works | of the Lord,\*  
studied by all who de- | light in them.

**3** Full of splendor and majesty |  
is his work,\*  
and his righteousness endures  
for- | ever.

**4** He has caused his wondrous works  
to be re- | membered;\*  
the Lord is gracious and | merciful.

**5** He provides food  
for those who | fear him;\*  
he remembers his covenant  
for- | ever.

**6** He has shown his people the power |  
of his works,\*  
in giving them the inheritance  
of the | nations.

**7** The works of his hands are  
faith- | ful and just;\*

all his precepts are | trustworthy;  
8 they are established forever and | ever,\*  
to be performed with faithfulness  
and up- | rightness.

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant  
for- | ever.\*

Holy and awesome | is his name!

10 The fear of the Lord  
is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good  
under- | standing.\*  
His praise endures for- | ever!

### **Galatians 4:4–7**

4 When the fullness of time had come,  
God sent forth his Son, born of woman,  
born under the law, 5 to redeem those who  
were under the law, so that we might  
receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you  
are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son  
into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So  
you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if  
a son, then an heir through God.

### **Matthew 2:13–23**

13 When [the wise men] had departed,  
behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to  
Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the  
child and his mother, and flee to Egypt,  
and remain there until I tell you, for Herod  
is about to search for the child, to destroy  
him." 14 And he rose and took the child and  
his mother by night and departed to Egypt  
15 and remained there until the death of  
Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord  
had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I  
called my son."

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he  
had been tricked by the wise men, became  
furious, and he sent and killed all the male  
children in Bethlehem and in all that region  
who were two years old or under,  
according to the time that he had  
ascertained from the wise men. 17 Then was  
fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet  
Jeremiah:

18 "A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because  
they are no more."

19 But when Herod died, behold, an  
angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to  
Joseph in Egypt, 20 saying, "Rise, take the  
child and his mother and go to the land of  
Israel, for those who sought the child's life  
are dead." 21 And he rose and took the child  
and his mother and went to the land of  
Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus  
was reigning over Judea in place of his  
father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and  
being warned in a dream he withdrew to  
the district of Galilee. 23 And he went and  
lived in a city called Nazareth, that what  
was spoken by the prophets might be  
fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."