

14 December

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

3. The night is as clear as the day. *Last time* : The night is as clear as the day.

The musical score is presented in two systems. The first system consists of a vocal line on a treble clef staff and an organ accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The second system also consists of a vocal line on a treble clef staff and an organ accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The organ accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

Psalm 138

O Lord, you search me and you know me, /
you know my resting and *my rising*,
you discern my purpose from *afar*.
You mark when I walk *or lie down*,
all my ways lie open *to you*. (℟)

Behind and before you *besiege* me,
you hand ever laid *upon* me.
Too wonderful for *me, this knowledge*,
too high, beyond *my reach*. (℟)

O where can I go from *your spirit*,
or where can I flee from *your face* ?
If I climb the heavens, *you are there*.
If I lie in the grave, *you are there*. (℟)

If I take the wings of *the dawn*
and dwell at the sea's furthest *end*,
even there you *hand would lead* me,
your right hand would hold *me fast*. (℟)

If I say : ' Let the *darkness hide* me
and the night around me be *night*, '
even darkness is not *dark for you*
and the night is as clear as *the day*. (℟)

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OFFERTORY

7. The Lord * will be your ev-er-last-ing light and your God will be your glo-ry.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, with lyrics written below the notes. The organ accompaniment is in the bass clef, also in G major and 4/4 time, with chords and melodic lines. The second system continues the organ accompaniment with various chordal textures and melodic fragments.

Psalm 26

The Lord is my light and *my salvation* ; *
whom should *I fear* ?
The Lord is the refuge *of my life* ;
of whom should I be afraid ? (R.)

One thing I ask *of the Lord* ; *
this I seek :
To dwell in the house *of the Lord* *
all the days of my life. (R.)

That I may behold the beauty *of the Lord* *
and contemplate *his temple*.
For he will hide me in *his abode* *
in the day of trouble. (R.)

I believe that I shall see the good things *of the Lord* *
in the land of *the living*.
Wait for the *Lord with courage* ; *
be strong, and wait for the Lord. (R.)