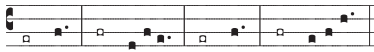


♩ 8. c

I love you, Lord my strength.



1. I love you, O Lord, my **strength**, [omit bc]
O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my *deliverer*. ℞.
2. My God, my rock of **refuge**,
my shield, the horn of my *salvation*, my **stronghold**!
Praised be the Lord, I **exclaim**,
and I am safe *from my enemies*. ℞.
3. The Lord lives! / And blest be my **rock**!
Extolled be *God my savior*.
You who gave great victories to your **king**
and showed kindness to *your anointed*. ℞.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters: The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

2. D

A L- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

VERSE

John 14

2. D

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and
my Father will love him and we will come to him.

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Mark

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any questions.

C.M.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Psalm 102

O thou my soul, bless God the Lord;
And all that in me is
Be eager now his holy name
To magnify and bless.

Bless, O my soul, the Lord thy God,
And not forgetful be
Of all his gracious benefits
He hath bestowed on thee.

Such pity as a father hath
Unto his children dear;
Like pity shows the Lord to such
As worship him in fear.

But unto them that do him fear
God's mercy never ends;
And to their children's children still
His righteousness extends.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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THE Lord be with you. ℞ And with your spir-it.

℣ Lift up your hearts. ℞ We lift them up to the Lord.

℣ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ℞ It is right

and just.