

1st Sunday of Advent (A)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v. 1

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R I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'



The musical score consists of two systems. The first system is a vocal line with a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the text 'I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.''. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic support. The second system is an organ accompaniment, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with chords and melodic lines.

1. I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of of the Lord.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
as it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord. **R**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'May they prosper, those who love you'.
May peace abide in your walls,
and security be in your towers. **R**
4. For the sake of my family and friends,
let me say: 'Peace upon you.'
For the sake of the house of the Lord, our God,
I will seek good things for you. **R**

*The refrain is heard three times at the start:
first played on the organ,
then sung by the cantor and repeated by all;
it is then repeated after each verse.*

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