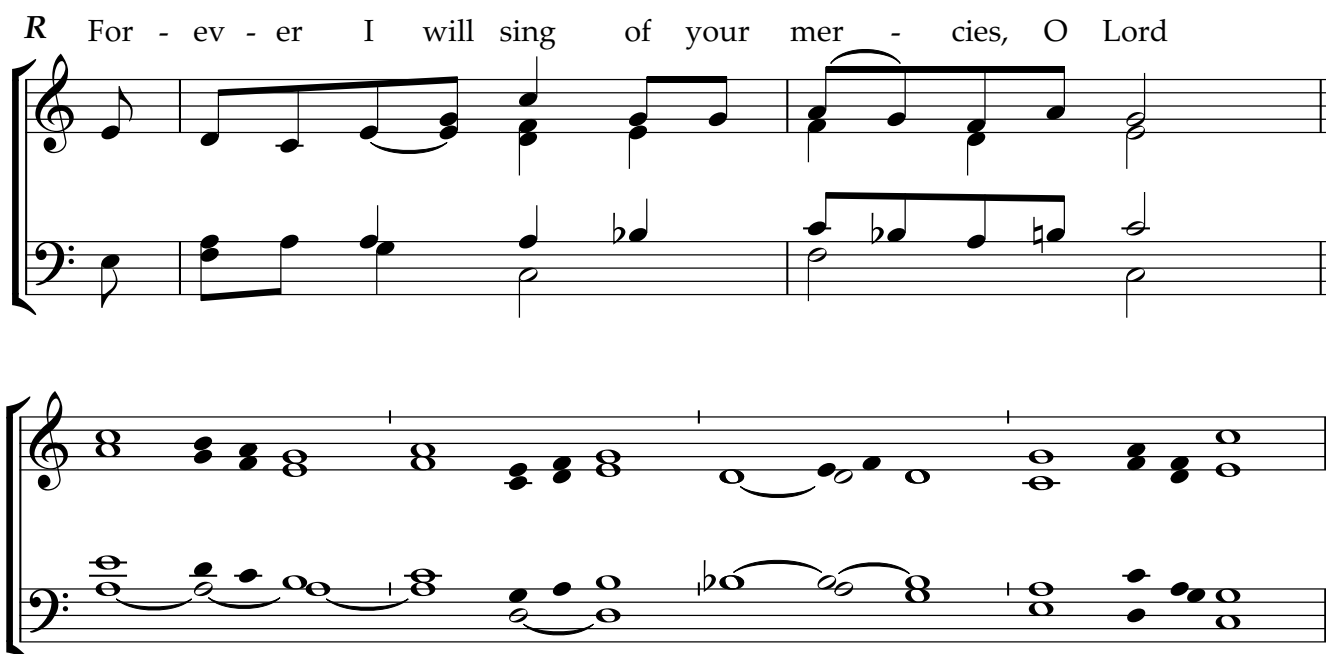


Ordination to the Priesthood

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27. R. v 2

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R For - ev - er I will sing of your mer - cies, O Lord



The musical score consists of two systems. The first system features a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics 'For - ev - er I will sing of your mer - cies, O Lord'. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation. The second system shows a more intricate piano accompaniment with chords and arpeggios, likely serving as a refrain or interlude.

1. I have found my servant David,
and with my holy oil anointed him.
My hand shall always be with him
and my arm shall make him strong. **R**

2. My mercy and my faithfulness shall be with him;
by my name his might shall be exalted.
He will call out to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock of my salvation.' **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.*

From a complete 3-year cycle of Responsorial Psalms

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