

1st Sunday of Advent (C)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:4-5, 8-9, 10. R. v.1

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R To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system shows a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (F major or D minor). The vocal line begins with a rest, then the lyrics 'To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.' are set to a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines. The second system continues the piano accompaniment with a more complex texture of chords and arpeggiated figures.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation. **R**
2. Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgment;
to the humble he teaches his way. **R**
3. All the Lord's paths are mercy and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and commands.
The Lord's secret is for those who fear him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **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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