My God, My God Ps. 22

for Soloist/Small Group

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All of our psalms are written in comfortable "congregational keys" and presented in SATB(+), but have been written so that all music ministry groups can use them, from soloist to duo, to contemporary praise teams (SAT), to full choirs. For SATB/choir, look up our octavo versions.

The vocals in this Small Group version are presented in treble clef, but can be sung by TB an octave lower. Typically, the higher harmony notes can be either Soprano or Tenor, and the lower harmony notes can be Alto or Bass. These harmonies can sometimes cross each other in some of our psalm settings.

This PDF contains the following versions:

- Refrain P/G/V (w/two harmonies) + Verse chords (for cantor, singers, guitar/piano accompanists)
- Verses P/G/V (for cantor, accompanist)
- Refrain Assembly (for director, worship aid makers)

Format:

- Solo cantor refrain melody
- Choir and congregation respond in unison (melody) refrain
- Solo cantor verse
- Choir and congregation refrain with harmonies
- [Continue thru multiple verses and harmonized refrains]
- End with repeat of harmonized refrain (optional)

Verses are by ONE cantor, chant-style (non-metered, free rhythm) using either of the two melodies, depending on their vocal range. Verses are not designed for multiple singers or harmonies.

For the **accompanist**, the rhythm resumes (a tempo) on the last word of each verse to bring choir and congregation in for the refrain, which then has **choir** harmonies from there on out.

We like to do a double refrain after the last verse to "close out" the song, so we use the turnaround accompaniment for repeating the refrain, then the Final ending at the very end.

Note to accompanist:

Follow the "turnaround" chords when repeating the refrain (refer to recording).

Use the "interlude into verses" when going into verses.

Psalm Tones:

Overall, we have 16 different melodies of psalm tones for the verses that get "mixed and matched" with all the hundreds of different psalm refrains throughout the 3-year cycle, one per psalm refrain. We normally give two options from which the cantor can choose, depending on the cantor's vocal range; for this psalm, we give one psalm tone choice, but a few lower notes if needed. Choose the smaller notes for the lower melody.

This way, a cantor doesn't have to learn hundreds of different verse melodies over the three-year cycle.

The particular psalm tone assigned to this refrain is Psalm Tone 11 in Dm, which starts on the same note as the first "God" in the refrain (Fa in solfege on the **major** scale, not the minor).

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Other tips for the vocalists on "My God, My God":

Solo Cantor: Use with Psalm Tone 11 (in Dm); the three different verse configurations differ by one word and one capital letter. **All singers:** Pay attention to your pronunciation of "abandoned" - highly-trained singers may overdo the "abandonned" sound, and those not paying attention may fall into an "abandinned" sound - neither is good. A simple "abandunned" pronunciation is good, not holding out the vowel sound too long. The song has to be soft and humble and pleading.

The higher harmony is likely a bit piercing if done by soprano, unless done in a falsetto or breathy soft style (it's taken from the tenor part in the SATB version), so choose parts wisely for your small group.

We strongly recommend listening to the recordings of this psalm.

Musically yours,

Cher & Gene

DIFFICULTY LEVEL		
(easy/medium/advanced)		
melody	harmony	accompaniment
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Ps. 22 Slowly, longing, pleading Cherolyn Klosner-Lane J = 88Capo 5: Am Dm^7 $E^7 sus^4$ E^7 Dm Gm⁷ A⁷sus⁴ A^7 Melody God. my_ God. Harmonies My God. God Piano AmAmAm Dm^7 Em^7 Dm Dm D.S. urnarounds into repeated refrains Gm^7 Am^7 2. interlude 3. Final Mel. a-ban - doned why. have Harm. me? have you why. a-ban My D.S 1. turnarounds into 2. interlude 3. Final Pno. one 11), Piano/Guitar, no capo: Verse chords (Psalm Tone 11), Guitar, capo 5: Gm7 | A7 | Dm | I Gm7 | C | F F/F 7sus4 D |

My God, My God verses

Ps. 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 / Psalm Tone 11 in Dm



My God, My God verses

Ps. 98:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 / Psalm Tone 11 in Dm Holy Week Common Psalm



My God, My God verses

Ps. 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24 / Psalm Tone 11 in Dm Votive Masses: The Mystery of the Holy Cross



My God, My God

My God, my God, why have u a-bandoned me?

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Common Psalm of Holy Week (holyweekcom) *Votive Masses:* The Mystery of the Holy Cross

Use with Psalm Tone 11 in Dm.

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