

# **Psalm 22 - *Deus, Deus meus***

*for*

**Good Friday**

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## Antiphon (1st time only, by cantor/choir)

My God, my God, why have you for - sa - ken me? \_\_\_\_\_

## Antiphon (all)

## Verses (choir or cantor)

My God, my God, why have you for - sa - ken me?

1 My God, my God, why have you for -  
4 Our forefathers put their  
7 All those who see me

sa - ken me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my dis - tress?  
trust in you; they trusted, and you de - liv - ered them.  
laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, — saying,

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as  
5 They cried out to you and were de - livered; they trusted in you and  
8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him de - liver him; let him rescue him, if

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well, but I find no rest. 3 Yet you are the Ho - ly One,  
were not put to shame. 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,  
he de - lights in him." 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,

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enthroned up - - - on the prais-es of Israel. My God, my  
scorned by all and de - - - spis - ed by the people. My God, my  
and kept me safe up - - - on my mo - ther's breast. My God, my

Antiphon (all)

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God, why have you for - sa - ken me?  
God, why have you for - sa - ken me?  
God, why have you for - sa - ken me? \_\_\_\_\_

**Verses (choir or cantor)**

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10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
12 Many young bulls en - - - - - cir - cle me;  
14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;

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you were my God when I was still in my moth - er's womb,  
strong bulls of Ba - - - - shan sur - round me.  
my heart within my breast is melt - ing wax.

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11 Be not far from me, for trou - ble is near,  
13 They open wide their jaws at me,  
15 My mouth is dried out like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the  
roof of my mouth;

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and like a ravening there is none to help.  
and a roar - ing lion.  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

### Antiphon (all)

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My God, my God, why have you for-sa-ken me?  
My God, my God, why have you for-sa-ken me?  
My God, my God, why have you for-sa-ken me?

## Verses (choir or cantor)

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16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers      cir - cle a - round me;  
 19 Save me      from the sword,  
 22 Praise the LORD,      you that fear him;

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they pierce my hands and my feet;      I can count all my bones.      17 They stare and  
 and my life from the      pow - er of the dog.      20 Save me from the  
 stand in awe of      him, O off - spring of Israel;      all you of Jacob's

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gloat over me;      they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.  
 li - on's mouth,      my wretched body from the      horns of wild\_ bulls.  
 line, give glory.      23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor\_ in their poverty;

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18 Be not far a - - - way, O LORD;      you are my  
 21 I will declare your      Name to my brethren;      in the midst of the congre -  
 neither does he hide his      face from them;      but when they

## Antiphon (all)

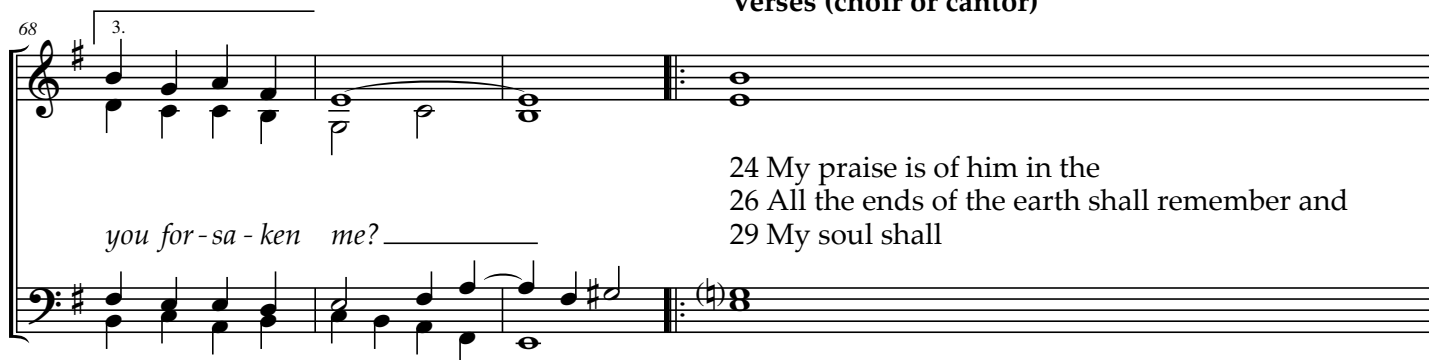
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strength;— has - ten to help me. My God, my God, why have you for-sa - ken me?  
 ga - tion I will praise you. My God, my God, why have you for-sa - ken me?  
 cry to him he hears them. My God, my God, why have

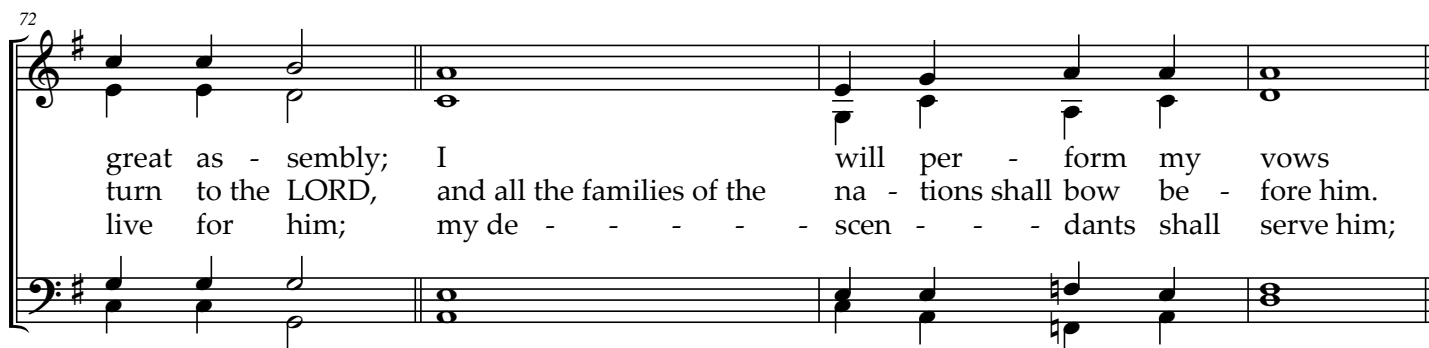
## Verses (choir or cantor)

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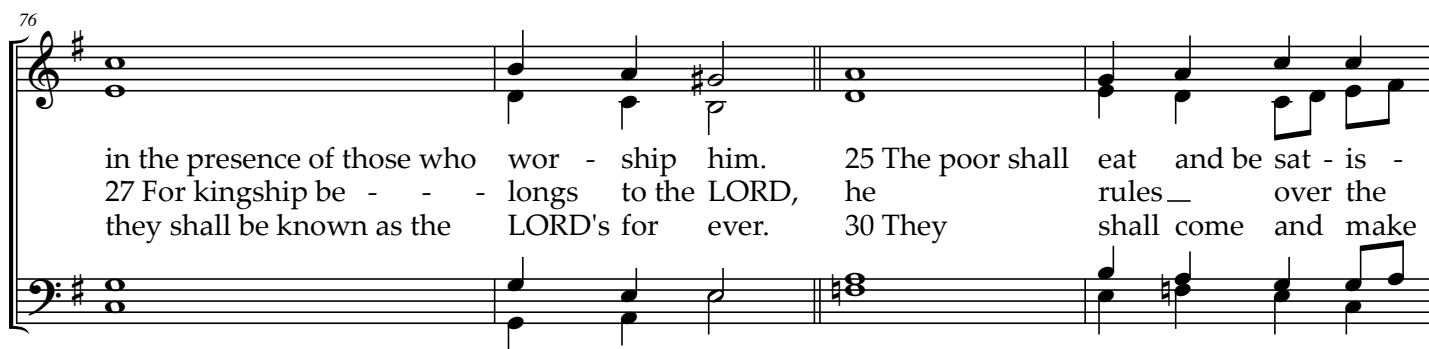
you for - sa - ken me? 24 My praise is of him in the  
 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and  
 29 My soul shall

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great as - sembly; I will per - form my vows  
 turn to the LORD, and all the families of the na - tions shall bow be - fore him.  
 live for him; my de - - - - - scen - - - - dants shall serve him;

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in the presence of those who wor - ship him. 25 The poor shall eat and be sat - is -  
 27 For kingship be - - - - - longs to the LORD, he rules— over the  
 they shall be known as the LORD's for ever. 30 They shall come and make

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fied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:  
 nations. 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
 known to a people yet un - born

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**Antiphon (all)**

"May your heart live for ever!" My God, my  
 all who go down to the dust fall be - fore him. My God, my  
 the saving deeds that he has done. My God, my

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God, why have you for - sa - ken me?  
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 God, why have you for - sa - ken me? —