

<sup>NRS</sup> **2 Samuel 7:1** Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him,  
<sup>2</sup> the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent."  
<sup>3</sup> Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

<sup>4</sup> But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan:  
<sup>5</sup> Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in?  
<sup>6</sup> I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.  
<sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

<sup>8</sup> Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel;  
<sup>9</sup> and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.  
<sup>10</sup> And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly,  
<sup>11</sup> from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

<sup>12</sup> When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

<sup>14</sup> I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

<sup>15</sup> But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.

<sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

<sup>17</sup> In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

<sup>18</sup> Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and said, "Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far?"

<sup>19</sup> And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord GOD; you have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come. May this be instruction for the people, O Lord GOD!

<sup>20</sup> And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord GOD!

<sup>21</sup> Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have wrought all this greatness, so that your servant may know it.

<sup>22</sup> Therefore you are great, O LORD God; for there is no one like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

(2 Sam. 7:1-22 NRS)

## Royal Psalms

<sup>NRS</sup> **Psalm 89:1** <A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.>

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

<sup>2</sup> I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

<sup>3</sup> You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

<sup>4</sup> 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah

<sup>5</sup> Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

<sup>6</sup> For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,

<sup>7</sup> a God feared in the council of the holy ones, great and awesome above all that are around him?

<sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts, who is as mighty as you, O LORD? Your faithfulness surrounds you.

<sup>9</sup> You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.

<sup>10</sup> You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

<sup>11</sup> The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it-- you have founded them.

<sup>12</sup> The north and the south-- you created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.

<sup>13</sup> You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand.

<sup>14</sup> Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

<sup>16</sup> they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness.

<sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

<sup>18</sup> For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>19</sup> Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said: "I have set the crown on one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.

<sup>20</sup> I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;  
<sup>21</sup> my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.

<sup>22</sup> The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.

<sup>23</sup> I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

<sup>24</sup> My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

<sup>25</sup> I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.

<sup>26</sup> He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'

<sup>27</sup> I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

<sup>28</sup> Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.

<sup>29</sup> I will establish his line forever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.

<sup>30</sup> If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances,

<sup>31</sup> if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,

<sup>32</sup> then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;

<sup>33</sup> but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.

<sup>34</sup> I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

<sup>35</sup> Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.

<sup>36</sup> His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.

<sup>37</sup> It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies." Selah

(Ps. 89:1-37 NRS)

89:38 But now you have spurned and rejected him; you are full of wrath against your anointed.

39 You have renounced the covenant with your servant; you have defiled his crown in the dust.

40 You have broken through all his walls; you have laid his strongholds in ruins.

41 All who pass by plunder him; he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes; you have made all his enemies rejoice.

43 Moreover, you have turned back the edge of his sword, and you have not supported him in battle.

44 You have removed the scepter from his hand, and hurled his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut short the days of his youth; you have covered him with shame. Selah

46 How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself forever? How long will your wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is-- for what vanity you have created all mortals!

48 Who can live and never see death? Who can escape the power of Sheol? Selah

49 Lord, where is your steadfast love of old, which by your faithfulness you swore to David?

50 Remember, O Lord, how your servant is taunted; how I bear in my bosom the insults of the peoples,

51 with which your enemies taunt, O LORD, with which they taunted the footsteps of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD forever. Amen and Amen.

(Ps. 89:38-52 NRS)

NRS **Psalm 132:1** <A Song of Ascents.>

O LORD, remember in David's favor all the hardships he endured;  
2 how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,  
3 "I will not enter my house or get into my bed;  
4 I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,  
5 until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.  
7 "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool."  
8 Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.  
9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

10 For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

11 The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.

12 If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne."

13 For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation:

14 "This is my resting place forever; here I will reside, for I have desired it.

15 I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor with bread.

16 Its priests I will clothe with salvation, and its faithful will shout for joy.

17 There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one.

18 His enemies I will clothe with disgrace, but on him, his crown will gleam." (Ps. 132:1-18 NRS)

## Enthronement Psalms

<sup>NRS</sup> **Psalm 47:1** <To the leader. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.>

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

<sup>2</sup> For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

<sup>3</sup> He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

<sup>4</sup> He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah

<sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

<sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

<sup>7</sup> For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

<sup>8</sup> God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

<sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.  
(Ps. 47:1-9 NRS)

NRS **Psalm 96:1**

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

<sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

<sup>12</sup> let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

<sup>13</sup> before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

(Ps. 96:1-13 NRS)



Zion Psalms (The City of God)

<sup>NRS</sup> **Psalm 46:1** <To the leader. Of the Korahites. According to Alamoth. A Song.>

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup> The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

<sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah  
(Ps. 46:1-11 NRS)

<sup>NRS</sup> **Psalm 122:1** <A Song of Ascents. Of David.>

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

<sup>2</sup> Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem-- built as a city that is bound firmly together.

<sup>4</sup> To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

<sup>8</sup> For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

<sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.  
(Ps. 122:1-9 NRS)