A Psalm for Reformation Day

Psalm 46

Psalm 46 (NIV, alt.)

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Antiphon: Psalm 46:1

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Psalm 46

Cluster 1
Played before first half-verse

Cluster 2
Played before second half-verse

1 God is our refuge and strength,
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved
3 though its waters rage and foam

1 a very present help in time of need.
2 and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
3 and the mountains quake with their surging.

Antiphon

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
5 God is within her, she will not fall;
6 Nations are in an uproar, kingdoms fall;
7 The LORD Almighty is with us;*

4 the holy place where the Most High dwells.
5 God will help her at the break of day.
6 he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
7 the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Antiphon

8 Come and see the works of the LORD,
9 He makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth;
10 “Be still and know that I am God; with us;*
11 The LORD Almighty is brought on the earth.

8 the desolations he has the shields with fire.
9 he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns ed in the earth.”
10 I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalt is our fortress.
11 the God of Jacob

Antiphon

* “with us” – both words sung on higher pitch

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A Psalm for Thanksgiving Day

Psalm 103

Psalm 103: 1-5, 8, 11-13 (NIV, alt.)

3 octaves
Handbells used: 22

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Antiphon: Psalm 103:1

Praise the LORD, O my soul;

all my in-most being, praise his holy, his holy name.

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A Psalm for the End of the Church Year

Psalm 63

Psalm 63: 1-8 (NIV, alt.)

3 octaves
Handbells used: 15

Antiphon: Psalm 63:4

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up, will lift my hands.