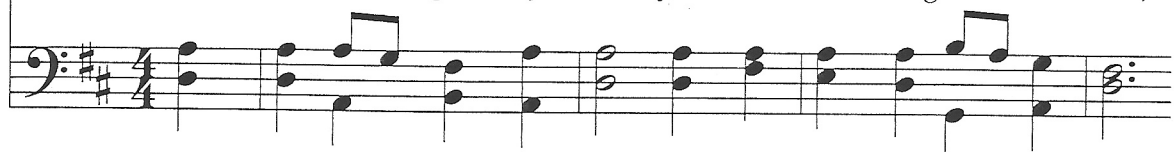


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(Psalm 32)



1 How blest, those whose trans-gres-sions have free - ly been for-given;
 2 While I kept guilt - y si-lence, my strength was spent with grief.
 3 So let the god - ly seek you, when trou-bling times are near;



whose guilt is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heaven.
 Your hand was heav - y on me; my life found no re - lief.
 no storm or flood shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.



Blest, those to whom our Lord God will not im-pute their sin:
 But when I made con - fes - sion and hid no sin from you,
 In you, O Lord, I hide me; you save me from all ill.



whose guilt has been for - giv - en; whose hearts, made true a - gain.
 when I re - vealed my fail - ings, you gave me life a - new.
 And songs of your sal - va - tion my heart with rap-ture fill.



Although this is one of the traditional seven penitential psalms, it could equally well be called a psalm of thanksgiving for forgiveness. It bears witness to the desirability of confession as well as to God's gracious and forgiving nature, encouraging the faithful to seek God.