



Songs of the Heart

"In the Torah and the [books of the] Prophets, God reaches out to man. The initiative is His. The message is His. He communicates, we receive.... In the Psalms, human beings reach out to God. The initiative is human. The language is human. We make an effort to communicate. He receives.... The human soul extends itself beyond its confining, sheltering, impermanent house of clay. It gropes for an experience of the divine Presence."

—Nahum Sarna

Unique among liturgies in their singular blend of majestic grandeur, lofty sentiments, and poignant simplicity, the Psalms embrace virtually every basic human emotion and mood, always in the context of faith.



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PSALMS OF JOY AND SORROW

Playing
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George Rochberg: from *Three Psalms*

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| 1. Psalm 23 | 3:42 |
| 2. Psalm 150 | 5:15 |
| 3. Jacob Druckman: <i>Psalm 93</i> | 2:02 |
| 4. Ursula Mamlok: <i>Cantata based on the First Psalm</i> | 7:38 |

Yehudi Wyner

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| 5. <i>Ma Tovu</i> | 2:33 |
| 6. <i>Shiru Ladonai</i> (Psalm 96) | 2:38 |

Miriam Gideon

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| 7. <i>Ma Tovu</i> | 2:21 |
| 8. <i>Adonai Malakh</i> (Psalm 93) | 1:51 |

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| 9. Martin Kalmanoff: <i>The Lord Is My Shepherd</i> | 4:06 |
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| 10. Philip Glass: <i>Psalm 126</i> | 3:53 |
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Donald Waxman: from *Psalms and Supplications*

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| 11. II. The 23rd Psalm of David | 2:47 |
| 12. IV. Jonah's Prayer from the Belly of the Whale | 5:52 |

Ralph Shapey: *Psalm II*

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| 13. Prologue: Prais'd Be | 1:01 |
| 14. I. Master of the Universe | 2:12 |
| 15. II. Thy Covenant | 2:30 |
| 16. III. Day of Wrath | 2:29 |
| 17. Epilogue: Life and Joy | :34 |

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| 18. Robert Strassburg: <i>Psalm 117</i> | 2:04 |
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| 19. Heinrich Schalit: <i>The 23rd Psalm</i> | 1:44 |
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| 20. Zavel Zilberts: <i>Psalm 137 (Al Naharot Bavel)</i> | 9:56 |
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Performers and conductors include: Alberto Mizrahi, Meir Finkelstein, Samuel Adler, Barcelona Symphony, BBC Singers, Theodore Bikel, Michael Brewer, Ronald Corp, Joseph Evans, Patrick Gardner, Stephen Gunzenhauser, Avner Itai, Elli Jaffe, Laudibus Choir, Sarah Leonard, Neil Levin, the London Chorus, Patrick Mason, New York Cantorial Choir, Rutgers Kirkpatrick Choir, Schola Hebraica. See inside booklet for complete listing.