

The Responsorial Psalm

Responsorial Psalms are an integral part of the Mass. They are sung (or said) after the First Reading of every Sunday and daily Mass.

<p>A. Look up the Responsorial Psalm that will be used at next Sunday's Mass. Read it over carefully. Try to understand what it is saying. Write the line prayed by all the people, called the response, in the space to the right.</p>	
<p>What is the theme of the Responsorial Psalm?</p>	
<p>B. Now try to see how the Responsorial Psalm relates to the three readings in the Liturgy of the Word. Start with the reading from the Old Testament. What images or ideas remind you of the ones in the Responsorial Psalm?</p>	
<p>In what way does the theme of the Responsorial Psalm connect with the First Reading?</p>	
<p>Do the same with the Second Reading. Can you uncover any common thread between the Responsorial Psalm and the Second Reading?</p>	
<p>In what way does the Responsorial Psalm connect with the Second Reading?</p>	
<p>Finally, compare the Responsorial Psalm to the reading from the Gospel. In what way does the Responsorial Psalm connect with the Gospel reading?</p>	
<p>C. When you are at Mass, do your best to listen carefully to the Scripture readings and the Responsorial Psalm. See if you can find the connection between them. After doing this project it will be easy!</p>	