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Book Reviews



Anderson, F. R. (2016). *Singing God's psalms: Metrical psalms and reflections for each Sunday in the church year*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. 239 pp. \$24.00. ISBN 9780802873217

Anderson authored this collection of metrical psalms over several decades of ministry. The psalms are designed for use with the *Revised Common Lectionary*. The heading for each psalm or canticle identifies its meter and suggests one or more familiar hymn tunes for singing the psalm in public worship.

All of the psalms and canticles have been tested in public worship in the Presbyterian congregations where Anderson has pastored. About a third of the psalms have been previously published in Anderson's *Singing Psalms of Joy and Praise* (Westminster Press, 1986). Fifteen psalms from that collection were selected for inclusion in the *Presbyterian Hymnal* (1990). The brief reflections accompanying each psalm began as devotional blog posts on Anderson's congregation's website.

In the absence of a permission statement granting churches the right to reproduce the psalm texts for public worship, churches will need to secure permission from the copyright holder. An author search of the CCLI SongSearch database (<https://us.search.ccli.com/>) resulted in no hits for the author's name.

This book would be a worthy purchase for church libraries or academic libraries with ties to congregations that use the Revised Common Lectionary. The pastoral reflections on the psalms also make it suitable for personal devotional use.

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