

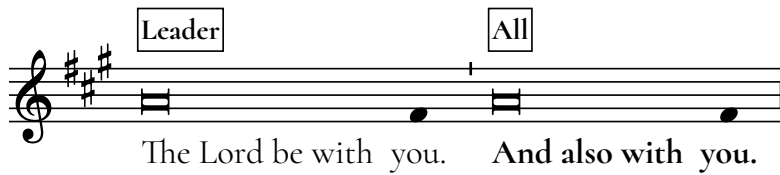
Reading for Virtual Compline

Brent House

November 4, 2020

Sirach 44:1–9a, 10, 13–15 (Anchor, adapted)

Leader All



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

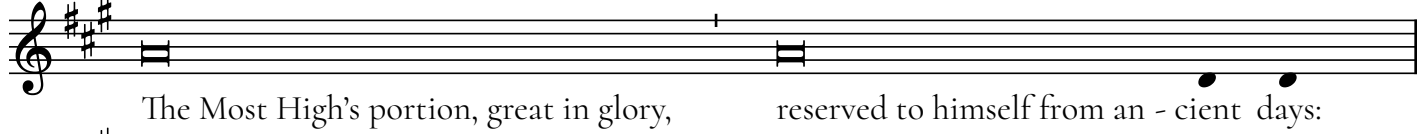
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A reading from the book of ben Si - ra.



I will now praise those godly peo - ple, our ancestors, each in their own time:



The Most High's portion, great in glory, reserved to himself from an - cient days:



1. Rulers of the earth, of royal rank,

2. persons renowned for their va - lor,

3. Or counselors with their shrewd ad - vice,

4. or seers of all things in pro - phe-cy;

5. Resolute governors of the folk,

6. or lawgivers with their rules;

7. Sages with their literary dis - course,

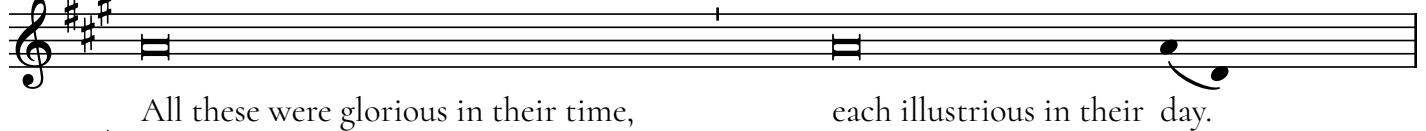
8. or framers of proverbs and pointed max - ims;

9. Composers of melodious psalms,

10. or authors with lyric themes;

11. Stalwart, self-reliant per - sons,


12. at peace in their own es - tates:




All these were glorious in their time, each illustrious in their day.



Some of them have left behind a name so that people recount their prais - es;



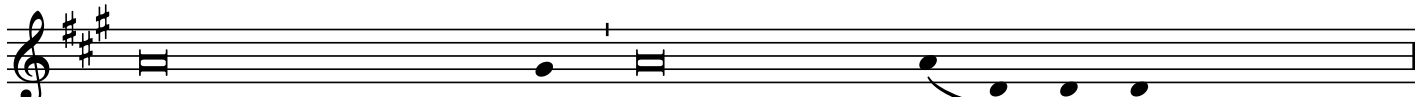
But of others no memory remains, for when they perished, they perished completely,




Yet these also were godly peo - ple whose virtues will not be for - got - ten;



For all time their progeny will last, their glory will never be blot - ted out.



Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name lives on___ and on;



At gatherings their wisdom is re - told, and the assembly declares their prais - es.



Leader The Word of the Lord. **All** Thanks be to God.