

# A GUIDE FOR CHANTING THE PSALM TONES



TONE I.A.I, that is, Intonation I, Mediant Cadence A, Final Cadence I.

INTONATION	RECITING TONE	FLEX	MEDIANT CADENCE	RECITING TONE	FINAL CADENCE
<i>Sung only on first verse of the Psalm, traditionally by the cantor.</i>	<i>On first verse, sung from the intonation until the first dot (·). Thereafter, sung from beginning of each verse until the first dot.</i>	<i>When present, sung immediately before the dagger (†).</i>	<i>Sung from the first dot until the asterisk (*). The contemplative pause then follows.</i>	<i>Sung from the mediant cadence until the second dot.</i>	<i>Sung from the second dot until the verse end.</i>

☞ A hollow punctum (◻) indicates a pitch that is sung only when the number of syllables requires it.

☞ The accent marks (´) above a punctum and over a syllable of text indicate where the pitch and syllable are aligned, while simultaneously signifying in most cases the natural syllabic stress of the word when chanted.

☞ An accent shared between two notes (as shown here in Tone III ) indicates that the accent may go on either the first hollow note, if used, or the second required note, depending on the number of syllables.

## Psalm 50:1-4. Miserere mei, Deus

I. Intonation Reciting Tone Mediant Cadence Reciting Tone

**H**AVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great · good·ness; \* according to the multitude of thy mer·  
Final Cadence cies do away · mine offences. 2 Wash me throughly from my · wickedness, \* and · cleanse me from  
Flex my sin. 3 For I acknowledge · my faults, \* and my sin is ev·er be·fore me. 4 Against thee only have I  
Final Cadence sin·ned, † and done this evil in · thy sight; \* that thou mightest be justifi·ed in thy saying, and clear  
Final Cadence when · thou art judg·ed.

☪ Simple Psalm Tones derived directly from the *Monastic Diurnal Noted*, a reprinting by Lancelot Andrewes Press of *The Music of Vespers, the Little Hours, and Lauds of Great Feasts* by the Western Province of the Community of Saint Mary (Inc.) 1952. Adapted from the Original Benedictine Plainsong by the Reverend Winfred Douglas, *Mus. Doc.*

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### PEREGRINE TONE A

Psalm 50:1-4. *Miserere mei, Deus*

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2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, \* and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults, \* and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee only have I sinned, † and done this evil in thy sight; \* that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

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TONE A

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### PEREGRINE TONE B

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PEREGRINE  
TONE B

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TONE VIII

Psalm 50:1-4. Miserere mei, Deus

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4 Against thee only have I sin•ned, † and done this evil in thy • síght; \* that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when • thou art júdged.

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TONE I.A

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TONE I.B

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TONE I.B

Musical notation for TONE I.B, including a 'Flex' instruction.

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TONE VII

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TONE VII

Musical notation for TONE VII, including a 'Flex' instruction.

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TONE VI.A

Psalm 50:1-4. Miserere mei, Deus

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TONE VI.A		
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TONE VI.B

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2 Wash me thoroughly • from my wickedness, \* and • cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I ac•know•ledge my faults, \* and my sin is ev•er before me.

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TONE VI.C

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TONE VI.C		
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TONE II.1

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TONE II.2

Psalm 50:1-4. Miserere mei, Deus

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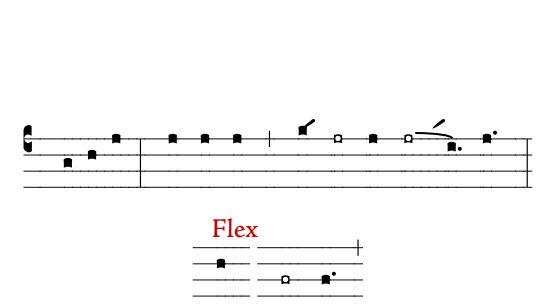




**TONE III.A.1-III.A.3**  
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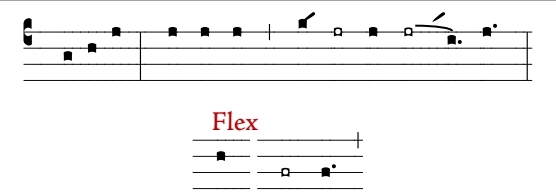


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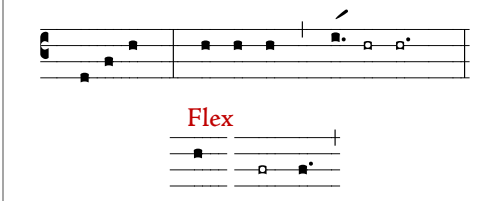

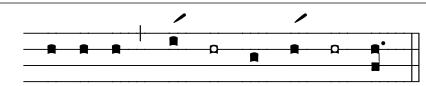
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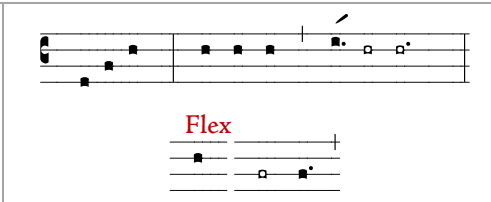
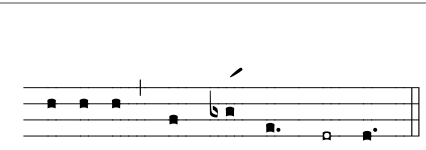
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TONE IV.6, IV.7



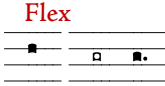
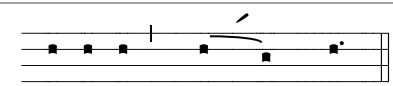
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TONE IV.8, IV.9


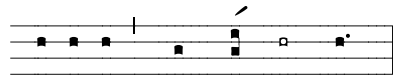
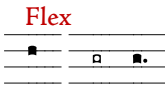

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TONE III.A.6

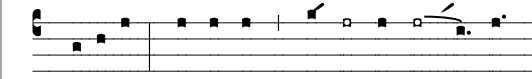


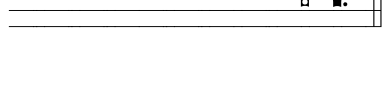
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TONE III.B.1-III.B.3




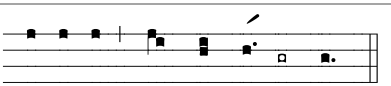
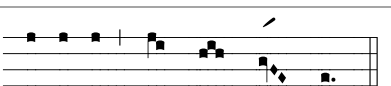

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**TONE III.B.4–III.B.5**



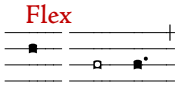
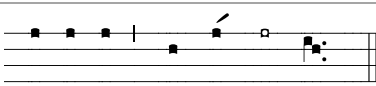
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**TONE III.B.6**



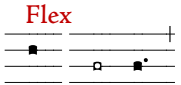
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**TONE IV.1–IV.5; IV.10**


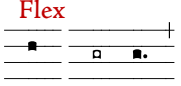

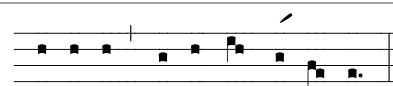
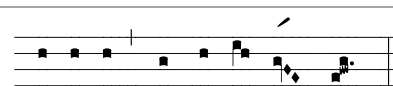


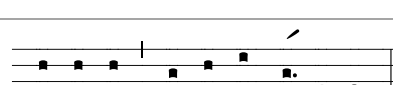

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