

By the Waters of Babylon

Psalm 136

Valaam chant

1



By the wa - ters of Ba - by-lon, there we sat down and wept,



when we re-mem-bered Zi - on. Al - le - lu - i - a.

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On the wil - - lows there we hung up our lyres.

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Al - le - lu - i - a. For there our cap - - tors

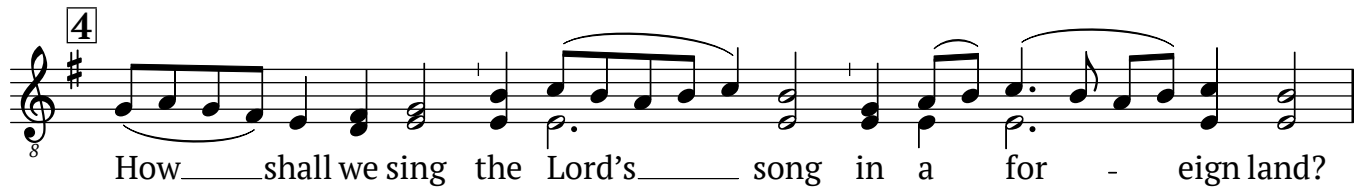


re - quired of us songs and our tor - ment - ors, mirth, say - - ing,



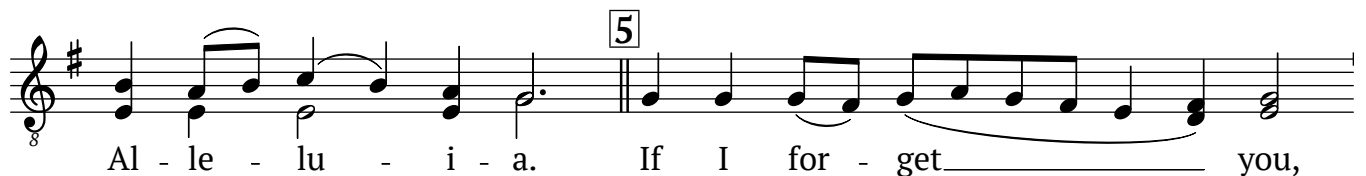
“Sing us one of the songs of Zi - on.” Al - le - lu - i - a.

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How shall we sing the Lord's song in a for - eign land?

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Al - le - lu - i - a. If I for - get you,



O Je - ru - sa - lem, let my right hand with - - er.

Al - le - lu - i - a. 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth

if I do not re - mem - ber you, if I do not set Je - ru - sa - lem

a - bove my high - est joy. Al - le - lu - i - a. 7 Re - mem - ber, O Lord,

a - gainst the E - dom - ites the day of Je - ru - sa - lem, how they said:

“Raze it, raze _____ it down to its foun - da - - tions.”

Al - le - lu - i - a. 8 O daugh - ter of Ba - by - lon, you dev - as - ta - - tor,

hap - py shall he be who re - quites _____ you with what you have done to us.

Al - le - lu - i - a. 9 Hap - py shall _____ he be who takes your lit - tle ones

and dash - es them a - gainst _____ the rock. Al - le - lu - i - a.