

# **NPM CANTOR CERTIFICATE PSALMS**

## Psalm Repertoire Options, Explained

As you prepare for each of the Cantor Certificates, we want to offer guidance in locating the psalms on the repertoire lists. Since churches use music from various publishers, each Psalm List incorporates selections from multiple publishers, and in varying styles. Here is some additional information to help you narrow down the psalm choices that are best for you. You will want to take initiative in selecting your psalms in a timely manner and allowing time to purchase them if they are not located in your hymnal or missal.

The list of BCC Psalms was compiled with the thought that no matter which major publisher a church uses to purchase their missals or hymnals, their cantors would be likely to have access to some of the psalms on the list.

The list of ICC Psalms also includes a variety of publishers. However, not all of the psalms are found in the missal or hymnal. A cantor may need to purchase an octavo using the order numbers provided on the application form. Many of them are likely to be available to purchase as downloads. However, there are some options on the list that cantors would be likely to have access to in their parish.

The CCC Psalms are not as easily accessible as the BCC and ICC psalms, in part because they are more challenging settings. Again, the order numbers are on the application. Simply go to the publisher's website (or give them a call) and enter the item number. The psalm should appear as the search result, and you are ready to order. Some of them are likely to be available as downloads. There are psalms you can access in your hymnal or missal, but not as many as the other certificates.

The list of approved psalms is located on the application for each certificate. Please check carefully to make sure you have the correct arrangement of the psalms you choose. Check the name of the publisher AND the name of the composer. Please plan ahead and make your psalm selections before you initiate the application process, since you will need to list your choices on the application form.

Links to the major publishers are located on the NPM website.