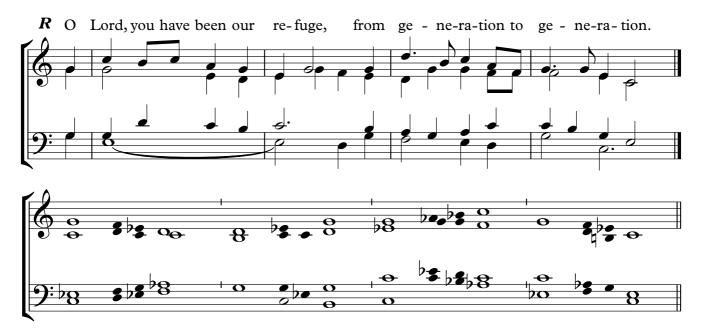
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89(90):3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

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- You turn man <u>back</u> to dust and say: 'Return, O chil<u>dren</u> of Adam.'
 To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, <u>come</u> and gone, or like a watch <u>in</u> the night. *R*
- 2. You sweep them away <u>like</u> a dream, like grass which is fresh <u>in</u> the morning. In the morning it sprouts <u>and</u> is fresh; by evening it withers and fades. **R**
- 3. Then teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart.

 Turn back, O Lord! How long?

 Show pity to your servants. *R*
- 4. At dawn, fill us with your mer<u>ciful</u> love; we shall exalt and rejoice <u>all</u> our days.
 Let the favour of the Lord our God <u>be</u> upon us: O give success to the work <u>of</u> our hands. *R*

The refrain is heard three times at the start: first played on the organ, then sung by the cantor and repeated by all; it is then repeated after each verse.

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