Tone for Chanting Psalms

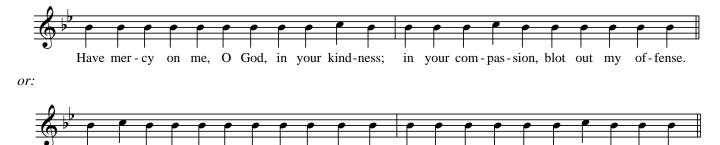


Singing everything on one pitch:



Have mercy on me, O God, in your kindess; in your compassion, blot out my offense.

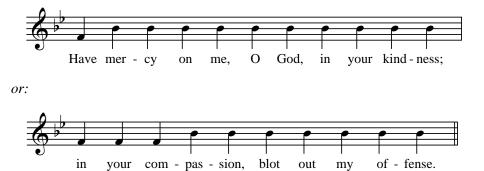
Raising the voice by a tone (whole step, like do to re) can emphasize a word:



in your com-pas-sion, blot out my

You can also jump up a fourth ("Here comes the the bride") to an accent:

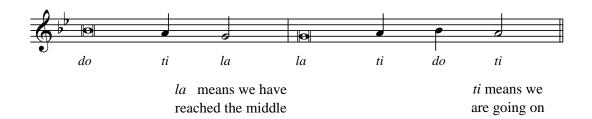
on me, O God, in your kind-ness;



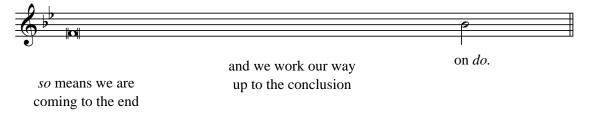
Combining those two patterns can give a balanced, clear reading that *mostly* stays on one pitch.

We often call this, "straight chanting."

Tone for Chanting Readings



This is repeated as many times as needed, and then we end with:



Different sorts of endings:

