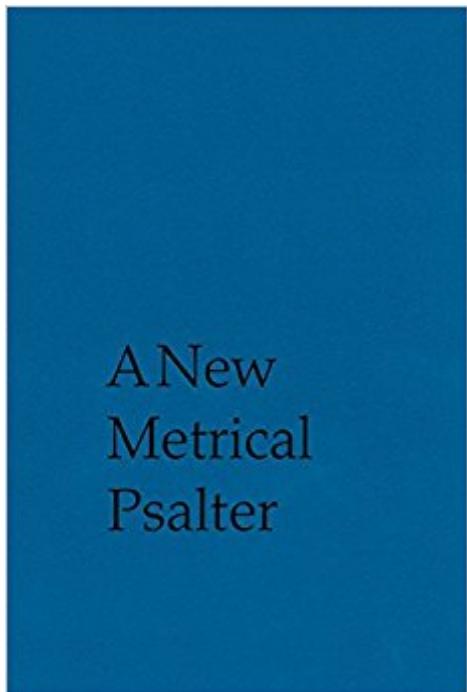


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# A New Metrical Psalter



## **Synopsis**

Psalm paraphrases in verse form with suggested familiar tunes for singing in Short Meter, Common Meter and Long Meter for the appointed psalms for the Book of Common Prayer lectionary. Includes Canticles and Invitatories for the Daily Office for both Rite I and Rite II. Please note: This is the version based on the Book of Common Prayer Lectionary and originally published in 1986. A new version for the Revised Common Lectionary is now available.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Good modern Psalter, but out of date for churches that use the NRSV Lectionary. Webber has published a newer edition that is available in downloadable format and I'm using it on many Sundays, roughly in alternation with the Hymn Tune Psalter that uses BCP translation (not versified, simplified Anglican Chant verses for cantor or choir with antiphons derived from hymns from the Hymnal 1982 of the Episcopal Church.) In short, if you use the NRSV Lectionary, buy the later edition from Church Hymnal Corp.

For over ten years I have shared these settings of the Psalms with Christians and Jews in worship services. Webber's wording is creative and current. His choice of metrical patterns makes these psalms usable with literally hundreds of tunes familiar to all who worship with these ancient Hebrew poems. I could wish Webber had versified the entire Psalter, though he has included most sections regularly in use in English speaking congregations. I warmly recommend using these settings to all who love to sing, and love to sing the psalms. By choosing familiar tunes from any source, a music leader can newly invigorate several generations of worshippers.

A good resource of Psalms and Canticles in metrical paraphrase, set to common hymn tunes. A good source of easy to sing materials, that I find usefull for small, liturgical churches that can not sing more complex settings without the benefit of a choir.

We use this every Sunday. It is a beautiful adornment of the worship of God here in Whitinsville, Massachusetts.

The Psalter is often called the hymnal of the Church, but most of us have no idea how to sing them. Various forms of Chant, whether it be Gregorian or Anglican)are hard for many to learn leaving most congregations to read the Psalms rather than sing them. This resource is an excellent resource for those who still wish to sing the Psalms during the Liturgy. Webber has revised the Psalter to make the Psalms read in a metrical form which allows them to be sung to many familiar tunes. To allow a variety of hymns to be used with the Psalms, notations such as LM, CM, etc are used so the musicians can choose appropriate tunes for the Psalm.

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