

As a Deer (Imagery of Psalm 42; Rule of Benedict)

This song is inspired by Psalm 42 and the Prologue to the Rule of Benedict. The combination of thirst and practice is crucial to monastic life. As monks we do not grasp at truth, but are called to live humbly and journey together.

As a deer thirsts for running streams, we thirst for you, O God.

We thirst for you, the Living God. When shall we see your face?

By day, by night, we hear it said, "Where is your God?"

We thirst for you, the Living God. When shall we see your face?

We hope one day to dwell in your tent, to find a home with you.

On your holy mountain, a place for all, we find a refuge.

We thirst for you, the Living God. When shall we see your face?

We practice justice, speak the truth, listen with our heart,
not slandering sister or brother, we try to do no wrong.

We hope one day to dwell in your tent, to find a home with you.

On your holy mountain, a place for all, we find a refuge.

We thirst for you, the Living God. When shall we see your face?