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|  | **I** *Beatus vir qui non abiit* |
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| 1 | Happy are they who have not walked  in the counsel *of the* ***wicked***, \*  nor lingered in the way of sinners,  nor sat in the seats *of the* ***scornful***! |
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| 2 | Their delight is in the *law of* ***the LORD***, \*  and they meditate on his *law day* ***and night***. |
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| 3 | They are like trees planted by streams of water,  bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that *do not* ***wither***; \*  everything they *do shall* ***prosper***. |
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| 4 | It is not so *with the* ***wicked***; \*  they are like chaff which the *wind blows* ***away***. |
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| 5 | Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright  *when judg****ment comes***, \*  nor the sinner in the council *of the* ***righteous***. |
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| 6 | For the LORD knows the way *of the* ***righteous***, \*  but the way of the *wicked* ***is doomed***. |

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|  | **2** *Quare fremuerunt gentes?* |
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| 1 | Why are the nations *in an* ***uproar*** ? \*  Why do the peoples mut*ter emp****ty threats*** ? |
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| 2 | Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  and the princes *plot to****gether***, \*  against the LORD and against *his A****nointed*** ? |
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| 3 | “Let us break *their yoke*,” ***they say****;* \*  “let us cast off *their bonds* ***from us***.” |
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| 4 | He whose throne is in hea*ven is* ***laughing***; \*  the Lord has them *in de****rision***. |
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| 5 | Then he speaks to *them in* ***his wrath***, \*  and his rage fills *them with* ***terror***. |
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| 6 | “I myself *have set* ***my king*** \*  upon my holy *hill of* ***Zion***.” |
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| 7 | Let me announce the de*cree of* ***the LORD****:* \*  he said to me, “You are my Son;  this day have I *bego****tten you***. |
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| 8 | Ask of me, and I will give you the nations  for your *inher****itance*** \*  and the ends of the earth for *your po****ssession***. |
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| 9 | You shall crush them with *an i****ron rod*** \*  and shatter them like a piece *of po****ttery***.” |
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| 10 | And now, *you kings,* ***be wise****;* \*  be warned, you ru*lers of* ***the earth***. |
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| 11 | Submit to *the LORD* ***with fear***, \*  and with trembling *bow be****fore him***; |
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| 12 | Lest he be angry *and you* ***perish***; \*  for his wrath is *quickly* ***kindled***. |

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| 13 | Hap*py are* ***they all*** \*  who take *refuge* ***in him****!* |
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|  | **3** *Domine, quid multiplicati* |
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| 1 | LORD, how many adver*saries* ***I have****!* \*  how many there are who rise *up a****gainst me****!* |
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| 2 | How many there are *who say* ***of me***, \*  “There is no help for *him in* ***his God***.” |
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| 3 | But you, O LORD, are a *shield a****bout me****;* \*  you are my glory, the one who *lifts up* ***my head***. |
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| 4 | I call aloud *upon* ***the LORD***, \*  and he answers me from *his ho****ly hill****;* |
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| 5 | I lie down *and go* ***to sleep****;* \*  I wake again, because the *LORD sus****tains me***. |
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| 6 | I do not fear the multi*tudes of* ***people*** \*  who set themselves against *me all* ***around***. |
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| 7 | Rise up, O LORD; set me *free, O* ***my God****;* \*  surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face,  you will break the teeth *of the* ***wicked***. |
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| 8 | Deliverance be*longs to t****he LORD***. \*  Your blessing be up*on your* ***people***! |
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|  | **4** *Cum invocarem* |
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| 1 | Answer me when I call, O God, defen*der of* ***my cause****;* \*  you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  have mercy on me *and hear* ***my prayer***. |

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| 2 | “You mortals, how long will you disho*nor my* ***glory***; \*  how long will you worship dumb idols  and run *after* ***false gods*** ?” |
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| 3 | Know that the LORD does wonders *for the* ***faithful****;* \*  when I call upon the LORD, *he will* ***hear me***. |
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| 4 | Tremble, then, *and do* ***not sin****;* \*  speak to your heart in silence *upon* ***your bed***. |
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| 5 | Offer the appointed *sacri****fices*** \*  and put your *trust in* ***the LORD***. |
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| 6 | Many are saying,  “Oh, that we might *see be****tter times***!” \*  Lift up the light of your countenance up*on us,* ***O LORD***. |
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| 7 | You have put glad*ness in* ***my heart***, \*  more than when grain and wine *and oil* ***increase***. |
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| 8 | I lie down in peace; at once *I fall* ***asleep****;* \*  for only you, LORD, make me *dwell in* ***safety***. |
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|  | **5** *Verba mea auribus* |
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| 1 | Give ear to *my words,* ***O LORD****;* \*  consider my *medi****tation***. |
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| 2 | Hearken to my cry for help, my *King and* ***my God***, \*  for I make *my prayer* ***to you***. |
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| 3 | In the morning, LORD, *you hear* ***my voice****;* \*  early in the morning I make my appeal *and watch* ***for you***. |
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| 4 | For you are not a God who takes pleasure *in wick****edness***, \*  and evil ca*nnot dwell* ***with you***. |
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| 5 | Braggarts cannot *stand in* ***your sight****;* \*  you hate all those who *work wick****edness***. |

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| 6 | You destroy *those who* ***speak lies****;* \*  the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O *LORD, you* ***abhor***. |
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| 7 | But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy  I will go *into* ***your house***; \*  I will bow down toward your holy temple *in awe* ***of you***. |
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| 8 | Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness,  because of those who lie *in wait* ***for me***; \*  make your way *straight be****fore me***. |
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| 9 | For there is no *truth in* ***their mouth****;* \*  there is destruc*tion in* ***their heart****;* |
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| 10 | Their throat is *an op****en grave***; \*  they flat*ter with* ***their tongue***. |
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| 11 | Declare them *guilty,* ***O God***; \*  let them fall, be*cause of* ***their schemes***. |
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| 12 | Because of their many transgre*ssions cast* ***them out***, \*  for they have re*belled a****gainst you***. |
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| 13 | But all who take refuge in *you will* ***be glad***; \*  they will sing out their *joy for* ***ever***. |
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| 14 | You *will shel****ter them***, \*  so that those who love your Name / may *exult* ***in you***. |
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| 15 | For you, O LORD, will *bless the* ***righteous***;\*  you will defend them with your favor *as with* ***a shield***. |
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|  | **6** *Domine, ne in furore* |
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| 1 | LORD, do not rebuke me *in your* ***anger***; \*  do not punish *me in* ***your wrath***. |

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| 2 | Have pity on me, LORD, *for I* ***am weak***; \*  heal me, LORD, for *my bones* ***are racked***. |
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| 3 | My spirit *shakes with* ***terror***; \*  how long, *O LORD,* ***how long***? |
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| 4 | Turn, O LORD, and *deli****ver me***; \*  save me for *your mer****cy’s sake***. |
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| 5 | For in death no one *remem****bers you***; \*  and who will give you *thanks in* ***the grave***? |
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| 6 | I grow weary because *of my* ***groaning***; \*  every night I drench my bed  and flood *my couch* ***with tears***. |
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| 7 | My eyes are *wasted* ***with grief***, \*  and worn away because of all *my e****nemies***. |
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| 8 | Depart from me, all *evil****doers***, \*  for the LORD has heard the sound *of my* ***weeping***. |
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| 9 | The LORD has heard my *suppli****cation***; \*  the LORD *accepts* ***my prayer***. |
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| 10 | All my enemies shall be confounded *and quake* ***with fear***; \*  they shall turn back / and suddenly *be put* ***to shame***. |
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|  | **7** *Domine, Deus meus* |
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| 1 | O LORD my God, I take *refuge* ***in you***; \*  save and deliver me from all *who pur****sue me***; |
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| 2 | Lest like a lion they tear *me in* ***pieces*** \*  and snatch me away with none to *deli****ver me***. |
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| 3 | O LORD my God, if I *have done* ***these things***: \*  if there is any wicked*ness in* ***my hands***, |

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| 4 | If I have repaid my *friend with* ***evil***, \*  or plundered him who without cause is *my en****emy***; |
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| 5 | Then let my enemy pursue and *over****take me***, \*  trample my life into the ground,  and lay my ho*nor in* ***the dust***. |
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| 6 | Stand up, O *LORD, in* ***your wrath***; \*  rise up against the fury of *my e****nemies***. |
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| 7 | Awake, O my God, *decree* ***justice***; \*  let the assembly of the peoples *gather* ***round you***. |
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| 8 | Be seated on your lofty *throne, O* ***Most High***; \*  O LORD, *judge the* ***nations***. |
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| 9 | Give judgment for me  according to my righ*teousness,* ***O LORD***, \*  and according to my inno*cence, O* ***Most High***. |
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| 10 | Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,  but esta*blish the* ***righteous***; \*  for you test the mind and heart, *O righ****teous God***. |
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| 11 | God is my *shield and* ***defense***; \*  he is the savior of *the true* ***in heart***. |
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| 12 | God is *a righ****teous judge***; \*  God sits in judg*ment eve****ry day***. |
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| 13 | If they will not repent, God *will whet* ***his sword***; \*  he will bend his bow and *make it* ***ready***. |
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| 14 | He has prepared his *weapons* ***of death***; \*  he makes his ar*rows shafts* ***of fire***. |
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| 15 | Look at those who are in labor *with wick****edness***, \*  who conceive evil, and give *birth to* ***a lie***. |

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| 16 | They dig a pit *and make* ***it deep*** \*  and fall into the hole *that they* ***have made***. |
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| 17 | Their malice turns back up*on their* ***own head***; \*  their violence falls *on their* ***own scalp***. |
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| 18 | I will bear witness that the *LORD is* ***righteous***; \*  I will praise the Name of *the LORD* ***Most High***. |
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|  | **8** *Domine, Dominus noster* |
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| 1 | O LORD *our Go****vernor***, \*  how exalted is your Name *in all* ***the world***! |
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| 2 | Out of the mouths of in*fants and* ***children*** \*  your majesty is praised a*bove the* ***heavens***. |
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| 3 | You have set up a stronghold against your *adver****saries***, \*  to quell the enemy and *the a****venger***. |
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| 4 | When I consider your heavens, the work *of your* ***fingers***, \*  the moon and the stars you have set *in their* ***courses***, |
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| 5 | What is man that you should be *mindful* ***of him***? \*  the son of man that you *should seek* ***him out*** ? |
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| 6 | You have made him but little lower *than the* ***angels***; \*  you adorn him with glo*ry and* ***honor***; |
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| 7 | You give him mastery over the *works of* ***your hands***; \*  you put all things *under* ***his feet***: |
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| 8 | All *sheep and* ***oxen***, \*  even the wild *beasts of* ***the field***, |
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| 9 | The birds of the air, the *fish of* ***the sea***, \*  and whatsoever walks in the *paths of* ***the sea***. |
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| 10 | O LORD *our Go****vernor***, \*  how exalted is your Name *in all* ***the world***! |

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|  | **9** *Confitebor tibi* |
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| 1 | I will give thanks to you, O LORD, *with my* ***whole heart***; \*  I will tell of all your *marve****lous works***. |
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| 2 | I will be glad and *rejoice* ***in you***; \*  I will sing to your *Name, O* ***Most High***. |
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| 3 | When my enemies *are dri****ven back***, \*  they will stumble and perish *at your* ***presence***. |
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| 4 | For you have maintained my *right and* ***my cause***; \*  you sit upon your *throne ju****dging right***. |
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| 5 | You have rebuked the ungodly and de*stroyed the* ***wicked***; \*  you have blotted out their name for e*ver and* ***ever***. |
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| 6 | As for the enemy, they are finished, in per*petu****al ruin***, \*  their cities plowed under, the memory *of them* ***perished***; |
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| 7 | But the LORD is en*throned for* ***ever***; \*  he has set up this *throne for* ***judgment***. |
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| 8 | It is he who rules the world *with righ****teousness***; \*  he judges the peoples *with e****quity***. |
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| 9 | The LORD will be a refuge *for the* ***oppressed***, \*  a refuge in *time of* ***trouble***. |
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| 10 | Those who know your Name will put *their trust* ***in you***, \*  for you never forsake those who *seek you,* ***O LORD***. |
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| 11 | Sing praise to the LORD who *dwells in* ***Zion***; \*  proclaim to the peoples the *things he* ***has done***. |
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| 12 | The Avenger of blood will *remem****ber them***; \*  he will not forget the cry of *the a****fflicted***. |

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| 13 | Have pity *on me,* ***O LORD***; \*  see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,  O you who lift me up from *the gate* ***of death***; |
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| 14 | So that I may tell of all your praises  and rejoice in *your sal****vation*** \*  in the gates of the ci*ty of* ***Zion***. |
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| 15 | The ungodly have fallen into *the pit* ***they dug***, \*  and in the snare they set is *their own* ***foot caught***. |
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| 16 | The LORD is known by his *acts of* ***justice***; \*  the wicked are trapped in the works *of their* ***own hands***. |
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| 17 | The wicked shall be given o*ver to* ***the grave***, \*  and also all the people *that for****get God***. |
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| 18 | For the needy shall not always *be for****gotten***, \*  and the hope of the poor shall not pe*rish for* ***ever***. |
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| 19 | Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have *the u****pper hand***; \*  let them be *judged be****fore you***. |
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| 20 | Put fear u*pon them,* ***O LORD***; \*  let the ungodly know they *are but* ***mortal***. |
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|  | **10** *Ut quid, Domine?* |
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| 1 | Why do you stand so *far off,* ***O LORD***, \*  and hide yourself in *time of* ***trouble***? |
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| 2 | The wicked arrogantly per*secute* ***the poor***, \*  but they are trapped in the schemes *they have* ***devised***. |
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| 3 | The wicked boast of *their heart’s* ***desire***; \*  the covetous curse and *revile* ***the LORD***. |
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| 4 | The wicked are so proud that they *care not* ***for God***; \*  their only thought is, “God *does not* ***matter***.” |

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| 5 | Their ways are devious at all times;  your judgments are far above *out of* ***their sight***; \*  they defy all *their e****nemies***. |
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| 6 | They say in their heart, “I shall *not be* ***shaken***; \*  no harm shall happen *to me* ***ever***.” |
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| 7 | Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit, *and o****ppression***; \*  under their tongue are *mischief* ***and wrong***. |
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| 8 | They lurk in ambush in public squares  and in secret places they murder *the inn****ocent***; \*  they spy *out the* ***helpless***. |
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| 9 | They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;  they lie in wait to seize u*pon the* ***lowly***; \*  they seize the lowly and drag them a*way in* ***their net***. |
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| 10 | The innocent are broken and hum*bled be****fore them***; \*  the helpless fall be*fore their* ***power***. |
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| 11 | They say in their heart, “God *has for****gotten***; \*  he hides his face; he will *never* ***notice***.” |
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| 12 | Rise up, O LORD;  lift up *your hand,* ***O God***; \*  do not forget *the a****fflicted***. |
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| 13 | Why should the wi*cked re****vile God*** ? \*  why should they say in their heart, “*You do* ***not care***”? |
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| 14 | Surely, you behold trouble *and mi****sery***; \*  you see it and take it in*to your* ***own hand***. |
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| 15 | The helpless commit *themselves* ***to you***, \*  for you are the hel*per of* ***orphans***. |
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| 16 | Break the power of the wi*cked and* ***evil***; \*  search out their wickedness un*til you* ***find none***. |

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| 17 | The LORD is King for e*ver and* ***ever***; \*  the ungodly shall pe*rish from* ***his land***. |
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| 18 | The LORD will hear the desire *of the* ***humble***; \*  you will strengthen their heart and *your ears* ***shall hear***; |
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| 19 | To give justice to the or*phan and* ***oppressed***, \*  so that mere mortals may strike *terror* ***no more***. |
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|  | **11** *In Domino confido* |
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| 1 | In the LORD have I *taken* ***refuge***; \*  how then can you say to me,  “Fly away like a bird *to the* ***hilltop***; |
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| 2 | For see how the wicked bend the bow  and fit their a*rrows to* ***the string***, \*  to shoot from ambush at *the true* ***of heart***. |
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| 3 | When the foundations are *being* ***destroyed***, \*  what can *the righ****teous do***?” |
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| 4 | The LORD is in his *holy* ***temple***; \*  the LORD’S throne *is in* ***heaven***. |
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| 5 | His eyes behold the in*habi****ted world***; \*  his piercing *eye weighs* ***our worth***. |
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| 6 | The LORD weighs the righteous as well *as the* ***wicked***, \*  but those who delight in vio*lence he* ***abhors***. |
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| 7 | Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire  and *burning* ***sulphur***; \*  a scorching wind *shall be* ***their lot***. |
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| 8 | For the LORD is righteous;  he delights *in righ****teous deeds***; \*  and the just *shall see* ***his face***. |

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|  | **12** *Salvum me fac* |
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| 1 | Help me, LORD, for there is no *godly* ***one left***; \*  the faithful have vanished *from a****mong us***. |
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| 2 | Everyone speaks falsely *with his* ***neighbor***; \*  with a smooth tongue they speak from *a dou****ble heart***. |
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| 3 | Oh, that the LORD would cut *off all* ***smooth tongues***, \*  and close the lips that *utter* ***proud boasts***! |
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| 4 | Those who say, “With our tongue *will we* ***prevail***; \*  our lips are our own; who is *lord o****ver us***?” |
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| 5 | “Because the needy are oppressed,  and the poor cry out *in mi****sery***, \*  I will rise up,” says the LORD,  “and give them the *help they* ***long for***.” |
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| 6 | The words of the *LORD are* ***pure words***, \*  like silver refined from ore  and purified seven *times in* ***the fire***. |
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| 7 | O LORD, *watch o****ver us*** \*  and save us from this genera*tion for* ***ever***. |
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| 8 | The wicked prowl *on e****very side***, \*  and that which is worthless is highly prized *by e****veryone***. |
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|  | **13** *Usquequo, Domine?* |
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| 1 | How long, O LORD?  will you forget *me for****ever*** ? \*  how long will you hide *your face* ***from me***? |

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| 2 | How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  and grief in my heart, *day af****ter day***? \*  how long shall my enemy tri*umph o****ver me***? |
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| 3 | Look upon me and answer me, *O LORD* ***my God***; \*  give light to my eyes, lest *I sleep* ***in death***; |
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| 4 | Lest my enemy say, “I have pre*vailed o****ver him***,” \*  and my foes rejoice that *I have* ***fallen***. |
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| 5 | But I put my trust *in your* ***mercy***; \*  my heart is joyful because of *your sa****ving help***. |
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| 6 | I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt *with me* ***richly***; \*  I will praise the Name of *the Lord* ***Most High***. |
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|  | **14** *Dixit insipiens* |
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| 1 | The fool has said in his heart, “*There is* ***no God***.” \*  All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  there is none who *does a****ny good***. |
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| 2 | The LORD looks down from heaven *upon* ***us all***, \*  to see if there is any who is wise,  if there is one who *seeks af****ter God***. |
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| 3 | Every one has proved faithless;  all a*like have* ***turned bad***; \*  there is none who does *good; no,* ***not one***. |
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| 4 | Have they no knowledge, all those *evil****doers*** \*  who eat up my people like bread  and do not call *upon* ***the LORD***? |
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| 5 | See how they *tremble* ***with fear***, \*  because God is in the company *of the* ***righteous***. |
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| 6 | Their aim is to confound the plans of *the a****fflicted***, \*  but the LORD *is their* ***refuge***. |

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| 7 | Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come *out of* ***Zion***! \*  When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  Jacob will rejoice and Is*rael* ***be glad***. |
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|  | **15** *Domine, quis habitabit?* |
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| 1 | LORD, who may dwell in your *taber****nacle***? \*  who may abide upon *your ho****ly hill*** ? |
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| 2 | Whoever leads a blameless life and *does what* ***is right***, \*  who speaks the *truth from* ***his heart***. |
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| 3 | There is no guile upon his tongue;  he does no e*vil to* ***his friend***; \*  he does not heap contempt u*pon his* ***neighbor***. |
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| 4 | In his sight the wicked *is re****jected***, \*  but he honors those *who fear* ***the LORD***. |
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| 5 | He has sworn *to do* ***no wrong*** \*  and does not *take back* ***his word***. |
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| 6 | He does not give his money *in hope* ***of gain***, \*  nor does he take a bribe against *the i****nnocent***. |
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| 7 | Whoe*ver does* ***these things*** \*  shall never *be o****verthrown***. |
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|  | **16** *Conserva me, Domine* |
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| 1 | Protect me, O God, for I take *refuge* ***in you***; \*  I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord,  my good a*bove all* ***other***.” |

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| 2 | All my delight is upon the godly that *are in* ***the land***, \*  upon those who are noble a*mong the* ***people***. |
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| 3 | But those who run a*fter o****ther gods*** \*  shall have their trou*bles mul****tiplied***. |
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| 4 | Their libations of blood I *will not* ***offer***, \*  nor take the names of their gods *upon* ***my lips***. |
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| 5 | O LORD, you are my por*tion and* ***my cup***; \*  it is you who *uphold* ***my lot***. |
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| 6 | My boundaries enclose *a plea****sant land***; \*  indeed, I have a good*ly her****itage***. |
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| 7 | I will bless the LORD who *gives me* ***counsel***; \*  my heart teaches me, *night a****fter night***. |
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| 8 | I have set the LORD al*ways be****fore me***; \*  because he is at my right hand *I shall* ***not fall***. |
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| 9 | My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spi*rit re****joices***; \*  my body also *shall rest* ***in hope***. |
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| 10 | For you will not abandon *me to* ***the grave***, \*  nor let your holy *one see* ***the Pit***. |
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| 11 | You will show me *the path* ***of life***; \*  in your presence there is fullness of joy,  and in your right hand are pleasures *for e****vermore***. |
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|  | **17** *Exaudi, Domine* |
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| 1 | Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;  give *heed to* ***my cry***; \*  listen to my prayer, which does not come *from ly****ing lips***. |

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| 2 | Let my vindication come forth *from your* ***presence***; \*  let your eyes be *fixed on* ***justice***. |
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| 3 | Weigh my heart, su*mmon me* ***by night***, \*  melt me down; you will find no impur*ity* ***in me***. |
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| 4 | I give no offense with my mouth *as o****thers do***; \*  I have heeded the *words of* ***your lips***. |
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| 5 | My footsteps hold fast to the *ways of* ***your law***; \*  in your paths my feet *shall not* ***stumble***. |
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| 6 | I call upon you, O God, for you *will an****swer me***; \*  incline your ear to me *and hear* ***my words***. |
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| 7 | Show me your marvelous *loving-****kindness***, \*  O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  from those who rise *up a****gainst them***. |
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| 8 | Keep me as the a*pple of* ***your eye***; \*  hide me under the sha*dow of* ***your wings***, |
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| 9 | From the wicked *who a****ssault me***, \*  from my deadly enemies *who su****rround me***. |
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| 10 | They have closed their *heart to* ***pity***, \*  and their *mouth speaks* ***proud things***. |
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| 11 | They press me hard,  now *they su****rround me***, \*  watching how they may cast *me to* ***the ground***, |
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| 12 | Like a lion, gree*dy for* ***its prey***, \*  and like a young lion lurking in *secret* ***places***. |
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| 13 | Arise, O LORD; confront them *and bring* ***them down***; \*  deliver me from the wi*cked by* ***your sword***. |
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| 14 | Deliver me, O *LORD, by* ***your hand*** \*  from those whose portion in *life is* ***this world***; |

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| 15 | Whose bellies you fill *with your* ***treasure***, \*  who are well supplied with children  and leave their wealth to *their li****ttle ones***. |
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| 16 | But at my vindication I *shall see* ***your face***; \*  when I awake, I shall be satisfied,  behol*ding your* ***likeness***. |
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|  | **18** |
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|  | **Part I** *Diligam te, Domine.* |
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| 1 | I love you, *O LORD* ***my strength***, \*  O LORD my stronghold, my crag, *and my* ***haven***. |
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| 2 | My God, my rock in whom *I put* ***my trust***, \*  my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge;  you are *worthy* ***of praise***. |
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| 3 | I will call *upon* ***the LORD***, \*  and so shall I be saved from *my e****nemies***. |
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| 4 | The breakers of death *rolled o****ver me***, \*  and the torrents of oblivion *made me* ***afraid***. |
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| 5 | The cords of hell *entan****gled me***, \*  and the snares of death *were set* ***for me***. |
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| 6 | I called upon the LORD *in my* ***distress*** \*  and cried out to *my God* ***for help***. |
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| 7 | He heard my voice from his hea*venly* ***dwelling***; \*  my cry of anguish *came to* ***his ears***. |

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| 8 | The *earth reeled* ***and rocked***; \*  the roots of the mountains shook;  they reeled because *of his* ***anger***. |
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| 9 | Smoke rose from his nostrils  and a consuming fire *out of* ***his mouth***; \*  hot burning coals *blazed forth* ***from him***. |
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| 10 | He parted the hea*vens and* ***came down*** \*  with a storm cloud *under* ***his feet***. |
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| 11 | He mounted on che*rubim* ***and flew***; \*  he swooped on the *wings of* ***the wind***. |
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| 12 | He wrapped dark*ness a****bout him***; \*  he made dark waters and thick clouds *his pa****vilion***. |
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| 13 | From the brightness of his pre*sence, through* ***the clouds***, \*  burst hailstones *and coals* ***of fire***. |
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| 14 | The LORD thundered *out of* ***heaven***; \*  the Most High *uttered* ***his voice***. |
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| 15 | He loosed his arrows *and sca****ttered them***; \*  he hurled thunderbolts *and rou****ted them***. |
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| 16 | The beds of the seas were uncovered,  and the foundations of *the world* ***laid bare***, \*  at your battle cry, O LORD,  at the blast of the breath *of your* ***nostrils***. |
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| 17 | He reached down from on *high and* ***grasped me***; \*  he drew me out *of great* ***waters***. |
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| 18 | He delivered me from my strong enemies  and from those *who ha****ted me***; \*  for they were too *mighty* ***for me***. |
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| 19 | They confronted me in the day of *my di****saster***; \*  but the LORD *was my* ***support***. |

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| 20 | He brought me out into *an o****pen place***; \*  he rescued me because he de*lighted* ***in me***. |
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|  | **Psalm 18: Part II** *Et retribuet mihi* |
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| 21 | The LORD rewarded me because of my *righteous* ***dealing***; \*  because my hands were clean he *rewar****ded me***; |
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| 22 | For I have kept the *ways of* ***the LORD*** \*  and have not offended *against* ***my God***; |
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| 23 | For all his judgments are *before* ***my eyes***, \*  and his decrees I have not put *away* ***from me***; |
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| 24 | For I have been *blameless* ***with him*** \*  and have kept myself from *ini****quity***; |
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| 25 | Therefore the LORD rewarded me  according to my *righteous* ***dealing***, \*  because of the cleanness of my *hands in* ***his sight***. |
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| 26 | With the faithful you show yourself *faithful,* ***O God***; \*  with the forthright you show *yourself* ***forthright***. |
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| 27 | With the pure you *show your****self pure***, \*  but with the crooked *you are* ***wily***. |
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| 28 | You will save a *lowly* ***people***, \*  but you will humble *the haugh****ty eyes***. |
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| 29 | You, O *LORD, are* ***my lamp***; \*  my God, you make *my dark****ness bright***. |
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| 30 | With you I will break down *an en****closure***; \*  with the help of my God I will *scale a****ny wall***. |
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| 31 | As for God, his ways are perfect;  the words of the LORD are *tried in* ***the fire***; \*  he is a shield to all *who trust* ***in him***. |

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| 32 | For who is *God, but* ***the LORD***? \*  who is the Rock, *except* ***our God*** ? |
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| 33 | It is God who girds me *about* ***with strength*** \*  and makes *my way* ***secure***. |
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| 34 | He makes me sure-foo*ted like* ***a deer*** \*  and lets me stand *firm on* ***the heights***. |
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| 35 | He trains my *hands for* ***battle*** \*  and my arms for bending even *a bow* ***of bronze***. |
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| 36 | You have given me your shield *of vic****tory***; \*  your right hand also sustains me;  your loving *care makes* ***me great***. |
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| 37 | You lengthen my *stride be****neath me***, \*  and my ankles *do not* ***give way***. |
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| 38 | I pursue my enemies and *over****take them***; \*  I will not turn back till I *have de****stroyed them***. |
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| 39 | I strike them down, and *they ca****nnot rise***; \*  they fall defea*ted at* ***my feet***. |
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| 40 | You have girded me with strength *for the* ***battle***; \*  you have cast down my adversaries beneath me;  you have put my e*nemies* ***to flight***. |
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| 41 | I destroy those who hate me;  they cry out, but there is *none to* ***help them***; \*  they cry to the LORD, but he *does not* ***answer***. |
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| 42 | I beat them small like dust *before* ***the wind***; \*  I trample them like *mud in* ***the streets***. |
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| 43 | You deliver me from the strife *of the* ***peoples***; \*  you put me at the head *of the* ***nations***. |
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| 44 | A people I have not known shall serve me;  no sooner shall they hear than they *shall o****bey me***; \*  strangers will *cringe be****fore me***. |

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| 45 | The foreign peo*ples will* ***lose heart***; \*  they shall come trembling out *of their* ***strongholds***. |
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| 46 | The LORD lives! Ble*ssed is* ***my Rock***! \*  Exalted is the God of *my sal****vation***! |
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| 47 | He is the God who gave *me vic****tory*** \*  and cast down the peo*ples be****neath me***. |
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| 48 | You rescued me from the fury of my enemies;  you exalted me above those who *rose a****gainst me***; \*  you saved me from *my dead****ly foe***. |
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| 49 | Therefore will I extol you among the *nations*,***O LORD***, \*  and sing prai*ses to* ***your Name***. |
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| 50 | He multiplies the victo*ries of* ***his king***; \*  he shows loving-kindness to his anointed,  to David and his descen*dants for* ***ever***. |
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|  | **19** *Caeli enarrant* |
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| 1 | The heavens declare the *glory* ***of God***, \*  and the firmament shows *his han****diwork***. |
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| 2 | One day tells its tale *to a****nother***, \*  and one night imparts knowledge *to a****nother***. |
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| 3 | Although they have no *words or* ***language***, \*  and their voi*ces are* ***not heard***, |
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| 4 | Their sound has gone out *into* ***all lands***, \*  and their message to the *ends of* ***the world***. |
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| 5 | In the deep has he set a pavil*ion for* ***the sun***; \*  it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  it rejoices like a champion *to run* ***its course***. |

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| 6 | It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  and runs about to the end *of it* ***again***; \*  nothing is hidden from *its bur****ning heat***. |
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| 7 | The law of the LORD is perfect  and *revives* ***the soul***; \*  the testimony of the LORD is sure  and gives wisdom to *the inn****ocent***. |
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| 8 | The statutes of the LORD are just  and *rejoice* ***the heart***; \*  the commandment of the LORD is clear  and gives *light to* ***the eyes***. |
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| 9 | The fear of the LORD is clean  and en*dures for* ***ever***; \*  the judgments of the LORD are true  and righteous *alto****gether***. |
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| 10 | More to be desired are they than gold,  more *than much* ***fine gold***, \*  sweeter far than honey,  than ho*ney in* ***the comb***. |
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| 11 | By them also is your ser*vant en****lightened***, \*  and in keeping them there *is great* ***reward***. |
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| 12 | Who can tell how of*ten he* ***offends***? \*  cleanse me from *my se****cret faults***. |
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| 13 | Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  let them not get domin*ion o****ver me***; \*  then shall I be whole and sound,  and innocent of *a great* ***offense***. |
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| 14 | Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  be accepta*ble in* ***your sight***, \*  O LORD, my strength and *my re****deemer***. |

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|  | **20** *Exaudiat te Dominus* |
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| 1 | May the LORD answer you in the *day of* ***trouble***, \*  the Name of the God of Ja*cob de****fend you***; |
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| 2 | Send you help from *his ho****ly place*** \*  and strengthen you *out of* ***Zion***; |
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| 3 | Remember all *your o****fferings*** \*  and accept your *burnt sac****rifice***; |
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| 4 | Grant you *your heart’s* ***desire*** \*  and pros*per all* ***your plans***. |
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| 5 | We will shout for joy at your victory  and triumph in the *Name of* ***our God***; \*  may the LORD grant *all your* ***requests***. |
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| 6 | Now I know that the LORD gives victory to *his a****nointed***; \*  he will answer him out of his holy heaven,  with the victorious strength *of his* ***right hand***. |
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| 7 | Some put their trust in chariots and *some in* ***horses***, \*  but we will call upon the Name of *the LORD* ***our God***. |
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| 8 | They co*llapse and* ***fall down***, \*  but we will arise *and stand* ***upright***. |
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| 9 | O LORD, give victo*ry to* ***the king*** \*  and answer *us when* ***we call***. |
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|  | **21** *Domine, in virtute tua* |
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| 1 | The king rejoices in *your strength,* ***O LORD***; \*  how greatly he exults in *your vic****tory***! |
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| 2 | You have given him *his heart’s* ***desire***; \*  you have not denied him the re*quest of* ***his lips***. |

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| 3 | For you meet him with blessings of *prosper****ity***, \*  and set a crown of fine gold *upon* ***his head***. |
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| 4 | He asked you for life, and you *gave it* ***to him***: \*  length of days, for e*ver and* ***ever***. |
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| 5 | His honor is great, because of *your vic****tory***; \*  splendor and majesty have you be*stowed u****pon him***. |
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| 6 | For you will give him everlasting *feli****city*** \*  and will make him glad with the joy *of your* ***presence***. |
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| 7 | For the king puts his *trust in* ***the LORD***; \*  because of the loving-kindness of the Most High,  *he will* ***not fall***. |
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| 8 | Your hand will lay hold upon all *your e****nemies***; \*  your right hand will seize all *those who* ***hate you***. |
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| 9 | You will make them like a *fiery* ***furnace*** \*  at the time of your a*ppearing,* ***O LORD***; |
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| 10 | You will swallow them *up in* ***your wrath***, \*  and fire *shall con****sume them***. |
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| 11 | You will destroy their off*spring from* ***the land*** \*  and their descendants from among the peo*ples of* ***the earth***. |
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| 12 | Though they intend evil against you  and de*vise wi****cked schemes***, \*  yet they *shall not* ***prevail***. |
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| 13 | For you will *put them* ***to flight*** \*  and aim your *arrows* ***at them***. |
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| 14 | Be exalted, O *LORD, in* ***your might***; \*  we will sing and *praise your* ***power***. |

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|  | **22** *Deus, Deus meu* |
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| 1 | My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  and are so far from my cry  and from the words of my distress? |
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| 2 | O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  by night as well, but I find no rest. |
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| 3 | Yet you are the Holy One, \*  enthroned upon the praises of Israel. |
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| 4 | Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  they trusted, and you delivered them. |
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| 5 | They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  they trusted in you and were not put to shame. |
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| 6 | But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  scorned by all and despised by the people. |
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| 7 | All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying, |
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| 8 | "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  let him rescue him, if he delights in him." |
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| 9 | Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  and kept me safe upon my mother's breast. |
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| 10 | I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  you were my God when I was still in my  mother's womb. |
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| 11 | Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  and there is none to help. |

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| 12 | Many young bulls encircle me; \*  strong bulls of Bashan surround me. |
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| 13 | They open wide their jaws at me, \*  like a ravening and a roaring lion. |
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| 14 | I am poured out like water;  all my bones are out of joint; \*  my heart within my breast is melting wax. |
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| 15 | My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. |
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| 16 | Packs of dogs close me in,  and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  they pierce my hands and my feet;  I can count all my bones. |
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| 17 | They stare and gloat over me; \*  they divide my garments among them;  they cast lots for my clothing. |
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| 18 | Be not far away, O LORD; \*  you are my strength; hasten to help me. |
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| 19 | Save me from the sword, \*  my life from the power of the dog. |
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| 20 | Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls. |
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| 21 | I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. |
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| 22 | Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  all you of Jacob's line, give glory. |

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| 23 | For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  neither does he hide his face from them; \*  but when they cry to him he hears them. |
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| 24 | My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  I will perform my vows in the presence of those who  worship him. |
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| 25 | The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  "May your heart live for ever!" |
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| 26 | All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  the LORD, \*  and all the families of the nations bow before him. |
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| 27 | For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  he rules over the nations. |
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| 28 | To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down  in worship; \*  all who go down to the dust fall before him. |
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| 29 | My soul shall live for him;  my descendants shall serve him; \*  they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever. |
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| 30 | They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  the saving deeds that he has done. |
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|  | **23** *Dominus regit me* |
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| 1 | The LORD is my shepherd; \*  I shall not be in want. |
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| 2 | He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  and leads me beside still waters. |

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| 3 | He revives my soul \*  and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. |
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| 4 | Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  I shall fear no evil; \*  for you are with me;  your rod and your staff, they comfort me. |
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| 5 | You spread a table before me in the presence of those  who trouble me; \*  you have anointed my head with oil,  and my cup is running over. |
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| 6 | Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  of my life, \*  and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. |
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|  | *Fifth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **24** *Domini est terra* |
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| 1 | The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, \*  the world and all who dwell therein. |
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| 2 | For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. |
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| 3 | "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? \*  and who can stand in his holy place?" |
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| 4 | "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  nor sworn by what is a fraud. |
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| 5 | They shall receive a blessing from the LORD \*  and a just reward from the God of their salvation." |
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| 6 | Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. |

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| 7 | Lift up your heads, O gates;  lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  and the King of glory shall come in. |
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| 8 | "Who is this King of glory?" \*  "The LORD, strong and mighty,  the LORD, mighty in battle." |
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| 9 | Lift up your heads, O gates;  lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  and the King of glory shall come in. |
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| 10 | "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  "The LORD of hosts,  he is the King of glory." |
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|  | **25** *Ad te, Domine, levavi* |
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| 1 | To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  my God, I put my trust in you; \*  let me not be humiliated,  nor let my enemies triumph over me. |
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| 2 | Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. |
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| 3 | Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  and teach me your paths. |
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| 4 | Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  for you are the God of my salvation;  in you have I trusted all the day long. |
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| 5 | Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  for they are from everlasting. |

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| 6 | Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  remember me according to your love  and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD. |
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| 7 | Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  therefore he teaches sinners in his way. |
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| 8 | He guides the humble in doing right \*  and teaches his way to the lowly. |
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| 9 | All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. |
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| 10 | For your Name's sake, O LORD, \*  forgive my sin, for it is great. |
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| 11 | Who are they who fear the LORD? \*  he will teach them the way that they should choose. |
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| 12 | They shall dwell in prosperity, \*  and their offspring shall inherit the land. |
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| 13 | The LORD is a friend to those who fear him \*  and will show them his covenant. |
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| 14 | My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, \*  for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. |
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| 15 | Turn to me and have pity on me, \*  for I am left alone and in misery. |
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| 16 | The sorrows of my heart have increased; \*  bring me out of my troubles. |
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| 17 | Look upon my adversity and misery \*  and forgive me all my sin. |
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| 18 | Look upon my enemies, for they are many, \*  and they bear a violent hatred against me. |

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| 19 | Protect my life and deliver me; \*  let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you. |
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| 20 | Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, \*  for my hope has been in you. |
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| 21 | Deliver Israel, O God, \*  out of all his troubles. |
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|  | **26** *Judica me, Domine* |
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| 1 | Give judgment for me, O LORD,  for I have lived with integrity; \*  I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered. |
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| 2 | Test me, O LORD, and try me; \*  examine my heart and my mind. |
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| 3 | For your love is before my eyes; \*  I have walked faithfully with you. |
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| 4 | I have not sat with the worthless, \*  nor do I consort with the deceitful. |
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| 5 | I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  I will not sit down with the wicked. |
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| 6 | I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, \*  that I may go in procession round your altar, |
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| 7 | Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  and recounting all your wonderful deeds. |
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| 8 | LORD, I love the house in which you dwell \*  and the place where your glory abides. |
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| 9 | Do not sweep me away with sinners, \*  nor my life with those who thirst for blood, |

616 *Psalm 26*

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| 10 | Whose hands are full of evil plots, \*  and their right hand full of bribes. |
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| 11 | As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me. |
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| 12 | My foot stands on level ground; \*  in the full assembly I will bless the LORD. |
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|  | *Fifth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **27** *Dominus illuminatio* |
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| 1 | The LORD is my light and my salvation;  whom then shall I fear? \*  the LORD is the strength of my life;  of whom then shall I be afraid? |
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| 2 | When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  stumbled and fell. |
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| 3 | Though an army should encamp against me, \*  yet my heart shall not be afraid; |
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| 4 | And though war should rise up against me, \*  yet will I put my trust in him. |
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| 5 | One thing have I asked of the LORD;  one thing I seek; \*  that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days  of my life; |
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| 6 | To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  and to seek him in his temple. |

*Psalm 27* 617

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| 7 | For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  in his shelter; \*  he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  and set me high upon a rock. |
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| 8 | Even now he lifts up my head \*  above my enemies round about me. |
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| 9 | Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  with sounds of great gladness; \*  I will sing and make music to the LORD. |
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| 10 | Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  have mercy on me and answer me. |
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| 11 | You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  Your face, LORD, will I seek. |
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| 12 | Hide not your face from me, \*  nor turn away your servant in displeasure. |
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| 13 | You have been my helper;  cast me not away; \*  do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. |
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| 14 | Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  the LORD will sustain me. |
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| 15 | Show me your way, O LORD; \*  lead me on a level path, because of my enemies. |
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| 16 | Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  for false witnesses have risen up against me,  and also those who speak malice. |
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| 17 | What if I had not believed  that I should see the goodness of the LORD \*  in the land of the living! |

618 *Psalm 27*

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| 18 | O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure;  be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  wait patiently for the LORD. |
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|  | **28** *Ad te, Domine* |
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| 1 | O LORD, I call to you;  my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; \*  lest, if you do not hear me,  I become like those who go down to the Pit. |
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| 2 | Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, \*  when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies. |
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| 3 | Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the  evildoers, \*  who speak peaceably with their neighbors,  while strife is in their hearts. |
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| 4 | Repay them according to their deeds, \*  and according to the wickedness of their actions. |
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| 5 | According to the work of their hands repay them, \*  and give them their just deserts. |
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| 6 | They have no understanding of the LORD'S doings,  nor of the works of his hands; \*  therefore he will break them down and not  build them up. |
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| 7 | Blessed is the LORD! \*  for he has heard the voice of my prayer. |
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| 8 | The LORD is my strength and my shield; \*  my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped; |
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| 9 | Therefore my heart dances for joy, \*  and in my song will I praise him. |

*Psalm 28* 619

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| 10 | The LORD is the strength of his people, \*  a safe refuge for his anointed. |
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| 11 | Save your people and bless your inheritance; \*  shepherd them and carry them for ever. |
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|  | **29** *Afferte Domino* |
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| 1 | Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. |
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| 2 | Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. |
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| 3 | The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  the God of glory thunders; \*  the LORD is upon the mighty waters. |
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| 4 | The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. |
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| 5 | The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; |
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| 6 | He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. |
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| 7 | The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. |
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| 8 | The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  and strips the forests bare. |
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| 9 | And in the temple of the LORD \*  all are crying, "Glory!" |
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| 10 | The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore. |

620 *Psalm 29*

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| 11 | The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace. |
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|  | *Sixth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **30** *Exaltabo te, Domine* |
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| 1 | I will exalt you, O LORD,  because you have lifted me up \*  and have not let my enemies triumph over me. |
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| 2 | O LORD my God, I cried out to you, \*  and you restored me to health. |
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| 3 | You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; \*  you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. |
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| 4 | Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; \*  give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. |
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| 5 | For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  his favor for a lifetime. |
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| 6 | Weeping may spend the night, \*  but joy comes in the morning. |
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| 7 | While I felt secure, I said,  I shall never be disturbed. \*  You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as  the mountains." |
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| 8 | Then you hid your face, \*  and I was filled with fear. |
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| 9 | I cried to you, O LORD; \*  I pleaded with the Lord, saying, |
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| 10 | "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? |

*Psalm 30* 621

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| 11 | Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; \*  O LORD, be my helper." |
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| 12 | You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy. |
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| 13 | Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever. |
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|  | **31** *In te, Domine, speravi* |
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| 1 | In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  let me never be put to shame; \*  deliver me in your righteousness. |
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| 2 | Incline your ear to me; \*  make haste to deliver me. |
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| 3 | Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me. |
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| 4 | Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  for you are my tower of strength. |
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| 5 | Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  for you have redeemed me,  O LORD, O God of truth. |
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| 6 | I hate those who cling to worthless idols, \*  and I put my trust in the LORD. |

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| 7 | I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; \*  for you have seen my affliction;  you know my distress. |

622 *Psalm 31*

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| 8 | You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; \*  you have set my feet in an open place. |
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| 9 | Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  my eye is consumed with sorrow,  and also my throat and my belly. |
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| 10 | For my life is wasted with grief,  and my years with sighing; \*  my strength fails me because of affliction,  and my bones are consumed. |
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| 11 | I have become a reproach to all my enemies and  even to my neighbors,  a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  when they see me in the street they avoid me. |
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| 12 | I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  I am as useless as a broken pot. |
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| 13 | For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  fear is all around; \*  they put their heads together against me;  they plot to take my life. |
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| 14 | But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  I have said, "You are my God. |
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| 15 | My times are in your hand; \*  rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  and from those who persecute me. |
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| 16 | Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  and in your loving-kindness save me." |
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| 17 | LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; \*  rather, let the wicked be put to shame;  let them be silent in the grave. |

*Psalm 31* 623

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| 18 | Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against  the righteous, \*  haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt. |
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| 19 | How great is your goodness, O LORD!  which you have laid up for those who fear you; \*  which you have done in the sight of all  for those who put their trust in you. |
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| 20 | You hide them in the covert of your presence from those  who slander them; \*  you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues. |
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| 21 | Blessed be the LORD! \*  for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a  besieged city. |
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| 22 | Yet I said in my alarm,  I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes." \*  Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty  when I cried out to you. |
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| 23 | Love the LORD, all you who worship him; \*  the LORD protects the faithful,  but repays to the full those who act haughtily. |
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| 24 | Be strong and let your heart take courage, \*  all you who wait for the LORD. |
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|  | *Sixth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **32** *Beati quorum* |
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| 1 | Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  and whose sin is put away! |

624 *Psalm 32*

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| 2 | Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  and in whose spirit there is no guile! |
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| 3 | While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  because of my groaning all day long. |
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| 4 | For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. |
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| 5 | Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  and did not conceal my guilt. |
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| 6 | I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. |
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| 7 | Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in  time of trouble; \*  when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. |
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| 8 | You are my hiding-place;  you preserve me from trouble; \*  you surround me with shouts of deliverance. |
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| 9 | "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you  should go; \*  I will guide you with my eye. |
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| 10 | Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  or else they will not stay near you." |
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| 11 | Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD. |
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| 12 | Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  shout for joy, all who are true of heart. |

*Psalm 32* 625

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|  | **33** *Exultate, justi* |
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| 1 | Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; \*  it is good for the just to sing praises. |
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| 2 | Praise the LORD with the harp; \*  play to him upon the psaltery and lyre. |
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| 3 | Sing for him a new song; \*  sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet. |
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| 4 | For the word of the LORD is right, \*  and all his works are sure. |
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| 5 | He loves righteousness and justice; \*  the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth. |
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| 6 | By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, \*  by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts. |
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| 7 | He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*  and stores up the depths of the sea. |
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| 8 | Let all the earth fear the LORD; \*  let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him. |
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| 9 | For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  he commanded, and it stood fast. |
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| 10 | The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; \*  he thwarts the designs of the peoples. |
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| 11 | But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, \*  and the designs of his heart from age to age. |
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| 12 | Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  happy the people he has chosen to be his own! |

626 *Psalm 33*

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| 13 | The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  and beholds all the people in the world. |
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| 14 | From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  on all who dwell on the earth. |
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| 15 | He fashions all the hearts of them \*  and understands all their works. |
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| 16 | There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  a strong man is not delivered by his great strength. |
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| 17 | The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  for all its strength it cannot save. |
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| 18 | Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  on those who wait upon his love, |
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| 19 | To pluck their lives from death, \*  and to feed them in time of famine. |
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| 20 | Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  he is our help and our shield. |
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| 21 | Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  for in his holy Name we put our trust. |
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| 22 | Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  as we have put our trust in you. |
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|  | **34** *Benedicam Dominum* |
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| 1 | I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  his praise shall ever be in my mouth. |
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| 2 | I will glory in the LORD; \*  let the humble hear and rejoice. |
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| 3 | Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  let us exalt his Name together. |

*Psalm 34* 627

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| 4 | I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  and delivered me out of all my terror. |
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| 5 | Look upon him and be radiant, \*  and let not your faces be ashamed. |
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| 6 | I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  and saved me from all my troubles. |
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| 7 | The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  and he will deliver them. |
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| 8 | Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  happy are they who trust in him! |
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| 9 | Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  for those who fear him lack nothing. |
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| 10 | The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. |
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| 11 | Come, children, and listen to me; \*  I will teach you the fear of the LORD. |
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| 12 | Who among you loves life \*  and desires long life to enjoy prosperity? |
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| 13 | Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  and your lips from lying words. |
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| 14 | Turn from evil and do good; \*  seek peace and pursue it. |
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| 15 | The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, \*  and his ears are open to their cry. |
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| 16 | The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, \*  to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. |

628 *Psalm 34*

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| 17 | The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them \*  and delivers them from all their troubles. |
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| 18 | The LORD is near to the brokenhearted \*  and will save those whose spirits are crushed. |
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| 19 | Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  but the LORD will deliver him out of them all. |
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| 20 | He will keep safe all his bones; \*  not one of them shall be broken. |
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| 21 | Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  and those who hate the righteous will be punished. |
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| 22 | The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  and none will be punished who trust in him. |
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|  | *Seventh Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **35** *Judica, Domine* |
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| 1 | Fight those who fight me, O LORD; \*  attack those who are attacking me. |
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| 2 | Take up shield and armor \*  and rise up to help me. |
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| 3 | Draw the sword and bar the way against those  who pursue me; \*  say to my soul, "I am your salvation." |
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| 4 | Let those who seek after my life be shamed and humbled; \*  let those who plot my ruin fall back and be dismayed. |
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| 5 | Let them be like chaff before the wind, \*  and let the angel of the LORD drive them away. |

*Psalm 35* 629

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| 6 | Let their way be dark and slippery, \*  and let the angel of the LORD pursue them. |
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| 7 | For they have secretly spread a net for me without a cause; \*  without a cause they have dug a pit to take me alive. |
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| 8 | Let ruin come upon them unawares; \*  let them be caught in the net they hid;  let them fall into the pit they dug. |
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| 9 | Then I will be joyful in the LORD; \*  I will glory in his victory. |
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| 10 | My very bones will say, "LORD, who is like you? \*  You deliver the poor from those who are too strong for them,  the poor and needy from those who rob them." |
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| 11 | Malicious witnesses rise up against me; \*  they charge me with matters I know nothing about. |
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| 12 | They pay me evil in exchange for good; \*  my soul is full of despair. |
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| 13 | But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth \*  and humbled myself by fasting. |
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| 14 | I prayed with my whole heart,  as one would for a friend or a brother; \*  I behaved like one who mourns for his mother,  bowed down and grieving. |
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| 15 | But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together;  they gathered against me; \*  strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and  would not stop. |
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| 16 | They put me to the test and mocked me; \*  they gnashed at me with their teeth. |

630 *Psalm 35*

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| 17 | O Lord, how long will you look on? \*  rescue me from the roaring beasts,  and my life from the young lions. |
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| 18 | I will give you thanks in the great congregation; \*  I will praise you in the mighty throng. |
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| 19 | Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, \*  nor let those who hate me without a cause  wink at each other. |
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| 20 | For they do not plan for peace, \*  but invent deceitful schemes against the  quiet in the land. |
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| 21 | They opened their mouths at me and said, \*  "Aha! we saw it with our own eyes." |
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| 22 | You saw it, O LORD; do not be silent; \*  O Lord, be not far from me. |
|  |  |
| 23 | Awake, arise, to my cause! \*  to my defense, my God and my Lord! |
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| 24 | Give me justice, O LORD my God,  according to your righteousness; \*  do not let them triumph over me. |
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| 25 | Do not let them say in their hearts,  "Aha! just what we want!" \*  Do not let them say, "We have swallowed him up." |
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| 26 | Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; \*  let those who boast against me be clothed with  dismay and shame. |
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| 27 | Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; \*  let them say always, "Great is the LORD,  who desires the prosperity of his servant." |

*Psalm 35* 631

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| 28 | And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness \*  and of your praise all the day long. |
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|  | **36** *Dixit injustus* |
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| 1 | There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; \*  there is no fear of God before his eyes. |
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| 2 | He flatters himself in his own eyes \*  that his hateful sin will not be found out. |
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| 3 | The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; \*  he has left off acting wisely and doing good. |
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| 4 | He thinks up wickedness upon his bed  and has set himself in no good way; \*  he does not abhor that which is evil. |
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| 5 | Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, \*  and your faithfulness to the clouds. |
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| 6 | Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  your justice like the great deep; \*  you save both man and beast, O LORD. |
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| 7 | How priceless is your love, O God! \*  your people take refuge under the  shadow of your wings. |
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| 8 | They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  you give them drink from the river of your delights. |
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| 9 | For with you is the well of life, \*  and in your light we see light. |
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| 10 | Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  and your favor to those who are true of heart. |

632 *Psalm 36*

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| 11 | Let not the foot of the proud come near me, \*  nor the hand of the wicked push me aside. |
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| 12 | See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! \*  they are cast down and shall not be able to rise. |
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|  | *Seventh Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **37** |
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|  | **Part I** *Noli aemulari* |
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| 1 | Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  do not be jealous of those who do wrong. |
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| 2 | For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  and like the green grass fade away. |
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| 3 | Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \*  dwell in the land and feed on its riches. |
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| 4 | Take delight in the LORD, \*  and he shall give you your heart's desire. |
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| 5 | Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, \*  and he will bring it to pass. |
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| 6 | He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  and your just dealing as the noonday. |
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| 7 | Be still before the LORD \*  and wait patiently for him. |
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| 8 | Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  the one who succeeds in evil schemes. |
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| 9 | Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. |

*Psalm 37* 633

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| 10 | For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land. |
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| 11 | In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  you shall search out their place, but they will not be there. |
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| 12 | But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  they will delight in abundance of peace. |
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| 13 | The wicked plot against the righteous \*  and gnash at them with their teeth. |
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| 14 | The Lord laughs at the wicked, \*  because he sees that their day will come. |
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| 15 | The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow  to strike down the poor and needy, \*  to slaughter those who are upright in their ways. |
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| 16 | Their sword shall go through their own heart, \*  and their bow shall be broken. |
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| 17 | The little that the righteous has \*  is better than great riches of the wicked. |
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| 18 | For the power of the wicked shall be broken, \*  but the LORD upholds the righteous. |
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|  | **Psalm 37: Part II** *Novit Dominus* |
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| 19 | The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, \*  and their inheritance shall last for ever. |
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| 20 | They shall not be ashamed in bad times, \*  and in days of famine they shall have enough. |
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| 21 | As for the wicked, they shall perish, \*  and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of  the meadows, shall vanish;  they shall vanish like smoke. |

634 *Psalm 37*

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| 22 | The wicked borrow and do not repay, \*  but the righteous are generous in giving. |
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| 23 | Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, \*  but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed. |
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| 24 | Our steps are directed by the LORD; \*  he strengthens those in whose way he delights. |
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| 25 | If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, \*  for the LORD holds them by the hand. |
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| 26 | I have been young and now I am old, \*  but never have I seen the righteous forsaken,  or their children begging bread. |
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| 27 | The righteous are always generous in their lending, \*  and their children shall be a blessing. |
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| 28 | Turn from evil, and do good, \*  and dwell in the land for ever. |
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| 29 | For the LORD loves justice; \*  he does not forsake his faithful ones. |
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| 30 | They shall be kept safe for ever, \*  but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed. |
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| 31 | The righteous shall possess the land \*  and dwell in it for ever. |
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| 32 | The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, \*  and their tongue speaks what is right. |
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| 33 | The law of their God is in their heart, \*  and their footsteps shall not falter. |
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| 34 | The wicked spy on the righteous \*  and seek occasion to kill them. |

*Psalm 37* 635

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| 35 | The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, \*  nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial. |
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| 36 | Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; \*  he will raise you up to possess the land,  and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it. |
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| 37 | I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, \*  flourishing like a tree in full leaf. |
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| 38 | I went by, and behold, they were not there; \*  I searched for them, but they could not be found. |
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| 39 | Mark those who are honest;  observe the upright; \*  for there is a future for the peaceable. |
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| 40 | Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; \*  the future of the wicked is cut off. |
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| 41 | But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; \*  he is their stronghold in time of trouble. |
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| 42 | The LORD will help them and rescue them; \*  he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  because they seek refuge in him. |
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|  | *Eighth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **38** *Domine, ne in furore* |
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| 1 | O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; \*  do not punish me in your wrath. |
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| 2 | For your arrows have already pierced me, \*  and your hand presses hard upon me. |

636 *Psalm 38*

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| 3 | There is no health in my flesh,  because of your indignation; \*  there is no soundness in my body, because of my sin. |
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| 4 | For my iniquities overwhelm me; \*  like a heavy burden they are too much for me to bear. |
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| 5 | My wounds stink and fester \*  by reason of my foolishness. |
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| 6 | I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; \*  I go about in mourning all the day long. |
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| 7 | My loins are filled with searing pain; \*  there is no health in my body. |
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| 8 | I am utterly numb and crushed; \*  I wail, because of the groaning of my heart. |
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| 9 | O Lord, you know all my desires, \*  and my sighing is not hidden from you. |
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| 10 | My heart is pounding, my strength has failed me, \*  and the brightness of my eyes is gone from me. |
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| 11 | My friends and companions draw back from my affliction; \*  my neighbors stand afar off. |
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| 12 | Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; \*  those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin  and plot treachery all the day long. |
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| 13 | But I am like the deaf who do not hear, \*  like those who are mute and who do not open their mouth. |
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| 14 | I have become like one who does not hear \*  and from whose mouth comes no defense. |
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| 15 | For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; \*  you will answer me, O Lord my God. |

*Psalm 38* 637

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| 16 | For I said, "Do not let them rejoice at my expense, \*  those who gloat over me when my foot slips." |
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| 17 | Truly, I am on the verge of falling, \*  and my pain is always with me. |
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| 18 | I will confess my iniquity \*  and be sorry for my sin. |
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| 19 | Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, \*  and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me. |
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| 20 | Those who repay evil for good slander me, \*  because I follow the course that is right. |
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| 21 | O LORD, do not forsake me; \*  be not far from me, O my God. |
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| 22 | Make haste to help me, \*  O Lord of my salvation. |
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|  | **39** *Dixi, Custodiam* |
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| 1 | I said, "I will keep watch upon my ways, \*  so that I do not offend with my tongue. |
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| 2 | I will put a muzzle on my mouth \*  while the wicked are in my presence." |
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| 3 | So I held my tongue and said nothing; \*  I refrained from rash words;  but my pain became unbearable. |
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| 4 | My heart was hot within me;  while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; \*  I spoke out with my tongue: |

638 *Psalm 39*

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| 5 | LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, \*  so that I may know how short my life is. |
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| 6 | You have given me a mere handful of days,  and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; \*  truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind. |
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| 7 | We walk about like a shadow,  and in vain we are in turmoil; \*  we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them. |
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| 8 | And now, what is my hope? \*  O Lord, my hope is in you. |
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| 9 | Deliver me from all my transgressions \*  and do not make me the taunt of the fool. |
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| 10 | I fell silent and did not open my mouth, \*  for surely it was you that did it. |
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| 11 | Take your affliction from me; \*  I am worn down by the blows of your hand. |
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| 12 | With rebukes for sin you punish us;  like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; \*  truly, everyone is but a puff of wind. |
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| 13 | Hear my prayer, O LORD,  and give ear to my cry; \*  hold not your peace at my tears. |
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| 14 | For I am but a sojourner with you, \*  a wayfarer, as all my forebears were. |
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| 15 | Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, \*  before I go my way and am no more. |

*Psalm 39* 639

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|  | **40** *Expectans, expectavi* |
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| 1 | I waited patiently upon the LORD; \*  he stooped to me and heard my cry. |
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| 2 | He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure. |
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| 3 | He put a new song in my mouth,  a song of praise to our God; \*  many shall see, and stand in awe,  and put their trust in the LORD. |
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| 4 | Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \*  they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. |
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| 5 | Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  there is none who can be compared with you. |
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| 6 | Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  but they are more than I can count. |
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| 7 | In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  (you have given me ears to hear you); |
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| 8 | Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  and so I said, "Behold, I come. |
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| 9 | In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  'I love to do your will, O my God;  your law is deep in my heart.'" |
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| 10 | I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  behold, I did not restrain my lips;  and that, O LORD, you know. |
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| 11 | Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the  great congregation. |

640 *Psalm 40*

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| 12 | You are the LORD;  do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever, |
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| 13 | For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me;  my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; \*  they are more in number than the hairs of my head,  and my heart fails me. |
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| 14 | Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; \*  O LORD, make haste to help me. |
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| 15 | Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed  who seek after my life to destroy it; \*  let them draw back and be disgraced  who take pleasure in my misfortune. |
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| 16 | Let those who say "Aha!" and gloat over me be confounded, \*  because they are ashamed. |
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| 17 | Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; \*  let those who love your salvation continually say,  Great is the LORD!" |
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| 18 | Though I am poor and afflicted, \*  the Lord will have regard for me. |
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| 19 | You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  do not tarry, O my God. |
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|  | *Eighth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **41** *Beatus qui intelligit* |
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| 1 | Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! \*  the LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble. |

*Psalm 41* 641

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| 2 | The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive,  so that they may be happy in the land; \*  he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies. |
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| 3 | The LORD sustains them on their sickbed \*  and ministers to them in their illness. |
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| 4 | I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; \*  heal me, for I have sinned against you." |
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| 5 | My enemies are saying wicked things about me: \*  When will he die, and his name perish?" |
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| 6 | Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; \*  their heart collects false rumors;  they go outside and spread them. |
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| 7 | All my enemies whisper together about me \*  and devise evil against me. |
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| 8 | "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; \*  he has taken to his bed and will never get up again." |
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| 9 | Even my best friend, whom I trusted,  who broke bread with me, \*  has lifted up his heel and turned against me. |
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| 10 | But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up, \*  and I shall repay them. |
|  |  |
| 11 | By this I know you are pleased with me, \*  that my enemy does not triumph over me. |
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| 12 | In my integrity you hold me fast, \*  and shall set me before your face for ever. |
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| 13 | Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, \*  from age to age. Amen. Amen. |

642 *Psalm 41*

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|  | **Book Two** |
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|  | **42** *Quemadmodum* |
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| 1 | As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  so longs my soul for you, O God. |
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| 2 | My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? |
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| 3 | My tears have been my food day and night, \*  while all day long they say to me,  Where now is your God?" |
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| 4 | I pour out my soul when I think on these things; \*  how I went with the multitude and led them into the  house of God, |
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| 5 | With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  among those who keep holy-day. |
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| 6 | Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  and why are you so disquieted within me? |
|  |  |
| 7 | Put your trust in God; \*  for I will yet give thanks to him,  who is the help of my countenance, and my God. |
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| 8 | My soul is heavy within me; \*  therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon. |
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| 9 | One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; \*  all your rapids and floods have gone over me. |
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| 10 | The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; \*  in the night season his song is with me,  a prayer to the God of my life. |

*Psalm 42* 643

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| 11 | I will say to the God of my strength,  "Why have you forgotten me? \*  and why do I go so heavily while the enemy  oppresses me?" |
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| 12 | While my bones are being broken, \*  my enemies mock me to my face; |
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| 13 | All day long they mock me \*  and say to me, "Where now is your God?" |
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| 14 | Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  and why are you so disquieted within me? |
|  |  |
| 15 | Put your trust in God; \*  for I will yet give thanks to him,  who is the help of my countenance, and my God. |
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|  | **43** *Judica me, Deus* |
|  |  |
| 1 | Give judgment for me, O God,  and defend my cause against an ungodly people; \*  deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked. |
|  |  |
| 2 | For you are the God of my strength;  why have you put me from you? \*  and why do I go so heavily while the enemy  oppresses me? |
|  |  |
| 3 | Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, \*  and bring me to your holy hill  and to your dwelling; |
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| 4 | That I may go to the altar of God,  to the God of my joy and gladness; \*  and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God. |

644 *Psalm 43*

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| 5 | Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  and why are you so disquieted within me? |
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| 6 | Put your trust in God; \*  for I will yet give thanks to him,  who is the help of my countenance, and my God. |
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|  | *Ninth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **44** *Deus, auribus* |
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| 1 | We have heard with our ears, O God,  our forefathers have told us, \*  the deeds you did in their days,  in the days of old. |
|  |  |
| 2 | How with your hand you drove the peoples out  and planted our forefathers in the land; \*  how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish. |
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| 3 | For they did not take the land by their sword,  nor did their arm win the victory for them; \*  but your right hand, your arm, and the  light of your countenance,  because you favored them. |
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| 4 | You are my King and my God; \*  you command victories for Jacob. |
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| 5 | Through you we pushed back our adversaries; \*  through your Name we trampled on those who  rose up against us. |
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| 6 | For I do not rely on my bow, \*  and my sword does not give me the victory. |
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| 7 | Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries \*  and put those who hate us to shame. |

*Psalm 44* 645

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| 8 | Every day we gloried in God, \*  and we will praise your Name for ever. |
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| 9 | Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us \*  and do not go forth with our armies. |
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| 10 | You have made us fall back before our adversary, \*  and our enemies have plundered us. |
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| 11 | You have made us like sheep to be eaten \*  and have scattered us among the nations. |
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| 12 | You are selling your people for a trifle \*  and are making no profit on the sale of them. |
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| 13 | You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, \*  a mockery and derision to those around us. |
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| 14 | You have made us a byword among the nations, \*  a laughing-stock among the peoples. |
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| 15 | My humiliation is daily before me, \*  and shame has covered my face; |
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| 16 | Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, \*  because of the enemy and avenger. |
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| 17 | All this has come upon us; \*  yet we have not forgotten you,  nor have we betrayed your covenant. |
|  |  |
| 18 | Our heart never turned back, \*  nor did our footsteps stray from your path; |
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| 19 | Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, \*  and covered us over with deep darkness. |
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| 20 | If we have forgotten the Name of our God, \*  or stretched out our hands to some strange god, |
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| 21 | Will not God find it out? \*  for he knows the secrets of the heart. |

646 *Psalm 44*

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| 22 | Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; \*  we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. |
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| 23 | Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? \*  Arise! do not reject us for ever. |
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| 24 | Why have you hidden your face \*  and forgotten our affliction and oppression? |
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| 25 | We sink down into the dust; \*  our body cleaves to the ground. |
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| 26 | Rise up, and help us, \*  and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love. |
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|  | **45** *Eructavit cor meum* |
|  |  |
| 1 | My heart is stirring with a noble song;  let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer. |
|  |  |
| 2 | You are the fairest of men; \*  grace flows from your lips,  because God has blessed you for ever. |
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| 3 | Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, \*  in your pride and in your majesty. |
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| 4 | Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth \*  and for the sake of justice. |
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| 5 | Your right hand will show you marvelous things; \*  your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior. |
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| 6 | The peoples are falling at your feet, \*  and the king's enemies are losing heart. |

*Psalm 45* 647

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| 7 | Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  you love righteousness and hate iniquity. |
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| 8 | Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  with the oil of gladness above your fellows. |
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| 9 | All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad. |
|  |  |
| 10 | Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  on your right hand is the queen,  adorned with the gold of Ophir. |
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| 11 | "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; \*  forget your people and your father's house. |
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| 12 | The king will have pleasure in your beauty; \*  he is your master; therefore do him honor. |
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| 13 | The people of Tyre are here with a gift; \*  the rich among the people seek your favor." |
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| 14 | All glorious is the princess as she enters; \*  her gown is cloth-of-gold. |
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| 15 | In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; \*  after her the bridesmaids follow in procession. |
|  |  |
| 16 | With joy and gladness they are brought, \*  and enter into the palace of the king. |
|  |  |
| 17 | "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; \*  you shall make them princes over all the earth. |
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| 18 | I will make your name to be remembered  from one generation to another; \*  therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever." |

648 *Psalm 45*

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|  | **46** *Deus noster refugium* |
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| 1 | God is our refuge and strength, \*  a very present help in trouble. |
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| 2 | Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  and though the mountains be toppled into the  depths of the sea; |
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| 3 | Though its waters rage and foam, \*  and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. |
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| 4 | The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  the God of Jacob is our stronghold. |
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| 5 | There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  the holy habitation of the Most High. |
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| 6 | God is in the midst of her;  she shall not be overthrown; \*  God shall help her at the break of day. |
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| 7 | The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. |
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| 8 | The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  the God of Jacob is our stronghold. |
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| 9 | Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  what awesome things he has done on earth. |
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| 10 | It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  and burns the shields with fire. |

*Psalm 46* 649

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| 11 | "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  I will be exalted among the nations;  I will be exalted in the earth." |
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| 12 | The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  the God of Jacob is our stronghold. |
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|  | *Ninth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **47** *Omnes gentes, plaudite* |
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| 1 | Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  shout to God with a cry of joy. |
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| 2 | For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \*  he is the great King over all the earth. |
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| 3 | He subdues the peoples under us, \*  and the nations under our feet. |
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| 4 | He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  the pride of Jacob whom he loves. |
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| 5 | God has gone up with a shout, \*  the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn. |
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| 6 | Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  sing praises to our King, sing praises. |
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| 7 | For God is King of all the earth; \*  sing praises with all your skill. |
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| 8 | God reigns over the nations; \*  God sits upon his holy throne. |
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| 9 | The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  with the people of the God of Abraham. |
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| 10 | The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  and he is highly exalted. |

650 *Psalm 47*

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|  | **48** *Magnus Dominus* |
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| 1 | Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; \*  in the city of our God is his holy hill. |
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| 2 | Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the  hill of Zion, \*  the very center of the world and the city of the great King. |
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| 3 | God is in her citadels; \*  he is known to be her sure refuge. |
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| 4 | Behold, the kings of the earth assembled \*  and marched forward together. |
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| 5 | They looked and were astounded; \*  they retreated and fled in terror. |
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| 6 | Trembling seized them there; \*  they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them. |
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| 7 | As we have heard, so have we seen,  in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; \*  God has established her for ever. |
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| 8 | We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, \*  in the midst of your temple. |
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| 9 | Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to  the world's end; \*  your right hand is full of justice. |
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| 10 | Let Mount Zion be glad  and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  because of your judgments. |
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| 11 | Make the circuit of Zion;  walk round about her; \*  count the number of her towers. |

*Psalm 48* 651

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| 12 | Consider well her bulwarks;  examine her strongholds; \*  that you may tell those who come after. |
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| 13 | This God is our God for ever and ever; \*  he shall be our guide for evermore. |
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|  | **49** *Audite haec, omnes* |
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| 1 | Hear this, all you peoples;  hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  you of high degree and low, rich and poor together. |
|  |  |
| 2 | My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  and my heart shall meditate on understanding. |
|  |  |
| 3 | I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  and set forth my riddle upon the harp. |
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| 4 | Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me, |
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| 5 | The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  and boast of their great riches? |
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| 6 | We can never ransom ourselves, \*  or deliver to God the price of our life; |
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| 7 | For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  that we should never have enough to pay it, |
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| 8 | In order to live for ever and ever, \*  and never see the grave. |
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| 9 | For we see that the wise die also;  like the dull and stupid they perish \*  and leave their wealth to those who come after them. |

652 *Psalm 49*

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| 10 | Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  though they call the lands after their own names. |
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| 11 | Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  they are like the beasts that perish. |
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| 12 | Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, \*  and the end of those who delight in their own words. |
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| 13 | Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die;  Death is their shepherd; \*  they go down straightway to the grave. |
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| 14 | Their form shall waste away, \*  and the land of the dead shall be their home. |
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| 15 | But God will ransom my life; \*  he will snatch me from the grasp of death. |
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| 16 | Do not be envious when some become rich, \*  or when the grandeur of their house increases; |
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| 17 | For they will carry nothing away at their death, \*  nor will their grandeur follow them. |
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| 18 | Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, \*  and were praised for their success, |
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| 19 | They shall join the company of their forebears, \*  who will never see the light again. |
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| 20 | Those who are honored, but have no understanding, \*  are like the beasts that perish. |

*Psalm 49* 653

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|  | *Tenth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **50** *Deus deorum* |
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| 1 | The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to  its setting. |
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| 2 | Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  God reveals himself in glory. |
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| 3 | Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  before him there is a consuming flame,  and round about him a raging storm. |
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| 4 | He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  to witness the judgment of his people. |
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| 5 | "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  those who have made a covenant with me  and sealed it with sacrifice." |
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| 6 | Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  for God himself is judge. |
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| 7 | Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  for I am God, your God. |
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| 8 | I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  your offerings are always before me. |
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| 9 | I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  nor he-goats out of your pens; |
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| 10 | For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  the herds in their thousands upon the hills. |

654 *Psalm 50*

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| 11 | I know every bird in the sky, \*  and the creatures of the fields are in my sight. |
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| 12 | If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  for the whole world is mine and all that is in it. |
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| 13 | Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  or drink the blood of goats? |
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| 14 | Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  and make good your vows to the Most High. |
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| 15 | Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  I will deliver you, and you shall honor me." |
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| 16 | But to the wicked God says: \*  Why do you recite my statutes,  and take my covenant upon your lips; |
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| 17 | Since you refuse discipline, \*  and toss my words behind your back? |
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| 18 | When you see a thief, you make him your friend, \*  and you cast in your lot with adulterers. |
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| 19 | You have loosed your lips for evil, \*  and harnessed your tongue to a lie. |
|  |  |
| 20 | You are always speaking evil of your brother \*  and slandering your own mother's son. |
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| 21 | These things you have done, and I kept still, \*  and you thought that I am like you." |
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| 22 | "I have made my accusation; \*  I have put my case in order before your eyes. |
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| 23 | Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you. |

*Psalm 50* 655

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| 24 | Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving  honors me; \*  but to those who keep in my way will I show  the salvation of God." |
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|  | **51** *Miserere mei, Deus* |
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| 1 | Have mercy on me, O God, according to your  loving-kindness; \*  in your great compassion blot out my offenses. |
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| 2 | Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  and cleanse me from my sin. |
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| 3 | For I know my transgressions, \*  and my sin is ever before me. |
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| 4 | Against you only have I sinned \*  and done what is evil in your sight. |
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| 5 | And so you are justified when you speak \*  and upright in your judgment. |
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| 6 | Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  a sinner from my mother's womb. |
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| 7 | For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  and will make me understand wisdom secretly |
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| 8 | Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. |
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| 9 | Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  that the body you have broken may rejoice. |
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| 10 | Hide your face from my sins \*  and blot out all my iniquities. |

656 *Psalm 51*

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| 11 | Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  and renew a right spirit within me. |
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| 12 | Cast me not away from your presence \*  and take not your holy Spirit from me. |
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| 13 | Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. |
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| 14 | I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*  and sinners shall return to you. |
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| 15 | Deliver me from death, O God, \*  and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  O God of my salvation. |
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| 16 | Open my lips, O Lord, \*  and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. |
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| 17 | Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, \*  but you take no delight in burnt-offerings. |
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| 18 | The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. |
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| 19 | Be favorable and gracious to Zion, \*  and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. |
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| 20 | Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,  with burnt-offerings and oblations; \*  then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar. |
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|  | **52** *Quid gloriaris?* |
|  |  |
| 1 | You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness \*  against the godly all day long? |

*Psalm 52* 657

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| 2 | You plot ruin;  your tongue is like a sharpened razor, \*  O worker of deception. |
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| 3 | You love evil more than good \*  and lying more than speaking the truth. |
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| 4 | You love all words that hurt, \*  O you deceitful tongue. |
|  |  |
| 5 | Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, \*  topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,  and root you out of the land of the living! |
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| 6 | The righteous shall see and tremble, \*  and they shall laugh at him, saying, |
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| 7 | "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, \*  but trusted in great wealth  and relied upon wickedness." |
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| 8 | But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \*  I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. |
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| 9 | I will give you thanks for what you have done \*  and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence  of the godly. |
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|  | *Tenth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **53** *Dixit insipiens* |
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| 1 | The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  there is none who does any good. |

658 *Psalm 53*

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| 2 | God looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  to see if there is any who is wise,  if there is one who seeks after God. |
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| 3 | Every one has proved faithless;  all alike have turned bad; \*  there is none who does good; no, not one. |
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| 4 | Have they no knowledge, those evildoers \*  who eat up my people like bread  and do not call upon God? |
|  |  |
| 5 | See how greatly they tremble,  such trembling as never was; \*  for God has scattered the bones of the enemy;  they are put to shame, because God has rejected them. |
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| 6 | Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  when God restores the fortunes of his people  Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad. |
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|  | **54** *Deus, in nomine* |
|  |  |
| 1 | Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  in your might, defend my cause. |
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| 2 | Hear my prayer, O God; \*  give ear to the words of my mouth. |
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| 3 | For the arrogant have risen up against me,  and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  those who have no regard for God. |
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| 4 | Behold, God is my helper; \*  it is the Lord who sustains my life. |
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| 5 | Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  in your faithfulness, destroy them. |

*Psalm 54* 659

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| 6 | I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good. |
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| 7 | For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes. |
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|  | **55** *Exaudi, Deus* |
|  |  |
| 1 | Hear my prayer,O God; \*  do not hide yourself from my petition. |
|  |  |
| 2 | Listen to me and answer me; \*  I have no peace, because of my cares. |
|  |  |
| 3 | I am shaken by the noise of the enemy \*  and by the pressure of the wicked; |
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| 4 | For they have cast an evil spell upon me \*  and are set against me in fury. |
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| 5 | My heart quakes within me, \*  and the terrors of death have fallen upon me. |
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| 6 | Fear and trembling have come over me, \*  and horror overwhelms me. |
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| 7 | And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! \*  I would fly away and be at rest. |
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| 8 | I would flee to a far-off place \*  and make my lodging in the wilderness. |
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| 9 | I would hasten to escape \*  from the stormy wind and tempest." |
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| 10 | Swallow them up, O Lord;  confound their speech; \*  for I have seen violence and strife in the city. |

660 *Psalm 55*

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| 11 | Day and night the watchmen make their rounds  upon her walls, \*  but trouble and misery are in the midst of her. |
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| 12 | There is corruption at her heart; \*  her streets are never free of oppression and deceit. |
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| 13 | For had it been an adversary who taunted me,  then I could have borne it; \*  or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me,  then I could have hidden from him. |
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| 14 | But it was you, a man after my own heart, \*  my companion, my own familiar friend. |
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| 15 | We took sweet counsel together, \*  and walked with the throng in the house of God. |
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| 16 | Let death come upon them suddenly;  let them go down alive to the grave; \*  for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst. |
|  |  |
| 17 | But I will call upon God, \*  and the LORD will deliver me. |
|  |  |
| 18 | In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday,  I will complain and lament, \*  and he will hear my voice. |
|  |  |
| 19 | He will bring me safely back from the battle  waged against me; \*  for there are many who fight me. |
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| 20 | God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and  bring them down; \*  they never change; they do not fear God. |
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| 21 | My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; \*  he has broken his covenant. |

*Psalm 55* 661

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| 22 | His speech is softer than butter, \*  but war is in his heart. |
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| 23 | His words are smoother than oil, \*  but they are drawn swords. |
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| 24 | Cast your burden upon the LORD,  and he will sustain you; \*  he will never let the righteous stumble. |
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| 25 | For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful \*  down to the pit of destruction, O God. |
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| 26 | They shall not live out half their days, \*  but I will put my trust in you. |
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|  | *Eleventh Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **56** *Miserere mei, Deus* |
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| 1 | Have mercy on me, O God,  for my enemies are hounding me; \*  all day long they assault and oppress me. |
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| 2 | They hound me all the day long; \*  truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High. |
|  |  |
| 3 | Whenever I am afraid, \*  I will put my trust in you. |
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| 4 | In God, whose word I praise,  in God I trust and will not be afraid, \*  for what can flesh do to me? |
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| 5 | All day long they damage my cause; \*  their only thought is to do me evil. |

662 *Psalm 56*

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| 6 | They band together; they lie in wait; \*  they spy upon my footsteps;  because they seek my life. |
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| 7 | Shall they escape despite their wickedness? \*  O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples. |
|  |  |
| 8 | You have noted my lamentation;  put my tears into your bottle; \*  are they not recorded in your book? |
|  |  |
| 9 | Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; \*  this I know, for God is on my side. |
|  |  |
| 10 | In God the LORD, whose word I praise,  in God I trust and will not be afraid, \*  for what can mortals do to me? |
|  |  |
| 11 | I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; \*  I will present to you thank-offerings; |
|  |  |
| 12 | For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet  from stumbling, \*  that I may walk before God in the light of the living. |
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|  | **57** *Miserere mei, Deus* |
|  |  |
| 1 | Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful,  for I have taken refuge in you; \*  in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge  until this time of trouble has gone by. |
|  |  |
| 2 | I will call upon the Most High God, \*  the God who maintains my cause. |
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| 3 | He will send from heaven and save me;  he will confound those who trample upon me; \*  God will send forth his love and his faithfulness. |

*Psalm 57* 663

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| 4 | I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; \*  their teeth are spears and arrows,  their tongue a sharp sword. |
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| 5 | They have laid a net for my feet,  and I am bowed low; \*  they have dug a pit before me,  but have fallen into it themselves. |
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| 6 | Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  and your glory over all the earth. |
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| 7 | My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; \*  I will sing and make melody. |
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| 8 | Wake up, my spirit;  awake, lute and harp; \*  I myself will waken the dawn. |
|  |  |
| 9 | I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; \*  I will sing praise to you among the nations. |
|  |  |
| 10 | For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, \*  and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. |
|  |  |
| 11 | Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  and your glory over all the earth. |
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|  | **58** *Si vere utique* |
|  |  |
| 1 | Do you indeed decree righteousness, you rulers? \*  do you judge the peoples with equity? |
|  |  |
| 2 | No; you devise evil in your hearts, \*  and your hands deal out violence in the land. |
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| 3 | The wicked are perverse from the womb; \*  liars go astray from their birth. |

664 *Psalm 58*

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| 4 | They are as venomous as a serpent, \*  they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears, |
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| 5 | Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, \*  no matter how skillful his charming. |
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| 6 | O God, break their teeth in their mouths; \*  pull the fangs of the young lions, O LORD. |
|  |  |
| 7 | Let them vanish like water that runs off; \*  let them wither like trodden grass. |
|  |  |
| 8 | Let them be like the snail that melts away, \*  like a stillborn child that never sees the sun. |
|  |  |
| 9 | Before they bear fruit, let them be cut down like a brier; \*  like thorns and thistles let them be swept away. |
|  |  |
| 10 | The righteous will be glad when they see the vengeance; \*  they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked. |
|  |  |
| 11 | And they will say,  "Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; \*  surely, there is a God who rules in the earth." |
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|  | *Eleventh Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **59** *Eripe me de inimicis* |
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| 1 | Rescue me from my enemies, O God; \*  protect me from those who rise up against me. |
|  |  |
| 2 | Rescue me from evildoers \*  and save me from those who thirst for my blood. |
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| 3 | See how they lie in wait for my life,  how the mighty gather together against me; \*  not for any offense or fault of mine, O LORD. |

*Psalm 59* 665

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| 4 | Not because of any guilt of mine \*  they run and prepare themselves for battle. |
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| 5 | Rouse yourself, come to my side, and see; \*  for you, LORD God of hosts, are Israel's God. |
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| 6 | Awake, and punish all the ungodly; \*  show no mercy to those who are faithless and evil. |
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| 7 | They go to and fro in the evening; \*  they snarl like dogs and run about the city. |
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| 8 | Behold, they boast with their mouths,  and taunts are on their lips; \*  "For who," they say, "will hear us?" |
|  |  |
| 9 | But you, O LORD, you laugh at them; \*  you laugh all the ungodly to scorn. |
|  |  |
| 10 | My eyes are fixed on you, O my Strength; \*  for you, O God, are my stronghold. |
|  |  |
| 11 | My merciful God comes to meet me; \*  God will let me look in triumph on my enemies. |
|  |  |
| 12 | Slay them, O God, lest my people forget; \*  send them reeling by your might  and put them down, O Lord our shield. |
|  |  |
| 13 | For the sins of their mouths, for the words of their lips,  for the cursing and lies that they utter, \*  let them be caught in their pride. |
|  |  |
| 14 | Make an end of them in your wrath; \*  make an end of them, and they shall be no more. |
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| 15 | Let everyone know that God rules in Jacob, \*  and to the ends of the earth. |
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| 16 | They go to and fro in the evening; \*  they snarl like dogs and run about the city. |

666 *Psalm 59*

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| 17 | They forage for food, \*  and if they are not filled, they howl. |
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| 18 | For my part, I will sing of your strength; \*  I will celebrate your love in the morning; |
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| 19 | For you have become my stronghold, \*  a refuge in the day of my trouble. |
|  |  |
| 20 | To you, O my Strength, will I sing; \*  for you, O God, are my stronghold and my merciful God. |
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|  | **60** *Deus, repulisti nos* |
|  |  |
| 1 | O God, you have cast us off and broken us; \*  you have been angry;  oh, take us back to you again. |
|  |  |
| 2 | You have shaken the earth and split it open; \*  repair the cracks in it, for it totters. |
|  |  |
| 3 | You have made your people know hardship; \*  you have given us wine that makes us stagger. |
|  |  |
| 4 | You have set up a banner for those who fear you, \*  to be a refuge from the power of the bow. |
|  |  |
| 5 | Save us by your right hand and answer us, \*  that those who are dear to you may be delivered. |
|  |  |
| 6 | God spoke from his holy place and said: \*  "I will exult and parcel out Shechem;  I will divide the valley of Succoth. |
|  |  |
| 7 | Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; \*  Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter. |

*Psalm 60* 667

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| 8 | Moab is my wash-basin,  on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, \*  and over Philistia will I shout in triumph." |
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| 9 | Who will lead me into the strong city? \*  who will bring me to Edom? |
|  |  |
| 10 | Have you not cast us off, O God? \*  you no longer go out, O God, with our armies. |
|  |  |
| 11 | Grant us your help against the enemy, \*  for vain is the help of man. |
|  |  |
| 12 | With God we will do valiant deeds, \*  and he shall tread our enemies under foot. |
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|  | **61** *Exaudi, Deus* |
|  |  |
| 1 | Hear my cry, O God, \*  and listen to my prayer. |
|  |  |
| 2 | I call upon you from the ends of the earth  with heaviness in my heart; \*  set me upon the rock that is higher than I. |
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| 3 | For you have been my refuge, \*  a strong tower against the enemy. |

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| 4 | I will dwell in your house for ever; \*  I will take refuge under the cover of your wings. |
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| 5 | For you, O God, have heard my vows; \*  you have granted me the heritage of those  who fear your Name. |
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| 6 | Add length of days to the king's life; \*  let his years extend over many generations. |

668 *Psalm 61*

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| 7 | Let him sit enthroned before God for ever; \*  bid love and faithfulness watch over him. |
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| 8 | So will I always sing the praise of your Name, \*  and day by day I will fulfill my vows. |
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|  | *Twelfth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **62** *Nonne Deo?* |
|  |  |
| 1 | For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  from him comes my salvation. |
|  |  |
| 2 | He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken. |
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| 3 | How long will you assail me to crush me,  all of you together, \*  as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall? |
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| 4 | They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; \*  lies are their chief delight. |
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| 5 | They bless with their lips, \*  but in their hearts they curse. |
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| 6 | For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  truly, my hope is in him. |
|  |  |
| 7 | He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken. |
|  |  |
| 8 | In God is my safety and my honor; \*  God is my strong rock and my refuge. |
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| 9 | Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge. |

*Psalm 62* 669

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| 10 | Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  even those of low estate cannot be trusted. |
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| 11 | On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  all of them together. |
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| 12 | Put no trust in extortion;  in robbery take no empty pride; \*  though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it. |
|  |  |
| 13 | God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  that power belongs to God. |
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| 14 | Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  for you repay everyone according to his deeds. |
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|  | **63** *Deus, Deus meus* |
|  |  |
| 1 | O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. |
|  |  |
| 2 | Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  that I might behold your power and your glory. |
|  |  |
| 3 | For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  my lips shall give you praise. |
|  |  |
| 4 | So will I bless you as long as I live \*  and lift up my hands in your Name. |
|  |  |
| 5 | My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, |
|  |  |
| 6 | When I remember you upon my bed, \*  and meditate on you in the night watches. |
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| 7 | For you have been my helper, \*  and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. |

670 *Psalm 63*

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| 8 | My soul clings to you; \*  your right hand holds me fast. |
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| 9 | May those who seek my life to destroy it \*  go down into the depths of the earth; |
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| 10 | Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, \*  and let them be food for jackals. |
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| 11 | But the king will rejoice in God;  all those who swear by him will be glad; \*  for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped. |
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|  | **64** *Exaudi, Deus* |
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| 1 | Hear my voice, O God, when I complain; \*  protect my life from fear of the enemy. |
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| 2 | Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, \*  from the mob of evildoers. |
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| 3 | They sharpen their tongue like a sword, \*  and aim their bitter words like arrows, |
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| 4 | That they may shoot down the blameless from ambush; \*  they shoot without warning and are not afraid. |
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| 5 | They hold fast to their evil course; \*  they plan how they may hide their snares. |
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| 6 | They say, "Who will see us?  who will find out our crimes? \*  we have thought out a perfect plot." |
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| 7 | The human mind and heart are a mystery; \*  but God will loose an arrow at them,  and suddenly they will be wounded. |

*Psalm 64* 671

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| 8 | He will make them trip over their tongues, \*  and all who see them will shake their heads. |
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| 9 | Everyone will stand in awe and declare God's deeds; \*  they will recognize his works. |
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| 10 | The righteous will rejoice in the LORD and put their trust in him, \*  and all who are true of heart will glory. |
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|  | *Twelfth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **65** *Te decet hymnus* |
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| 1 | You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem. |
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| 2 | To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  because of their transgressions. |
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| 3 | Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  but you will blot them out. |
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| 4 | Happy are they whom you choose  and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  by the holiness of your temple. |
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| 5 | Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  O God of our salvation, \*  O Hope of all the ends of the earth  and of the seas that are far away. |
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| 6 | You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  they are girded about with might. |
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| 7 | You still the roaring of the seas, \*  the roaring of their waves,  and the clamor of the peoples. |

672 *Psalm 65*

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| 8 | Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your  marvelous signs; \*  you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. |
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| 9 | You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  you make it very plenteous; \*  the river of God is full of water. |
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| 10 | You prepare the grain, \*  for so you provide for the earth. |
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| 11 | You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. |
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| 12 | You crown the year with your goodness, \*  and your paths overflow with plenty. |
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| 13 | May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  and the hills be clothed with joy. |
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| 14 | May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  let them shout for joy and sing. |
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|  | **66** *Jubilate Deo* |
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| 1 | Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  sing the glory of his Name;  sing the glory of his praise. |
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| 2 | Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  because of your great strength your enemies  cringe before you. |
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| 3 | All the earth bows down before you, \*  sings to you, sings out your Name." |

*Psalm 66* 673

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| 4 | Come now and see the works of God, \*  how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people. |
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| 5 | He turned the sea into dry land,  so that they went through the water on foot, \*  and there we rejoiced in him. |
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| 6 | In his might he rules for ever;  his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  let no rebel rise up against him. |
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| 7 | Bless our God, you peoples; \*  make the voice of his praise to be heard; |
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| 8 | Who holds our souls in life, \*  and will not allow our feet to slip. |
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| 9 | For you, O God, have proved us; \*  you have tried us just as silver is tried. |
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| 10 | You brought us into the snare; \*  you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. |
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| 11 | You let enemies ride over our heads;  we went through fire and water; \*  but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. |
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| 12 | I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  and will pay you my vows, \*  which I promised with my lips  and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. |
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| 13 | I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  with the smoke of rams; \*  I will give you oxen and goats. |
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| 14 | Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  and I will tell you what he has done for me. |

674 *Psalm 66*

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| 15 | I called out to him with my mouth, \*  and his praise was on my tongue. |
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| 16 | If I had found evil in my heart, \*  the Lord would not have heard me; |
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| 17 | But in truth God has heard me; \*  he has attended to the voice of my prayer. |
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| 18 | Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  nor withheld his love from me. |
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|  | **67** *Deus misereatur* |
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| 1 | May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  show us the light of his countenance and come to us. |
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| 2 | Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  your saving health among all nations. |
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| 3 | Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  let all the peoples praise you. |
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| 4 | Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  for you judge the peoples with equity  and guide all the nations upon earth. |
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| 5 | Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  let all the peoples praise you. |
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| 6 | The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  may God, our own God, give us his blessing. |
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| 7 | May God give us his blessing, \*  and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. |

*Psalm 67* 675

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|  | *Thirteenth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **68** *Exsurgat Deus* |
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| 1 | Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  let those who hate him flee before him. |
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| 2 | Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at  the presence of God. |
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| 3 | But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  let them also be merry and joyful. |
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| 4 | Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him! |
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| 5 | Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  God in his holy habitation! |
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| 6 | God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners  into freedom; \*  but the rebels shall live in dry places. |
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| 7 | O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  when you marched through the wilderness, |
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| 8 | The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  at the presence of God, the God of Israel. |
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| 9 | You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  you refreshed the land when it was weary. |
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| 10 | Your people found their home in it; \*  in your goodness, O God, you have made provision  for the poor. |

676 *Psalm 68*

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| 11 | The Lord gave the word; \*  great was the company of women who bore the tidings: |
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| 12 | "Kings with their armies are fleeing away; \*  the women at home are dividing the spoils." |
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| 13 | Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, \*  you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver,  whose feathers are like green gold. |
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| 14 | When the Almighty scattered kings, \*  it was like snow falling in Zalmon. |
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| 15 | O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! \*  O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan! |
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| 16 | Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain,  at the hill which God chose for his resting place? \*  truly, the LORD will dwell there for ever. |
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| 17 | The chariots of God are twenty thousand,  even thousands of thousands; \*  the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai. |
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| 18 | You have gone up on high and led captivity captive;  you have received gifts even from your enemies, \*  that the LORD God might dwell among them. |
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| 19 | Blessed be the Lord day by day, \*  the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens. |
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| 20 | He is our God, the God of our salvation; \*  God is the LORD, by whom we escape death. |
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| 21 | God shall crush the heads of his enemies, \*  and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their  wickedness. |

*Psalm 68* 677

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| 22 | The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; \*  I will bring them back from the depths of the sea; |
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| 23 | That your foot may be dipped in blood, \*  the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies." |
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| 24 | They see your procession, O God, \*  your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King. |
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| 25 | The singers go before, musicians follow after, \*  in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums. |
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| 26 | Bless God in the congregation; \*  bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel. |
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| 27 | There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head;  the princes of Judah in a company; \*  and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali. |
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| 28 | Send forth your strength, O God; \*  establish, O God, what you have wrought for us. |
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| 29 | Kings shall bring gifts to you, \*  for your temple's sake at Jerusalem. |
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| 30 | Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, \*  and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves. |
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| 31 | Trample down those who lust after silver; \*  scatter the peoples that delight in war. |
|  |  |
| 32 | Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; \*  let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God. |
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| 33 | Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  sing praises to the Lord. |
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| 34 | He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice. |

678 *Psalm 68*

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| 35 | Ascribe power to God; \*  his majesty is over Israel;  his strength is in the skies. |
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| 36 | How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  Blessed be God! |
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|  | *Thirteenth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **69** *Salvum me fac* |
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| 1 | Save me, O God, \*  for the waters have risen up to my neck. |
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| 2 | I am sinking in deep mire, \*  and there is no firm ground for my feet. |
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| 3 | I have come into deep waters, \*  and the torrent washes over me. |
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| 4 | I have grown weary with my crying;  my throat is inflamed; \*  my eyes have failed from looking for my God. |
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| 5 | Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs  of my head;  my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. \*  Must I then give back what I never stole? |
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| 6 | O God, you know my foolishness, \*  and my faults are not hidden from you. |
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| 7 | Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me,  Lord GOD of hosts; \*  let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me,  O God of Israel. |

*Psalm 69* 679

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| 8 | Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  and shame has covered my face. |
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| 9 | I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  an alien to my mother's children. |
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| 10 | Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me. |
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| 11 | I humbled myself with fasting, \*  but that was turned to my reproach. |
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| 12 | I put on sack-cloth also, \*  and became a byword among them. |
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| 13 | Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  and the drunkards make songs about me. |
|  |  |
| 14 | But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  at the time you have set, O LORD: |
|  |  |
| 15 | "In your great mercy, O God, \*  answer me with your unfailing help. |
|  |  |
| 16 | Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; \*  let me be rescued from those who hate me  and out of the deep waters. |
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| 17 | Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  neither let the deep swallow me up; \*  do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me. |
|  |  |
| 18 | Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; \*  in your great compassion, turn to me." |
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| 19 | "Hide not your face from your servant; \*  be swift and answer me, for I am in distress. |
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| 20 | Draw near to me and redeem me; \*  because of my enemies deliver me. |

680 *Psalm 69*

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| 21 | You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; \*  my adversaries are all in your sight." |
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| 22 | Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; \*  I looked for sympathy, but there was none,  for comforters, but I could find no one. |
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| 23 | They gave me gall to eat, \*  and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink. |
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| 24 | Let the table before them be a trap \*  and their sacred feasts a snare. |
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| 25 | Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, \*  and give them continual trembling in their loins. |
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| 26 | Pour out your indignation upon them, \*  and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them. |
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| 27 | Let their camp be desolate, \*  and let there be none to dwell in their tents. |
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| 28 | For they persecute him whom you have stricken \*  and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced. |
|  |  |
| 29 | Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, \*  and let them not receive your vindication. |
|  |  |
| 30 | Let them be wiped out of the book of the living \*  and not be written among the righteous. |
|  |  |
| 31 | As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; \*  your help, O God, will lift me up on high. |
|  |  |
| 32 | I will praise the Name of God in song; \*  I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving. |
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| 33 | This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen, \*  more than bullocks with horns and hoofs. |

*Psalm 69* 681

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| 34 | The afflicted shall see and be glad; \*  you who seek God, your heart shall live. |
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| 35 | For the LORD listens to the needy, \*  and his prisoners he does not despise. |
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| 36 | Let the heavens and the earth praise him, \*  the seas and all that moves in them; |
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| 37 | For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; \*  they shall live there and have it in possession. |
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| 38 | The children of his servants will inherit it, \*  and those who love his Name will dwell therein. |
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|  | **70** *Deus, in adjutorium* |
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| 1 | Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  O LORD, make haste to help me. |
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| 2 | Let those who seek my life be ashamed  and altogether dismayed; \*  let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  draw back and be disgraced. |
|  |  |
| 3 | Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*  because they are ashamed. |
|  |  |
| 4 | Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  let those who love your salvation say for ever,  "Great is the LORD!" |
|  |  |
| 5 | But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  come to me speedily, O God. |
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| 6 | You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  O LORD, do not tarry. |

682 *Psalm 70*

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|  | *Fourteenth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **71** *In te, Domine, speravi* |
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| 1 | In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; \*  let me never be ashamed. |
|  |  |
| 2 | In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*  incline your ear to me and save me. |
|  |  |
| 3 | Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*  you are my crag and my stronghold. |
|  |  |
| 4 | Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*  from of the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor. |
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| 5 | For you are my hope, O LORD God, \*  my confidence since I was young. |
|  |  |
| 6 | I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \*  my praise shall be always of you. |
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| 7 | I have become a portent to many; \*  but you are my refuge and my strength. |
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| 8 | Let my mouth be full of your praise \*  and your glory all the day long. |
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| 9 | Do not cast me off in my old age; \*  forsake me not when my strength fails. |
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| 10 | For my enemies are talking against me, \*  and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together. |
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| 11 | They say, "God has forsaken him;  go after him and seize him; \*  because there is none who will save." |

*Psalm 71* 683

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| 12 | O God, be not far from me; \*  come quickly to help me, O my God. |
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| 13 | Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and  be disgraced; \*  let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn  and reproach. |
|  |  |
| 14 | But I shall always wait in patience, \*  and shall praise you more and more. |
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| 15 | My mouth shall recount your mighty acts  and saving deeds all day long; \*  though I cannot know the number of them. |
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| 16 | I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord GOD; \*  I will recall your righteousness, yours alone. |
|  |  |
| 17 | O God, you have taught me since I was young, \*  and to this day I tell of your wonderful works. |
|  |  |
| 18 | And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not  forsake me, \*  till I make known your strength to this generation  and your power to all who are to come. |
|  |  |
| 19 | Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; \*  you have done great things;  who is like you, O God? |
|  |  |
| 20 | You have showed me great troubles and adversities, \*  but you will restore my life  and bring me up again from the deep places of the earth. |
|  |  |
| 21 | You strengthen me more and more; \*  you enfold and comfort me, |

684 *Psalm 71*

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| 22 | Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your  faithfulness, O my God; \*  I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel. |
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| 23 | My lips will sing with joy when I play to you, \*  and so will my soul, which you have redeemed. |
|  |  |
| 24 | My tongue will proclaim your righteousness all day long, \*  for they are ashamed and disgraced who sought  to do me harm. |
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|  | **72** *Deus, judicium* |
|  |  |
| 1 | Give the King your justice, O God, \*  and your righteousness to the King's son; |
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| 2 | That he may rule your people righteously \*  and the poor with justice. |
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| 3 | That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  and the little hills bring righteousness. |
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| 4 | He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. |
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| 5 | He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  from one generation to another. |
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| 6 | He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  like showers that water the earth. |
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| 7 | In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall  be no more. |
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| 8 | He shall rule from sea to sea, \*  and from the River to the ends of the earth. |

*Psalm 72* 685

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| 9 | His foes shall bow down before him, \*  and his enemies lick the dust. |
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| 10 | The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. |
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| 11 | All kings shall bow down before him, \*  and all the nations do him service. |
|  |  |
| 12 | For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  and the oppressed who has no helper. |
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| 13 | He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  he shall preserve the lives of the needy. |
|  |  |
| 14 | He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  and dear shall their blood be in his sight. |
|  |  |
| 15 | Long may he live!  and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; \*  may prayer be made for him always,  and may they bless him all the day long. |
|  |  |
| 16 | May there be abundance of grain on the earth,  growing thick even on the hilltops; \*  may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,  and its grain like grass upon the earth. |
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| 17 | May his Name remain for ever  and be established as long as the sun endures; \*  may all the nations bless themselves in him and  call him blessed. |
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| 18 | Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  who alone does wondrous deeds! |
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| 19 | And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  Amen. Amen. |

686 *Psalm 72*

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|  | **Book Three** |
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|  | *Fourteenth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **73** *Quam bonus Israel!* |
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| 1 | Truly, God is good to Israel, \*  to those who are pure in heart. |
|  |  |
| 2 | But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped; \*  I had almost tripped and fallen; |
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| 3 | Because I envied the proud \*  and saw the prosperity of the wicked: |
|  |  |
| 4 | For they suffer no pain, \*  and their bodies are sleek and sound; |
|  |  |
| 5 | In the misfortunes of others they have no share; \*  they are not afflicted as others are; |
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| 6 | Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace \*  and wrap their violence about them like a cloak. |
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| 7 | Their iniquity comes from gross minds, \*  and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts. |
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| 8 | They scoff and speak maliciously; \*  out of their haughtiness they plan oppression. |
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| 9 | They set their mouths against the heavens, \*  and their evil speech runs through the world. |
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| 10 | And so the people turn to them \*  and find in them no fault. |
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| 11 | They say, "How should God know? \*  is there knowledge in the Most High?" |

*Psalm 73* 687

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| 12 | So then, these are the wicked; \*  always at ease, they increase their wealth. |
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| 13 | In vain have I kept my heart clean, \*  and washed my hands in innocence. |
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| 14 | I have been afflicted all day long, \*  and punished every morning. |
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| 15 | Had I gone on speaking this way, \*  I should have betrayed the generation of your children. |
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| 16 | When I tried to understand these things, \*  it was too hard for me; |
|  |  |
| 17 | Until I entered the sanctuary of God \*  and discerned the end of the wicked. |
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| 18 | Surely, you set them in slippery places; \*  you cast them down in ruin. |
|  |  |
| 19 | Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, \*  come to an end, and perish from terror! |
|  |  |
| 20 | Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, \*  when you arise you will make their image vanish. |
|  |  |
| 21 | When my mind became embittered, \*  I was sorely wounded in my heart. |
|  |  |
| 22 | I was stupid and had no understanding; \*  I was like a brute beast in your presence. |
|  |  |
| 23 | Yet I am always with you; \*  you hold me by my right hand. |
|  |  |
| 24 | You will guide me by your counsel, \*  and afterwards receive me with glory. |
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| 25 | Whom have I in heaven but you? \*  and having you I desire nothing upon earth. |

688 *Psalm 73*

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| 26 | Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, \*  God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever. |
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| 27 | Truly, those who forsake you will perish; \*  you destroy all who are unfaithful. |
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| 28 | But it is good for me to be near God; \*  I have made the Lord GOD my refuge. |
|  |  |
| 29 | I will speak of all your works \*  in the gates of the city of Zion. |
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|  | **74** *Ut quid, Deus?* |
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| 1 | O God, why have you utterly cast us off? \*  why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture? |
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| 2 | Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago, \*  the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance,  and Mount Zion where you dwell. |
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| 3 | Turn your steps toward the endless ruins; \*  the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary. |
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| 4 | Your adversaries roared in your holy place; \*  they set up their banners as tokens of victory. |
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| 5 | They were like men coming up with axes to a grove of trees; \*  they broke down all your carved work with hatchets  and hammers. |
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| 6 | They set fire to your holy place; \*  they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name  and razed it to the ground. |
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| 7 | They said to themselves, "Let us destroy them altogether." \*  They burned down all the meeting-places of God  in the land. |

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| 8 | There are no signs for us to see;  there is no prophet left; \*  there is not one among us who knows how long. |
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| 9 | How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? \*  will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever? |
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| 10 | Why do you draw back your hand? \*  why is your right hand hidden in your bosom? |
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| 11 | Yet God is my King from ancient times, \*  victorious in the midst of the earth. |
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| 12 | You divided the sea by your might \*  and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters; |
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| 13 | You crushed the heads of Leviathan \*  and gave him to the people of the desert for food. |
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| 14 | You split open spring and torrent; \*  you dried up ever-flowing rivers. |
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| 15 | Yours is the day, yours also the night; \*  you established the moon and the sun. |
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| 16 | You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; \*  you made both summer and winter. |
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| 17 | Remember, O LORD, how the enemy scoffed, \*  how a foolish people despised your Name. |
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| 18 | Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; \*  never forget the lives of your poor. |
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| 19 | Look upon your covenant; \*  the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence. |
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| 20 | Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed; \*  let the poor and needy praise your Name. |
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| 21 | Arise, O God, maintain your cause; \*  remember how fools revile you all day long. |

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| 22 | Forget not the clamor of your adversaries, \*  the unending tumult of those who rise up against you. |
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|  | *Fifteenth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **75** *Confitebimur tibi* |
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| 1 | We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, \*  calling upon your Name and declaring all your  wonderful deeds. |
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| 2 | "I will appoint a time," says God; \*  "I will judge with equity. |
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| 3 | Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, \*  I will make its pillars fast. |
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| 4 | I will say to the boasters, 'Boast no more,' \*  and to the wicked, 'Do not toss your horns; |
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| 5 | Do not toss your horns so high, \*  nor speak with a proud neck.'" |
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| 6 | For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, \*  nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains. |
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| 7 | It is God who judges; \*  he puts down one and lifts up another. |
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| 8 | For in the LORD'S hand there is a cup,  full of spiced and foaming wine, which he pours out, \*  and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and  drain the dregs. |
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| 9 | But I will rejoice for ever; \*  I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. |
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| 10 | He shall break off all the horns of the wicked; \*  but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted. |

*Psalm 75* 691

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|  | **76** *Notus in Judœa* |
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| 1 | In Judah is God known; \*  his Name is great in Israel. |
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| 2 | At Salem is his tabernacle, \*  and his dwelling is in Zion. |
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| 3 | There he broke the flashing arrows, \*  the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle. |
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| 4 | How glorious you are! \*  more splendid than the everlasting mountains! |
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| 5 | The strong of heart have been despoiled;  they sink into sleep; \*  none of the warriors can lift a hand. |
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| 6 | At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, \*  both horse and rider lie stunned. |
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| 7 | What terror you inspire! \*  who can stand before you when you are angry? |
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| 8 | From heaven you pronounced judgment; \*  the earth was afraid and was still; |
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| 9 | When God rose up to judgment \*  and to save all the oppressed of the earth. |
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| 10 | Truly, wrathful Edom will give you thanks, \*  and the remnant of Hamath will keep your feasts. |
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| 11 | Make a vow to the LORD your God and keep it; \*  let all around him bring gifts to him who is worthy  to be feared. |
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| 12 | He breaks the spirit of princes, \*  and strikes terror in the kings of the earth. |

692 *Psalm 76*

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|  | **77** *Voce mea ad Dominum* |
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| 1 | I will cry aloud to God; \*  I will cry aloud, and he will hear me. |
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| 2 | In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; \*  my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;  I refused to be comforted. |
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| 3 | I think of God, I am restless, \*  I ponder, and my spirit faints. |
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| 4 | You will not let my eyelids close; \*  I am troubled and I cannot speak. |
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| 5 | I consider the days of old; \*  I remember the years long past; |
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| 6 | I commune with my heart in the night; \*  I ponder and search my mind. |
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| 7 | Will the Lord cast me off for ever? \*  will he no more show his favor? |
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| 8 | Has his loving-kindness come to an end for ever? \*  has his promise failed for evermore? |
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| 9 | Has God forgotten to be gracious? \*  has he, in his anger, withheld his compassion? |
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| 10 | And I said, "My grief is this: \*  the right hand of the Most High has lost its power." |
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| 11 | I will remember the works of the LORD, \*  and call to mind your wonders of old time. |
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| 12 | I will meditate on all your acts \*  and ponder your mighty deeds. |
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| 13 | Your way, O God, is holy; \*  who is so great a god as our God? |

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| 14 | You are the God who works wonders \*  and have declared your power among the peoples. |
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| 15 | By your strength you have redeemed your people, \*  the children of Jacob and Joseph. |
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| 16 | The waters saw you, O God;  the waters saw you and trembled; \*  the very depths were shaken. |
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| 17 | The clouds poured out water;  the skies thundered; \*  your arrows flashed to and fro; |
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| 18 | The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  your lightnings lit up the world; \*  the earth trembled and shook. |
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| 19 | Your way was in the sea,  and your paths in the great waters, \*  yet your footsteps were not seen. |
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| 20 | You led your people like a flock \*  by the hand of Moses and Aaron. |
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|  | *Fifteenth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **78** |
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|  | **Part I** *Attendite, popule* |
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| 1 | Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  incline your ears to the words of my mouth. |
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| 2 | I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. |

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| 3 | That which we have heard and known,  and what our forefathers have told us, \*  we will not hide from their children. |
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| 4 | We will recount to generations to come  the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  and the wonderful works he has done. |
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| 5 | He gave his decrees to Jacob  and established a law for Israel, \*  which he commanded them to teach their children; |
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| 6 | That the generations to come might know,  and the children yet unborn; \*  that they in their turn might tell it to their children; |
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| 7 | So that they might put their trust in God, \*  and not forget the deeds of God,  but keep his commandments; |
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| 8 | And not be like their forefathers,  a stubborn and rebellious generation, \*  a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  and whose spirit was not faithful to God. |
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| 9 | The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, \*  turned back in the day of battle; |
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| 10 | They did not keep the covenant of God, \*  and refused to walk in his law; |
|  |  |
| 11 | They forgot what he had done, \*  and the wonders he had shown them. |
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| 12 | He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. |
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| 13 | He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  he made the waters stand up like walls. |

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| 14 | He led them with a cloud by day, \*  and all the night through with a glow of fire. |
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| 15 | He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  and gave them drink as from the great deep. |
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| 16 | He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  and the waters gushed out like rivers. |
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| 17 | But they went on sinning against him, \*  rebelling in the desert against the Most High. |
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| 18 | They tested God in their hearts, \*  demanding food for their craving. |
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| 19 | They railed against God and said, \*  "Can God set a table in the wilderness? |
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| 20 | True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the  gullies overflowed; \*  but is he able to give bread  or to provide meat for his people?" |
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| 21 | When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; \*  a fire was kindled against Jacob,  and his anger mounted against Israel; |
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| 22 | For they had no faith in God, \*  nor did they put their trust in his saving power. |
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| 23 | So he commanded the clouds above \*  and opened the doors of heaven. |
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| 24 | He rained down manna upon them to eat \*  and gave them grain from heaven. |
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| 25 | So mortals ate the bread of angels; \*  he provided for them food enough. |

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| 26 | He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens \*  and led out the south wind by his might. |
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| 27 | He rained down flesh upon them like dust \*  and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea. |
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| 28 | He let it fall in the midst of their camp \*  and round about their dwellings. |
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| 29 | So they ate and were well filled, \*  for he gave them what they craved. |
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| 30 | But they did not stop their craving, \*  though the food was still in their mouths. |
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| 31 | So God's anger mounted against them; \*  he slew their strongest men  and laid low the youth of Israel. |
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| 32 | In spite of all this, they went on sinning \*  and had no faith in his wonderful works. |
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| 33 | So he brought their days to an end like a breath \*  and their years in sudden terror. |
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| 34 | Whenever he slew them, they would seek him, \*  and repent, and diligently search for God. |
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| 35 | They would remember that God was their rock, \*  and the Most High God their redeemer. |
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| 36 | But they flattered him with their mouths \*  and lied to him with their tongues. |
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| 37 | Their heart was not steadfast toward him, \*  and they were not faithful to his covenant. |

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| 38 | But he was so merciful that he forgave their sins  and did not destroy them; \*  many times he held back his anger  and did not permit his wrath to be roused. |
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| 39 | For he remembered that they were but flesh, \*  a breath that goes forth and does not return. |
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|  | **Psalm 78: Part II** *Quoties exacerbaverunt* |
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| 40 | How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness \*  and offended him in the desert! |
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| 41 | Again and again they tempted God \*  and provoked the Holy One of Israel. |
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| 42 | They did not remember his power \*  in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy; |
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| 43 | How he wrought his signs in Egypt \*  and his omens in the field of Zoan. |
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| 44 | He turned their rivers into blood, \*  so that they could not drink of their streams. |
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| 45 | He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, \*  and frogs, which destroyed them. |
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| 46 | He gave their crops to the caterpillar, \*  the fruit of their toil to the locust. |
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| 47 | He killed their vines with hail \*  and their sycamores with frost. |
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| 48 | He delivered their cattle to hailstones \*  and their livestock to hot thunderbolts. |

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| 49 | He poured out upon them his blazing anger: \*  fury, indignation, and distress,  a troop of destroying angels. |
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| 50 | He gave full rein to his anger;  he did not spare their souls from death; \*  but delivered their lives to the plague. |
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| 51 | He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, \*  the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham. |
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| 52 | He led out his people like sheep \*  and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. |
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| 53 | He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; \*  but the sea overwhelmed their enemies. |
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| 54 | He brought them to his holy land, \*  the mountain his right hand had won. |
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| 55 | He drove out the Canaanites before them  and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; \*  he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents. |
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| 56 | But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, \*  and did not keep his commandments. |
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| 57 | They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; \*  they were undependable like a warped bow. |
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| 58 | They grieved him with their hill-altars \*  they provoked his displeasure with their idols. |
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| 59 | When God heard this, he was angry \*  and utterly rejected Israel. |
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| 60 | He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, \*  the tabernacle where he had lived among his people. |

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| 61 | He delivered the ark into captivity, \*  his glory into the adversary's hand. |
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| 62 | He gave his people to the sword \*  and was angered against his inheritance. |
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| 63 | The fire consumed their young men; \*  there were no wedding songs for their maidens. |
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| 64 | Their priests fell by the sword, \*  and their widows made no lamentation. |
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| 65 | Then the LORD woke as though from sleep, \*  like a warrior refreshed with wine. |
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| 66 | He struck his enemies on the backside \*  and put them to perpetual shame. |
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| 67 | He rejected the tent of Joseph \*  and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim; |
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| 68 | He chose instead the tribe of Judah \*  and Mount Zion, which he loved. |
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| 69 | He built his sanctuary like the heights of heaven, \*  like the earth which he founded for ever. |
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| 70 | He chose David his servant, \*  and took him away from the sheepfolds. |
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| 71 | He brought him from following the ewes, \*  to be a shepherd over Jacob his people  and over Israel his inheritance. |
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| 72 | So he shepherded them with a faithful and true heart \*  and guided them with the skillfulness of his hands. |

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|  | *Sixteenth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **79** *Deus, venerunt* |
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| 1 | O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  they have profaned your holy temple; \*  they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble. |
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| 2 | They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the  birds of the air, \*  and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts  of the field. |
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| 3 | They have shed their blood like water on every side  of Jerusalem, \*  and there was no one to bury them. |
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| 4 | We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \*  an object of scorn and derision to those around us. |
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| 5 | How long will you be angry, O LORD? \*  will your fury blaze like fire for ever? |
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| 6 | Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not  known you \*  and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon  your Name. |
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| 7 | For they have devoured Jacob \*  and made his dwelling a ruin. |
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| 8 | Remember not our past sins;  let your compassion be swift to meet us; \*  for we have been brought very low. |
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| 9 | Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; \*  deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake. |

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| 10 | Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" \*  Let it be known among the heathen and in our sight  that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood. |
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| 11 | Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, \*  and by your great might spare those who are  condemned to die. |
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| 12 | May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, \*  return seven-fold into their bosoms. |
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| 13 | For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; \*  we will give you thanks for ever  and show forth your praise from age to age. |
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|  | **80** *Qui regis Israel* |
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| 1 | Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. |
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| 2 | In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  stir up your strength and come to help us. |
|  |  |
| 3 | Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. |
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| 4 | O LORD God of hosts, \*  how long will you be angered  despite the prayers of your people? |
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| 5 | You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  you have given them bowls of tears to drink. |
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| 6 | You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  and our enemies laugh us to scorn. |

702 *Psalm 80*

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| 7 | Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. |
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| 8 | You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  you cast out the nations and planted it. |
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| 9 | You prepared the ground for it; \*  it took root and filled the land. |
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| 10 | The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  and the towering cedar trees by its boughs. |
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| 11 | You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  and its branches to the River. |
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| 12 | Why have you broken down its wall, \*  so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes? |
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| 13 | The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it. |
|  |  |
| 14 | Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  behold and tend this vine; \*  preserve what your right hand has planted. |
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| 15 | They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish. |
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| 16 | Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  and son of man you have made so strong for yourself. |
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| 17 | And so will we never turn away from you; \*  give us life, that we may call upon your Name. |
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| 18 | Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. |

*Psalm 80* 703

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|  | **81** *Exultate Deo* |
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| 1 | Sing with joy to God our strength \*  and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. |
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| 2 | Raise a song and sound the timbrel, \*  the merry harp, and the lyre. |
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| 3 | Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, \*  and at the full moon, the day of our feast. |
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| 4 | For this is a statute for Israel, \*  a law of the God of Jacob. |
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| 5 | He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, \*  when he came out of the land of Egypt. |
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| 6 | I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, \*  "I eased his shoulder from the burden;  his hands were set free from bearing the load." |
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| 7 | You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; \*  I answered you from the secret place of thunder  and tested you at the waters of Meribah. |
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| 8 | Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: \*  O Israel, if you would but listen to me! |
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| 9 | There shall be no strange god among you; \*  you shall not worship a foreign god. |
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| 10 | I am the LORD your God,  who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it." |
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| 11 | And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  and Israel would not obey me. |
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| 12 | So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  to follow their own devices. |

704 *Psalm 81*

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| 13 | Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  that Israel would walk in my ways! |
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| 14 | I should soon subdue their enemies \*  and turn my hand against their foes. |
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| 15 | Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, \*  and their punishment would last for ever. |
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| 16 | But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  and satisfy him with honey from the rock. |
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|  | *Sixteenth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **82** *Deus stetit* |
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| 1 | God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  he gives judgment in the midst of the gods: |
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| 2 | "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  and show favor to the wicked? |
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| 3 | Save the weak and the orphan; \*  defend the humble and needy; |
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| 4 | Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  deliver them from the power of the wicked. |
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| 5 | They do not know, neither do they understand;  they go about in darkness; \*  all the foundations of the earth are shaken. |
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| 6 | Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  and all of you children of the Most High; |
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| 7 | Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  and fall like any prince.'" |

*Psalm 82* 705

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| 8 | Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  for you shall take all nations for your own. |
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|  | **83** *Deus, quis similis?* |
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| 1 | O God, do not be silent; \*  do not keep still nor hold your peace, O God; |
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| 2 | For your enemies are in tumult, \*  and those who hate you have lifted up their heads. |
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| 3 | They take secret counsel against your people \*  and plot against those whom you protect. |
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| 4 | They have said, "Come, let us wipe them out from among  the nations; \*  let the name of Israel be remembered no more." |
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| 5 | They have conspired together; \*  they have made an alliance against you: |
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| 6 | The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; \*  the Moabites and the Hagarenes; |
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| 7 | Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; \*  the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre. |
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| 8 | The Assyrians also have joined them, \*  and have come to help the people of Lot. |
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| 9 | Do to them as you did to Midian, \*  to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon: |
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| 10 | They were destroyed at Endor; \*  they became like dung upon the ground. |
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| 11 | Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeëb, \*  and all their commanders like Zebah and Zalmunna, |

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| 12 | Who said, "Let us take for ourselves \*  the fields of God as our possession." |
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| 13 | O my God, make them like whirling dust \*  and like chaff before the wind; |
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| 14 | Like fire that burns down a forest, \*  like the flame that sets mountains ablaze. |
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| 15 | Drive them with your tempest \*  and terrify them with your storm; |
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| 16 | Cover their faces with shame, O LORD, \*  that they may seek your Name. |
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| 17 | Let them be disgraced and terrified for ever; \*  let them be put to confusion and perish. |
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| 18 | Let them know that you, whose Name is YAHWEH, \*  you alone are the Most High over all the earth. |
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|  | **84** *Quam dilecta!* |
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| 1 | How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of  the LORD;  my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. |
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| 2 | The sparrow has found her a house  and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  my King and my God. |
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| 3 | Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  they will always be praising you. |
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| 4 | Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. |

*Psalm 84* 707

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| 5 | Those who go through the desolate valley will find  it a place of springs, \*  for the early rains have covered it with pools of water. |
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| 6 | They will climb from height to height, \*  and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. |
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| 7 | LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  hearken, O God of Jacob. |
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| 8 | Behold our defender, O God; \*  and look upon the face of your Anointed. |
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| 9 | For one day in your courts is better than  a thousand in my own room, \*  and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  than to dwell in the tents of the wicked. |
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| 10 | For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  he will give grace and glory; |
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| 11 | No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  from those who walk with integrity. |
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| 12 | O LORD of hosts, \*  happy are they who put their trust in you! |
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|  | **85** *Benedixisti, Domine* |
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| 1 | You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  you have restored the good fortune of Jacob. |
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| 2 | You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  and blotted out all their sins. |
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| 3 | You have withdrawn all your fury \*  and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation. |

708 *Psalm 85*

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| 4 | Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  let your anger depart from us. |
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| 5 | Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  will you prolong your anger from age to age? |
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| 6 | Will you not give us life again, \*  that your people may rejoice in you? |
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| 7 | Show us your mercy, O LORD, \*  and grant us your salvation. |
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| 8 | I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  and to those who turn their hearts to him. |
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| 9 | Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  that his glory may dwell in our land. |
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| 10 | Mercy and truth have met together; \*  righteousness and peace have kissed each other. |
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| 11 | Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  and righteousness shall look down from heaven. |
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| 12 | The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  and our land will yield its increase. |
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| 13 | Righteousness shall go before him, \*  and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. |
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|  | *Seventeenth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **86** *Inclina, Domine* |
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| 1 | Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, \*  for I am poor and in misery. |

*Psalm 86* 709

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| 2 | Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  save your servant who puts his trust in you. |
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| 3 | Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; \*  I call upon you all the day long. |
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| 4 | Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. |
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| 5 | For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, \*  and great is your love toward all who call upon you. |
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| 6 | Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, \*  and attend to the voice of my supplications. |
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| 7 | In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  for you will answer me. |
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| 8 | Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, \*  nor anything like your works. |
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| 9 | All the nations you have made will come and  worship you, O LORD, \*  and glorify your Name. |
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| 10 | For you are great;  you do wondrous things; \*  and you alone are God. |
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| 11 | Teach me your way, O LORD,  and I will walk in your truth; \*  knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name. |
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| 12 | I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, \*  and glorify your Name for evermore. |
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| 13 | For great is your love toward me; \*  you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit. |

710 *Psalm 86*

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| 14 | The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  they have not set you before their eyes. |
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| 15 | But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth. |
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| 16 | Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  give your strength to your servant;  and save the child of your handmaid. |
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| 17 | Show me a sign of your favor,  so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me. |
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|  | **87** *Fundamenta ejus* |
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| 1 | On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; \*  the LORD loves the gates of Zion  more than all the dwellings of Jacob. |
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| 2 | Glorious things are spoken of you, \*  O city of our God. |
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| 3 | I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; \*  behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia:  in Zion were they born. |
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| 4 | Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, \*  and the Most High himself shall sustain her." |
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| 5 | The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, \*  "These also were born there." |
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| 6 | The singers and the dancers will say, \*  "All my fresh springs are in you." |

*Psalm 87* 711

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|  | **88** *Domine, Deus* |
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| 1 | O LORD, my God, my Savior, \*  by day and night I cry to you. |
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| 2 | Let my prayer enter into your presence; \*  incline your ear to my lamentation. |
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| 3 | For I am full of trouble; \*  my life is at the brink of the grave. |
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| 4 | I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; \*  I have become like one who has no strength; |
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| 5 | Lost among the dead, \*  like the slain who lie in the grave, |
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| 6 | Whom you remember no more, \*  for they are cut off from your hand. |
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| 7 | You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, \*  in dark places, and in the abyss. |
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| 8 | Your anger weighs upon me heavily, \*  and all your great waves overwhelm me. |
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| 9 | You have put my friends far from me;  you have made me to be abhorred by them; \*  I am in prison and cannot get free. |
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| 10 | My sight has failed me because of trouble; \*  LORD, I have called upon you daily;  I have stretched out my hands to you. |
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| 11 | Do you work wonders for the dead? \*  will those who have died stand up and give you thanks? |
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| 12 | Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? \*  your faithfulness in the land of destruction? |

712 *Psalm 88*

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| 13 | Will your wonders be known in the dark? \*  or your righteousness in the country where all  is forgotten? |
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| 14 | But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help; \*  in the morning my prayer comes before you. |
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| 15 | LORD, why have you rejected me? \*  why have you hidden your face from me? |
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| 16 | Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the  point of death; \*  I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind. |
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| 17 | Your blazing anger has swept over me; \*  your terrors have destroyed me; |
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| 18 | They surround me all day long like a flood; \*  they encompass me on every side. |
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| 19 | My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, \*  and darkness is my only companion. |
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|  | *Seventeenth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **89** |
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|  | **Part I** *Misericordias Domini* |
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| 1 | Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; \*  from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness. |
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| 2 | For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. |
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| 3 | "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  I have sworn an oath to David my servant: |

*Psalm 89* 713

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| 4 | I will establish your line for ever, \*  and preserve your throne for all generations.'" |
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| 5 | The heavens bear witness to your wonders, O LORD, \*  and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones; |
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| 6 | For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? \*  who is like the LORD among the gods? |
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| 7 | God is much to be feared in the council of the holy ones, \*  great and terrible to all those round about him. |
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| 8 | Who is like you, LORD God of hosts? \*  O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all around you. |
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| 9 | You rule the raging of the sea \*  and still the surging of its waves. |
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| 10 | You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; \*  you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm. |
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| 11 | Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; \*  you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it. |
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| 12 | You have made the north and the south; \*  Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name. |
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| 13 | You have a mighty arm; \*  strong is your hand and high is your right hand. |
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| 14 | Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; \*  love and truth go before your face. |
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| 15 | Happy are the people who know the festal shout! \*  they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence. |
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| 16 | They rejoice daily in your Name; \*  they are jubilant in your righteousness. |
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| 17 | For you are the glory of their strength, \*  and by your favor our might is exalted. |

714 *Psalm 89*

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| 18 | Truly, the LORD is our ruler; \*  The Holy One of Israel is our King. |
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|  | **Psalm 89: Part II** *Tunc locutus es* |
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| 19 | You spoke once in vision and said to your faithful people: \*  "I have set the crown upon a warrior  and have exalted one chosen out of the people. |
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| 20 | I have found David my servant; \*  with my holy oil have I anointed him. |
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| 21 | My hand will hold him fast \*  and my arm will make him strong. |
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| 22 | No enemy shall deceive him, \*  nor any wicked man bring him down. |
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| 23 | I will crush his foes before him \*  and strike down those who hate him. |
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| 24 | My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  and he shall be victorious through my Name. |
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| 25 | I shall make his dominion extend \*  from the Great Sea to the River. |
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| 26 | He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  my God, and the rock of my salvation.' |
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| 27 | I will make him my firstborn \*  and higher than the kings of the earth. |
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| 28 | I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  and my covenant will stand firm for him. |
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| 29 | I will establish his line for ever \*  and his throne as the days of heaven." |

*Psalm 89* 715

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| 30 | "If his children forsake my law \*  and do not walk according to my judgments; |
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| 31 | If they break my statutes \*  and do not keep my commandments; |
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| 32 | I will punish their transgressions with a rod \*  and their iniquities with the lash; |
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| 33 | But I will not take my love from him, \*  nor let my faithfulness prove false. |
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| 34 | I will not break my covenant, \*  nor change what has gone out of my lips. |
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| 35 | Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: \*  'I will not lie to David. |
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| 36 | His line shall endure for ever \*  and his throne as the sun before me; |
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| 37 | It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, \*  the abiding witness in the sky.'" |
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| 38 | But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; \*  you have become enraged at him. |
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| 39 | You have broken your covenant with your servant, \*  defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground. |
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| 40 | You have breached all his walls \*  and laid his strongholds in ruins. |
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| 41 | All who pass by despoil him; \*  he has become the scorn of his neighbors. |
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| 42 | You have exalted the right hand of his foes \*  and made all his enemies rejoice. |
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| 43 | You have turned back the edge of his sword \*  and have not sustained him in battle. |

716 *Psalm 89*

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| 44 | You have put an end to his splendor \*  and cast his throne to the ground. |
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| 45 | You have cut short the days of his youth \*  and have covered him with shame. |
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| 46 | How long will you hide yourself, O LORD?  will you hide yourself for ever? \*  how long will your anger burn like fire? |
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| 47 | Remember, LORD, how short life is, \*  how frail you have made all flesh. |
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| 48 | Who can live and not see death? \*  who can save himself from the power of the grave? |
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| 49 | Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses of old, \*  which you promised David in your faithfulness? |
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| 50 | Remember, Lord, how your servant is mocked, \*  how I carry in my bosom the taunts of many peoples, |
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| 51 | The taunts your enemies have hurled, O LORD, \*  which they hurled at the heels of your anointed. |
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| 52 | Blessed be the LORD for evermore! \*  Amen, I say, Amen. |
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|  | **Book Four** |
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|  | *Eighteenth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **90** *Domine, refugium* |
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| 1 | Lord, you have been our refuge \*  from one generation to another. |

*Psalm 90* 717

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| 2 | Before the mountains were brought forth,  or the land and the earth were born, \*  from age to age you are God. |
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| 3 | You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  "Go back, O child of earth." |
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| 4 | For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday  when it is past \*  and like a watch in the night. |
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| 5 | You sweep us away like a dream; \*  we fade away suddenly like the grass. |
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| 6 | In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  in the evening it is dried up and withered. |
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| 7 | For we consume away in your displeasure; \*  we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation. |
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| 8 | Our iniquities you have set before you, \*  and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. |
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| 9 | When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*  we bring our years to an end like a sigh. |
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| 10 | The span of our life is seventy years,  perhaps in strength even eighty; \*  yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  for they pass away quickly and we are gone. |
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| 11 | Who regards the power of your wrath? \*  who rightly fears your indignation? |
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| 12 | So teach us to number our days \*  that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. |
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| 13 | Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? \*  be gracious to your servants. |

718 *Psalm 90*

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| 14 | Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. |
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| 15 | Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  and the years in which we suffered adversity. |
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| 16 | Show your servants your works \*  and your splendor to their children. |
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| 17 | May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \*  prosper the work of our hands;  prosper our handiwork. |
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|  | **91** *Qui habitat* |
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| 1 | He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  abides under the shadow of the Almighty. |
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| 2 | He shall say to the LORD,  "You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  my God in whom I put my trust." |
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| 3 | He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  and from the deadly pestilence. |
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| 4 | He shall cover you with his pinions,  and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler. |
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| 5 | You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  nor of the arrow that flies by day; |
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| 6 | Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day. |
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| 7 | A thousand shall fall at your side  and ten thousand at your right hand, \*  but it shall not come near you. |

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| 8 | Your eyes have only to behold \*  to see the reward of the wicked. |
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| 9 | Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \*  and the Most High your habitation, |
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| 10 | There shall no evil happen to you, \*  neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. |
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| 11 | For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  to keep you in all your ways. |
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| 12 | They shall bear you in their hands, \*  lest you dash your foot against a stone. |
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| 13 | You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; \*  you shall trample the young lion and the serpent  under your feet. |
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| 14 | Because he is bound to me in love,  therefore will I deliver him; \*  I will protect him, because he knows my Name. |
|  |  |
| 15 | He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  I am with him in trouble;  I will rescue him and bring him to honor. |
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| 16 | With long life will I satisfy him, \*  and show him my salvation. |
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|  | **92** *Bonum est confiteri* |
|  |  |
| 1 | It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High; |
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| 2 | To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  and of your faithfulness in the night season; |

720 *Psalm 92*

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| 3 | On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  and to the melody of the harp. |
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| 4 | For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands. |
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| 5 | LORD, how great are your works! \*  your thoughts are very deep. |
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| 6 | The dullard does not know,  nor does the fool understand, \*  that though the wicked grow like weeds,  and all the workers of iniquity flourish, |
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| 7 | They flourish only to be destroyed for ever; \*  but you, O LORD, are exalted for evermore. |
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| 8 | For lo, your enemies, O LORD,  lo, your enemies shall perish, \*  and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. |
|  |  |
| 9 | But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls; \*  I am anointed with fresh oil. |
|  |  |
| 10 | My eyes also gloat over my enemies, \*  and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who  rise up against me. |
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| 11 | The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. |
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| 12 | Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  shall flourish in the courts of our God; |
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| 13 | They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  they shall be green and succulent; |
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| 14 | That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  my Rock, in whom there is no fault. |

*Psalm 92* 721

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|  | *Eighteenth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **93** *Dominus regnavit* |
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| 1 | The LORD is King;  he has put on splendid apparel; \*  the LORD has put on his apparel  and girded himself with strength. |
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| 2 | He has made the whole world so sure \*  that it cannot be moved; |
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| 3 | Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*  you are from everlasting. |
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| 4 | The waters have lifted up, O LORD,  the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. |
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| 5 | Mightier than the sound of many waters,  mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  mightier is the LORD who dwells on high. |
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| 6 | Your testimonies are very sure, \*  and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,  for ever and for evermore. |
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|  | **94** *Deus ultionum* |
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| 1 | O LORD God of vengeance, \*  O God of vengeance, show yourself. |
|  |  |
| 2 | Rise up, O Judge of the world; \*  give the arrogant their just deserts. |
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| 3 | How long shall the wicked, O LORD, \*  how long shall the wicked triumph? |

722 *Psalm 93, 94*

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| 4 | They bluster in their insolence; \*  all evildoers are full of boasting. |
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| 5 | They crush your people, O LORD, \*  and afflict your chosen nation. |
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| 6 | They murder the widow and the stranger \*  and put the orphans to death. |
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| 7 | Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, \*  the God of Jacob takes no notice." |
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| 8 | Consider well, you dullards among the people; \*  when will you fools understand? |
|  |  |
| 9 | He that planted the ear, does he not hear? \*  he that formed the eye, does he not see? |
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| 10 | He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? \*  he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge? |
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| 11 | The LORD knows our human thoughts; \*  how like a puff of wind they are. |
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| 12 | Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! \*  whom you teach out of your law; |
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| 13 | To give them rest in evil days, \*  until a pit is dug for the wicked. |
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| 14 | For the LORD will not abandon his people, \*  nor will he forsake his own. |
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| 15 | For judgment will again be just, \*  and all the true of heart will follow it. |
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| 16 | Who rose up for me against the wicked? \*  who took my part against the evildoers? |
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| 17 | If the LORD had not come to my help, \*  I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence. |

*Psalm 94* 723

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| 18 | As often as I said, "My foot has slipped," \*  your love, O LORD, upheld me. |
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| 19 | When many cares fill my mind, \*  your consolations cheer my soul. |
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| 20 | Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, \*  one which frames evil into law? |
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| 21 | They conspire against the life of the just \*  and condemn the innocent to death. |
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| 22 | But the LORD has become my stronghold, \*  and my God the rock of my trust. |
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| 23 | He will turn their wickedness back upon them  and destroy them in their own malice; \*  the LORD our God will destroy them. |
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|  | *Nineteenth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **95** *Venite, exultemus* |
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| 1 | Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. |
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| 2 | Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. |
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| 3 | For the LORD is a great God, \*  and a great King above all gods. |
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| 4 | In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  and the heights of the hills are his also. |
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| 5 | The sea is his, for he made it, \*  and his hands have molded the dry land. |

724 *Psalm 95*

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| 6 | Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  and kneel before the LORD our Maker. |
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| 7 | For he is our God,  and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice! |
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| 8 | Harden not your hearts,  as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  when they tempted me. |
|  |  |
| 9 | They put me to the test, \*  though they had seen my works. |
|  |  |
| 10 | Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  "This people are wayward in their hearts;  they do not know my ways." |
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| 11 | So I swore in my wrath, \*  "They shall not enter into my rest." |
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|  | **96** *Cantate Domino* |
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| 1 | Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  sing to the LORD, all the whole earth. |
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| 2 | Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. |
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| 3 | Declare his glory among the nations \*  and his wonders among all peoples. |
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| 4 | For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  he is more to be feared than all gods. |

*Psalm 96* 725

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| 5 | As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  but it is the LORD who made the heavens. |
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| 6 | Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary! |
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| 7 | Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  ascribe to the LORD honor and power. |
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| 8 | Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  bring offerings and come into his courts. |
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| 9 | Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  let the whole earth tremble before him. |
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| 10 | Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  he will judge the peoples with equity." |
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| 11 | Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  let the field be joyful and all that is therein. |
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| 12 | Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  before the LORD when he comes, \*  when he comes to judge the earth. |
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| 13 | He will judge the world with righteousness \*  and the peoples with his truth. |
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|  | **97** *Dominus regnavit* |
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| 1 | The LORD is King;  let the earth rejoice; \*  let the multitude of the isles be glad. |
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| 2 | Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne. |

726 *Psalm 97*

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| 3 | A fire goes before him \*  and burns up his enemies on every side. |
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| 4 | His lightnings light up the world; \*  the earth sees it and is afraid. |
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| 5 | The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*  at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. |
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| 6 | The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  and all the peoples see his glory. |
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| 7 | Confounded be all who worship carved images  and delight in false gods! \*  Bow down before him, all you gods. |
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| 8 | Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  because of your judgments, O LORD. |
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| 9 | For you are the LORD,  most high over all the earth; \*  you are exalted far above all gods. |
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| 10 | The LORD loves those who hate evil; \*  he preserves the lives of his saints  and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. |
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| 11 | Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted. |
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| 12 | Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \*  and give thanks to his holy Name. |
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|  | *Nineteenth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **98** *Cantate Domino* |
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| 1 | Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  for he has done marvelous things. |

*Psalm 98* 727

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| 2 | With his right hand and his holy arm \*  has he won for himself the victory. |
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| 3 | The LORD has made known his victory; \*  his righteousness has he openly shown in  the sight of the nations. |
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| 4 | He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to  the house of Israel, \*  and all the ends of the earth have seen the  victory of our God. |
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| 5 | Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. |
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| 6 | Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  with the harp and the voice of song. |
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| 7 | With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  shout with joy before the King, the LORD. |
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| 8 | Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  the lands and those who dwell therein. |
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| 9 | Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  when he comes to judge the earth. |
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| 10 | In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  and the peoples with equity. |
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|  | **99** *Dominus regnavit* |
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| 1 | The LORD is King;  let the people tremble; \*  he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  let the earth shake. |

728 *Psalm 99*

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| 2 | The LORD is great in Zion; \*  he is high above all peoples. |
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| 3 | Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  he is the Holy One. |
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| 4 | "O mighty King, lover of justice,  you have established equity; \*  you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." |
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| 5 | Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  and fall down before his footstool; \*  he is the Holy One. |
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| 6 | Moses and Aaron among his priests,  and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  they called upon the LORD, and he answered them. |
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| 7 | He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. |
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| 8 | "O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  you were a God who forgave them,  yet punished them for their evil deeds." |
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| 9 | Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  for the LORD our God is the Holy One. |
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|  | **100** *Jubilate Deo* |
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| 1 | Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \*  serve the LORD with gladness  and come before his presence with a song. |
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| 2 | Know this: The LORD himself is God; \*  he himself has made us, and we are his;  we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. |

*Psalm 100* 729

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| 3 | Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  go into his courts with praise; \*  give thanks to him and call upon his Name. |
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| 4 | For the LORD is good;  his mercy is everlasting; \*  and his faithfulness endures from age to age. |
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|  | **101** *Misericordiam et judicium* |
|  |  |
| 1 | I will sing of mercy and justice; \*  to you, O LORD, will I sing praises. |
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| 2 | I will strive to follow a blameless course;  oh, when will you come to me? \*  I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house. |
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| 3 | I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; \*  I hate the doers of evil deeds;  they shall not remain with me. |
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| 4 | A crooked heart shall be far from me; \*  I will not know evil. |
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| 5 | Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; \*  those who have a haughty look and a proud  heart I cannot abide. |
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| 6 | My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may  dwell with me, \*  and only those who lead a blameless life shall  be my servants. |
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| 7 | Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, \*  and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight. |
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| 8 | I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, \*  that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD. |

730 *Psalm 101*

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|  | *Twentieth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **102** *Domine, exaudi* |
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| 1 | LORD, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; \*  hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble. |
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| 2 | Incline your ear to me; \*  when I call, make haste to answer me, |
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| 3 | For my days drift away like smoke, \*  and my bones are hot as burning coals. |
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| 4 | My heart is smitten like grass and withered, \*  so that I forget to eat my bread. |
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| 5 | Because of the voice of my groaning \*  I am but skin and bones. |
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| 6 | I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, \*  like an owl among the ruins. |
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| 7 | I lie awake and groan; \*  I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top. |
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| 8 | My enemies revile me all day long, \*  and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me. |
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| 9 | For I have eaten ashes for bread \*  and mingled my drink with weeping. |
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| 10 | Because of your indignation and wrath \*  you have lifted me up and thrown me away. |
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| 11 | My days pass away like a shadow, \*  and I wither like the grass. |
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| 12 | But you, O LORD, endure for ever, \*  and your Name from age to age. |

*Psalm 102* 731

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| 13 | You will arise and have compassion on Zion,  for it is time to have mercy upon her; \*  indeed, the appointed time has come. |
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| 14 | For your servants love her very rubble, \*  and are moved to pity even for her dust. |
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| 15 | The nations shall fear your Name, O LORD, \*  and all the kings of the earth your glory. |
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| 16 | For the LORD will build up Zion, \*  and his glory will appear. |
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| 17 | He will look with favor on the prayer of the homeless; \*  he will not despise their plea. |
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| 18 | Let this be written for a future generation, \*  so that a people yet unborn may praise the LORD. |
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| 19 | For the LORD looked down from his holy place on high; \*  from the heavens he beheld the earth; |
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| 20 | That he might hear the groan of the captive \*  and set free those condemned to die; |
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| 21 | That they may declare in Zion the Name of the LORD, \*  and his praise in Jerusalem; |
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| 22 | When the peoples are gathered together, \*  and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD. |
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| 23 | He has brought down my strength before my time; \*  he has shortened the number of my days; |
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| 24 | And I said, "O my God,  do not take me away in the midst of my days; \*  your years endure throughout all generations. |
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| 25 | In the beginning, O LORD, you laid the foundations  of the earth, \*  and the heavens are the work of your hands; |

732 *Psalm 102*

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| 26 | They shall perish, but you will endure;  they all shall wear out like a garment; \*  as clothing you will change them,  and they shall be changed; |
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| 27 | But you are always the same, \*  and your years will never end. |
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| 28 | The children of your servants shall continue, \*  and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight." |
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|  | **103** *Benedic, anima mea* |
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| 1 | Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  and all that is within me, bless his holy Name. |
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| 2 | Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  and forget not all his benefits. |
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| 3 | He forgives all your sins \*  and heals all your infirmities; |
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| 4 | He redeems your life from the grave \*  and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness; |
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| 5 | He satisfies you with good things, \*  and your youth is renewed like an eagle's. |
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| 6 | The LORD executes righteousness \*  and judgment for all who are oppressed. |
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| 7 | He made his ways known to Moses \*  and his works to the children of Israel. |
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| 8 | The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  slow to anger and of great kindness. |
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| 9 | He will not always accuse us, \*  nor will he keep his anger for ever. |

*Psalm 103* 733

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| 10 | He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. |
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| 11 | For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  so is his mercy great upon those who fear him. |
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| 12 | As far as the east is from the west, \*  so far has he removed our sins from us. |
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| 13 | As a father cares for his children, \*  so does the LORD care for those who fear him. |
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| 14 | For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  he remembers that we are but dust. |
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| 15 | Our days are like the grass; \*  we flourish like a flower of the field; |
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| 16 | When the wind goes over it, it is gone, \*  and its place shall know it no more. |
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| 17 | But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever  on those who fear him, \*  and his righteousness on children's children; |
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| 18 | On those who keep his covenant \*  and remember his commandments and do them. |
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| 19 | The LORD has set his throne in heaven, \*  and his kingship has dominion over all. |
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| 20 | Bless the LORD, you angels of his,  you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*  and hearken to the voice of his word. |
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| 21 | Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, \*  you ministers of his who do his will. |
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| 22 | Bless the LORD, all you works of his,  in all places of his dominion; \*  bless the LORD, O my soul. |

734 *Psalm 103*

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|  | *Twentieth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **104** *Benedic, anima mea* |
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| 1 | Bless the LORD, O my soul; \*  O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!  you are clothed with majesty and splendor. |
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| 2 | You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak \*  and spread out the heavens like a curtain. |
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| 3 | You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \*  you make the clouds your chariot;  you ride on the wings of the wind. |
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| 4 | You make the winds your messengers \*  and flames of fire your servants. |
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| 5 | You have set the earth upon its foundations, \*  so that it never shall move at any time. |
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| 6 | You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; \*  the waters stood higher than the mountains. |
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| 7 | At your rebuke they fled; \*  at the voice of your thunder they hastened away. |
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| 8 | They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \*  to the places you had appointed for them. |
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| 9 | You set the limits that they should not pass; \*  they shall not again cover the earth. |
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| 10 | You send the springs into the valleys; \*  they flow between the mountains. |
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| 11 | All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, \*  and the wild asses quench their thirst. |
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| 12 | Beside them the birds of the air make their nests \*  and sing among the branches. |

*Psalm 104* 735

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| 13 | You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; \*  the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works. |
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| 14 | You make grass grow for flocks and herds \*  and plants to serve mankind; |
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| 15 | That they may bring forth food from the earth, \*  and wine to gladden our hearts, |
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| 16 | Oil to make a cheerful countenance, \*  and bread to strengthen the heart. |
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| 17 | The trees of the LORD are full of sap, \*  the cedars of Lebanon which he planted, |
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| 18 | In which the birds build their nests, \*  and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling. |
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| 19 | The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, \*  and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers. |
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| 20 | You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, \*  and the sun knows the time of its setting. |
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| 21 | You make darkness that it may be night, \*  in which all the beasts of the forest prowl. |
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| 22 | The lions roar after their prey \*  and seek their food from God. |
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| 23 | The sun rises, and they slip away \*  and lay themselves down in their dens. |
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| 24 | Man goes forth to his work \*  and to his labor until the evening. |
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| 25 | O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  in wisdom you have made them all;  the earth is full of your creatures. |

736 *Psalm 104*

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| 26 | Yonder is the great and wide sea  with its living things too many to number, \*  creatures both small and great. |
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| 27 | There move the ships,  and there is that Leviathan, \*  which you have made for the sport of it. |
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| 28 | All of them look to you \*  to give them their food in due season. |
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| 29 | You give it to them; they gather it; \*  you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. |
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| 30 | You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  you take away their breath,  and they die and return to their dust. |
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| 31 | You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  and so you renew the face of the earth. |
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| 32 | May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  may the LORD rejoice in all his works. |
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| 33 | He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  he touches the mountains and they smoke. |
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| 34 | I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  I will praise my God while I have my being. |
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| 35 | May these words of mine please him; \*  I will rejoice in the LORD. |
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| 36 | Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, \*  and the wicked be no more. |
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| 37 | Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  Hallelujah! |

*Psalm 104* 737

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|  | *Twenty-first Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **105** |
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|  | **Part I** *Confitemini Domino* |
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| 1 | Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  make known his deeds among the peoples. |
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| 2 | Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  and speak of all his marvelous works. |
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| 3 | Glory in his holy Name; \*  let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. |
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| 4 | Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  continually seek his face. |
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| 5 | Remember the marvels he has done, \*  his wonders and the judgments of his mouth, |
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| 6 | O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  O children of Jacob his chosen. |
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| 7 | He is the LORD our God; \*  his judgments prevail in all the world. |
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| 8 | He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  the promise he made for a thousand generations: |
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| 9 | The covenant he made with Abraham, \*  the oath that he swore to Issac, |
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| 10 | Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*  an everlasting covenant for Israel, |
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| 11 | Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  to be your allotted inheritance." |

738 *Psalm 105*

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| 12 | When they were few in number, \*  of little account, and sojourners in the land, |
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| 13 | Wandering from nation to nation \*  and from one kingdom to another, |
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| 14 | He let no one oppress them \*  and rebuked kings for their sake, |
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| 15 | Saying, "Do not touch my anointed \*  and do my prophets no harm." |
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| 16 | Then he called for a famine in the land \*  and destroyed the supply of bread. |
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| 17 | He sent a man before them, \*  Joseph, who was sold as a slave. |
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| 18 | They bruised his feet in fetters; \*  his neck they put in an iron collar. |
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| 19 | Until his prediction came to pass, \*  the word of the LORD tested him. |
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| 20 | The king sent and released him; \*  the ruler of the peoples set him free. |
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| 21 | He set him as a master over his household, \*  as a ruler over all his possessions, |
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| 22 | To instruct his princes according to his will \*  and to teach his elders wisdom. |
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|  | **Psalm 105: Part II** *Et intravit Israel* |
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| 23 | Israel came into Egypt, \*  and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham. |

*Psalm 105* 739

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| 24 | The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  he made them stronger than their enemies; |
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| 25 | Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  and dealt unjustly with his servants. |
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| 26 | He sent Moses his servant, \*  and Aaron whom he had chosen. |
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| 27 | They worked his signs among them, \*  and portents in the land of Ham. |
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| 28 | He sent darkness, and it grew dark; \*  but the Egyptians rebelled against his words. |
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| 29 | He turned their waters into blood \*  and caused their fish to die. |
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| 30 | Their land was overrun by frogs, \*  in the very chambers of their kings. |
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| 31 | He spoke, and there came swarms of insects \*  and gnats within all their borders. |
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| 32 | He gave them hailstones instead of rain, \*  and flames of fire throughout their land. |
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| 33 | He blasted their vines and their fig trees \*  and shattered every tree in their country. |
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| 34 | He spoke, and the locust came, \*  and young locusts without number, |
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| 35 | Which ate up all the green plants in their land \*  and devoured the fruit of their soil. |
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| 36 | He struck down the firstborn of their land, \*  the firstfruits of all their strength. |
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| 37 | He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled. |

740 *Psalm 105*

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| 38 | Egypt was glad of their going, \*  because they were afraid of them. |
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| 39 | He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  and a fire to give light in the night season. |
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| 40 | They asked, and quails appeared, \*  and he satisfied them with bread from heaven. |
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| 41 | He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  so the river ran in the dry places. |
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| 42 | For God remembered his holy word \*  and Abraham his servant. |
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| 43 | So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  his chosen with shouts of joy. |
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| 44 | He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  and they took the fruit of others' toil, |
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| 45 | That they might keep his statutes \*  and observe his laws.  Hallelujah! |
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|  | *Twenty-first Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **106** |
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|  | **Part I** *Confitemini Domino* |
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| 1 | Hallelujah!  Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  for his mercy endures for ever. |
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| 2 | Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD \*  or show forth all his praise? |

*Psalm 106* 741

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| 3 | Happy are those who act with justice \*  and always do what is right! |
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| 4 | Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have  for your people, \*  and visit me with your saving help; |
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| 5 | That I may see the prosperity of your elect  and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  that I may glory with your inheritance. |
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| 6 | We have sinned as our forebears did; \*  we have done wrong and dealt wickedly. |
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| 7 | In Egypt they did not consider your marvelous works,  nor remember the abundance of your love; \*  they defied the Most High at the Red Sea. |
|  |  |
| 8 | But he saved them for his Name's sake, \*  to make his power known. |
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| 9 | He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up, \*  and he led them through the deep as through a desert. |
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| 10 | He saved them from the hand of those who hated them \*  and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. |
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| 11 | The waters covered their oppressors; \*  not one of them was left. |
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| 12 | Then they believed his words \*  and sang him songs of praise. |
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| 13 | But they soon forgot his deeds \*  and did not wait for his counsel. |
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| 14 | A craving seized them in the wilderness, \*  and they put God to the test in the desert. |

742 *Psalm 106*

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| 15 | He gave them what they asked, \*  but sent leanness into their soul. |
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| 16 | They envied Moses in the camp, \*  and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD. |
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| 17 | The earth opened and swallowed Dathan \*  and covered the company of Abiram. |
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| 18 | Fire blazed up against their company, \*  and flames devoured the wicked. |
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|  | **Psalm 106: Part II** *Et fecerunt vitulum* |
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| 19 | Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  and worshiped a molten image; |
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| 20 | And so they exchanged their Glory \*  for the image of an ox that feeds on grass. |
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| 21 | They forgot God their Savior, \*  who had done great things in Egypt, |
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| 22 | Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  and fearful things at the Red Sea. |
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| 23 | So he would have destroyed them,  had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  to turn away his wrath from consuming them. |
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| 24 | They refused the pleasant land \*  and would not believe his promise. |
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| 25 | They grumbled in their tents \*  and would not listen to the voice of the LORD. |
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| 26 | So he lifted his hand against them, \*  to overthrow them in the wilderness, |

*Psalm 106* 743

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| 27 | To cast out their seed among the nations, \*  and to scatter them throughout the lands. |
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| 28 | They joined themselves to Baal-Peor \*  and ate sacrifices offered to the dead. |
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| 29 | They provoked him to anger with their actions, \*  and a plague broke out among them. |
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| 30 | Then Phinehas stood up and interceded, \*  and the plague came to an end. |
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| 31 | This was reckoned to him as righteousness \*  throughout all generations for ever. |
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| 32 | Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, \*  so that he punished Moses because of them; |
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| 33 | For they so embittered his spirit \*  that he spoke rash words with his lips. |
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| 34 | They did not destroy the peoples \*  as the LORD had commanded them. |
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| 35 | They intermingled with the heathen \*  and learned their pagan ways, |
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| 36 | So that they worshiped their idols, \*  which became a snare to them. |
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| 37 | They sacrificed their sons \*  and their daughters to evil spirits. |
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| 38 | They shed innocent blood,  the blood of their sons and daughters, \*  which they offered to the idols of Canaan,  and the land was defiled with blood. |

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| 39 | Thus they were polluted by their actions \*  and went whoring in their evil deeds. |
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| 40 | Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against  his people \*  and he abhorred his inheritance. |
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| 41 | He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, \*  and those who hated them ruled over them. |
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| 42 | Their enemies oppressed them, \*  and they were humbled under their hand. |
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| 43 | Many a time did he deliver them,  but they rebelled through their own devices, \*  and were brought down in their iniquity. |
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| 44 | Nevertheless, he saw their distress, \*  when he heard their lamentation. |
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| 45 | He remembered his covenant with them \*  and relented in accordance with his great mercy. |
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| 46 | He caused them to be pitied \*  by those who held them captive. |
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| 47 | Save us, O LORD our God,  and gather us from among the nations, \*  that we may give thanks to your holy Name  and glory in your praise. |
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| 48 | Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  from everlasting to everlasting; \*  and let all the people say, "Amen!"  Hallelujah! |

*Psalm 106* 745

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|  | **Book Five** |
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|  | *Twenty-second Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **107** |
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|  | **Part I** *Confitemini Domino* |
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| 1 | Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  and his mercy endures for ever. |
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| 2 | Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe. |
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| 3 | He gathered them out of the lands; \*  from the east and from the west,  from the north and from the south. |
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| 4 | Some wandered in desert wastes; \*  they found no way to a city where they might dwell. |
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| 5 | They were hungry and thirsty; \*  their spirits languished within them. |
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| 6 | Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  and he delivered them from their distress. |
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| 7 | He put their feet on a straight path \*  to go to a city where they might dwell. |
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| 8 | Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  and the wonders he does for his children. |
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| 9 | For he satisfies the thirsty \*  and fills the hungry with good things. |

746 *Psalm 107*

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| 10 | Some sat in darkness and deep gloom, \*  bound fast in misery and iron; |
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| 11 | Because they rebelled against the words of God \*  and despised the counsel of the Most High. |
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| 12 | So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; \*  they stumbled, and there was none to help. |
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| 13 | Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  and he delivered them from their distress. |
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| 14 | He led them out of darkness and deep gloom \*  and broke their bonds asunder. |
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| 15 | Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  and the wonders he does for his children. |
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| 16 | For he shatters the doors of bronze \*  and breaks in two the iron bars. |
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| 17 | Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  they were afflicted because of their sins. |
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| 18 | They abhorred all manner of food \*  and drew near to death's door. |
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| 19 | Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  and he delivered them from their distress. |
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| 20 | He sent forth his word and healed them \*  and saved them from the grave. |
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| 21 | Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  and the wonders he does for his children. |
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| 22 | Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. |

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| 23 | Some went down to the sea in ships \*  and plied their trade in deep waters; |
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| 24 | They beheld the works of the LORD \*  and his wonders in the deep. |
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| 25 | Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, \*  which tossed high the waves of the sea. |
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| 26 | They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; \*  their hearts melted because of their peril. |
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| 27 | They reeled and staggered like drunkards \*  and were at their wits' end. |
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| 28 | Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  and he delivered them from their distress. |
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| 29 | He stilled the storm to a whisper \*  and quieted the waves of the sea. |
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| 30 | Then were they glad because of the calm, \*  and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for. |
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| 31 | Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  and the wonders he does for his children. |
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| 32 | Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people \*  and praise him in the council of the elders. |
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|  | **Psalm 107: Part II** *Posuit flumina* |
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| 33 | The LORD changed rivers into deserts, \*  and water-springs into thirsty ground, |
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| 34 | A fruitful land into salt flats, \*  because of the wickedness of those who dwell there. |
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| 35 | He changed deserts into pools of water \*  and dry land into water-springs. |

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| 36 | He settled the hungry there, \*  and they founded a city to dwell in. |
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| 37 | They sowed fields, and planted vineyards, \*  and brought in a fruitful harvest. |
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| 38 | He blessed them, so that they increased greatly; \*  he did not let their herds decrease. |
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| 39 | Yet when they were diminished and brought low, \*  through stress of adversity and sorrow, |
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| 40 | (He pours contempt on princes \*  and makes them wander in trackless wastes) |
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| 41 | He lifted up the poor out of misery \*  and multiplied their families like flocks of sheep. |
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| 42 | The upright will see this and rejoice, \*  but all wickedness will shut its mouth. |
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| 43 | Whoever is wise will ponder these things, \*  and consider well the mercies of the LORD. |
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|  | *Twenty-second Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **108** *Paratum cor meum* |
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| 1 | My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; \*  I will sing and make melody. |
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| 2 | Wake up, my spirit;  awake, lute and harp; \*  I myself will waken the dawn. |
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| 3 | I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; \*  I will sing praises to you among the nations. |

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| 4 | For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, \*  and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. |
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| 5 | Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  and your glory over all the earth. |
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| 6 | So that those who are dear to you may be delivered, \*  save with your right hand and answer me. |
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| 7 | God spoke from his holy place and said, \*  "I will exult and parcel out Shechem;  I will divide the valley of Succoth. |
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| 8 | Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; \*  Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter. |
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| 9 | Moab is my washbasin,  on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, \*  and over Philistia will I shout in triumph." |
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| 10 | Who will lead me into the strong city? \*  who will bring me into Edom? |
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| 11 | Have you not cast us off, O God? \*  you no longer go out, O God, with our armies. |
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| 12 | Grant us your help against the enemy, \*  for vain is the help of man. |
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| 13 | With God we will do valiant deeds, \*  and he shall tread our enemies under foot. |
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|  | **109** *Deua, laudem* |
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| 1 | Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise; \*  for the mouth of the wicked,  the mouth of the deceitful, is opened against me. |

750 *Psalm 109*

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| 2 | They speak to me with a lying tongue; \*  they encompass me with hateful words  and fight against me without a cause. |
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| 3 | Despite my love, they accuse me; \*  but as for me, I pray for them. |
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| 4 | They repay evil for good, \*  and hatred for my love. |
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| 5 | Set a wicked man against him, \*  and let an accuser stand at his right hand. |
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| 6 | When he is judged, let him be found guilty, \*  and let his appeal be in vain. |
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| 7 | Let his days be few, \*  and let another take his office. |
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| 8 | Let his children be fatherless, \*  and his wife become a widow. |
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| 9 | Let his children be waifs and beggars; \*  let them be driven from the ruins of their homes. |
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| 10 | Let the creditor seize everything he has; \*  let strangers plunder his gains. |
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| 11 | Let there be no one to show him kindness, \*  and none to pity his fatherless children. |
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| 12 | Let his descendants be destroyed, \*  and his name be blotted out in the next generation. |
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| 13 | Let the wickedness of his fathers be remembered before  the LORD, \*  and his mother's sin not be blotted out; |
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| 14 | Let their sin be always before the LORD; \*  but let him root out their names from the earth; |

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| 15 | Because he did not remember to show mercy, \*  but persecuted the poor and needy  and sought to kill the brokenhearted. |
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| 16 | He loved cursing,  let it come upon him; \*  he took no delight in blessing,  let it depart from him. |
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| 17 | He put on cursing like a garment, \*  let it soak into his body like water  and into his bones like oil; |
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| 18 | Let it be to him like the cloak which he  wraps around himself, \*  and like the belt that he wears continually. |
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| 19 | Let this be the recompense from the LORD to my accusers, \*  and to those who speak evil against me. |
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| 20 | But you, O Lord my God,  oh, deal with me according to your Name; \*  for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me. |
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| 21 | For I am poor and needy, \*  and my heart is wounded within me. |
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| 22 | I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; \*  I am shaken off like a locust. |
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| 23 | My knees are weak through fasting, \*  and my flesh is wasted and gaunt. |
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| 24 | I have become a reproach to them; \*  they see and shake their heads. |
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| 25 | Help me, O LORD my God; \*  save me for your mercy's sake. |

752 *Psalm 109*

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| 26 | Let them know that this is your hand, \*  that you, O LORD, have done it. |
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| 27 | They may curse, but you will bless; \*  let those who rise up against me be put to shame,  and your servant will rejoice. |
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| 28 | Let my accusers be clothed with disgrace \*  and wrap themselves in their shame as in a cloak. |
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| 29 | I will give great thanks to the LORD with my mouth; \*  in the midst of the multitude will I praise him; |
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| 30 | Because he stands at the right hand of the needy, \*  to save his life from those who would condemn him. |
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|  | *Twenty-third Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **110** *Dixit Dominus* |
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| 1 | The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, \*  until I make your enemies your footstool." |
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| 2 | The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, \*  saying, "Rule over your enemies round about you. |
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| 3 | Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; \*  in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you,  like dew from the womb of the morning." |
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| 4 | The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: \*  "You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." |
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| 5 | The Lord who is at your right hand  will smite kings in the day of his wrath; \*  he will rule over the nations. |

*Psalm 110* 753

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| 6 | He will heap high the corpses; \*  he will smash heads over the wide earth. |
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| 7 | He will drink from the brook beside the road; \*  therefore he will lift high his head. |
|  | **111** *Confitebor tibi* |
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| 1 | Hallelujah!  I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. |
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| 2 | Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  they are studied by all who delight in them. |
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| 3 | His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  and his righteousness endures for ever. |
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| 4 | He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  the LORD is gracious and full of compassion. |
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| 5 | He gives food to those who fear him; \*  he is ever mindful of his covenant. |
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| 6 | He has shown his people the power of his works \*  in giving them the lands of the nations. |
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| 7 | The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  all his commandments are sure. |
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| 8 | They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  because they are done in truth and equity. |
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| 9 | He sent redemption to his people;  he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  holy and awesome is his Name. |

754 *Psalm 111*

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| 10 | The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  his praise endures for ever. |
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|  | **112** *Beatus vir* |
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| 1 | Hallelujah!  Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  and have great delight in his commandments! |
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| 2 | Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  the generation of the upright will be blessed. |
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| 3 | Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  and their righteousness will last for ever. |
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| 4 | Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. |
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| 5 | It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  and to manage their affairs with justice. |
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| 6 | For they will never be shaken; \*  the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. |
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| 7 | They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  their heart is right;  they put their trust in the Lord. |
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| 8 | Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  until they see their desire upon their enemies. |
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| 9 | They have given freely to the poor, \*  and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  they will hold up their head with honor. |
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| 10 | The wicked will see it and be angry;  they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  the desires of the wicked will perish. |

*Psalm 112* 755

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|  | **113** *Laudate, pueri* |
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| 1 | Hallelujah!  Give praise, you servants of the LORD; \*  praise the Name of the LORD. |
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| 2 | Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, \*  from this time forth for evermore. |
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| 3 | From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  let the Name of the LORD be praised. |
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| 4 | The LORD is high above all nations, \*  and his glory above the heavens. |
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| 5 | Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, \*  but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth? |
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| 6 | He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  and lifts up the poor from the ashes. |
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| 7 | He sets them with the princes, \*  with the princes of his people. |
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| 8 | He makes the woman of a childless house \*  to be a joyful mother of children. |
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|  | *Twenty-third Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **114** *In exitu Israel* |
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| 1 | Hallelujah!  When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech, |
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| 2 | Judah became God's sanctuary \*  and Israel his dominion. |

756 *Psalm 113, 114*

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| 3 | The sea beheld it and fled; \*  Jordan turned and went back. |
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| 4 | The mountains skipped like rams, \*  and the little hills like young sheep. |
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| 5 | What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  O Jordan, that you turned back? |
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| 6 | You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  you little hills like young sheep? |
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| 7 | Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  at the presence of the God of Jacob, |
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| 8 | Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  and flint-stone into a flowing spring. |
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|  | **115** *Non nobis, Domine* |
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| 1 | Not to us, O LORD, not to us,  but to your Name give glory; \*  because of your love and because of your faithfulness. |
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| 2 | Why should the heathen say, \*  "Where then is their God?" |
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| 3 | Our God is in heaven; \*  whatever he wills to do he does. |
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| 4 | Their idols are silver and gold, \*  the work of human hands. |
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| 5 | They have mouths, but they cannot speak; \*  eyes have they, but they cannot see; |
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| 6 | They have ears but they cannot hear; \*  noses, but they cannot smell; |

*Psalm 115* 757

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| 7 | They have hands, but they cannot feel;  feet, but they cannot walk; \*  they make no sound with their throat. |
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| 8 | Those who make them are like them, \*  and so are all who put their trust in them. |
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| 9 | O Israel, trust in the LORD; \*  he is their help and their shield. |
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| 10 | O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; \*  he is their help and their shield. |
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| 11 | You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; \*  he is their help and their shield. |
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| 12 | The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; \*  he will bless the house of Israel;  he will bless the house of Aaron; |
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| 13 | He will bless those who fear the LORD, \*  both small and great together. |
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| 14 | May the LORD increase you more and more, \*  you and your children after you. |
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| 15 | May you be blessed by the LORD, \*  the maker of heaven and earth. |
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| 16 | The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S, \*  but he entrusted the earth to its peoples. |
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| 17 | The dead do not praise the LORD, \*  nor all those who go down into silence; |
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| 18 | But we will bless the LORD, \*  from this time forth for evermore.  Hallelujah! |

758 *Psalm 115*

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|  | *Twenty-fourth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **116** *Dilexi, quoniam* |
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| 1 | I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of  my supplication, \*  because he has inclined his ear to me whenever  I called upon him. |
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| 2 | The cords of death entangled me;  the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  I came to grief and sorrow. |
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| 3 | Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  "O LORD, I pray you, save my life." |
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| 4 | Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  our God is full of compassion. |
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| 5 | The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  I was brought very low, and he helped me. |
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| 6 | Turn again to your rest, O my soul. \*  for the LORD has treated you well. |
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| 7 | For you have rescued my life from death, \*  my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling. |
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| 8 | I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  in the land of the living. |
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| 9 | I believed, even when I said,  "I have been brought very low." \*  In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted." |
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| 10 | How shall I repay the LORD \*  for all the good things he has done for me? |
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| 11 | I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  and call upon the Name of the LORD. |

*Psalm 116* 759

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| 12 | I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  in the presence of all his people. |
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| 13 | Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  is the death of his servants. |
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| 14 | O LORD, I am your servant; \*  I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  you have freed me from my bonds. |
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| 15 | I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  and call upon the Name of the LORD. |
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| 16 | I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  in the presence of all his people, |
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| 17 | In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  Hallelujah! |
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|  | **117** *Laudate Dominum* |
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| 1 | Praise the LORD, all you nations; \*  laud him, all you peoples. |
|  |  |
| 2 | For his loving-kindness toward us is great, \*  and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.  Hallelujah! |
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|  | **118** *Confitemini Domino* |
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| 1 | Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  his mercy endures for ever. |
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| 2 | Let Israel now proclaim, \*  "His mercy endures for ever." |

760 *Psalm 117, 118*

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| 3 | Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, \*  "His mercy endures for ever." |
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| 4 | Let those who fear the LORD now proclaim, \*  "His mercy endures for ever." |
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| 5 | I called to the LORD in my distress; \*  the LORD answered by setting me free. |
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| 6 | The LORD is at my side, therefore I will not fear; \*  what can anyone do to me? |
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| 7 | The LORD is at my side to help me; \*  I will triumph over those who hate me. |
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| 8 | It is better to rely on the LORD \*  than to put any trust in flesh. |
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| 9 | It is better to rely on the LORD \*  than to put any trust in rulers. |
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| 10 | All the ungodly encompass me; \*  in the Name of the LORD I will repel them. |
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| 11 | They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; \*  in the name of the LORD I will repel them. |
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| 12 | They swarm about me like bees;  they blaze like a fire of thorns; \*  in the name of the LORD I will repel them. |
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| 13 | I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, \*  but the LORD came to my help. |
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| 14 | The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  and he has become my salvation. |
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| 15 | There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  in the tents of the righteous: |

*Psalm 118* 761

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| 16 | "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" |
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| 17 | I shall not die, but live, \*  and declare the works of the LORD. |
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| 18 | The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  but he did not hand me over to death. |
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| 19 | Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  I will enter them;  I will offer thanks to the LORD. |
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| 20 | "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  he who is righteous may enter." |
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| 21 | I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  and have become my salvation. |
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| 22 | The same stone which the builders rejected \*  has become the chief cornerstone. |
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| 23 | This is the LORD'S doing, \*  and it is marvelous in our eyes. |
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| 24 | On this day the LORD has acted; \*  we will rejoice and be glad in it. |
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| 25 | Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! \*  LORD, send us now success. |
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| 26 | Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  we bless you from the house of the LORD. |
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| 27 | God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. |

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| 28 | "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  you are my God, and I will exalt you." |
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| 29 | Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  his mercy endures for ever. |
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|  | *Twenty-fourth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **Aleph** *Beati immaculati* |
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| 1 | Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  who walk in the law of the LORD! |
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| 2 | Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  and seek him with all their hearts! |
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| 3 | Who never do any wrong, \*  but always walk in his ways. |
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| 4 | You laid down your commandments, \*  that we should fully keep them. |
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| 5 | Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  that I might keep your statutes! |
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| 6 | Then I should not be put to shame, \*  when I regard all your commandments. |
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| 7 | I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  when I have learned your righteous judgments. |
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| 8 | I will keep your statutes; \*  do not utterly forsake me. |

*Psalm 119:1* 763

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|  | **Beth** *In quo corrigit?* |
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| 9 | How shall a young man cleanse his way? \*  By keeping to your words. |
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| 10 | With my whole heart I seek you; \*  let me not stray from your commandments. |
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| 11 | I treasure your promise in my heart, \*  that I may not sin against you. |
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| 12 | Blessed are you, O LORD; \*  instruct me in your statutes. |
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| 13 | With my lips will I recite \*  all the judgments of your mouth. |
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| 14 | I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees \*  than in all manner of riches. |
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| 15 | I will meditate on your commandments \*  and give attention to your ways. |
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| 16 | My delight is in your statutes; \*  I will not forget your word. |
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|  | **Gimel** *Retribue servo tuo* |
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| 17 | Deal bountifully with your servant, \*  that I may live and keep your word. |
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| 18 | Open my eyes, that I may see \*  the wonders of your law. |
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| 19 | I am a stranger here on earth; \*  do not hide your commandments from me. |
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| 20 | My soul is consumed at all times \*  with longing for your judgments. |

764 *Psalm 119:9, 17*

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| 21 | You have rebuked the insolent; \*  cursed are they who stray from your commandments! |
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| 22 | Turn from me shame and rebuke, \*  for I have kept your decrees. |
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| 23 | Even though rulers sit and plot against me, \*  I will meditate on your statutes. |
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| 24 | For your decrees are my delight, \*  and they are my counselors. |
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|  | **Daleth** *Adhœsit pavimento* |
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| 25 | My soul cleaves to the dust; \*  give me life according to your word. |
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| 26 | I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; \*  instruct me in your statutes. |
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| 27 | Make me understand the way of your commandments, \*  that I may meditate on your marvelous works. |
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| 28 | My soul melts away for sorrow; \*  strengthen me according to your word. |
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| 29 | Take from me the way of lying; \*  let me find grace through your law. |
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| 30 | I have chosen the way of faithfulness; \*  I have set your judgments before me. |
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| 31 | I hold fast to your decrees; \*  O LORD, let me not be put to shame. |
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| 32 | I will run the way of your commandments, \*  for you have set my heart at liberty. |

*Psalm 119:25* 765

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|  | *Twenty-fifth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **He** *Legem pone* |
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| 33 | Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  and I shall keep it to the end. |
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| 34 | Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  I shall keep it with all my heart. |
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| 35 | Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  for that is my desire. |
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| 36 | Incline my heart to your decrees \*  and not to unjust gain. |
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| 37 | Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  give me life in your ways. |
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| 38 | Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  which you make to those who fear you. |
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| 39 | Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  because your judgments are good. |
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| 40 | Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  in your righteousness preserve my life. |
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|  | **Waw** *Et veniat super me* |
|  |  |
| 41 | Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, \*  and your salvation, according to your promise. |
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| 42 | Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, \*  because I trust in your words. |
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| 43 | Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, \*  for my hope is in your judgments. |

766 *Psalm 119:33, 41*

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| 44 | I shall continue to keep your law; \*  I shall keep it for ever and ever. |
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| 45 | I will walk at liberty, \*  because I study your commandments. |
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| 46 | I will tell of your decrees before kings \*  and will not be ashamed. |
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| 47 | I delight in your commandments, \*  which I have always loved. |
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| 48 | I will lift up my hands to your commandments, \*  and I will meditate on your statutes. |
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|  | **Zayin** *Memor esto verbi tui* |
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| 49 | Remember your word to your servant, \*  because you have given me hope. |
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| 50 | This is my comfort in my trouble, \*  that your promise gives me life. |
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| 51 | The proud have derided me cruelly, \*  but I have not turned from your law. |
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| 52 | When I remember your judgments of old, \*  O LORD, I take great confort. |
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| 53 | I am filled with a burning rage, \*  because of the wicked who forsake your law. |
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| 54 | Your statutes have been like songs to me \*  wherever I have lived as a stranger. |
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| 55 | I remember your Name in the night, O LORD, \*  and dwell upon your law. |
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| 56 | This is how it has been with me, \*  because I have kept your commandments. |

*Psalm 119:49* 767

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|  | **Heth** *Portio mea, Domine* |
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| 57 | You only are my portion, O LORD; \*  I have promised to keep your words. |
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| 58 | I entreat you with all my heart, \*  be merciful to me according to your promise. |
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| 59 | I have considered my ways \*  and turned my feet toward your decrees. |
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| 60 | I hasten and do not tarry \*  to keep your commandments. |
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| 61 | Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, \*  I do not forget your law. |
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| 62 | At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, \*  because of your righteous judgments. |
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| 63 | I am a companion of all who fear you \*  and of those who keep your commandments. |
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| 64 | The earth, O LORD, is full of your love; \*  instruct me in your statutes. |
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|  | **Teth** *Bonitatem fecisti* |
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| 65 | O LORD, you have dealt graciously with your servant, \*  according to your word. |
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| 66 | Teach me discernment and knowledge, \*  for I have believed in your commandments. |
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| 67 | Before I was afflicted I went astray, \*  but now I keep your word. |
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| 68 | You are good and you bring forth good; \*  instruct me in your statutes. |

768 *Psalm 119:57, 65*

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| 69 | The proud have smeared me with lies, \*  but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart. |
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| 70 | Their heart is gross and fat, \*  but my delight is in your law. |
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| 71 | It is good for me that I have been afflicted, \*  that I might learn your statutes. |
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| 72 | The law of your mouth is dearer to me \*  than thousands in gold and silver. |
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|  | *Twenty-fifth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **Yodh** *Manus tuœ fecerunt me* |
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| 73 | Your hands have made me and fashioned me; \*  give me understanding, that I may learn your  commandments. |
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| 74 | Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, \*  because I trust in your word. |
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| 75 | I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right \*  and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. |
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| 76 | Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, \*  as you have promised to your servant. |
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| 77 | Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, \*  for your law is my delight. |
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| 78 | Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me  with lies; \*  but I will meditate on your commandments. |
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| 79 | Let those who fear you turn to me, \*  and also those who know your decrees. |

*Psalm 119:73* 769

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| 80 | Let my heart be sound in your statutes, \*  that I may not be put to shame. |
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|  | **Kaph** *Defecit in salutare* |
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| 81 | My soul has longed for your salvation; \*  I have put my hope in your word. |
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| 82 | My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, \*  and I say, "When will you comfort me?" |
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| 83 | I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, \*  but I have not forgotten your statutes. |
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| 84 | How much longer must I wait? \*  when will you give judgment against those who  persecute me? |
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| 85 | The proud have dug pits for me; \*  they do not keep your law. |
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| 86 | All your commandments are true; \*  help me, for they persecute me with lies. |
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| 87 | They had almost made an end of me on earth, \*  but I have not forsaken your commandments. |
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| 88 | In your loving-kindness, revive me, \*  that I may keep the decrees of your mouth. |
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|  | **Lamedh** *In œternum, Domine* |
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| 89 | O LORD, your word is everlasting; \*  it stands firm in the heavens. |
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| 90 | Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; \*  you established the earth, and it abides. |

770 *Psalm 119:81, 89*

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| 91 | By your decree these continue to this day, \*  for all things are your servants. |
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| 92 | If my delight had not been in your law, \*  I should have perished in my affliction. |
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| 93 | I will never forget your commandments, \*  because by them you give me life. |
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| 94 | I am yours; oh, that you would save me! \*  for I study your commandments. |
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| 95 | Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, \*  I will apply my mind to your decrees. |
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| 96 | I see that all things come to an end, \*  but your commandment has no bounds. |
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|  | **Mem** *Quomodo dilexi!* |
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| 97 | Oh, how I love your law! \*  all the day long it is in my mind. |
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| 98 | Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, \*  and it is always with me. |
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| 99 | I have more understanding than all my teachers, \*  for your decrees are my study. |
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| 100 | I am wiser than the elders, \*  because I observe your commandments. |
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| 101 | I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*  that I may keep your word. |
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| 102 | I do not shrink from your judgments, \*  because you yourself have taught me. |
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| 103 | How sweet are your words to my taste! \*  they are sweeter than honey to my mouth. |

*Psalm 119:97* 771

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| 104 | Through your commandments I gain understanding; \*  therefore I hate every lying way. |
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|  | *Twenty-sixth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **Nun** *Lucerna pedibus meis* |
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| 105 | Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  and a light upon my path. |
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| 106 | I have sworn and am determined \*  to keep your righteous judgments. |
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| 107 | I am deeply troubled; \*  preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word. |
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| 108 | Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  and teach me your judgments. |
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| 109 | My life is always in my hand, \*  yet I do not forget your law. |
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| 110 | The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  but I have not strayed from your commandments. |
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| 111 | Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  truly, they are the joy of my heart. |
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| 112 | I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  for ever and to the end. |
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|  | **Samekh** *Iniquos odio habui* |
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| 113 | I hate those who have a divided heart, \*  but your law do I love. |

772 *Psalm 119:105, 113*

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| 114 | You are my refuge and shield; \*  my hope is in your word. |
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| 115 | Away from me, you wicked! \*  I will keep the commandments of my God. |
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| 116 | Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, \*  and let me not be disappointed in my hope. |
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| 117 | Hold me up, and I shall be safe, \*  and my delight shall be ever in your statutes. |
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| 118 | You spurn all who stray from your statutes; \*  their deceitfulness is in vain. |
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| 119 | In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; \*  therefore I love your decrees. |
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| 120 | My flesh trembles with dread of you; \*  I am afraid of your judgments. |
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|  | **Ayin** *Feci judicium* |
|  |  |
| 121 | I have done what is just and right; \*  do not deliver me to my oppressors. |
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| 122 | Be surety for your servant's good; \*  let not the proud oppress me. |
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| 123 | My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation \*  and for your righteous promise. |
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| 124 | Deal with your servant according to your loving-kindness \*  and teach me your statutes. |
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| 125 | I am your servant; grant me understanding, \*  that I may know your decrees. |
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| 126 | It is time for you to act, O LORD, \*  for they have broken your law. |

*Psalm 119:121* 773

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| 127 | Truly, I love your commandments \*  more than gold and precious stones. |
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| 128 | I hold all your commandments to be right for me; \*  all paths of falsehood I abhor. |
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|  | **Pe** *Mirabilia* |
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| 129 | Your decrees are wonderful; \*  therefore I obey them with all my heart. |
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| 130 | When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  it gives understanding to the simple. |
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| 131 | I open my mouth and pant; \*  I long for your commandments. |
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| 132 | Turn to me in mercy, \*  as you always do to those who love your Name. |
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| 133 | Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  let no iniquity have dominion over me. |
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| 134 | Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*  and I will keep your commandments. |
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| 135 | Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  and teach me your statutes. |
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| 136 | My eyes shed streams of tears, \*  because people do not keep your law. |
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|  | **Sadhe** *Justus es, Domine* |
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| 137 | You are righteous, O LORD, \*  and upright are your judgments. |

774 *Psalm 119:129, 137*

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| 138 | You have issued your decrees \*  with justice and in perfect faithfulness. |
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| 139 | My indignation has consumed me, \*  because my enemies forget your words. |
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| 140 | Your word has been tested to the uttermost, \*  and your servant holds it dear. |
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| 141 | I am small and of little account, \*  yet I do not forget your commandments. |
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| 142 | Your justice is an everlasting justice \*  and your law is the truth. |
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| 143 | Trouble and distress have come upon me, \*  yet your commandments are my delight. |
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| 144 | The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; \*  grant me understanding, that I may live. |
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|  | *Twenty-sixth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **Qoph** *Clamavi in toto corde meo* |
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| 145 | I call with my whole heart; \*  answer me, O LORD, that I may keep your statutes. |
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| 146 | I call to you;  oh, that you would save me! \*  I will keep your decrees. |
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| 147 | Early in the morning I cry out to you, \*  for in your word is my trust. |
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| 148 | My eyes are open in the night watches, \*  that I may meditate upon your promise. |

*Psalm 119:145* 775

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| 149 | Hear my voice, O LORD, according to your loving-kindness; \*  according to your judgments, give me life. |
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| 150 | They draw near who in malice persecute me; \*  they are very far from your law. |
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| 151 | You, O LORD, are near at hand, \*  and all your commandments are true. |
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| 152 | Long have I known from your decrees \*  that you have established them for ever. |
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|  | **Resh** *Vide humilitatem* |
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| 153 | Behold my affliction and deliver me, \*  for I do not forget your law. |
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| 154 | Plead my cause and redeem me; \*  according to your promise, give me life. |
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| 155 | Deliverance is far from the wicked, \*  for they do not study your statutes. |
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| 156 | Great is your compassion, O LORD; \*  preserve my life, according to your judgments. |
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| 157 | There are many who persecute and oppress me, \*  yet I have not swerved from your decrees. |
|  |  |
| 158 | I look with loathing at the faithless, \*  for they have not kept your word. |
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| 159 | See how I love your commandments! \*  O LORD, in your mercy, preserve me. |
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| 160 | The heart of your word is truth; \*  all your righteous judgments endure for evermore. |

776 *Psalm 119:153*

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|  | **Shin** *Principes persecuti sunt* |
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| 161 | Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, \*  but my heart stands in awe of your word. |
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| 162 | I am as glad because of your promise \*  as one who finds great spoils. |
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| 163 | As for lies, I hate and abhor them, \*  but your law is my love. |
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| 164 | Seven times a day do I praise you, \*  because of your righteous judgments. |
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| 165 | Great peace have they who love your law; \*  for them there is no stumbling block. |
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| 166 | I have hoped for your salvation, O LORD, \*  and have fulfilled your commandments. |
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| 167 | I have kept your decrees \*  and I have loved them deeply. |
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| 168 | I have kept your commandments and decrees, \*  for all my ways are before you. |
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|  | **Taw** *Appropinquet deprecatio* |
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| 169 | Let my cry come before you, O LORD; \*  give me understanding, according to your word. |
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| 170 | Let my supplication come before you; \*  deliver me, according to your promise. |
|  |  |
| 171 | My lips shall pour forth your praise, \*  when you teach me your statutes. |
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| 172 | My tongue shall sing of your promise, \*  for all your commandments are righteous. |

*Psalm 119:161, 169* 777

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| 173 | Let your hand be ready to help me, \*  for I have chosen your commandments. |
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| 174 | I long for your salvation, O LORD, \*  and your law is my delight. |
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| 175 | Let me live, and I will praise you, \*  and let your judgments help me. |
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| 176 | I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; \*  search for your servant,  for I do not forget your commandments. |
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|  | *Twenty-seventh Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **120** *Ad Dominum* |
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| 1 | When I was in trouble, I called to the LORD; \*  I called to the LORD, and he answered me. |
|  |  |
| 2 | Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips \*  and from the deceitful tongue. |
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| 3 | What shall be done to you, and what more besides, \*  O you deceitful tongue? |
|  |  |
| 4 | The sharpened arrows of a warrior, \*  along with hot glowing coals. |
|  |  |
| 5 | How hateful it is that I must lodge in Meshech \*  and dwell among the tents of Kedar! |
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| 6 | Too long have I had to live \*  among the enemies of peace. |
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| 7 | I am on the side of peace, \*  but when I speak of it, they are for war. |

778 *Psalm 120*

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|  | **121** *Levavi oculos* |
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| 1 | I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  from where is my help to come? |
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| 2 | My help comes from the LORD, \*  the maker of heaven and earth. |
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| 3 | He will not let your foot be moved \*  and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. |
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| 4 | Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  shall neither slumber nor sleep; |
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| 5 | The LORD himself watches over you; \*  the LORD is your shade at your right hand, |
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| 6 | So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  nor the moon by night. |
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| 7 | The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  it is he who shall keep you safe. |
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| 8 | The LORD shall watch over your going out and  your coming in, \*  from this time forth for evermore. |
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|  | **122** *Lœtatus sum* |
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| 1 | I was glad when they said to me, \*  "Let us go to the house of the LORD." |
|  |  |
| 2 | Now our feet are standing \*  within your gates, O Jerusalem. |
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| 3 | Jerusalem is built as a city \*  that is at unity with itself; |

*Psalm 121, 122* 779

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| 4 | To which the tribes go up,  the tribes of the LORD, \*  the assembly of Israel,  to praise the Name of the LORD. |
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| 5 | For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  the thrones of the house of David. |
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| 6 | Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  "May they prosper who love you. |
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| 7 | Peace be within your walls \*  and quietness within your towers. |
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| 8 | For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  I pray for your prosperity. |
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| 9 | Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  I will seek to do you good." |
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|  | **123** *Ad te levavi oculos meos* |
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| 1 | To you I lift up my eyes, \*  to you enthroned in the heavens. |
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| 2 | As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, |
|  |  |
| 3 | So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  until he show us his mercy. |
|  |  |
| 4 | Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  for we have had more than enough of contempt, |
|  |  |
| 5 | Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  and of the derision of the proud. |

780 *Psalm 123*

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|  | **124** *Nisi quia Dominus* |
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| 1 | If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  let Israel now say; |
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| 2 | If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  when enemies rose up against us; |
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| 3 | Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  in their fierce anger toward us; |
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| 4 | Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  and the torrent gone over us; |
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| 5 | Then would the raging waters \*  have gone right over us. |
|  |  |
| 6 | Blessed be the LORD! \*  he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth. |
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| 7 | We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  the snare is broken, and we have escaped. |
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| 8 | Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  the maker of heaven and earth. |
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|  | **125** *Qui confidunt* |
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| 1 | Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*  which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever. |
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| 2 | The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  so does the LORD stand round about his people,  from this time forth for evermore. |
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| 3 | The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the  land allotted to the just, \*  so that the just shall not put their hands to evil. |

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| 4 | Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \*  and to those who are true of heart. |
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| 5 | As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  but peace be upon Israel. |
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|  | *Twenty-seventh Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **126** *In convertendo* |
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| 1 | When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  then were we like those who dream. |
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| 2 | Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  and our tongue with shouts of joy. |
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| 3 | Then they said among the nations, \*  "The LORD has done great things for them." |
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| 4 | The LORD has done great things for us, \*  and we are glad indeed. |
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| 5 | Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  like the watercourses of the Negev. |
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| 6 | Those who sowed with tears \*  will reap with songs of joy. |
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| 7 | Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. |
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|  | **127** *Nisi Dominus* |
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| 1 | Unless the LORD builds the house, \*  their labor is in vain who build it. |

782 *Psalm 126, 127*

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| 2 | Unless the LORD watches over the city, \*  in vain the watchman keeps his vigil. |
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| 3 | It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; \*  vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  for he gives to his beloved sleep. |
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| 4 | Children are a heritage from the LORD, \*  and the fruit of the womb is a gift. |
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| 5 | Like arrows in the hand of a warrior \*  are the children of one's youth. |
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| 6 | Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! \*  he shall not be put to shame  when he contends with his enemies in the gate. |
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|  | **128** *Beati omnes* |
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| 1 | Happy are they all who fear the LORD, \*  and who follow in his ways! |
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| 2 | You shall eat the fruit of your labor; \*  happiness and prosperity shall be yours. |
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| 3 | Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, \*  your children like olive shoots round about your table. |
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| 4 | The man who fears the LORD \*  shall thus indeed be blessed. |
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| 5 | The LORD bless you from Zion, \*  and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days  of your life. |
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| 6 | May you live to see your children's children; \*  may peace be upon Israel. |

*Psalm 128* 783

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|  | **129** *Sœpe expugnaverunt* |
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| 1 | "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth," \*  let Israel now say; |
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| 2 | "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, \*  but they have not prevailed against me." |
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| 3 | The plowmen plowed upon my back \*  and made their furrows long. |
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| 4 | The LORD, the Righteous One, \*  has cut the cords of the wicked. |
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| 5 | Let them be put to shame and thrown back, \*  all those who are enemies of Zion. |
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| 6 | Let them be like grass upon the housetops, \*  which withers before it can be plucked; |
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| 7 | Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, \*  nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves; |
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| 8 | So that those who go by say not so much as,  "The LORD prosper you. \*  We wish you well in the Name of the LORD." |
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|  | **130** *De profundis* |
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| 1 | Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  LORD, hear my voice; \*  let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. |
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| 2 | If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  O LORD, who could stand? |
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| 3 | For there is forgiveness with you; \*  therefore you shall be feared. |

784 *Psalm 129, 130*

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| 4 | I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  in his word is my hope. |
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| 5 | My soul waits for the LORD,  more than watchmen for the morning, \*  more than watchmen for the morning. |
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| 6 | O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  for with the LORD there is mercy; |
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| 7 | With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. |

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|  | **131** *Domine, non est* |
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| 1 | O LORD, I am not proud; \*  I have no haughty looks. |
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| 2 | I do not occupy myself with great matters, \*  or with things that are too hard for me. |
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| 3 | But I still my soul and make it quiet,  like a child upon its mother's breast; \*  my soul is quieted within me. |
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| 4 | O Israel, wait upon the LORD, \*  from this time forth for evermore. |
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|  | *Twenty-eighth Day: Morning Prayer* |
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|  | **132** *Memento, Domine* |
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| 1 | LORD, remember David, \*  and all the hardships he endured; |

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| 2 | How he swore an oath to the LORD \*  and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob: |
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| 3 | "I will not come under the roof of my house, \*  nor climb up into my bed; |
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| 4 | I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \*  nor let my eyelids slumber; |
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| 5 | Until I find a place for the LORD, \*  a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob." |
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| 6 | "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; \*  we found it in the fields of Jearim. |
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| 7 | Let us go to God's dwelling place; \*  let us fall upon our knees before his footstool." |
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| 8 | Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, \*  you and the ark of your strength. |
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| 9 | Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \*  let your faithful people sing with joy. |
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| 10 | For your servant David's sake, \*  do not turn away the face of your Anointed. |
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| 11 | The LORD has sworn an oath to David; \*  in truth, he will not break it: |
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| 12 | "A son, the fruit of your body \*  will I set upon your throne. |
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| 13 | If your children keep my covenant  and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \*  their children will sit upon your throne for evermore." |
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| 14 | For the LORD has chosen Zion; \*  he has desired her for his habitation: |
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| 15 | "This shall be my resting-place for ever; \*  here will I dwell, for I delight in her. |

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| 16 | I will surely bless her provisions, \*  and satisfy her poor with bread. |
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| 17 | I will clothe her priests with salvation, \*  and her faithful people will rejoice and sing. |
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| 18 | There will I make the horn of David flourish; \*  I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed. |
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| 19 | As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; \*  but as for him, his crown will shine." |
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|  | **133** *Ecce, quam bonum!* |
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| 1 | Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  when brethren live together in unity! |
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| 2 | It is like fine oil upon the head \*  that runs down upon the beard, |
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| 3 | Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  and runs down upon the collar of his robe. |
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| 4 | It is like the dew of Hermon \*  that falls upon the hills of Zion. |
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| 5 | For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  life for evermore. |
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|  | **134** *Ecce nunc* |
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| 1 | Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, \*  you that stand by night in the house of the LORD. |
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| 2 | Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; \*  the LORD who made heaven and earth bless  you out of Zion. |

*Psalm 133, 134* 787

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|  | **135** *Laudate nomen* |
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| 1 | Hallelujah!  Praise the Name of the LORD; \*  give praise, you servants of the LORD. |
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| 2 | You who stand in the house of the LORD, \*  in the courts of the house of our God. |
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| 3 | Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; \*  sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely. |
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| 4 | For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself \*  and Israel for his own possession. |
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| 5 | For I know that the LORD is great, \*  and that our Lord is above all gods. |
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| 6 | The LORD does whatever pleases him, in heaven and on earth, \*  in the seas and all the deeps. |
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| 7 | He brings up rain clouds from the ends of the earth; \*  he sends out lightning with the rain,  and brings the winds out of his storehouse. |
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| 8 | It was he who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, \*  the firstborn both of man and beast. |
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| 9 | He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, \*  against Pharaoh and all his servants. |
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| 10 | He overthrew many nations \*  and put mighty kings to death: |
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| 11 | Sihon, king of the Amorites,  and Og, the kingdoms of Bashan, \*  and all the kings of Canaan. |
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| 12 | He gave their land to be an inheritance, \*  an inheritance for Israel his people. |

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| 13 | O LORD, your Name is everlasting; \*  your renown, O LORD, endures from age to age. |
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| 14 | For the LORD gives his people justice \*  and shows compassion to his servants. |
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| 15 | The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, \*  the work of human hands. |
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| 16 | They have mouths, but they cannot speak; \*  eyes have they, but they cannot see. |
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| 17 | They have ears, but they cannot hear; \*  neither is there any breath in their mouth. |
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| 18 | Those who make them are like them, \*  and so are all who put their trust in them. |
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| 19 | Bless the LORD, O house of Israel; \*  O house of Aaron, bless the LORD. |
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| 20 | Bless the LORD, O house of Levi; \*  you who fear the LORD, bless the LORD. |
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| 21 | Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, \*  who dwells in Jerusalem.  Hallelujah! |
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|  | *Twenty-eighth Day: Evening Prayer* |
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|  | **136** *Confitemini* |
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| 1 | Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  for his mercy endures for ever. |
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| 2 | Give thanks to the God of gods, \*  for his mercy endures for ever. |

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| 3 | Give thanks to the Lord of lords, \*  for his mercy endures for ever. |
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| 4 | Who only does great wonders, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 5 | Who by wisdom made the heavens, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 6 | Who spread out the earth upon the waters, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 7 | Who created great lights, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 8 | The sun to rule the day, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 9 | The moon and the stars to govern the night, \*  for his mercy endures for ever. |
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| 10 | Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 11 | And brought out Israel from among them, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 12 | With a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 13 | Who divided the Red Sea in two, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 14 | And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 15 | But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |

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| 16 | Who led his people through the wilderness, \*  for his mercy endures for ever. |
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| 17 | Who struck down great kings, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 18 | And slew mighty kings, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 19 | Sihon, king of the Amorites, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 20 | And Og, the king of Bashan, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 21 | And gave away their lands for an inheritance, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 22 | An inheritance for Israel his servant, \*  for his mercy endures for ever. |
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| 23 | Who remembered us in our low estate, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 24 | And delivered us from our enemies, \*  for his mercy endures for ever; |
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| 25 | Who gives food to all creatures, \*  for his mercy endures for ever. |
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| 26 | Give thanks to the God of heaven, \*  for his mercy endures for ever. |

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|  | **137** *Super flumina* |
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| 1 | By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, \*  when we remembered you, O Zion. |
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| 2 | As for our harps, we hung them up \*  on the trees in the midst of that land. |
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| 3 | For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,  and our oppressors called for mirth: \*  "Sing us one of the songs of Zion." |
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| 4 | How shall we sing the LORD'S song \*  upon an alien soil? |
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| 5 | If I forget you, O Jerusalem, \*  let my right hand forget its skill. |
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| 6 | Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth  if I do not remember you, \*  if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. |
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| 7 | Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD,  against the people of Edom, \*  who said, "Down with it! down with it!  even to the ground!" |
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| 8 | O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, \*  happy the one who pays you back  for what you have done to us! |
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| 9 | Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, \*  and dashes them against the rock! |

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|  | **138** *Confitebor tibi* |
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| 1 | I will give thanks to you, O LORD, *with my* ***whole heart***; \*  before the gods I *will sing* ***your praise***. |
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| 2 | I will bow down toward your holy temple  *and praise* ***your Name***, \*  because of your love *and faith****fulness***; |
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| 3 | For you have glo*rified* ***your Name*** \*  and your word *above* ***all things***. |
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| 4 | When I called, *you an****swered me***; \*  you increased my *strength with****in me***. |
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| 5 | All the kings of the earth will *praise you,* ***O LORD***, \*  when they have heard the *words of* ***your mouth***. |
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| 6 | They will sing of the *ways of* ***the LORD***, \*  that great is the glo*ry of* ***the LORD***. |
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| 7 | Though the LORD be high, he cares *for the* ***lowly***; \*  he perceives the haugh*ty from* ***afar***. |
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| 8 | Though I walk in the midst of trouble, *you keep* ***me safe***; \*  you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  your right *hand shall* ***save me***. |
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| 9 | The LORD will make good his *purpose* ***for me***; \*  O LORD, your love endures for ever;  do not abandon the *works of* ***your hands***. |

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|  | **139** *Domine, probasti* |
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| 1 | LORD, you have searched me *out and* ***known me***; \*  you know my sitting down and my rising up;  you discern my *thoughts from* ***afar***. |
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| 2 | You trace my journeys and my *resting-****places*** \*  and are acquainted *with all* ***my ways***. |
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| 3 | Indeed, there is not a *word on* ***my lips***, \*  but you, O LORD, know it *alto****gether***. |
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| 4 | You press upon me be*hind and* ***before*** \*  and lay your *hand up****on me***. |
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| 5 | Such knowledge is too won*derful* ***for me***; \*  it is so high that I cannot *attain* ***to it***. |
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| 6 | Where can I go then *from your* ***Spirit***? \*  where can I flee *from your* ***presence***? |
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| 7 | If I climb up to hea*ven, you* ***are there***; \*  if I make the grave my bed, you *are there* ***also***. |
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| 8 | If I take the wings *of the* ***morning*** \*  and dwell in the uttermost *parts of* ***the sea***, |
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| 9 | Even there your *hand will* ***lead me*** \*  and your right *hand hold* ***me fast***. |
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| 10 | If I say, "Surely the darkness *will co****ver me***, \*  and the light around *me turn* ***to night***," |
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| 11 | Darkness is not dark to you;  the night is as *bright as* ***the day***; \*  darkness and light to you *are both* ***alike***. |
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| 12 | For you yourself created *my in****most parts***; \*  you knit me together in *my mo****ther's womb***. |

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| 13 | I will thank you because I am mar*velous****ly made***; \*  your works are wonderful, and *I know* ***it well***. |
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| 14 | My body was not *hidden* ***from you***, \*  while I was being made in secret  and woven in the *depths of* ***the earth***. |
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| 15 | Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  all of them were writ*ten in* ***your book***; \*  they were fashioned day by day,  when as yet there *was none* ***of them***. |
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| 16 | How deep I find *your thoughts,* ***O God***! \*  how great is *the sum* ***of them***! |
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| 17 | If I were to count them, they would be more in num*ber*  *than* ***the sand***; \*  to count them all, my life span would need *to*  *be* ***like yours***. |
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| 18 | Oh, that you would slay the *wicked,* ***O God***! \*  You that thirst for blood, *depart* ***from me***. |
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| 19 | They speak despiteful*ly a****gainst you***; \*  your enemies take *your Name* ***in vain***. |
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| 20 | Do I not hate those, O *LORD, who* ***hate you***? \*  and do I not loathe those who rise *up a****gainst you***? |
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| 21 | I hate them with a *perfect* ***hatred***; \*  they have become my *own en****emies***. |
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| 22 | Search me out, O God, *and know* ***my heart***; \*  try me and know *my rest****less thoughts***. |
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| 23 | Look well whether there be any wick*edness* ***in me*** \*  and lead me in the way that is *ever****lasting***. |

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|  | **140** *Eripe me, Domine* |
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| 1 | Deliver me, O LORD, *from* ***evildoers***; \*  protect me from *the vi****olent***, |
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| 2 | Who devise e*vil in* ***their hearts*** \*  and stir up *strife all* ***day long***. |
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| 3 | They have sharpened their tongues *like a* ***serpent***; \*  adder's poison is *under* ***their lips***. |
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| 4 | Keep me, O LORD, from the hands *of the* ***wicked***; \*  protect me from the violent,  who are determined *to trip* ***me up***. |
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| 5 | The proud have hidden a snare for me  and stretched out *a net* ***of cords***; \*  they have set traps for me *along* ***the path***. |
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| 6 | I have said to the LORD, "*You are* ***my God***; \*  listen, O LORD, to my *suppli****cation***. |
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| 7 | O Lord GOD, the strength of *my sal****vation***, \*  you have covered my head in the *day of* ***battle***. |
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| 8 | Do not grant the desires of the *wicked,* ***O LORD***, \*  nor let their e*vil plans* ***prosper***. |
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| 9 | Let not those who surround me *lift up* ***their heads***; \*  let the evil of their lips *over****whelm them***. |
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| 10 | Let hot burning coals *fall up****on them***; \*  let them be cast into the mire, never to *rise up* ***again***." |
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| 11 | A slanderer shall not be estab*lished on* ***the earth***, \*  and evil shall hunt *down the* ***lawless***. |
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| 12 | I know that the LORD will maintain the *cause of* ***the poor*** \*  and render justice *to the* ***needy***. |

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| 13 | Surely, the righteous will give *thanks to* ***your Name***, \*  and the upright shall contin*ue in* ***your sight***. |
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|  | **141** *Domine, clamavi* |
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| 1 | O LORD, I call to you; come *to me* ***quickly***; \*  hear my voice when *I cry* ***to you***. |
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| 2 | Let my prayer be set forth in your *sight as* ***incense***, \*  the lifting up of my hands as the eve*ning sac****rifice***. |
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| 3 | Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD,  and guard the *door of* ***my lips***; \*  let not my heart incline to a*ny e****vil thing***. |
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| 4 | Let me not be occupied in wickedness with *evil****doers***, \*  nor eat *of their* ***choice foods***. |
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| 5 | Let the righteous smite me in friendly rebuke;  let not the oil of the unrighteous *anoint* ***my head***; \*  for my prayer is continually against *their wic****ked deeds***. |
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| 6 | Let their rulers be overthrown in *stony* ***places***, \*  that they may know *my words* ***are true***. |
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| 7 | As when a plowman turns over the *earth in* ***furrows***, \*  let their bones be scattered at the *mouth of* ***the grave***. |
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| 8 | But my eyes are turned *to you,* ***Lord GOD***; \*  in you I take refuge;  do not strip *me of* ***my life***. |
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| 9 | Protect me from the snare which they *have laid* ***for me*** \*  and from the traps of the *evil****doers***. |
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| 10 | Let the wicked fall in*to their* ***own nets***, \*  while I *myself* ***escape***. |

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|  | **142** *Voce mea ad Dominum* |
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| 1 | I cry to the *LORD with* ***my voice***; \*  to the LORD I make loud *suppli****cation***. |
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| 2 | I pour out my com*plaint be****fore him*** \*  and tell him *all my* ***trouble***. |
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| 3 | When my spirit languishes within me, *you know* ***my path***; \*  in the way wherein I walk they have hidden *a trap* ***for me***. |
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| 4 | I look to my right hand and find no *one who* ***knows me***; \*  I have no place to flee to, and no *one cares* ***for me***. |
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| 5 | I cry out *to you,* ***O LORD***; \*  I say, "You are my refuge,  my portion in the land *of the* ***living***." |
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| 6 | Listen to my cry for help, for I have been *brought ve****ry low***; \*  save me from those who pursue me,  for they are *too strong* ***for me***. |
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| 7 | Bring me out of prison, that I may give *thanks to* ***your Name***; \*  when you have dealt bountifully with me,  the righteous will ga*ther a****round me***. |
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|  | **143** *Domine, exaudi* |
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| 1 | LORD, hear my prayer,  and in your faithfulness heed my *suppli****cations***; \*  answer me in *your righ****teousness***. |
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| 2 | Enter not into judgment *with your* ***servant***, \*  for in your sight shall no one living *be just****ified***. |

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| 3 | For my enemy has sought my life;  he has crushed *me to* ***the ground***; \*  he has made me live in dark places like those *who are* ***long dead***. |
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| 4 | My spirit *faints with****in me***; \*  my heart within me *is de****solate***. |
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| 5 | I remember the time past;  I muse up*on all* ***your deeds***; \*  I consider the *works of* ***your hands***. |
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| 6 | I spread out *my hands* ***to you***; \*  my soul gasps to you like *a thir****sty land***. |
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| 7 | O LORD, make haste to answer me; my *spirit* ***fails me***; \*  do not hide your face from me  or I shall be like those who go *down to* ***the Pit***. |
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| 8 | Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,  for I put *my trust* ***in you***; \*  show me the road that I must walk,  for I lift up *my soul* ***to you***. |
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| 9 | Deliver me from my en*emies,* ***O LORD***, \*  for I flee to *you for* ***refuge***. |
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| 10 | Teach me to do what pleases you, for *you are* ***my God***; \*  let your good Spirit lead me *on le****vel ground***. |
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| 11 | Revive me, O LORD, *for your* ***Name's sake***; \*  for your righteousness' sake, bring me *out of* ***trouble***. |
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| 12 | Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all *my foes* ***to naught***, \*  for truly I *am your* ***servant***. |

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|  | **144** *Benedictus Dominus* |
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| 1 | Blessed be *the LORD* ***my rock***! \*  who trains my hands to fight and my fingers to battle; |
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| 2 | My help and my fortress, my stronghold and my *deli****verer***, \*  my shield in whom I trust,  who subdues the peo*ples un****der me***. |
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| 3 | O LORD, what are we that you *should care* ***for us***? \*  mere mortals that you *should think* ***of us***? |
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| 4 | We are like *a puff* ***of wind***; \*  our days are like a *passing* ***shadow***. |
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| 5 | Bow your heavens, O *LORD, and* ***come down***; \*  touch the mountains, *and they* ***shall smoke***. |
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| 6 | Hurl the lightning *and scat****ter them***; \*  shoot out your ar*rows and* ***rout them***. |
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| 7 | Stretch out your *hand from* ***on high***; \*  rescue me and deliver me from the great waters,  from the hand of *foreign* ***peoples***, |
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| 8 | Whose mouths speak *deceit****fully*** \*  and whose right hand is *raised in* ***falsehood***. |
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| 9 | O God, I will sing to *you a* ***new song***; \*  I will play to you on *a ten-****stringed lyre***. |
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| 10 | You give vict*ory* ***to kings*** \*  and have rescued Da*vid your* ***servant***. |
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| 11 | Rescue me from *the hurt****ful sword*** \*  and deliver me from the hand of *foreign* ***peoples***, |
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| 12 | Whose mouths speak *deceit****fully*** \*  and whose right hand is *raised in* ***falsehood***. |

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| 13 | May our sons be like plants well nur*tured from* ***their youth***, \*  and our daughters like sculptured corners *of a* ***palace***. |
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| 14 | May our barns be filled to overflowing with all *manner* ***of crops***; \*  may the flocks in our pastures increase by thousands and tens of thousands;  may our cattle *be fat* ***and sleek***. |
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| 15 | May there be no breaching of the walls, no going *into* ***exile***, \*  no wailing in *the pub****lic squares***. |
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| 16 | Happy are the people of *whom this* ***is so***! \*  happy are the people whose *God is* ***the LORD***! |
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|  | **145** *Exaltabo te, Deus* |
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| 1 | I will exalt you, *O God* ***my King***, \*  and bless your Name for ev*er and* ***ever***. |
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| 2 | Every day *will I* ***bless you*** \*  and praise your Name for ev*er and* ***ever***. |
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| 3 | Great is the LORD and great*ly to* ***be praised***; \*  there is no end *to his* ***greatness***. |
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| 4 | One generation shall praise your works *to an****other*** \*  and shall de*clare your* ***power***. |
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| 5 | I will ponder the glorious splendor of *your ma****jesty*** \*  and all your *marve****lous works***. |
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| 6 | They shall speak of the might of *your wond****rous acts***, \*  and I will tell *of your* ***greatness***. |
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| 7 | They shall publish the remembrance of *your great* ***goodness***; \*  they shall sing of *your right****eous deeds***. |

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| 8 | The LORD is gracious and full *of com****passion***, \*  slow to anger and *of great* ***kindness***. |
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| 9 | The LORD is loving *to eve****ryone*** \*  and his compassion is ov*er all* ***his works***. |
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| 10 | All your works *praise you,* ***O LORD***, \*  and your faithful *servants* ***bless you***. |
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| 11 | They make known the glory *of your* ***kingdom*** \*  and speak *of your* ***power***; |
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| 12 | That the peoples may know *of your* ***power*** \*  and the glorious splendor *of your* ***kingdom***. |
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| 13 | Your kingdom is an ever*lasting* ***kingdom***; \*  your dominion endures through*out all* ***ages***. |
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| 14 | The LORD is faithful *in all* ***his words*** \*  and merciful *in all* ***his deeds***. |
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| 15 | The LORD upholds *all those* ***who fall***; \*  he lifts up those *who are* ***bowed down***. |
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| 16 | The eyes of all wait up*on you,* ***O LORD***, \*  and you give them their food *in due* ***season***. |
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| 17 | You op*en wide* ***your hand*** \*  and satisfy the needs of every *living* ***creature***. |
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| 18 | The LORD is righteous *in all* ***his ways*** \*  and loving *in all* ***his works***. |
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| 19 | The LORD is near to those who *call up****on him***, \*  to all who call upon *him faith****fully***. |
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| 20 | He fulfills the desire of *those who* ***fear him***; \*  he hears their *cry and* ***helps them***. |
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| 21 | The LORD preserves all *those who* ***love him***, \*  but he destroys *all the* ***wicked***. |

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| 22 | My mouth shall speak the *praise of* ***the LORD***; \*  let all flesh bless his holy Name for ev*er and* ***ever***. |
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|  | **146** *Lauda, anima mea* |
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| 1 | Hallelujah!  Praise the *LORD, O* ***my soul***! \*  I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  I will sing praises to my God while I *have my* ***being***. |
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| 2 | Put not your trust in rulers, nor in an*y child* ***of earth***, \*  for there is *no help* ***in them***. |
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| 3 | When they breathe their last, they *return* ***to earth***, \*  and in that day *their thoughts* ***perish***. |
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| 4 | Happy are they who have the God of Ja*cob for* ***their help***! \*  whose hope is in *the LORD* ***their God***; |
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| 5 | Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all *that is* ***in them***; \*  who keeps his prom*ise for* ***ever***; |
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| 6 | Who gives justice to those *who are* ***oppressed***, \*  and food to *those who* ***hunger***. |
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| 7 | The LORD sets the prisoners free;  the LORD opens the *eyes of* ***the blind***; \*  the LORD lifts up those *who are* ***bowed down***; |
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| 8 | The LORD loves the righteous;  the LORD cares *for the* ***stranger***; \*  he sustains the orphan and widow,  but frustrates the way *of the* ***wicked***. |
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| 9 | The LORD shall *reign for* ***ever***, \*  your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  *Halle****lujah***! |

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|  | **147** *Laudate Dominum* |
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| 1 | Hallelujah!  How good it is to sing prais*es to* ***our God***! \*  how pleasant it is to hon*or him* ***with praise***! |
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| 2 | The LORD rebuilds *Jeru****salem***; \*  he gathers the exiles *of Is****rael***. |
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| 3 | He heals the *broken****hearted*** \*  and *binds* *up* ***their wounds***. |
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| 4 | He counts the num*ber of* ***the stars*** \*  and calls them *all by* ***their names***. |
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| 5 | Great is our LORD and migh*ty in* ***power***; \*  there is no limit *to his* ***wisdom***. |
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| 6 | The LORD lifts *up the* ***lowly***, \*  but casts the wick*ed to* ***the ground***. |
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| 7 | Sing to the LORD *with thanks****giving***; \*  make music to our God *upon* ***the harp***. |
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| 8 | He covers the *heavens* ***with clouds*** \*  and prepares *rain for* ***the earth***; |
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| 9 | He makes grass to grow up*on the* ***mountains*** \*  and green plants *to serve* ***mankind***. |
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| 10 | He provides food *for flocks* ***and herds*** \*  and for the young ra*vens when* ***they cry***. |
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| 11 | He is not impressed by the *might of* ***a horse***; \*  he has no pleasure in the *strength of* ***a man***; |
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| 12 | But the LORD has pleasure in *those who* ***fear him***, \*  in those who await his *gracious* ***favor***. |

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| 13 | Worship the LORD, O *Jeru****salem***; \*  praise your *God, O* ***Zion***; |
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| 14 | For he has strengthened the *bars of* ***your gates***; \*  he has blessed your child*ren with****in you***. |
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| 15 | He has established peace *on your* ***borders***; \*  he satisfies you with *the fi****nest wheat***. |
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| 16 | He sends out his com*mand to* ***the earth***, \*  and his word runs *very* ***swiftly***. |
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| 17 | He *gives snow* ***like wool***; \*  he scatters hoar*frost like* ***ashes***. |
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| 18 | He scatters his *hail like* ***bread crumbs***; \*  who can stand *against* ***his cold***? |
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| 19 | He sends forth his *word and* ***melts them***; \*  he blows with his wind, and *the wat****ers flow***. |
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| 20 | He declares his *word to* ***Jacob***, \*  his statutes and his judgments *to Is****rael***. |
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| 21 | He has not done so to any *other* ***nation***; \*  to them he has not revealed his judgments.  *Halle****lujah***! |
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|  | **148** *Laudate Dominum* |
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| 1 | Hallelujah!  Praise the LORD *from the* ***heavens***; \*  praise *him in* ***the heights***. |
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| 2 | Praise him, all you *angels* ***of his***; \*  praise *him, all* ***his host***. |
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| 3 | Praise *him, sun* ***and moon***; \*  praise him, all *you shi****ning stars***. |

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| 4 | Praise him, hea*ven of* ***heavens***, \*  and you waters a*bove the* ***heavens***. |
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| 5 | Let them praise the *Name of* ***the LORD***; \*  for he commanded, and they *were cre****ated***. |
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| 6 | He made them stand fast for ev*er and* ***ever***; \*  he gave them a law which shall *not pass* ***away***. |
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| 7 | Praise the *LORD from* ***the earth***, \*  you sea-mon*sters and* ***all deeps***; |
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| 8 | Fire and *hail, snow* ***and fog***, \*  tempestuous wind, *doing* ***his will***; |
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| 9 | Moun*tains and* ***all hills***, \*  fruit trees *and all* ***cedars***; |
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| 10 | Wild beasts *and all* ***cattle***, \*  creeping things *and wing****èd birds***; |
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| 11 | Kings of the earth *and all* ***peoples***, \*  princes and all ru*lers of* ***the world***; |
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| 12 | Young *men and* ***maidens***, \*  old and *young to****gether***. |
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| 13 | Let them praise the *Name of* ***the LORD***, \*  for his Name only is exalted,  his splendor is over *earth and* ***heaven***. |
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| 14 | He has raised up strength for his people  and praise for all his *loyal* ***servants***, \*  the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  *Halle****lujah***! |

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|  | **149** *Cantate Domino* |
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| 1 | Hallelujah!  Sing to the *LORD a* ***new song***; \*  sing his praise in the congregation *of the* ***faithful***. |
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| 2 | Let Israel rejoice *in his* ***Maker***; \*  let the children of Zion be joy*ful in* ***their King***. |
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| 3 | Let them praise his *Name in* ***the dance***; \*  let them sing praise to him with *timbrel* ***and harp***. |
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| 4 | For the LORD takes pleasure *in his* ***people*** \*  and adorns the poor *with vic****tory***. |
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| 5 | Let the faithful re*joice in* ***triumph***; \*  let them be joy*ful on* ***their beds***. |
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| 6 | Let the praises of God *be in* ***their throat*** \*  and a two-edged *sword in* ***their hand***; |
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| 7 | To wreak vengeance *on the* ***nations*** \*  and punishment *on the* ***peoples***; |
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| 8 | To bind *their kings* ***in chains*** \*  and their nobles *with links* ***of iron***; |
|  |  |
| 9 | To inflict on them the *judgment* ***decreed***; \*  this is glory for all his faithful people.  *Halle****lujah***! |
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|  | **150** *Laudate Dominum* |
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| 1 | Hallelujah!  Praise God in his *holy* ***temple***; \*  praise him in the firmament *of his* ***power***. |

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| 2 | Praise him for *his migh****ty acts***; \*  praise him for his ex*cellent* ***greatness***. |
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| 3 | Praise him with the blast *of the* ***ram's-horn***; \*  praise him *with lyre* ***and harp***. |
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| 4 | Praise him with *timbrel* ***and dance***; \*  praise him *with strings* ***and pipe***. |
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| 5 | Praise him with re*sounding* ***cymbals***; \*  praise him with loud-*clanging* ***cymbals***. |
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| 6 | Let every*thing that* ***has breath*** \*  praise the Lord.  *Halle****lujah***! |