**PSALM 26**

Dominus illuminatio.

*David’s faith and hope in God.*

**1** The psalm of David before he was anointed.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the protector of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

**2** Whilst the wicked draw near against me, to eat my flesh. My enemies that trouble me, have themselves been weakened, and have fallen.

**3** If armies in camp should stand together against me, my heart shall not fear. If a battle should rise up against me, in this will I be confident.

**4** One thing I have asked of the Lord, this will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. That I may see the delight of the Lord, and may visit his temple.

**5** For he hath hidden me in his tabernacle; in the day of evils, he hath protected me in the secret place of his tabernacle.

**6** He hath exalted me upon a rock: and now he hath lifted up my head above my enemies. I have gone round, and have offered up in his tabernacle a sacrifice of jubilation: I will sing, and recite a psalm to the Lord.

**7** Hear, O Lord, my voice, with which I have cried to thee: have mercy on me and hear me.

**8** My heart hath said to thee: My face hath sought thee: thy face, O Lord, will I still seek.

**9** Turn not away thy face from me; decline not in thy wrath from thy servant. Be thou my helper, forsake me not; do not thou despise me, O God my Saviour.

**10** For my father and my mother have left me: but the Lord hath taken me up.

**11** Set me, O Lord, a law in thy way, and guide me in the right path, because of my enemies.

**12** Deliver me not over to the will of them that trouble me; for unjust witnesses have risen up against me; and iniquity hath lied to itself.

**13** I believe to see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

**14** Expect the Lord, do manfully, and let thy heart take courage, and wait thou for the Lord.