**PSALM 43**

Deus auribus nostris.

*The church commemorates former favours, and present afflictions; under which she prays for succour.*

**1** Unto the end, for the sons of Core, to give understanding.

**2** We have heard, O God, with our ears: our fathers have declared to us, The work thou hast wrought in their days, and in the days of old.

**3** Thy hand destroyed the Gentiles, and thou plantedst them: thou didst afflict the people and cast them out.

**4** For they got not the possession of the land by their own sword: neither did their own arm save them. But thy right hand and thy arm, and the light of thy countenance: because thou wast pleased with them.

**5** Thou art thyself my king and my God, who commandest the saving of Jacob.

**6** Through thee we will push down our enemies with the horn: and through thy name we will despise them that rise up against us.

**7** For I will not trust in my bow: neither shall my sword save me.

**8** But thou hast saved us from them that afflict us: and hast put them to shame that hate us.

**9** In God shall we glory all the day long: and in thy name we will give praise for ever.

**10** But now thou hast cast us off, and put us to shame: and thou, O God, wilt not go out with our armies.

**11** Thou hast made us turn our back to our enemies: and they that hated us plundered for themselves.

**12** Thou hast given us up like sheep to be eaten: thou hast scattered us among the nations.

**13** Thou hast sold thy people for no price: and there was no reckoning in the exchange of them.

**14** Thou hast made us a reproach to our neighbours, a scoff and derision to them that are round about us.

**15** Thou hast made us a byword among the Gentiles: a shaking of the head among the people.

**16** All the day long my shame is before me: and the confusion of my face hath covered me,

**17** At the voice of him that reproacheth and detracteth me: at the face of the enemy and persecutor.

**18** All these things have come upon us, yet we have not forgotten thee: and we have not done wickedly in thy covenant.

**19** And our heart hath not turned back: neither hast thou turned aside our steps from thy way.

**20** For thou hast humbled us in the place of affliction: and the shadow of death hath covered us.

**21** If we have forgotten the name of our God, and if we have spread forth our hands to a strange god:

**22** Shall not God search out these things: for he knoweth the secrets of the heart. Because for thy sake we are killed all the day long: we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

**23** Arise, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, and cast us not off to the end.

**24** Why turnest thou thy face away? and forgettest our want and our trouble?

**25** For our soul is humbled down to the dust: our belly cleaveth to the earth.

**26** Arise, O Lord, help us and redeem us for thy name’s sake.