**PSALM 63**

Exaudi Deus orationem.

*A prayer in affliction, with confidence in God that he will bring to nought the machinations of persecutors.*

**1** Unto the end, a psalm for David.

**2** Hear, O God, my prayer, when I make supplication to thee: deliver my soul from the fear of the enemy.

**3** Thou hast protected me from the assembly of the malignant; from the multitude of the workers of iniquity.

**4** For they have whetted their tongues like a sword; they have bent their bow, a bitter thing,

**5** to shoot in secret the undefiled.

**6** They will shoot at him on a sudden, and will not fear: they are resolute in wickedness. They have talked of hiding snares; they have said: Who shall see them?

**7** They have searched after iniquities: they have failed in their search. Man shall come to a deep heart:

**8** and God shall be exalted. The arrows of children are their wounds:

**9** and their tongues against them are made weak. All that saw them were troubled;

**10** and every man was afraid. And they declared the works of God: and understood his doings.

**11** The just shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in him: and all the upright in heart shall be praised.