**PSALM 34**

Judica, Domine, nocentes me.

*David, in the person of Christ, prayeth against his persecutors: prophetically foreshewing the punishments that shall fall upon them.*

**1** For David himself.

Judge thou, O Lord, them that wrong me: overthrow them that fight against me.

**2** Take hold of arms and shield: and rise up to help me.

**3** Bring out the sword, and shut up the way against them that persecute me: say to my soul: I am thy salvation.

**4** Let them be confounded and ashamed that seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and be confounded that devise evil against me.

**5** Let them become as dust before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord straiten them.

**6** Let their way become dark and slippery; and let the angel of the Lord pursue them.

**7** For without cause they have hidden their net for me unto destruction: without cause they have upbraided my soul.

**8** Let the snare which he knoweth not come upon him: and let the net which he hath hidden catch him: and into that very snare let them fall.

**9** But my soul shall rejoice in the Lord; and shall be delighted in his salvation.

**10** All my bones shall say: Lord, who is like to thee? Who deliverest the poor from the hand of them that are stronger than he; the needy and the poor from them that strip him.

**11** Unjust witnesses rising up have asked me things I knew not.

**12** They repaid me evil for good: to the depriving me of my soul.

**13** But as for me, when they were troublesome to me, I was clothed with haircloth. I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer shall be turned into my bosom.

**14** As a neighbour and as an own brother, so did I please: as one mourning and sorrowful so was I humbled.

**15** But they rejoiced against me, and came together: scourges were gathered together upon me, and I knew not.

**16** They were separated, and repented not: they tempted me, they scoffed at me with scorn: they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

**17** Lord, when wilt thou look upon me? rescue thou my soul from their malice: my only one from the lions.

**18** I will give thanks to thee in a great church; I will praise thee in a strong people.

**19** Let not them that are my enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: who have hated me without cause, and wink with the eyes.

**20** For they spoke indeed peaceably to me; and speaking in the anger of the earth they devised guile.

**21** And they opened their mouth wide against me; they said: Well done, well done, our eyes have seen it.

**22** Thou hast seen, O Lord, be not thou silent: O Lord, depart not from me.

**23** Arise, and be attentive to my judgment: to my cause, my God, and my Lord.

**24** Judge me, O Lord my God according to thy justice, and let them not rejoice over me.

**25** Let them not say in their hearts: It is well, it is well, to our mind: neither let them say: We have swallowed him up.

**26** Let them blush: and be ashamed together, who rejoice at my evils. Let them be clothed with confusion and shame, who speak great things against me.

**27** Let them rejoice and be glad, who are well pleased with my justice, and let them say always: The Lord be magnified, who delights in the peace of his servant.

**28** And my tongue shall meditate thy justice, thy praise all the day long.