**PSALM 83**

Quam dilecta.

*The soul aspireth after heaven rejoicing in the mean time, in being in the communion of God’s church upon earth.*

**1** Unto the end, for the winepresses, a psalm for the sons of Core.

**2** How lovely are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

**3** my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh have rejoiced in the living God.

**4** For the sparrow hath found herself a house, and the turtle a nest for herself where she may lay her young ones: Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

**5** Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, O Lord: they shall praise thee for ever and ever.

**6** Blessed is the man whose help is from thee: in his heart he hath disposed to ascend by steps,

**7** in the vale of tears, in the place which he hath set.

**8** For the lawgiver shall give a blessing, they shall go from virtue to virtue: the God of gods shall be seen in Sion.

**9** O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

**10** Behold, O God our protector: and look on the face of thy Christ.

**11** For better is one day in thy courts above thousands. I have chosen to be an abject in the house of my God, rather than to dwell in the tabernacles of sinners.

**12** For God loveth mercy and truth: the Lord will give grace and glory.

**13** He will not deprive of good things them that walk in innocence: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.