

O LORD, I Love You, God, My Strength

From Psalm 18:1-19

1. ¹O LORD, I love You, God, my strength, ²You are my rock and for-tress,
²Sor - rows of death en - com - passed me, ⁵The snares of death came af - ter.
³*He bowed the hea - vens down as well; He came, and walked on dark-ness,*
⁴¹³The LORD has thun - dered out His voice, The High - est spoke and shat - tered
⁵¹⁶God sent His ho - ly help to me; He drew me from the wa - ters,

In You I trust, sal - va - tion's horn, My buck - ler and high tow - er.
⁶In my dis-tress, I called to God; His tem - ple heard my fal - t'ring.
¹⁰*His steed, a cher - ub, wings of wind,* ¹¹*And dark - ness His pa - vil - ion.*
All earth with hail and coals of fire, ¹⁴His ar - rows fell as light - ning,
¹⁷God saved me from my en - e - m - ies, Whose strength was far be - yond me.

⁵I call on the LORD; His worth I will praise; I call on my God.
⁷Earth trem - bled and shook, God's wrath came a - live ⁸And then smoke and fire
Dark wa - ters, thick clouds, ¹²*And bright - ness and fire* All passed be - fore God.
He scat - tered all those Who hat - ed His voice, He scat - tered their lies;
¹⁸The e - vil day brought Their mis - chief to life But GOD was my stay

From en - e - m - ies a - round My God saves and de - liv - ers.
Came forth, His nos - trils flared And fier - y coals were kin - dled.
These coals of fire and hail And clouds, all praised His glo - ry.
¹⁵And riv - er - beds re - veal The earth's foun - da - tions dried up.
¹⁹He brought me out to life And light, for I de - light Him.

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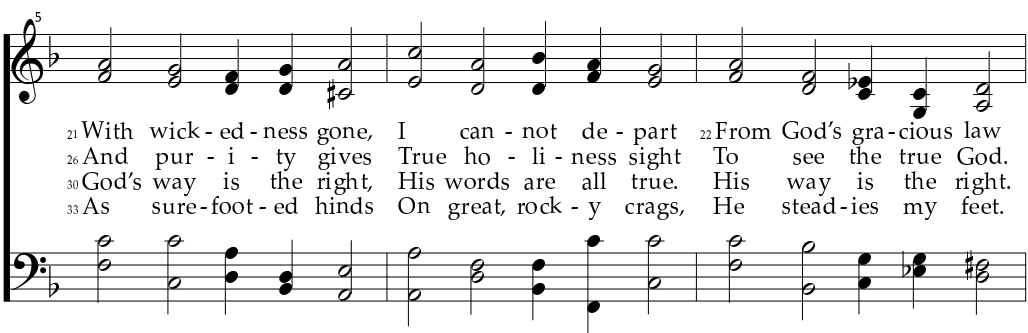
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6. ²⁰Ac-cord-ing to my right-eous-ness My GOD re-ward-ed rich-ly.
 7. ²³Up-right be-fore the Lord I stood ²⁴And this He has re-ward-ed.
 8. ²⁸My can-dle God will al-ways light, And chase a-way the dark-ness.
 9. ³¹So who is God ex-cept the LORD? Who is a rock be-side Him?



The clean-ness of my hands and heart Has meant He brought this bless-ing.
²⁵The mer-ci-ful find mer-cy now, And up-right men will see Him.
²⁹By Him I have run through a troop, And crossed the wall by leap-ing.
³²He is the One who girds with strength, And keeps my way es-tab-lished.



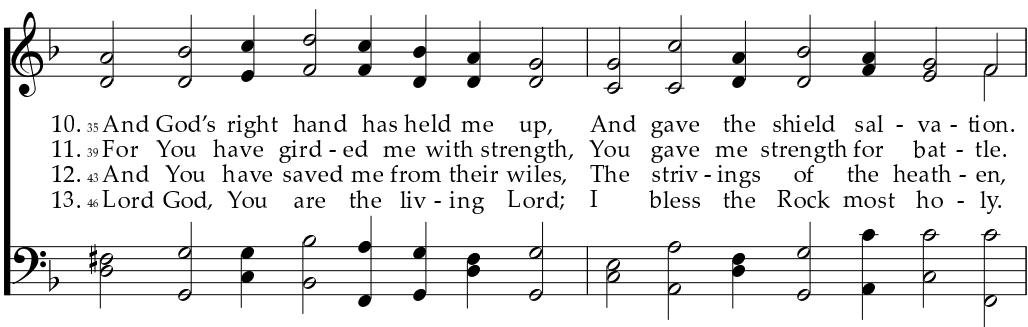
²¹With wick-ed-ness gone, I can-not de-part ²²From God's gra-cious law
²⁶And pur-i-ty gives True ho-li-ness sight To see the true God.
³⁰God's way is the right, His words are all true. His way is the right.
³³As sure-foot-ed hinds On great rock-y crags, He stead-ies my feet.



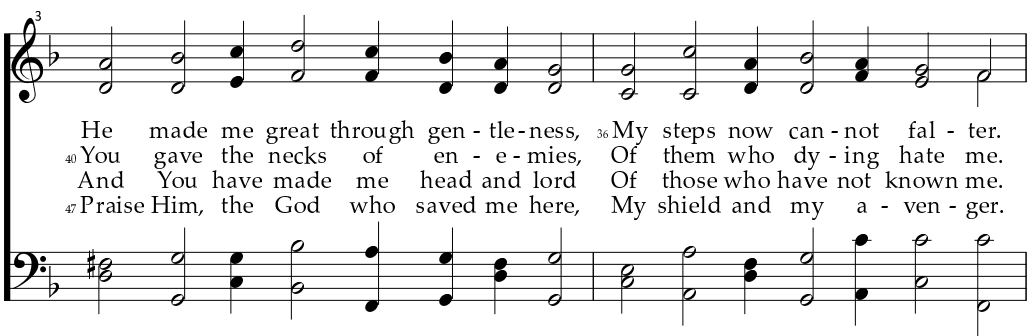
For all His laws were held, My hand has held them tight-ly.
 Some think that He is hard; ²⁷Our God can break the haugh-ty.
 He is a buck-ler strong, A shield for those who trust Him.
³⁴As bows of steel are bent, He trains my hands for fight-ing.

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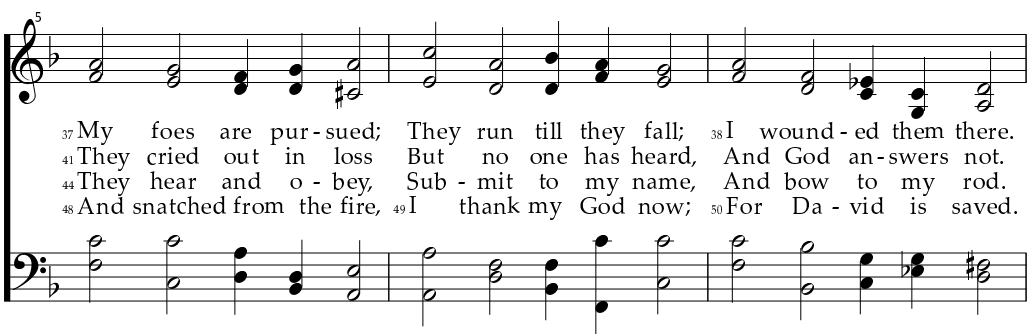
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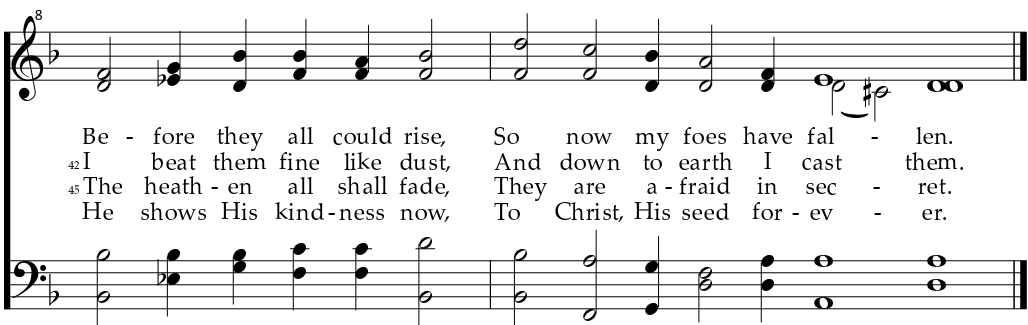
10. ³⁵ And God's right hand has held me up, And gave the shield sal - va - tion.
 11. ³⁹ For You have gird - ed me with strength, You gave me strength for bat - tle.
 12. ⁴³ And You have saved me from their wiles, The striv - ings of the heath - en,
 13. ⁴⁶ Lord God, You are the liv - ing Lord; I bless the Rock most ho - ly.



He made me great through gen - tle - ness, ³⁶ My steps now can - not fal - ter.
⁴⁰ You gave the necks of en - e - mies, Of them who dy - ing hate me.
 And You have made me head and lord Of those who have not known me.
⁴⁷ Praise Him, the God who saved me here, My shield and my a - ven - ger.



³⁷ My foes are pur - sued; They run till they fall; ³⁸ I wound - ed them there.
⁴¹ They cried out in loss But no one has heard, And God an - swers not.
⁴⁴ They hear and o - bey, Sub - mit to my name, And bow to my rod.
⁴⁸ And snatched from the fire, ⁴⁹ I thank my God now; ⁵⁰ For Da - vid is saved.



Be - fore they all could rise, So now my foes have fal - len.
⁴² I beat them fine like dust, And down to earth I cast them.
⁴⁵ The heath - en all shall fade, They are a - fraid in sec - ret.
 He shows His kind - ness now, To Christ, His seed for - ev - er.