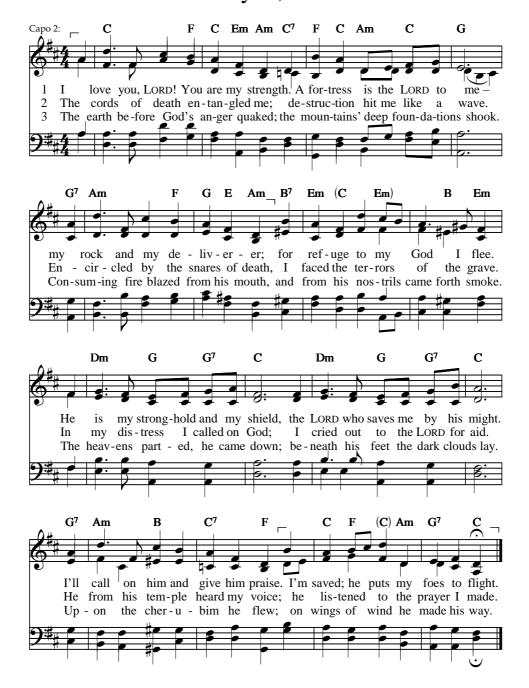
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I love you, LORD!



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- 4 He made the dark his canopy, dark rain clouds swirling in the sky. From brightness of his presence came clouds, hail and lightning from on high. The LORD Most High sent forth his voice; his thunder from the heavens pealed. His arrows scattered all his foes; his lightning drove them from the field.
- 5 The valleys of the sea lay bare and earth's foundations deep and vast, when your rebuke went forth, O LORD the pow-er of your nostrils' blast.

 From heaven he reached to grasp my hand and lift me as the waters rose; he saved me from my enemy, from all my overpowering foes.
- 6 They threatened me in my distress, but GoD stood by me in my plight. He brought me out and set me free, because in me he took delight. According to my righteousness the LORD dealt with me faithfully; because my hands were clean from sin, the LORD my God rewarded me.
- For I have kept the ways of God; from him I have not turned away. I have not strayed from his decrees; his statutes ever with me stay. Before the LORD I've kept myself from blame and all transgression free. Since in his sight my hands were clean, the LORD my God rewarded me.
- 8 With faithful people you keep faith, and to the blameless you are good.
 With pure men you yourself are pure, but with the crooked you are shrewd.
 You save the humble and the meek, but bring the proud down from their height.
 You, LORD, will keep my lamp aflame;
 God turns my darkness into light.

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- 12 With strength you armed me for the fight; my foes you humbled at my feet. You made them turn their backs in flight; and their destruction was complete. They cried for help, but none could save; they cried to GOD no answer came. I beat them fine as wind-borne dust; like wayside dirt I scattered them.
- 13 You set me over many lands;
 you saved me from my enemy.
 A people whom I did not know
 are in subjection now to me.
 The moment that they hear my voice
 they cringe before me and obey.
 In fear they tremble and lose heart;
 they leave their strongholds in dismay.
- 14 The LORD lives! Praise be to my rock!
 My Saviour God exalted be!
 He has avenged me, and subdued rebellious peoples under me.
 You saved me from my enemies, exalting me above my foes; you rescued me from violent men who sought my kingdom to oppose.
- 15 Therefore among the nations, LORD, your praise in song I will proclaim; before the peoples of the world I'll sing the glory of your name. You give your king great victories; your lovingkindness you will pour on David, your anointed one, and his descendants evermore.