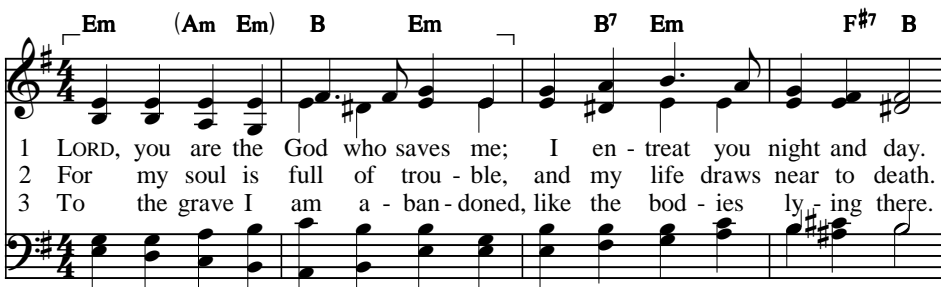


PSALM


# 88 LORD, you are the God who saves me

Em (Am Em) B Em B7 Em F#7 B



1 LORD, you are the God who saves me; I en - treat you night and day.  
 2 For my soul is full of trou - ble, and my life draws near to death.  
 3 To the grave I am a - ban - doned, like the bod - ies ly - ing there.

Em E7 Am D G F C B7 (Em B7) Em



May my plead - ing come be - fore you; turn your ear to me, I pray.  
 Count - ed with the ones who per - ish, I have nei - ther strength nor breath.  
 You re - mem - ber them no lon - ger; they are cut off from your care.

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| 4 In the lowest pit you cast me;<br>in the darkest depths am I.<br>For your wrath is heavy on me,<br>and beneath your waves I lie.                 | 8 But I cry to you for help, LORD;<br>at the dawn to you I pray.<br>Why, O LORD, do you reject me,<br>and why turn your face away?         |
| 5 Closest friends you've taken from me;<br>loathsome to them is my plight.<br>I am trapped – escape I cannot;<br>misery has dimmed my sight.       | 9 From my youth I've been afflicted;<br>death to me is always near.<br>I have undergone your terrors,<br>and I am in deep despair.         |
| 6 Daily, LORD, I call upon you;<br>in your sight my hands I spread.<br>In the grave do you show wonders?<br>Are you worshipped by the dead?        | 10 Your fierce anger has engulfed me;<br>by your terrors I am crushed.<br>All day long they overwhelm me;<br>over me the flood has rushed. |
| 7 Is your love shown in Destruction –<br>in the grave your faithfulness?<br>Are your wonders known in darkness,<br>or in death your righteousness? | 11 You have taken my companions<br>and my loved ones far from me.<br>Now my closest friend is darkness;<br>not a ray of light I see.       |