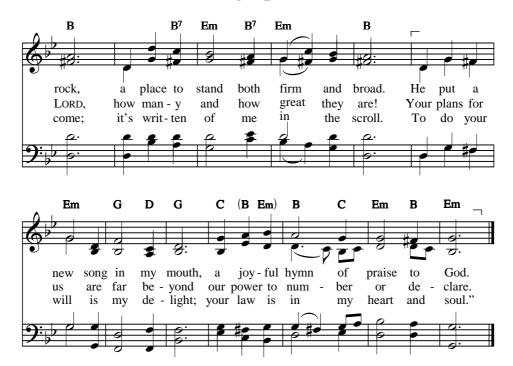
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- 4 In the assembly when it met your justice I proclaimed abroad. I did not seal my lips at all; you know all this about me, LORD. I did not hide within my heart your saving grace and righteousness; in the assembly I proclaimed your steadfast love and faithfulness.
- 5 Do not withhold your mercy, LORD; surround your servant constantly with your great love and faithfulness, for many troubles threaten me.

  My sins have overtaken me; they're more than hairs upon my head.

  My heart within me fails for grief;
  I cannot see the way ahead.
- Be pleased, O LORD, to rescue me;
  O LORD, come quickly to my aid.
  May all who seek to take my life
  with shame and turmoil be repaid.
  May all who plot my overthrow
  turn back, disgraced, the way they came.
  May those who mock me to my face
  become appalled at their own shame.
- But let all those who seek your face be joyful in you all their days; let those who love salvation say, "Exalted be the LORD always!" Yet I am poor and in great need; LORD, think on me, I humbly pray. You are my saviour and my help; come, O my God! Do not delay.