SING TO THE LORD

(provisional)

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Guitar Chords

It should be noted that while we have provided guitar chords along with all of the tunes, most of these chords have been added by us. This includes, for example, all the tunes owned by the Psalmody Committee, Free Church of Scotland.

Preface

The Reformed Churches of New Zealand are committed by general consensus as well as by their Church Order to the singing of Psalms and hymns in the public worship of God. Since their inception in the early 1950s they have used the *Psalter Hymnal* of the Christian Reformed Church of North America as their approved collection. In the late 1980s and through the '90s synodical committees studied, in particular, the wholly new 1987 edition of the CRCNA *Psalter Hymnal* and also the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia's *Book of Worship*. While both these books had much to commend them, neither was eventually accepted by Synod as a permanent replacement. Consequently, the 2002 Synod appointed a committee with the following mandate:

- 1. Select Psalm versions that are as faithful as possible in content and form of expression to Scripture, granting proper room for poetical necessity.
- 2. Psalm and Bible song selections are to be evaluated for the soundness of their paraphrasing against the relevant sections in the synodically approved Bible versions (NIV and NASB).
- 3. Provide a reasonably large selection of hymns and songs....

The mandate was confirmed in 2005 at which point the committee was about two-thirds through its work on the Psalms. We now have the pleasure of presenting to the Churches the following selection of metrical Psalms as a Provisional Psalter. We present it in the sincere hope that it may enable the Lord's people better to sing his praises as he has commanded us and as it is man's highest honour and pleasure. It is provisional in the sense that the whole project (Psalms and hymns) will require final synodical approval upon completion. It is provisional also in that, while we continue to work on the hymn section, the Churches may use the Psalter, critique it and pass that critique back to the committee for consideration for the final publication.

We have followed the standard translational device of capitalising LORD and GOD where they stand for God's covenant name, Jahweh/Jehovah. Elsewhere, Lord translates the Hebrew Adonai and God Elohim.

It remains for me, as convener, to thank very sincerely the members of the committee for their dedication to many hours of hard work, all completely voluntary. A good number of other people have similarly done wonderful work behind the scenes in transcription and proofreading, for which our sincere thanks is also due.

Those having served on the committee since 2002 (or for part of that time):

Andrea Benfell, Lieda Brooks, John Goris, John Haverland, Berwyn Hoyt, Lois Hoyt, John Rogers (convener), Bill Wiersma.

Soli Deo Gloria

1 How blest the man who does not walk



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Blessed is the man



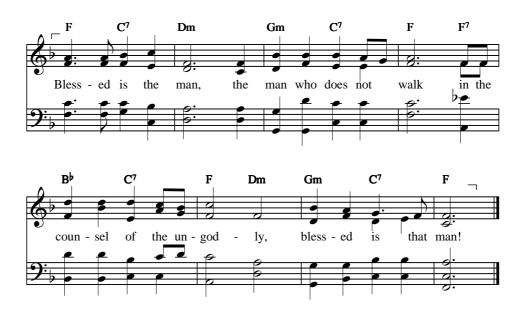
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Blessed is the man



After verse 1 and 2, back to beginning. Then, after verse 3:



Why now do the nations rage



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Tune: George J. Elvey, 1858

3 O LORD, how are my foes increased!

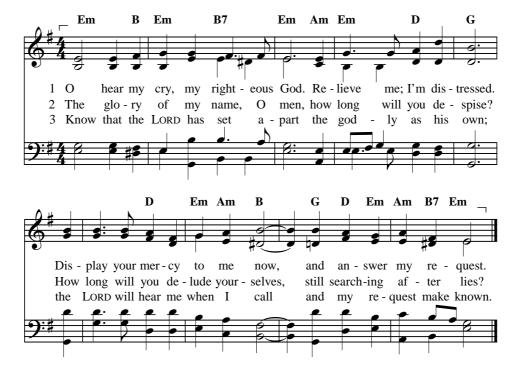


- Arise, O LORD! Save me, my God! You've always struck my foes; the jaw and teeth of wicked men are broken by your blows.
- Salvation and deliverance come from the LORD alone. O let the blessing of your grace be to your people shown.

Text: The Complete Book of Psalms for Singing, © Rowland S. Ward, 1991, alt. MARTYRDOM Tune: Hugh Wilson, 1766-1824

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4 O hear my cry, my righteous God



- 4 Though you are angry, do not sin. O search your heart; be still. Present a righteous sacrifice; trust in the LORD's good will.
- 5 "O who can show us any good?"I hear so many say.O LORD, shine on us with your light; show us your face, I pray.
- 6 You filled my heart with greater joy than others may have found as they rejoiced at harvest time, when grain and wine abound.
- 7 I will lie down and sleep in peace; my heart will rest secure, for you alone, O gracious LORD, will keep me safe and sure.

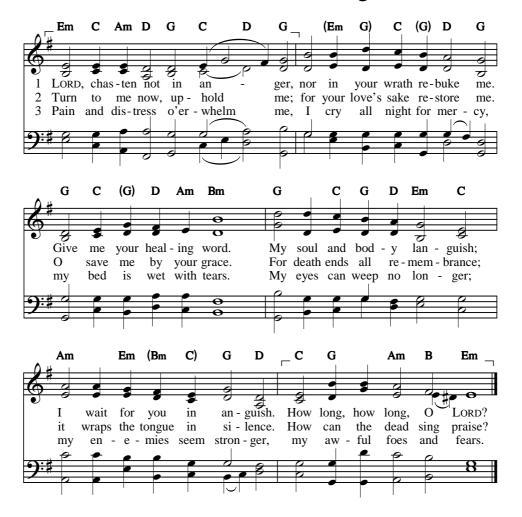
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5 LORD Almighty, hear my words



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6 LORD, chasten not in anger



4 All who love evil, leave me, for GOD has heard my weeping: my foes are put to shame.

Turned back, no more to grieve me, they suddenly shall leave me.

All glory to His name!

Text: Clarence P. Walhout, 1982, © Faith Alive Christian Resources, 1987 Tune: Genevan Psalter, 1542;

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7 O LORD my God, my refuge is in you



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O LORD my God, my refuge is in you

- 4 Arise, O LORD, in wrath against my foes, against the rage of all who me oppose. Awake, my GOD, let justice now abound for all assembled nations gathered round.
- 5 Rule over all the nations from on high; your justice to the peoples, LORD, apply. According to my righteousness judge me; look, O Most High, on my integrity.
- 6 O God of righteousness, you are the one who searches deep the heart and mind of man; bring to an end the wicked's violence and be the righteous one's secure defence.
- 7 My shield and confidence is God Most High, who saves the upright when to him they cry. God is a judge who does what's right and fair, and every day his wrath God will declare.
- 8 If it should be that man will not repent, God's sword he'll whet, his deadly instrument, and he will string and bend his mighty bow from which his fiery arrows forth will go.
- 9 The one who evil in his heart conceives gives birth to lies and no reward receives. He digs a hole, he scoops it with his spade, then falls into the very pit he made.
- His scheming will recoil on him instead;
 his evil will descend upon his head.
 I'll thank the LORD who acts in righteousness;
 I'll praise the LORD Most High; his name I'll bless.

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In all the earth



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Tune: Probably William Croft, 1678-1727

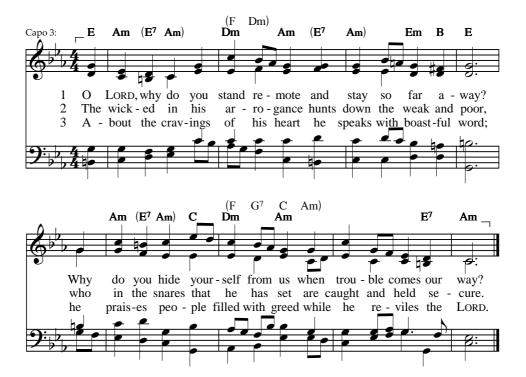
9 Wholehearted thanksgiving



Wholehearted thanksgiving

- 4 The LORD sits forever as King on his throne; his rule is established for justice alone. He judges the world and he does what is right; he governs the nations with justice and might.
- 5 The LORD is a stronghold in times of distress, a refuge for those whom the wicked oppress. Your people who know you will trust in your grace; you've never forsaken those seeking your face.
- 6 Praise GoD, who in Zion has founded his throne; proclaim to the nations the deeds he has done. The cry of afflicted ones rings in his ear; their blood he avenges, their plea he will hear.
- 7 LORD, see what I suffer from malice and hate! Have pity, and lift me away from death's gate, that I in Jerusalem's gates may proclaim your mercy, and sing to the praise of your name.
- 8 The nations are sunk in the pit they prepared; their feet in the net which they hid are ensnared. The LORD by his justice has made himself known; and by their own works are the wicked cast down.
- 9 The wicked return to the grave's dark abode, all nations and those who are heedless of God. But God will remember the cause of the weak; he will not let perish the hope of the meek.
- Arise, O my GoD! Let not man win the day;
 let nations be judged in your presence, I pray.
 O LORD, strike the nations; put fear in their breast to teach them that they are but human at best.

O LORD, why do you stand remote 10



- The wicked does not seek the LORD because he is so proud, and in his inmost thoughts there is no room at all for God.
- His ways are always prosperous; he strikes a haughty pose. He keeps his distance from your laws; he sneers at all his foes.
- He reassures himself and says, "No threat will topple me -I will be happy evermore; from trouble I'll be free."

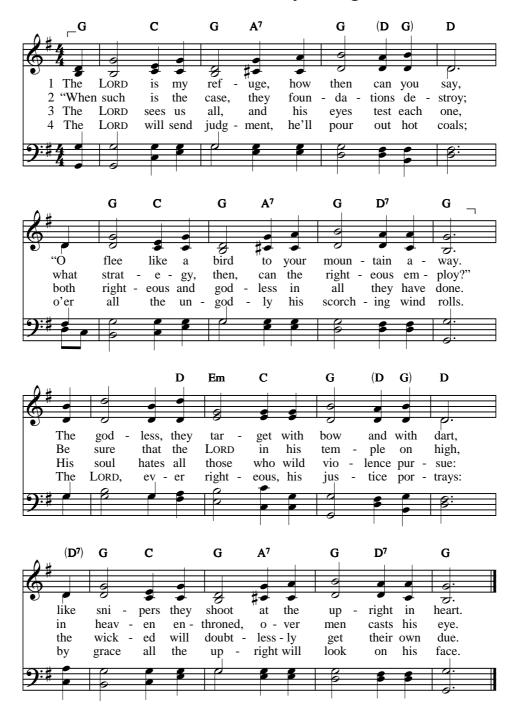
- The wicked's mouth is always full of curses, threats and lies; evil and trouble from his tongue continually arise.
- He lies in wait near villages his victims' blood to spill; he lurks in secret ambushes the innocent to kill.
- Like lions crouching secretly he waits for helpless prey. He pounces on the weak and poor; his net drags them away.

O LORD, why do you stand remote

- His victims by his strength are crushed;his prey collapse and fall.He thinks, "God does not notice it;he does not see at all."
- 11 Arise, LORD God, lift up your hand; do not forget the poor. Why does the wicked say of God, "My conduct he'll ignore"?
- 12 But you, O God, do see such wrong and you will bring redress.

 The victim puts his trust in you; you help the fatherless.
- 13 LORD, break the wicked person's power and call him to account for all the evil which he thought would never be found out.
- 14 The LORD will ever reign as King; his throne will always stand. The heathen nations of the world will perish from his land.
- 15 O LORD, the needy ones' desire you answer from on high; you give encouragement to them and listen to their cry.
- 16 For you defend the fatherless and those who are oppressed, so that from fear of mortal man the helpless may have rest.

The LORD is my refuge



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Tune: Anonymous

Help, LORD, for godly men are few



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Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1871

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How long will you forget me, LORD



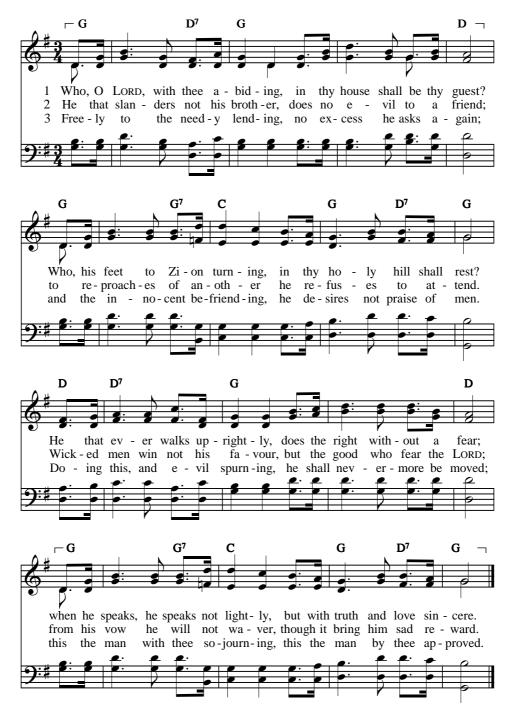
The fool speaks in his heart



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Who, O LORD, with thee abiding



Text: Psalter Hymnal, 1957 Tune: Silas J. Vail, 1818–1883

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Protect me, O my God



Text: Sing Psalms, © Psalmody Committee, Free Church of Scotland, 2003

Tune: Henry A. Lewis

Protect me, O my God

- Before me constantly
 I set the LORD alone.

 Because he is at my right hand
 I'll not be overthrown.

 Therefore my heart is glad;
 my tongue with joy will sing.
 My body too will rest secure in hope unwavering.
- For you will not allow my soul in death to stay, nor will you leave your Holy One to see the tomb's decay.
 You have made known to me the path of life divine.
 Bliss shall I know at your right hand; joy from your face will shine.

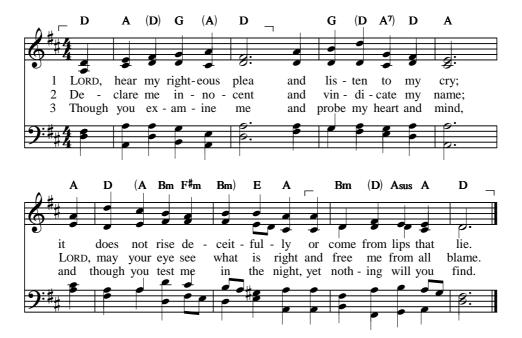


- 5 So now I'm glad in heart and soul, for I have found security – among the dead I shall not rot. Protect me, God: I trust in you.
- 6 Not death, but life, shall be my path; abundant joy your presence grants, an honoured place, and happiness. Protect me, God: I trust in you.

Text: Michael Saward, 1970, alt. Tune: M. Christian T. Strover, 1973 888 with refrain MEPHIBOSHETH

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17 LORD, hear my righteous plea



- I said, "I will not sin in anything I say."From those who practise violence I have kept far away.
- From every evil path by your word I'm preserved.My feet have held to all your ways; from them I have not swerved.
- I call on you, O God,
 for you will answer me;
 O turn your ear towards my prayer
 and hear my earnest plea.
- 7 Display your steadfast love and save with your right hand all those who flee for help to you when foes against them stand.

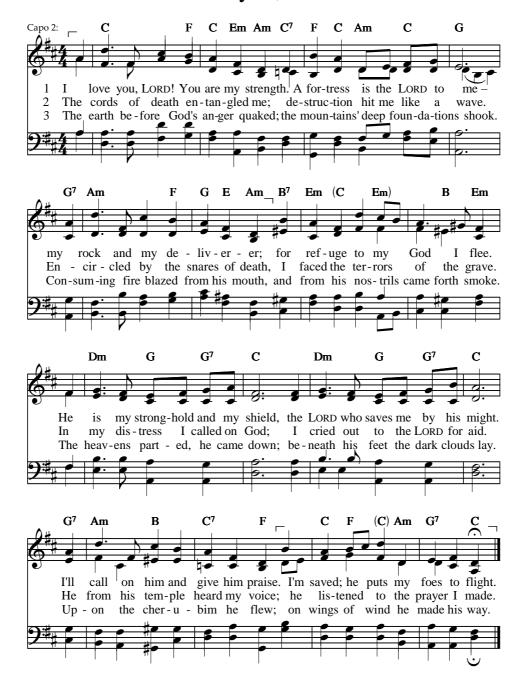
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LORD, hear my righteous plea

- 8 In shadow of your wings hide me in times of strife; and as the apple of your eye preserve and guard my life.
- 9 Hide me from ruthless foes who follow wicked ways, from those who circle me about and seek to end my days.
- 10 They close their callous hearts; they speak with swelling pride. They dog my steps; my enemies are found on every side.
- 11 They fix their eyes on me to cast me to the ground.Like hungry lions stalking prey, they crouch without a sound.
- 12 Arise, confront my foes and bring them down, O LORD; deliver me from wicked hands and free me by your sword.
- 13 Save me by your right hand from all such people, LORD, from mortal men who in this life will have their sole reward.
- 14 You fill them with good things; their sons are satisfied.They leave their children all the wealth which they have set aside.
- 15 But I in righteousness your face will surely see; and with your likeness, when I wake, I satisfied will be.

18

I love you, LORD!



Text: Sing Psalms, © Psalmody Committee, Free Church of Scotland, 2003 LMD Tune: J. Albert Jeffrey, 1851–1928 ST. AGNES' SCHOOL

I love you, LORD!

- 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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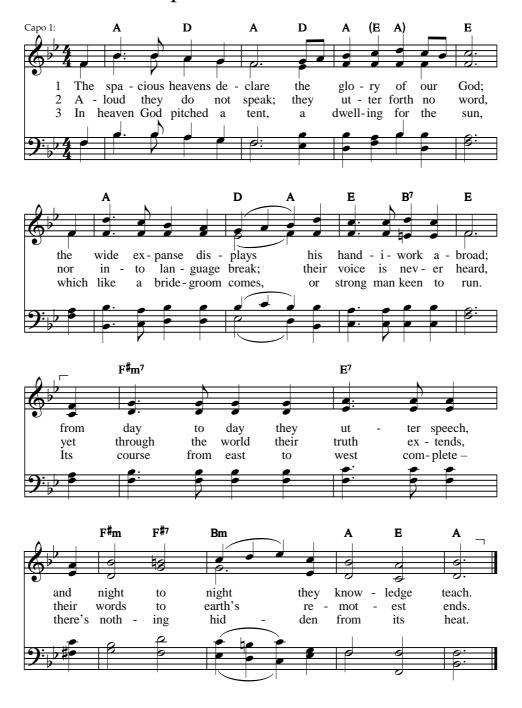
I love you, LORD!



I love you, LORD!

- 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.

The spacious heavens declare



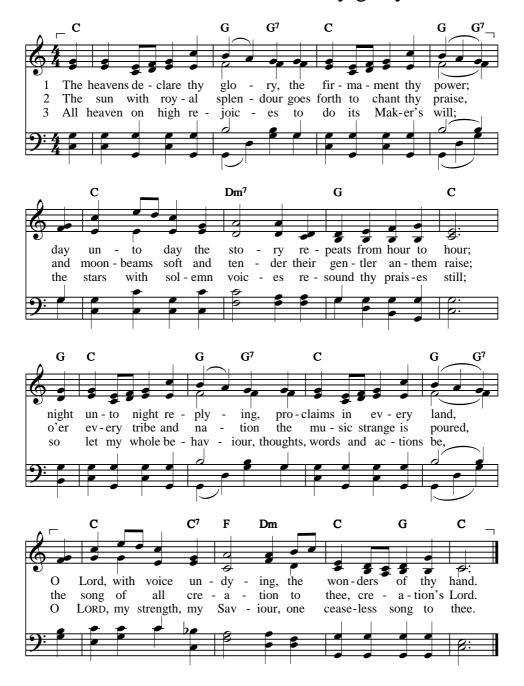
Text: Composite 66 66 88

Tune: Arranged from Sir John Goss by Uzziah C. Burnap, 1874 ARTHUR'S SEAT

The spacious heavens declare

- 4 Jehovah's perfect law restores the soul again; his testimony sure makes wise the simple one; the precepts of the LORD are right and fill the heart with great delight.
- 5 The LORD's commands are clear, light to the eyes restore; the fear of GOD is pure, enduring evermore; his judgments, let the world confess, are wholly truth and righteousness.
- 6 They're more to be desired than stores of finest gold; than honey from the comb more sweetness far they hold.
 With warnings they your servant guard, in keeping them is great reward.
- 7 His errors who can know?
 Forgive my hidden sin;
 keep me from wilful sins,
 nor let them o'er me reign;
 and blameless then I shall appear,
 and be from great transgressions clear.
- 8 Let all the words I speak and all the thoughts within come up before your sight and your approval win, O LORD, you are a rock to me; you have redeemed and set me free.

19b The heavens declare thy glory



The LORD answer you when you cry 20



Tune: Welsh Melody, c. 1600

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O LORD, in your strength



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Tune: Isobel Scott, 1942–, © Psalmody Committee, Free Church of Scotland, alt.
Guitar chords added

O LORD, in your strength



22

My God, my God



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Tune: George F. Blanchard, 1868-1926

88 88 88 LEST WE FORGET

My God, my God

- 4 Yet from the womb you brought me forth; entrusted me to mother's breast. From birth dependent on your care; from birth my God in whom I rest. Be not far off, for grief is nigh; there's none on whom I can rely.
- 5 Bulls circle me, strong bulls surround, like lions roaring for their prey; they open wide their mouths at me. Like water, my life's poured away. My bones stick out; my heart's like wax: it's melting right away in me.
- 6 My mouth is dry like pottery, so that my tongue sticks to my jaws. You'll bring me to the dust of death. A pack of dogs surrounds my course; upon me comes a wicked crew; my hands and feet they pierce right through.
- 7 I look upon my weakened frame while they with pleasure gloat and stare. My clothes they share among themselves, and for my tunic cast lots there. But be not far from me, O LORD; my strength, your help to me afford!
- 8 Deliver me from their strong swords; my precious life it's all I have deliver from the power of dogs. O save me from the lion's mouth, from the wild oxen's horns that rend Ah! now you hear and answer send!
- 9 To all my brothers I'll declare the glory of your holy name. I'll praise you where the people meet. You who fear GoD, his praise proclaim! All sons of Jacob, praise his grace, and stand in awe, O Israel's race!
- 10 For he despised not, nor abhorred, th' afflicted man's most wretched state; he has not turned away his face from one who was in trouble great.

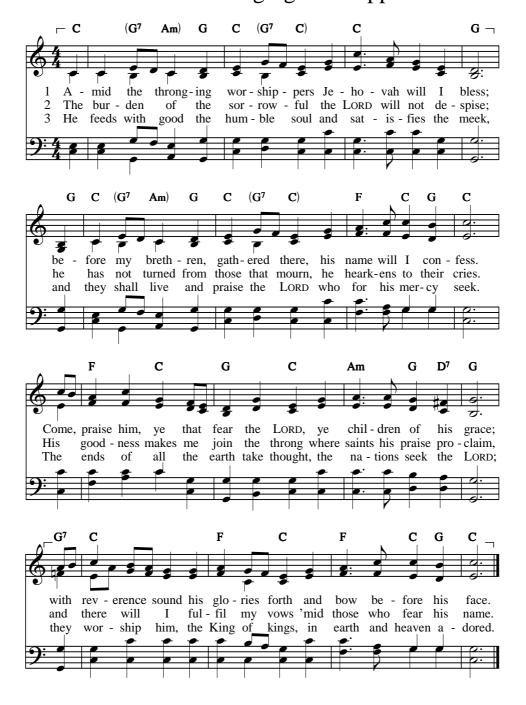
 And when he cried to him in grief, he heard his prayer and sent relief.
- Within the congregation great I offer praise you have supplied.
 I'll pay my vows with those who fear; the meek will eat, be satisfied.
 Those who seek GOD will him adore; your hearts will prosper evermore!
- 12 All ends of earth remember will, and they'll return unto the LORD.

 The families of the nations then to him their homage will accord,
 because the LORD the kingdom owns; he rules above all earthly thrones!
- 13 Earth's rich will eat and worship him; the poor and destitute bow low.

 The race to come will serve his will, for what the Lord has done they'll know.

 And to each age that will unfold, his righteous acts will all be told!

22b Amid the thronging worshippers



The LORD's my shepherd



- 4 A table thou hast furnished me in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, and in GOD's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be.

Text: The Scottish Psalter, 1650

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Tune: Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1836–1887; harm. T. C. L. Pritchard, 1929, alt.; desc. W. Baird Ross, 1871–1950

The earth and the riches



Text: *The Complete Book of Psalms for Singing*, © Rowland S. Ward, 1991 Tune: Charles H. Gabriel, 1856–1932

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The earth and the riches

- 4 O gates, lift your heads! Ageless doors, lift them high! The great King of glory to enter draws nigh! O who is the King that in glory draws near? The LORD, mighty LORD of the battle is here!
- 5 O gates, lift your heads! Ageless doors, lift them high! The great King of glory to enter draws nigh! This great King of glory, O who can he be? Jehovah of Hosts! King of glory is he!

LORD, I lift my soul to thee 25



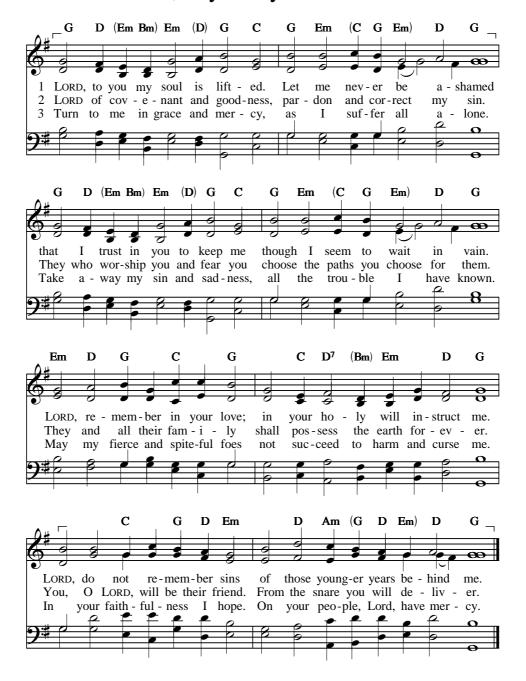
Text: Psalter Hymnal, 1957

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LORD, I lift my soul to thee

- 4 Grace and truth shall mark the way where the LORD his own will lead, if his word they still obey and his testimonies heed.
 For thy name's sake hear thou me, for thy mercy, LORD, I wait; pardon mine iniquity, for my sin is very great.
- 5 He who walks in godly fear in the path of truth shall go; peace shall be his portion here, and his sons all good shall know. They that fear and love the LORD shall his faithful friendship know; he will grace to them accord, and his faithful covenant show.
- 6 Ever are my longing eyes on the LORD, whose watchful care, when my foes their plots devise, keeps my feet from every snare. Turn to me, thy grace impart, I am desolate indeed; great the troubles of my heart; save thou me, O LORD, I plead.
- 7 Look on mine afflicted state, freely all my sins forgive; mark my foes, their cruel hate; keep my soul and let me live. Shame me not; I hide in thee; truth and right preserve me still; mark thy people, LORD my God, save thou them from every ill.

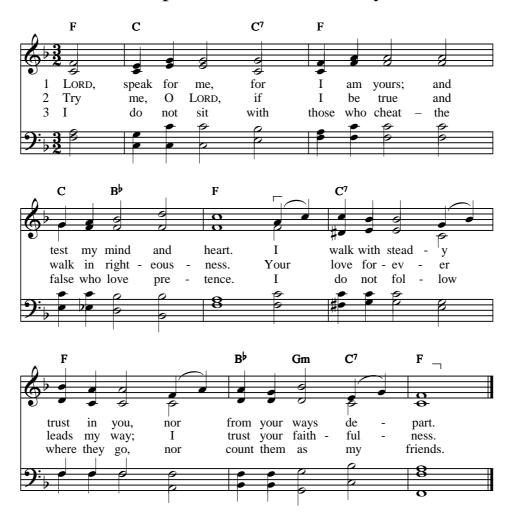
LORD, to you my soul is lifted 25b



Text: Stanley Wiersma, 1980, Psalter Hymnal, © Faith Alive Christian Resources, 1987 Tune: Genevan Psalter, 1551;

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26 LORD, speak for me, for I am yours



- I wash my hands in innocence and seek your altar, LORD, and, singing there with thankful voice, your mighty works record.
- I love your house, O mighty LORD, I love the holy place where you in your great glory dwell; you visit us in grace.
- O do not sweep me down to death with those who thirst for blood; their right hands overflow with bribes; they turn away from good.
- I walk in my integrity; redeem me, LORD, in grace. Securely now I stand, O LORD; in worship I bring praise.

27

Jehovah is my light



Text: st. 1–5 Psalter Hymnal, 1957

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MILLENNIUM

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Tune: Traditional English, 1826

Jehovah is my light

- When troubles round me swell, when fears and dangers throng, securely I will dwell in his pavilion strong; within the covert of his tent he hides me till the storm is spent.
- 5 Uplifted on a rock above my foes around, amid the battle shock my song shall still resound; then joyful offerings I will bring, Jehovah's praise my heart shall sing.
- 6 LORD, hear me when I cry!
 O answer me in grace!
 Each time I hear you say,
 "Enquire and seek my face,"
 my heart in glad response will speak,
 "Your face, O LORD, I'll always seek."

- Hide not your face from me,
 your servant now, I pray;
 the day you angry be
 O turn me not away!
 You've been my help. Forsake me not!
 God, my salvation, leave me not!
- 8 Though parents may betray, the LORD will care for me. Teach me, O LORD, your way; on level path lead me. For all my foes in ambush wait; my way is lined with those who hate.
- 9 O to my foes' desire
 hand me not over now!
 They cunningly conspire
 their charges false to vow.
 Their every breath is cruelty;
 how hopeless seems my cause to be!
- 10 O had I not believed that I would surely see the goodness of the LORD with those that living be...
 Wait for the LORD! With strength restored, be brave in heart. Wait for the LORD.

28

To you, O LORD, I cry



 My joyful heart trusts him, and thankfully I sing.
 The LORD our strength and shield abides, our saviour and our king.
 O save and bless, and shepherd us, and home, LORD, safely bring!

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O give to Jehovah, you sons



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Tune: Charles H. Gabriel, 1856-1932

O give to Jehovah, you sons

- 4 The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning and causes the fi-er-y flashes to break!

 The voice of the LORD makes the wilderness tremble the LORD makes the desert of Kadesh to shake!
- 5 The voice of the LORD makes the deer to give birth; the high standing forest of trees it strips bare! And all of the length and the breadth of his temple, and all things within it, his glory declare!
- 6 The LORD on his throne sat above the great deluge; the LORD now is King, and his reign will not cease! The LORD is the one who gives strength to his people; the LORD is the one who will bless them with peace!

O LORD, I will exalt your name



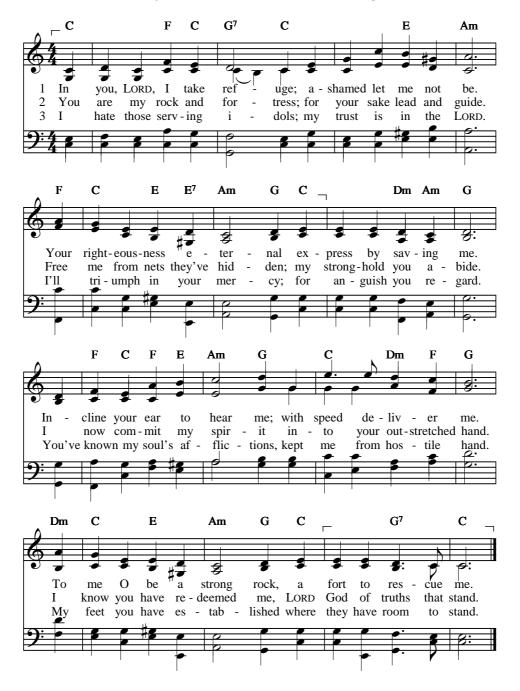
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O LORD, I will exalt your name

- What gain will my destruction bring if I descend to death?
 Will dust proclaim your faithfulness or praise you with its breath?
 Hear as I cry, O LORD my God, and listen to my plea.
 Come to my aid in my distress; have mercy, LORD, on me.
- You turned my wailing into dance; no longer was I sad. My sackcloth gone, you gave me clothes of joy, and I was glad. Therefore my heart will sing to you and never cease to praise; to your great name, O LORD my God, I will give thanks always.

In you, LORD, I take refuge



Text: *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, 1973, © Crown and Covenant Publications, 1998 Tune: Alexander Ewing, 1853

In you, LORD, I take refuge

- 4 O LORD, have mercy on me, for anguish fills my life; my eye, my soul, my body are all consumed with grief. My life is drained by sorrow, my years with sighing spent; I've lost my strength by sinning; my bones are weak and bent.
- 5 To all my foes a byword, a dread to those near me, a scorn to all my neighbors at sight of me they flee. Like dead men I'm forgotten, a broken jar thrown out. I've slanders heard of many, and fear is all about.
- 6 When foes conspire against me, my murder meditate, in you, O LORD, I'm trusting; "You are my God," I state. My times are all in your hand; free me from foes who chase. Your face shine on your servant; O save me in your grace.
- 7 Let me not be ashamed, LORD, because on you I call. Ashamed shall be the wicked, as dead men silenced all. All false lips shall be silenced, whose speech is insolent, who boldly blame the righteous and proudly show contempt.
- 8 How great the good you've treasured for them who worship you, prepared for those who trust you, where sons of men may view. You by your presence hide them from all men plotting wrongs; you keep them in your shelter safe from the strife of tongues.
- 9 The LORD be ever blessed, for he has made me know the mercy and protection his city walls bestow. I said when filled with panic, "I'm cut off from your eyes!" yet when to you I called out, you heard my pleading cries.
- 10 O love the LORD, you godly! The LORD the faithful keeps, but he repays the haughty, that what he sows he reaps.Be strong! He'll keep refreshing our heart with courage great;O do with hope and patience upon Jehovah wait.

How blest is he whose trespass



Text: *Psalter Hymnal*, 1957 Tune: Chrétien Urhan, 1834; arr. Edward F. Rimbault, 1867

How blest is he whose trespass

- 4 "I graciously will teach thee the way that thou shalt go, and with mine eye upon thee my counsel make thee know. But be ye not unruly, or slow to understand, be not perverse, but willing to heed my wise command."
- 5 The sorrows of the wicked in number shall abound, but those that trust Jehovah, his mercy shall surround. Then in the LORD be joyful, in song lift up your voice; be glad in God, ye righteous; rejoice, ye saints, rejoice!

Joyfully sing to the LORD



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Joyfully sing to the LORD

- 4 Let all the world fear the LORD in his greatness; reverence his name, all you peoples of earth! For when he spoke, all things came into being; when he commanded, then all things stood forth.
- Foiled by the LORD are the plans of the nations;
 thwarted by him are the people's designs.
 But the LORD's purposes stand firm forever;
 his plans endure through all ages and times.
- Favoured and blest is the nation he's chosen, whose God the LORD is throughout every age; Blest are the people he called to be near him, those whom he chose as his own heritage.
- From heaven's height the LORD looks down and watches; he sees mankind from his own dwelling place. He who has moulded the hearts of all people knows every deed of the whole human race.
- 8 No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior lives by the strength of his hand. Vain is man's trust in a horse for deliverance, nor by its strength can it victory command.
- 9 But the LORD's eyes are on those who revere him, those who rely on his unfailing love; So that from famine and death he may save them, giving them life by his power from above.
- We wait in hope for the LORD, our defender; trusting his holy name, our hearts are blest. LORD, may your unfailing love rest upon us, just as in you our sure hope has been placed.

The LORD I will at all times bless



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The LORD I will at all times bless



- 4 Come here, my children! Gather round and listen to my word; and I will help you understand how you may fear the LORD.

 Does anyone delight in life and long to see good days?

 Then keep your tongue from evil speech, your lips from lying ways.
- 5 Depart and turn from evil paths and practise what is right. Desire to know the way of peace; pursue it with your might. The LORD's eyes are upon the just; he listens to their plea. The wicked he rejects, and blots from earth their memory.
- 6 The righteous cry; the LORD responds and frees them when distressed.
 The LORD draws near the broken heart and rescues the depressed.
 From all the troubles of the just the LORD will set him free.
 The LORD protects his every bone, and broken none will be.
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 The wicked are condemned to death, all those who hate the just.
 GOD saves his own; they're not condemned, for in the LORD they trust.

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LORD, plead my case



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LORD, plead my case

- 4 Then will my soul rejoice in God and in his saving name.
 "Who is a God like you, O LORD?" my heart and soul exclaim.
 "The poor you rescue from the hands of those who are too strong; you save the poor and weak from those who rob and do them wrong."
- 8 Let him not gloat who, without cause, is my fierce enemy, nor those who hate me unprovoked stare spitefully at me. They do not speak in peaceful words, but cunning schemes have planned, accusing those who live at peace and quiet in the land.
- Malicious witnesses rise up and falsely slander me; I have no knowledge of the things they ask accusingly. They pay back evil for my good and leave my soul forlorn. Yet, at their illness, I would fast and, clad in sackcloth, mourn.
- 9 Triumphantly they shout and say, "His wickedness we see!"
 LORD, you have seen; hold not your peace.
 LORD, be not far from me.
 Awake, and rise to my defence!
 Contend for me, my God.

Do not let them gloat over me; in justice judge, O LORD.

- And when my prayers went out unheard, I mourned as one bereaved of mother, brother, closest friend; I bowed my head and grieved.

 But when I slipped they gathered round and gloated with delight; like godless jesters at a feast, they gnashed their teeth in spite.
- 10 Let them not think within their hearts, "At last! Just what we want!"Nor let them say, "We've swallowed him" –

let that not be their taunt.

May all who gloat at my distress know shame and loss of face; may all who triumph over me be covered with disgrace.

- O LORD, how long will you look on? Defend me from their strife; from these marauding lions' teeth protect my precious life. Then where the great assembly meets to you I will give praise; among the crowds of worshippers in thanks my voice I'll raise.
- May those who long to see me cleared shout out with joy and sing:"The LORD be praised, who loves to see

his servant prospering."
I will extol your righteousness;
I'll praise you with my tongue.
I will proclaim your greatness, LORD, and praise you all day long.

The trespass of the wicked man



Text: st. 1 Psalter Hymnal, 1957

The trespass of the wicked man

- 4 Your steadfast love is great, O LORD; it reaches heaven high. Your faithfulness is wonderful, extending to the sky.
- 5 Your righteousness is very great, like mountains high and steep; your justice is like ocean depths. Both man and beast you keep.
- How precious is your steadfast love!
 What confidence it brings!
 Both high and low find shelter in the shadow of your wings.
- 7 They feast within your house, and drink from streams of your delight. For with you is the source of life; in your light we see light.
- 8 To those who know you as their God, your steadfast love impart; maintain your righteousness to those of pure and upright heart.
- 9 Let not the ruthless foot of pride approach and threaten me, nor let the hand of wickedness force me to turn and flee.
- See where these evildoers lie, who righteousness despise! Thrown down are they, and there they stay, unable to arise.

37 Do not fret on account of the wicked



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Do not fret on account of the wicked

- 4 So be silent and seek the LORD's presence, and be patient until he replies; do not fret when you see the successful, if their schemes are promoted through lies.
- 5 Do not fret it leads only to evil; keep your temper and stay far from wrath, for the wicked will certainly perish, while the godly inherit the earth.
- 6 Yet a while, and the wicked will vanish; though you search, they will never be found. But the land will belong to the humble, and their welfare and peace will abound.
- 7 Though the wicked may strike at the righteous, and may gnash their teeth wildly in hate; yet the Lord simply laughs at the wicked, for he sees the approach of their fate.
- 8 Though the wicked take aim at the righteous and attempt to bring down the oppressed, yet their bow will be broken in pieces, and their sword will but pierce their own breast.
- 9 Though the righteous have little, it's better than the riches of many unjust; for the wicked's great strength will be broken, but the LORD is the righteous one's trust.
- Day by day the LORD cares for the blameless, so their heritage stands ever sure.When a famine comes, they will have plenty; and in drought they will always endure.
- 11 But the wicked will certainly perish; they will vanish, as smoke blows away. And the foes of the LORD will be scattered, like the flower of the field in a day.

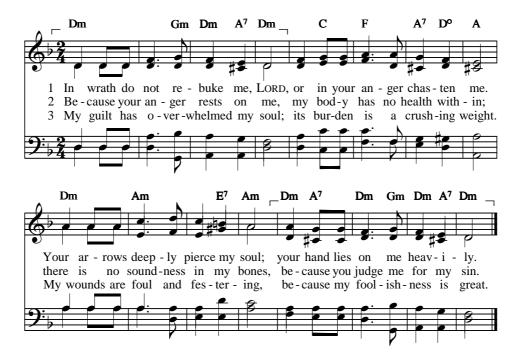
Do not fret on account of the wicked



Do not fret on account of the wicked

- 15 If you turn back from sin and act rightly, you'll continue forever secure; for the LORD shows his love to the righteous; those who trust him he'll keep safe and sure.
- The obedient will not be forsaken, but the line of the wicked will fail.To the righteous the land will be given, and forever in it they will dwell.
- 17 From the mouth of the righteous comes wisdom; words of justice proceed from their lips.For the law of their God is within them and ensures that their foot never slips.
- The unjust lie in wait for the righteous; to destroy them is always their thought.
 But the LORD will not let them be mastered, or condemned when to court they are brought.
- 19 Put your trust in the LORD, I exhort you; in his ways you should always remain. To inherit the land he'll exalt you; you will see when the wicked are slain.
- 20 I have witnessed a ruthless man standing like a flourishing tree in its ground; but he soon passed away and was nothing; though I searched, he was not to be found.
- 21 Watch the blameless, consider the upright; there's a future for those who make peace. But destruction awaits the rebellious, and their future will suddenly cease.
- 22 From the LORD comes the hope of the righteous, and in trouble defence for the meek; so the LORD saves them all from the wicked, for in him their protection they seek.

38 In wrath do not rebuke me, LORD



- I am bowed down, I am brought low, and I go mourning all the day. My back is filled with searing pain, and my whole body wastes away.
- I'm feeble and completely crushed; in anguish of my heart I groan. LORD, my desires before you lie; to you my sighing is well known.
- My heart beats wildly, strength has failed, the light has faded from my eye. My friends and neighbours keep away; they see my wounds and then pass by.

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In wrath do not rebuke me, LORD

- My enemies who seek my life with cunning set their snares for me; my foes conspire to do me harm, and all day long plot treachery.
- 8 I'm like the deaf, who cannot hear, and like the mute, who cannot cry. I'm like a man who hears no sound, whose mouth can offer no reply.
- 9 I wait for you, O LORD my God; and you, O LORD, will answer me. I prayed to you, "If my foot slips, let them not gloat exultantly."
- 10 Indeed I am about to fall; my pain is ever deep within. I must confess iniquity, and I am troubled by my sin.
- My foes are vigorous and strong;and many hate me wrongfully.My good with evil they repay;when I seek good, they slander me.
- 12 O LORD, do not abandon me; do not be far from me, my God. Come quickly to deliver me because you are my Saviour, LORD.

I said, "Now let me watch my ways"



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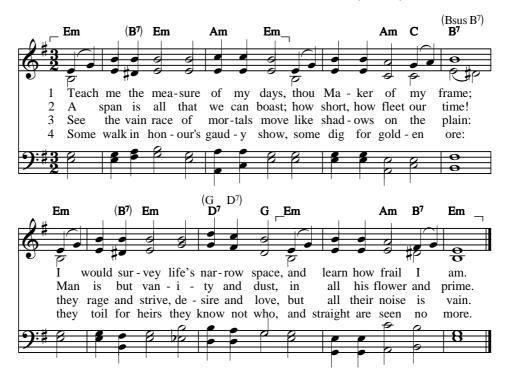
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- 5 "For you rebuke and punish men for their iniquity. You, like a moth, consume their wealth; each man is vanity. O LORD, please listen to my prayer and hear my cry for aid; do not be deaf to the appeal which I with tears have made.
- 6 "For as your guest I stay a while. I'm like my fathers all —
 a stranger and a pilgrim here.
 Have mercy when I call.
 O turn away your eyes from me.
 Let me rejoice again
 before I finally depart
 and here no more remain."

Teach me the measure of my days



- 5 What should I wish or wait for then, from creatures, earth, or dust? They make our expectations vain, and disappoint our trust.
- 6 Now I forbid my carnal hope, my fond desires recall; my mortal interest I give up, and make my God my all.

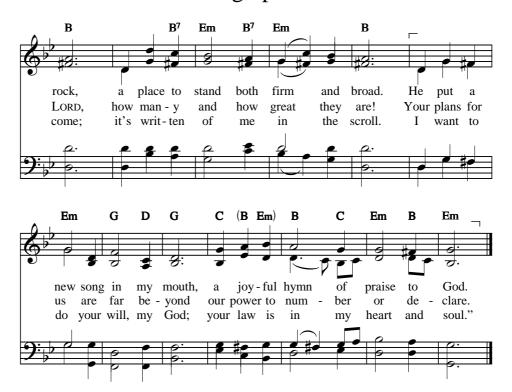
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I waited long upon the LORD



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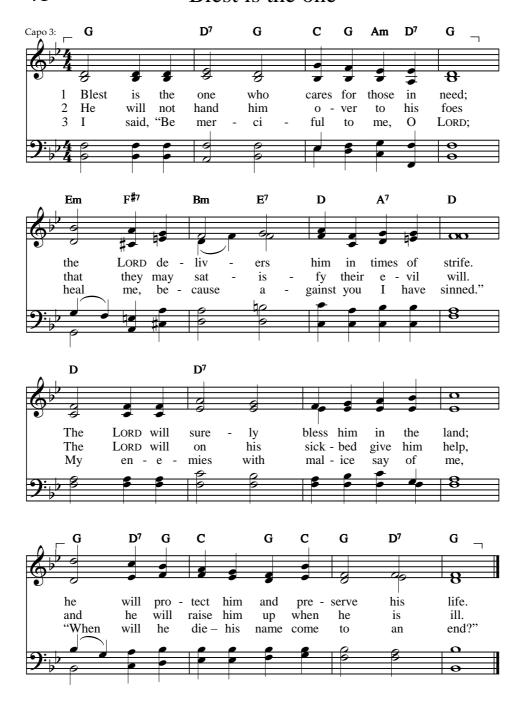
I waited long upon the LORD



- 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.
- 6 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.

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Blest is the one



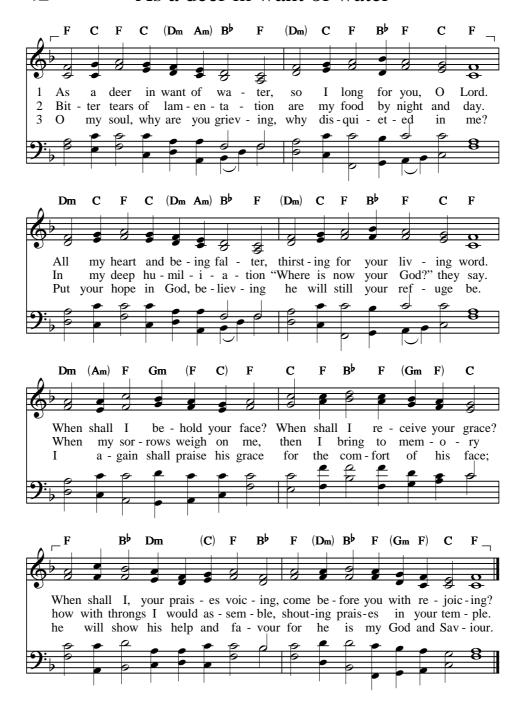
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Tune: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

Blest is the one

- 4 They visit me with falsehood in their hearts and then go out and spread their wicked lies. Against me all my foes are whispering; the worst of fates for me their minds devise.
- They say, "A vile disease has struck him down; he never will get up and leave his bed."
 My closest friend has turned his back on me my trusted friend, with whom I shared my bread.
- 6 But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up their malice to repay. I know that you are pleased with me, O LORD; for over me my foe does not hold sway.
- 7 In my integrity you hold me fast; before you I will constantly remain. O praise the LORD, the God of Israel, forever and forevermore! Amen.

42 As a deer in want of water



Text: Psalter Hymnal, © Faith Alive Christian Resources, 1987 Tune: Genevan Psalter, 1551; harm. Koraalboek vir Psalms en Gesange

As a deer in want of water

- 4 From the land beyond the Jordan, in my grief I think of you; from the foothills of Mount Hermon I will still remember you.
 As the waters plunge and leap, stormy troubles o'er me sweep.
 Day and night God's song is with me as a prayer to him who loves me.
- 5 I will say to God, my fortress,
 "Why have you forgotten me?
 Why must I proceed in sadness,
 hounded by the enemy?"
 Their rebukes and scoffing words
 pierce my bones like pointed swords,
 as they say with proud defiance,
 "Where is God, your firm reliance?"
- 6 O my soul, why are you grieving, why disquieted in me? Put your hope in God, believing he will still your refuge be. I again shall praise his grace for the comfort of his face; he will show his help and favour, for he is my God and Saviour.

Vindicate me, God, my Father

- Vindicate me, God, my Father, come and plead my urgent cause, for my enemies forever threaten me and flout your laws.
 I am safe with you alone; why do you reject your own?
 LORD, I need your help and blessing; keep me safe from this oppressing.
- 2 Send your light and truth to lead me: send them forth to be my guide. To your mountain let them bring me, to the place where you reside. Then, O God, I will come near and before your throne appear, to my Saviour praises bringing with the harp and joyful singing.
- 3 O my soul, why are you grieving, why disquieted in me? Put your hope in God, believing he will still your refuge be. I again shall praise his grace for the comfort of his face; he will show his help and favour, for he is my God and Saviour.

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As pants the hart



4 Why, O my soul, art thou cast down within me? Why art thou troubled and oppressed with grief? Hope thou in God, the God of thy salvation; hope, and thy God will surely send relief.

Text: Psalter Hymnal, 1957

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Tune: Arranged from Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847

43b Come! Vindicate me, O my God!

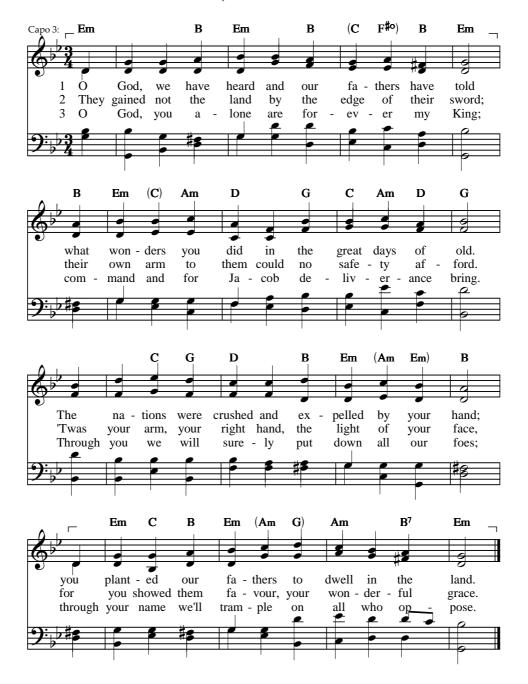


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O God, we have heard



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Tune: Welsh Melody, c. 1600

O God, we have heard

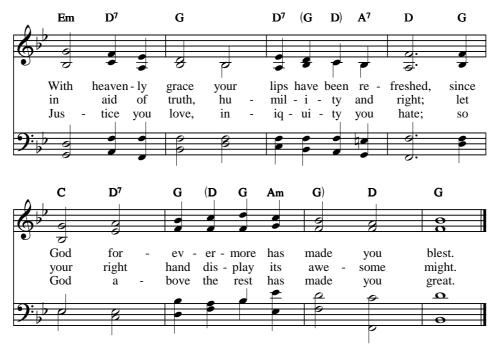
- 4 No trust will I place in my sword or my bow, for you are my Saviour from hater and foe. In God we will boast, for you put them to shame, all day and forever we'll praise your great name.
- 5 But now you forsake us, to shame bring our boasts; no more into battle accompany our hosts. You make us turn back from our foe in dismay, and these our opponents have made us their prey.
- You give us like sheep to be slaughtered for food, among all the nations dispersed and pursued. You sell off your people to strangers for nought; their price to your treasury no increase has brought.
- You make all our neighbours reproach us in pride, and cause those around us to scoff and deride. The nations revile us and joke at our name; they taunt and they threaten; I always know shame.
- 8 This happened though we had been faithful to you; we always have been to your covenant true.
 Our heart has not turned back, our steps have not strayed, though made like a ruin and under death's shade.
- 9 If we had forgotten the name of our God or worshipped an idol, would God then not know? for he knows the secrets in everyone's heart; so why do we face death all day for your sake?
- 10 We're thought to be destined for slaughter like sheep.Awake, O defender! for why do you sleep?Rise up! Don't forget us forever, we plead.O why hide your face from our sorrow and need?
- Our lives are all broken, we're brought very low; our bodies lie crushed on the ground in our woe. Rise up! Be our helper! Redeem from the dust, because in your covenant mercy we trust.

45 A noble theme inspires my heart



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A noble theme inspires my heart



- With oil of joy he has anointed you; with pleasant fragrance all your robes abound. From palaces adorned with ivory stringed instruments delight you with their sound. Among your women royal daughters stand, the king's own bride in gold at your right hand.
- O daughter, listen and give ear to me; forget your people and your father's house. See how your beauty has enthralled the king; give honour to your lord and royal spouse. People from Tyre will come with gifts to you, and wealthy folk your favour will pursue.
- 6 All glorious is the princess in the court; her bridal gown with finest gold is wrought. She comes before the king in broidered robes; to you the maidens in her train are brought. With joy and gladness they are ushered in; they come into the palace of the king.
- 7 Your sons will occupy your fathers' place, and you will make them princes in the land. Through all the generations still to come I will ensure your memory will stand; and therefore all the nations of the earth forevermore will celebrate your worth.

God is our refuge and our strength



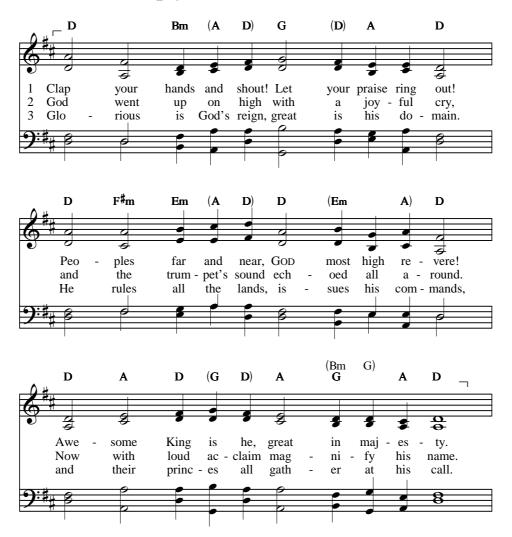
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Tune: English; adapt. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

God is our refuge and our strength

- 4 O come and see what wondrous works the hand of GoD has done; come, see what desolation great he brings beneath the sun. In every corner of the earth he causes wars to cease; the weapons of the strong destroyed, he makes abiding peace.
- 5 "Be still and know that I am God, o'er all exalted high; and every nation of the earth my name shall magnify." The LORD of hosts is on our side, our safety to secure; the God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure.

47 Clap your hands and shout!

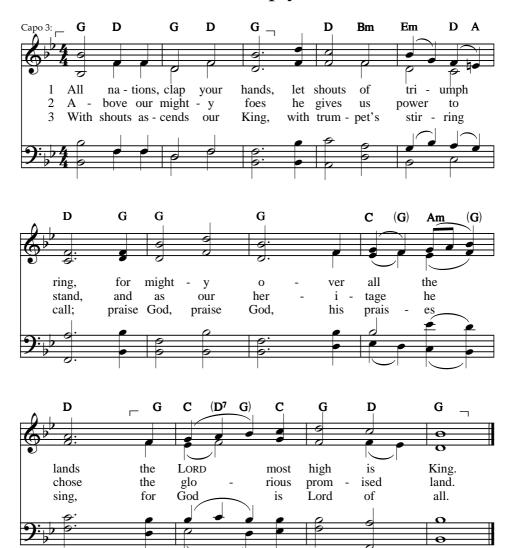


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Clap your hands and shout!



47b All nations, clap your hands



All nations, clap your hands

- 4 O sing in joyful strains, and make his glory known; God over all the nations reigns, and holy is his throne.
- Our fathers' God to own the kings of earth draw nigh, for none can save but God alone; he is the Lord most high.

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Great is the LORD our God



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Tune: George J. Elvey, 1868

Great is the LORD our God

- Within your temple, LORD, in that most holy place, we on your lovingkindness dwell, the wonders of your grace. Your people sing your praise where'er your name is known; by every deed your hand has worked your righteousness is shown.
- 5 Let Zion now rejoice and all her daughters sing; let them with thankfulness proclaim the judgments of their King. Mount Zion's walls behold, about her ramparts go, and number all the lofty towers that guard her from the foe.
- 6 Observe her palaces, mark her defenses well, that to the children after you, her glories you may tell. For God as our own God forever will abide, and till life's journey close in death will be our faithful guide.

Listen to me, all you peoples



Text: Sing Psalms, © Psalmody Committee, Free Church of Scotland, 2003 Tune: John Zundel, 1870

Listen to me, all you peoples

- 4 So for endless generations in their tombs they will remain, though they owned, while they were living, lands to which they gave their name.

 Man despite his wealth is mortal; like the beasts, he fades away.

 Thus the self-assured will perish, though renowned for what they say.
- Death will feed upon their bodies; just like sheep they meet their fate. In the grave their forms will perish, far from where they lived in state. But the upright ones will rule them, once the morning light has shone. From the grave God will redeem me; he will take me for his own.
- 6 Do not quake before a rich man, though his fortune grows immense and his outward state increases for he will take nothing hence. He will soon descend with nothing of the splendour he possessed, though in life he prospered greatly and they told him he was blest.
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- 7 He will go to join his fathers never see the light of day. Those with wealth and no discernment are like beasts that pass away.

50 The mighty God and sovereign LORD



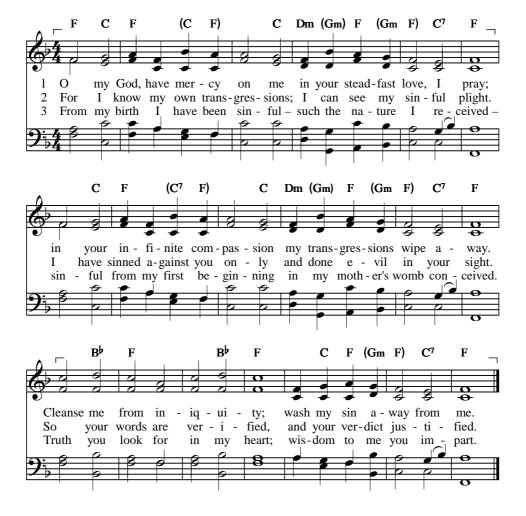
The mighty God and sovereign LORD

- 4 "I do not need a goat or bull as offering for my holy shrine.

 The cattle on a thousand hills and all the forest beasts are mine.

 Each mountain bird to me is known; whatever roams the field I own.
- 5 "If I were hungry, who would know? I would not look to you for food.
 The world and all it has is mine;
 I have no need of flesh or blood.
 But pay your vows and call on me;
 then I will set my people free."
- 6 But to the wicked, God declares:
 "What right have you to quote my law?
 Why take my covenant on your lips
 when evil you will not withdraw?
 My holy words you make profane;
 you cast them from you in disdain.
- 7 "You are a scheming friend of thieves, of those who break their marriage vows. Your tongues speak evil and deceit; you slander those within your house. You thought that I was just like you, that there was nothing I would do!
- 8 "Consider my rebuke and charge, all you who have forgotten me, or I will tear you all apart – then what deliverance will you see? But those who sacrifice with praise will always know my boundless grace."

O my God, have mercy on me



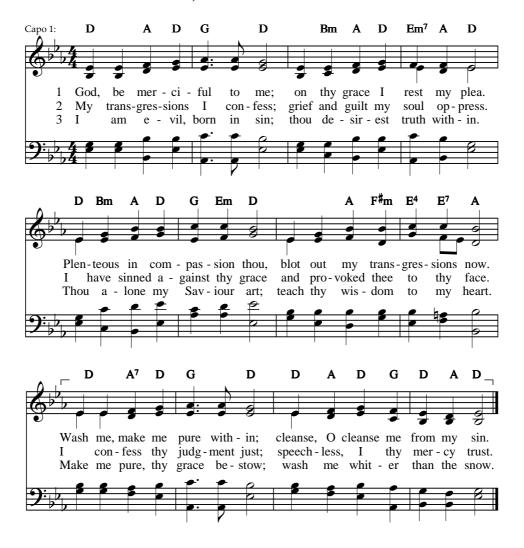
4 Cleanse with hyssop, purify me; I'll be whiter than the snow. Let the bones you crushed be joyful; may I joy and gladness know. From my failure hide your face; blot out all my wickedness.

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Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

O my God, have mercy on me

- Lord, create a pure heart in me, and a steadfast mind renew.
 Do not take your Spirit from me; cast me not away from you.
 Give me back the joy I had; keep my willing spirit glad.
- 6 Then I'll teach your ways to sinners; rebels will turn back to you. Free me from bloodguilt, my Saviour, God most merciful and true. Then I'll praise your righteousness; teach my lips your name to bless.
- 7 Sacrifice does not delight you, else my tribute I would bring; nor do you take any pleasure in a whole burnt offering. Contrite heart as sacrifice you, O God, will not despise.
- 8 Let your blessing rest on Zion; build Jerusalem's walls again. Sacrifices then will please you – bulls upon your altar slain, offerings made for your delight, truly righteous in your sight.

God, be merciful to me 51b



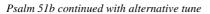
Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just, let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice. From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Text: Psalm 51:1–19. Psalter Hymnal, 1957

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God, be merciful to me





8 Prosper Zion in thy grace and her broken walls replace. Then our righteous sacrifice shall delight thy holy eyes; free-will offerings, gladly made, on thine altar shall be laid.



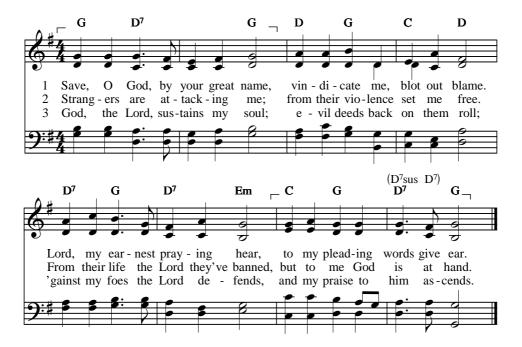
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The fool speaks in his heart



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Save, O God, by your great name



4 I give thanks unto your name; it is good beyond all blame. GOD delivered me from grief; I now celebrate relief!

O God, please listen to my prayer 55



- "O that I, like a dove, had wings! Then I would fly away and be at rest; I'd flee from here and in the desert stay.
- "Then would I to my hiding-place for refuge take my flight, far from the raging of the storm and from the tempest's might."
- Confuse my enemies, O Lord, and all their speech confound; for in the city I see strife and violence abound.
- They prowl her walls both day and night; abuse and malice meet. Destruction is at work, and threats and lies are in the street.

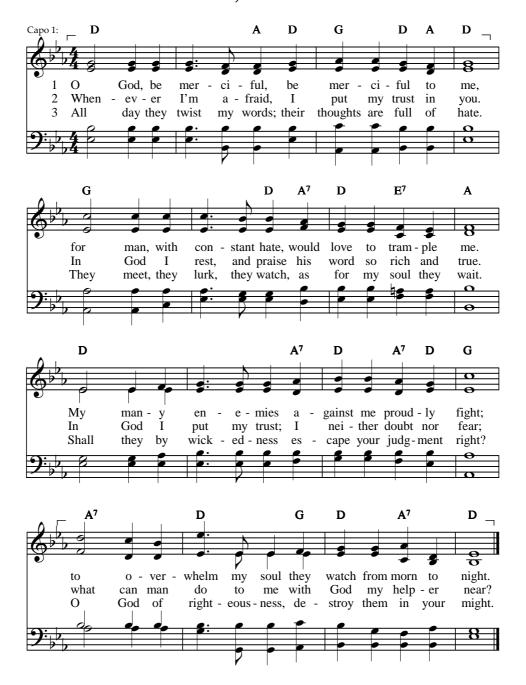
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O God, please listen to my prayer

- 8 If enemies insulted me, their taunts I could abide; or if a foe against me rose, then from him I would hide.
- 9 But it is you, my closest friend, a man whom I well know; we once enjoyed sweet fellowship, as to God's house we'd go.
- 10 Let death come on my enemies and take them by surprise; may they go to the grave alive, for evil in them lies.
- 11 But as for me, I call to God; the LORD will save me now. At evening, morning and at noon, in prayer to him I bow.
- 12 Distressed, I cry he hears my voice. He ransoms me unharmed from battle waged by many foes, who are against me armed.
- 13 My God, enthroned forevermore, will hear and will repay those men who have no fear of God and never change their way.
- This man attacks his loyal friends and breaks his solemn word.As smooth as butter is his speech, but in his heart's a sword.
- 15 O cast your burden on the LORD, and he will care for you; he'll never let the righteous fall, but bring him safely through.
- But you, O God, will bring them down those evil, wicked men into the pit of death's decay forever to remain.
- 17 Bloodthirsty and deceitful men will not live half their days; but as for me, my confidence will rest in you always.

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O God, be merciful



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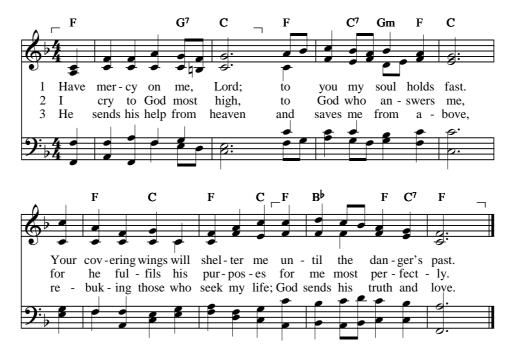
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Tune: Frederick C. Maker, 1881

O God, be merciful

- 4 You well know all my woes. O bottle all my tears; are they not in your book where all my life appears? My foes shall backward turn when I to you appeal. For this I surely know: that God is for me still.
- 5 In God, whose word I praise, in him my trust shall be. I shall not be afraid; what can man do to me? I bring thank offerings for saving me from death; before my God I'll live and walk while I have breath.

Have mercy on me, Lord



- 4 I live with savage beasts, I dwell with lions strong – with men who speak with piercing words; a sharp sword is their tongue.
- 5 Above the highest heavens, O God, exalted be! And over all the earth below display your majesty.
- 6 My soul was overwhelmed; they spread a net for me. But they themselves fell in the pit which they dug secretly.

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Have mercy on me, Lord

- My heart is steadfast, Lord;
 with music I will sing.
 Awake, my soul! Wake, harp and lyre!
 My song the dawn will bring.
- 8 Among the nations, Lord, to you I will give praise. Among the peoples of the earth my songs of you I'll raise.
- 9 Great is your steadfast love, which reaches to the sky. Your constant faithfulness, O Lord, extends to heaven high.
- 10 Above the highest heavens, O God, exalted be! And over all the earth below display your majesty.





You rulers, do you know



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Tune: James Langran, 1861

You rulers, do you know

- 4 Destroy, O God, the teeth within their mouths; LORD, smite the lion's jaw a mighty blow. Make them disperse as water flows away, and blunt their arrows when they draw the bow.
- May they be like the snail that melts away, or like a stillborn child that sees no sun. Before a pot can boil on burning thorns, so swiftly shall the wicked be undone.
- The just will tread the blood of wicked men; when they're avenged, the righteous will be glad. Then all will say, "The just have their reward; surely the judge of all the earth is God."

From foes and all who threaten me



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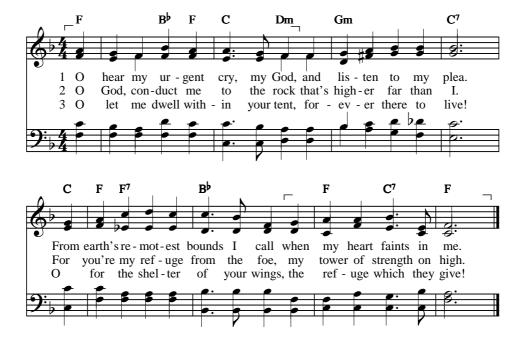
- 4 But you, O LORD, will laugh at them; those nations you deride.
 I watch for you, my loving God, my strength, in whom I hide.
 My God will come and give me help; in triumph I will sing before all those who slander me, O Lord, our shield and king.
- 5 But lest my people should forget, slay not my foes outright.
 Cause them to wander aimlessly; defeat them by your might.
 Reward the evil of their lips, the words of their own mouths; let them be captured by their pride, their curses and untruths.
- 6 Consume them till they are no more; in anger lay them low.
 That God rules over Israel all distant lands will know.
 At evening they return again; like dogs they snarl and growl.
 They roam about the town for food and, finding none, they howl.
- But in the morning I will praise your strength and loving care, because you are my strong defence, my refuge from despair.
 O God, you are my only strength; to you I will sing praise.
 You are my fortress and my rock, my loving God always.

O God, you have rejected us



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O hear my urgent cry, my God



- 4 For you have heard my vows, O God, and you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name continually.
- 5 Prolong the days the king will live; his sovereign rule extend for many generations more, established without end.
- 6 May he forever sit as king enthroned before God's face; appoint your love and faithfulness as his protecting grace.
- 7 Then will I ever bless your name with songs of joy and praise, and will fulfil my holy vows with care throughout my days.

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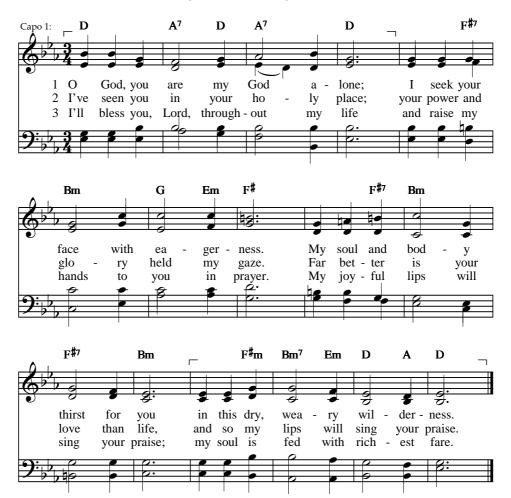
My soul finds rest in God alone



- Find rest, my soul, in God alone;
 in him my hope is ever sure.
 My safety, fortress, sheltering rock –
 in him alone I am secure.
- My honour and salvation rest on God, my rock and mighty fort.
 O people, trust in him always; to him alone pour out your heart.
- 6 The lowborn man is but a breath; the highborn man is but a lie. Weighed in a balance, side by side, they come to nothing but a sigh.
- 7 Do not seek after wealth by force, or triumph in ill-gotten gain; and even though your goods increase, set not your heart on what is vain.
- 8 My God has spoken; I have heard that you are strong and loving, Lord. Each one according to his deeds you will assuredly reward.

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O God, you are my God alone



- Upon my bed I lie awake and in my thoughts remember you; I meditate throughout the night and keep your constant love in view.
- 5 Because you are my help alone, in shadow of your wings I'll sing. You hold me up with your right hand; to you, O God, my soul will cling.
- 6 All those who seek my life will die; down to the depths they will descend. They will become the jackal's food; the deadly sword will bring their end.
- The king will then rejoice in God, with all who swear by God's great name. The mouths of liars will be closed, and they will all be put to shame.

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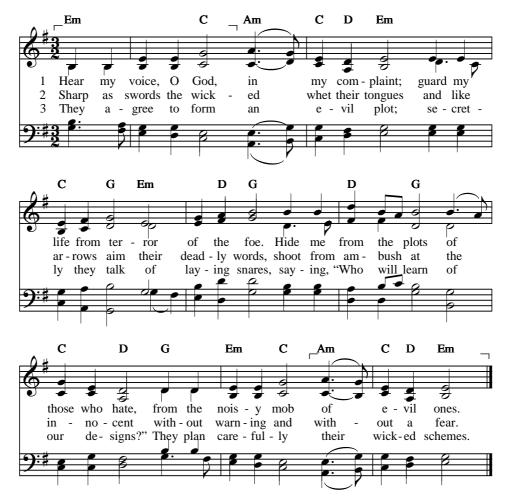
63b O Lord, my God, most earnestly



Text: *Psalter Hymnal*, 1957 Tune: George C. Stebbins, 1878

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Hear my voice, O God

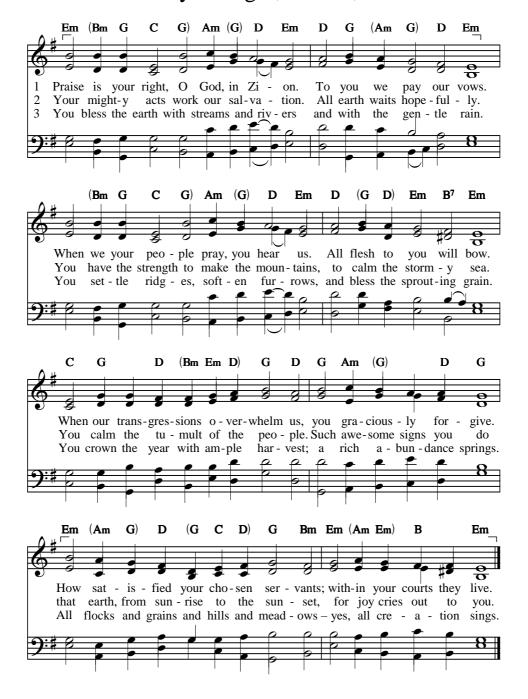


- 4 They are ready with a cunning plot, for the human heart is full of guile. God will shoot an arrow straight at them; without warning they will be struck down.
- 5 They will all be made to trip themselves and undo themselves by their own tongues. All who see them shake their heads in scorn; then shall all the people fear the LORD.
- 6 They will ponder God's almighty deeds and proclaim the marvel of his works. Let the righteous all rejoice in GOD; praise the LORD for his protecting care!

Text: Psalter Hymnal, 1987

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65 Praise is your right, O God, in Zion



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Tune: Genevan Psalter, 1543;

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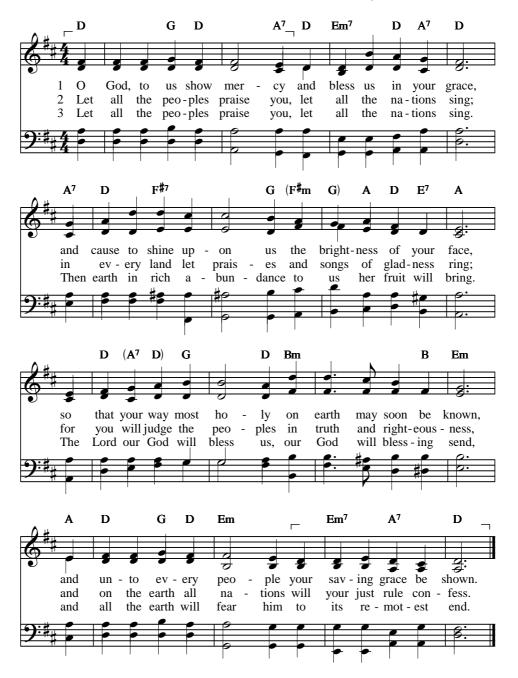
66 Come, everyone, and join with us



Come, everyone, and join with us

- With gratitude and of-fer-ings I come into your house, for when I was in trouble, Lord, I spoke to you my vows. I bring you now burnt offer-ings of fatlings from my herd; I offer you my gift of thanks, because I gave my word.
- 5 Come, everyone who loves the Lord, hear what he did for me. My cry for help has turned to praise, for he has set me free. If in my heart I'd cherished sin, God would have turned away. But he has listened to my cry; he answers when I pray.
- 6 Praise be to God, who hears my prayer and answers my request. His steadfast love surrounds my days; his name be ever blest. Come everyone, and join with us in rousing songs of praise. Sing out the honour of God's name for all his glorious ways.

O God, to us show mercy



Text: *Book of Worship*, 1990 Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

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May God arise



- 4 When you, O God, went out and led your people through the desert plain when through the wilderness you marched, earth shook and heaven poured down rain before the God of Sinai's hill, before the God of Israèl.
- 5 O God, with showers you refreshed your heritage so dry and bare. And so your people settled down and made their habitation there. And from your overflowing store you made provision for the poor.
- The Lord announced his sovereign word; a mighty crowd took up the shout, and many women spread the news: "See kings and armies put to rout! They leave the fruits of battle's toil; at home the women share the spoil.
- 7 "Although in open camp you sleep adorned with silver are your wings; my dove, your feathers shine like gold." When God Almighty scattered kings, the land became like Zalmon steep when on its slopes the snow lies deep.

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May God arise

- 8 See Bashan's mountains rising high; steep and majestic are its hills. Why view in envy, rugged heights, the hill where God forever dwells? The mountain where he chose to reign – there will the LORD himself remain.
- 13 The great procession comes in view the entry of my God and King into the holy sanctuary. Leading them all are those who sing; then girls with tambourines appear; musicians follow in the rear.
- 9 The mighty char-i-ots of God in tens of thousands now appear; Surrounded by unnumbered hosts, the Lord himself is drawing near. From Sinai he has come to fill his sanctuary on Zion hill.
- 14 In the assembly praise the LORD and let God's praise be heard among the gathered tribes of Israèl. See Judah's princes in a throng, in front the tribe of Benjamin, then Naphtali and Zebulun.
- 10 When you ascended up on high, you led out captives after you. From people you accepted gifts, from those who once were rebels too. And so, O LORD God, you have come to dwell in Zion as your home.
- 15 Summon your glorious power, O God; show us the strength at your command, as you have done for us of old.

 The kings of earth, from every land, will bring their gifts to you in fear, and worship at your temple here.
- 11 Praise to the Lord, our Saviour God;
 our burdens daily he relieves.
 Of our salvation he is God;
 truly he is the God who saves.
 The Sovereign LORD defeats the grave;
 he has the power from death to save.
- 16 Rebuke the beast from Egypt's reeds, the bulls with calves from every land; may they with shame their tribute bring. Disperse the tribes that war demand. Let Egypt's envoys come to God, and Cush bow down before the Lord.
- 12 The Lord will crush his enemies' heads, the skulls of those who practise sin. "From Bashan I will bring them down, and from the sea's depths bring them in, that you may plunge your feet in blood, which dogs will lick up as their food."
- 17 O realms of earth, sing to the Lord, to him who has his throne on high; all kingdoms, join in praise to God, whose chariot rides the ancient sky. Now listen: he sends out his word, a mighty thundering voice is heard.
- 18 Proclaim the mighty power of God, whose glory shines on Israèl; his strength is awesome in the heavens and in the place he comes to dwell. His people, Israel, God will raise to strength and might. To God be praise!

O Lord, thou hast ascended 68b

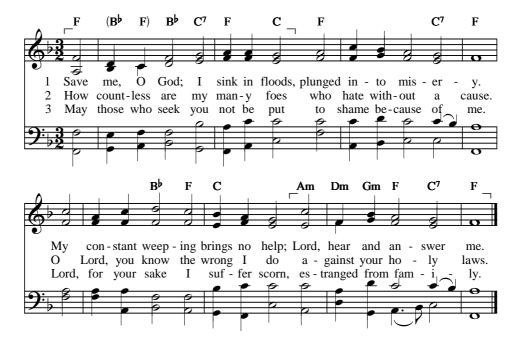


All glory, might and honour ascribe to God on high; his arm protects his people who on his power rely. Forth from thy holy dwelling thine awful glories shine; thou strengthenest thy people; unending praise be thine.

Text: Psalm 68:18, 19-22, 32-35. Psalter Hymnal, 1957

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Save me, O God, I sink in floods



- 4 My zeal for your most holy house has brought reproach and jest. Foes' vulgar songs about my fate leave me the more depressed.
- In full assurance of your grace
 I turn to you in prayer.
 Deliver me from surging floods;
 draw near, reach out in care.
- 6 Your steadfast mercy, LORD, is good; hide not your face from me. Hear my distress and answer, LORD; make haste and set me free.
- You know of my reproach and shame;
 my heart despairs from grief.
 I looked for pity, but I found
 no comfort or relief.

- 8 They gave me bitter gall for food, and vinegar for thirst.O may their deeds rebound on them, a trap to leave them cursed.
- 9 In burning anger bring them low, desert them, one and all; for those chastised by you they taunt. O LORD, their crimes recall.
- 10 Unworthy of salvation's bliss, omit them from your book. I am afflicted and in pain; grant me your saving look!
- 11 My song of praise to you, O God, is more than sacrifice.The LORD still hears the needy ones; he heeds the prisoners' cries.
- 12 Let heaven and earth and seas rejoice; let all that move give praise. All those that love God's name shall live in Zion all their days.

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69b Thy lovingkindness, LORD, is good



4 Let heaven above his grace and glory tell, let earth and sea and all that in them dwell. Salvation to his people God will give, and they that love his name with him shall live.

Text: Psalm 69:16–17, 29–36. Psalter Hymnal, 1957

Tune: William H. Monk, 1861

Make haste, O God, to save me



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71 In you, O LORD, I put my trust



In you, O LORD, I put my trust

- 4 My foes are strong and confident, they talk and make their plans: "He is forsaken by his God, he'll fall into our hands." Do not be far, my God, from me; make haste to hear my call. Ashamed, consumed be all my foes, dishonoured let them fall.
- 5 But I will hope continually, and praise you more and more. I will declare your righteousness, your saving works adore. The mighty deeds of God the LORD I cannot comprehend; but I will praise your righteousness until my life shall end.
- 6 What you have taught in childhood days, I, old and grey, tell forth to generations coming on, your deeds of power and worth. Your righteousness is high as heaven. Who can compare with you? I've troubles known, yes, from your hand, but you will bear me through.
- You will restore my life again and raise me from the grave.
 With honour great you'll comfort me, when you my soul have saved.
 O Israel's holy, faithful One, with lyre and harp I'll praise.
 Those who would hurt me you will shame.
 I'll praise you all my days.

Endow the king with justice



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Tune: Charles H. Gabriel, 1856–1932 HIGHER GROUND

Endow the king with justice

- 4 All kings will humbly bow to him, and nations worship him with fear. He'll save the needy when they call, the poor for whom no help is near. He will take pity on the weak and save them from oppressive might. He'll rescue them from violence; their blood is precious in his sight.
- 5 Long may he live! May Sheba's gold be given to him abundantly! May people ever pray for him and bless his name continually. Let grain abound throughout the land, the tops of hills their harvest yield; may they bear fruit like Lebanon and thrive as grass grows in the field.
- 6 Forever may his name endure; may it continue as the sun.
 All nations will be blest in him, whom they will call the blessed one.
 Praise to the LORD to Israel's God; his awesome deeds proclaim to men.
 His name be praised eternally, his glory fill the earth. Amen!

73 Surely God is good to Israel



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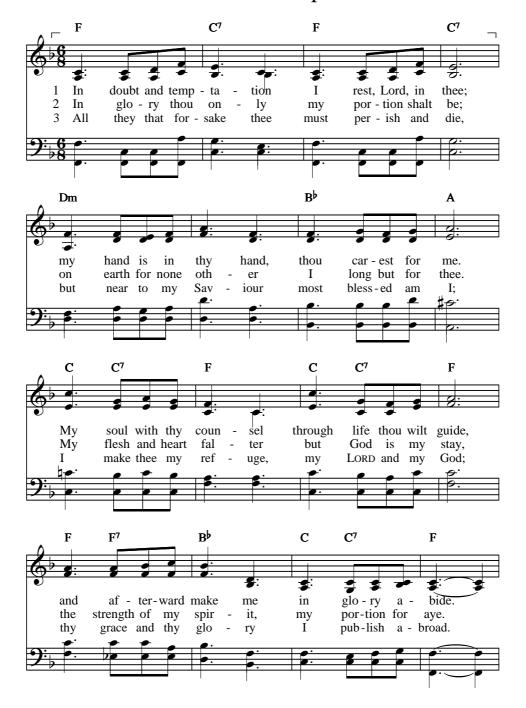
Surely God is good to Israel

- 4 So their people, turning to them, praise the wicked to the sky, saying, "How can God control us? Are we known to God Most High?" Thus the wicked grow in riches, all anxiety laid by.
- 5 Have I kept my heart for nothing, washed my hands in innocence? All day long your plagues are on me; daily are my pains intense. If I spoke thus, then your children would have suffered great offence.
- 6 When I tried to understand this, it was all too hard for me till I came into God's temple then I saw their destiny; for on slippery ground you place them and destroy them utterly.

- 7 How they're shattered in a moment, swept away by sudden fear!
 As a dream when one awakens, so, O Lord, when you appear, you will mock their aspirations, and their hopes will disappear.
- 8 When my spirit was embittered and my heart with grief brought low, like a beast I was before you – dull, in understanding slow. Yet, O Lord, you hold my right hand; with you I will always go.
- 9 To your glory you will bring me with your counsel as my guide. I have none but you in heaven; all on earth I lay aside. Flesh and heart may fail, but ever God my portion will abide.
- 10 Those far off from you will perish; you give them their due reward. As for me, it is a blessing to be near the Sovereign LORD. I have made my God my refuge; all your deeds I will record.

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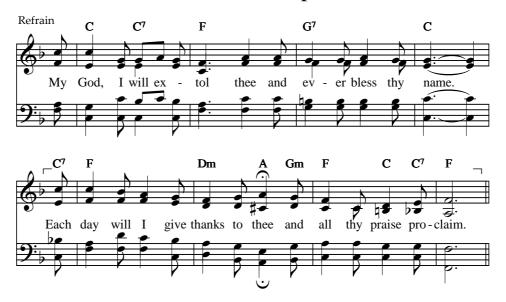
In doubt and temptation



Text: Psalm 73:21–28. Psalter Hymnal, 1957

Tune: E. Grace Updegraff

In doubt and temptation



73c In sweet communion, Lord, with thee



Text: Psalm 73:23–28. *Psalter Hymnal*, 1957 Tune: William U. Butcher, 1860

PRAYER

O God, why have you cast us off



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O God, why have you cast us off

- 5 Their thought was, "We will utterly destroy them!" They burned each place of worship in the land. We see no miracles; there are no prophets, and no one knows when all these things will end.
- 6 How long, O God, will enemies revile you? Forever will your foes blaspheme and scoff? Why do you keep your right hand hidden from us? Stretch it against your foes and cut them off!
- But from of old, O God, you are my sovereign; upon the earth you win the victory. You split apart the ocean by your power; you broke the monsters' heads within the sea.
- 8 The heads of great Leviathan were shattered; you gave him to the desert beasts to eat.
 You were the one who opened streams and fountains; you dried the rivers in the summer's heat.
- 9 The day is yours; yours also is the night-time; the sun and moon were put in place by you. You set the limits of the earth by wisdom; you made the summer and the winter too.
- 10 Remember how the enemy reviles you, how foolish people never cease to mock. Leave not your loved one for the beasts to savage; do not abandon your afflicted flock.
- 11 Regard, O LORD, your covenant with your people, for haunts of violence fill the land with shame. Let not defeat bring scorn on those downtrodden; may yet the poor and needy praise your name.
- 12 Rise up, O God, defend your cause in judgment; remember how fools mock you all the day.

 Do not ignore the clamour of your enemies; their hostile roaring never goes away.

We give you thanks, O God



- 4 No one in all the earth can truly give renown.God is the judge; he raises one and puts another down.
- 5 The LORD's hand holds a cup with wine of powerful blend; he pours it out, and wicked ones must drink it to the end.
- 6 God's works I will proclaim, and Jacob's God I'll praise. The wicked's strength I will destroy; the righteous I will raise.

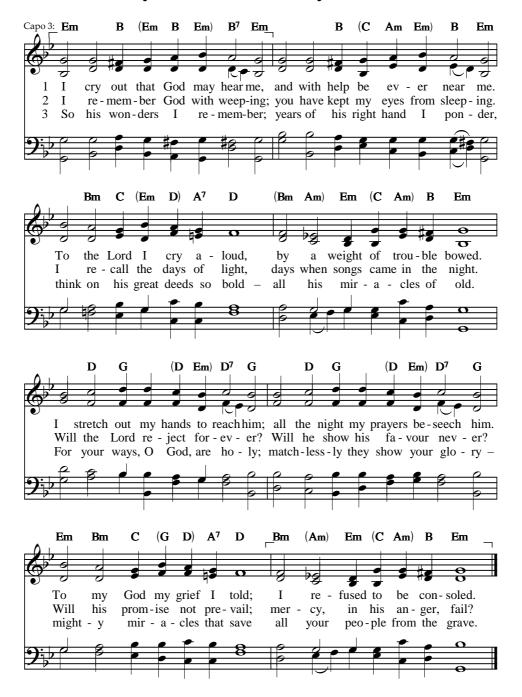
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God is known among his people



4 Vow and pay ye to Jehovah; him your God forever own; all men, bring your gifts before him; worship him, and him alone. Mighty kings obey and fear him; princes bow before his throne.

I cry out that God may hear me



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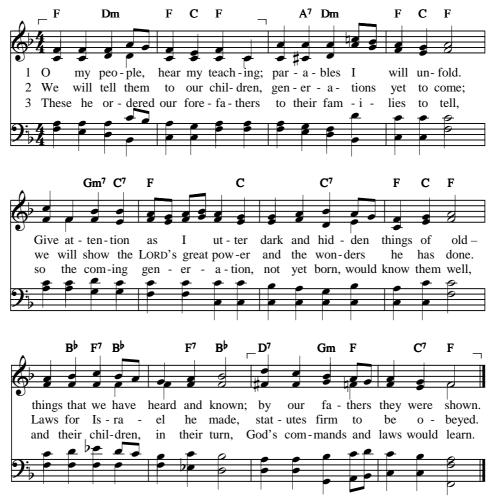
REMEMBRANCE

Tune: Genevan Psalter, 1551;

I cry out that God may hear me

Waters lifted in convulsion for the Lord of all creation, pouring rain from clouds on high; flashing arrows fill the sky. Hear your thunder in the whirlwind; through the sea, your footprints, hidden. So your flock by Moses' hand, safe, you led into your land.

O my people, hear my teaching



- 4 Then to God they would be faithful, mindful of what he had done not like their disloyal fathers, stubborn rebels every one; for God's word they had denied and his precepts they defied.
- 5 Such were those of Ephraim's army who, though strong and armed with bows, to the covenant were disloyal, turned their back upon their foes. They forgot what God had done and the wonders he had shown.
- 6 He showed wonders to their fathers while they were in Egypt's land split the sea and led them through it, waters heaped on either hand. With the cloud he led by day; fire by night revealed their way.
- 7 In the desert God brought water from the rock to quench their thirst – waters brimming like the ocean, streams from rocky crags that burst. But they always would defy and reject him, God Most High.

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Tune: Charles F. Gounod, 1872 LUX PRIMA (GOUNOD)

O my people, hear my teaching

- 8 They provoked God in the desert: "Can he satisfy our taste?
 When he struck the rock, it opened, down the crag the waters raced.
 Now our thirst is satisfied, can he food for us provide?"
- 9 When the LORD heard, he was angry, and his wrath broke out like fire; Jacob knew his fierce displeasure, Israèl his righteous ire. Faith in God they cast aside and his saving power denied.
- 10 To the skies he gave the order; heaven's doors he opened wide. Manna rained down for his people; grain of heaven he supplied. Angels' bread lay at their feet; they had all that they could eat.
- 11 From the heavens he loosed the east wind, 18 led the south wind forth with power.
 Meat, like dust, he rained upon them, birds like sand upon the shore.
 In the camp came down the quail, all around their tents like hail.
- 12 Thus in gluttony they feasted, for he gave them their desire. But, before they finished eating, God's displeasure blazed like fire. So their stoutest warriors fell, and the youth of Israèl.
- Still they disbelieved his wonders, kept on sinning nonetheless.So he closed their days in terror and their years in emptiness.When he punished them, they turned, and with zeal for him they burned.
- 14 God their Rock they then remembered, their Redeemer, God Most High; but their words were meant to flatter, what they told him was a lie.
 In their hearts they were untrue; from his covenant they withdrew.

- Yet in mercy he forgave them; from destruction he refrained. Many times he curbed his anger and his utmost wrath restrained. That they were but flesh, he knew like a passing breeze that blew.
- How they grieved him in the desert, ever ready to rebel vexed the Holy One and tested the great God of Israèl! They forgot his wonders shown to them in the fields of Zoan.
- 17 They forgot his signs in Egypt, when from hardship they were saved, when to blood he turned its river, making foul the drink they craved. God sent swarms of flies to bite, hordes of frogs their land to blight.
- He gave Egypt's crops to locusts, and the swarms ate all their store. Freezing rain destroyed their fig trees, and the hail their vineyards tore. Hailstones battered all their stock; lightning bolts their cattle struck.
- Egypt felt his indignation, dread hostility and wrath.
 By his angels of destruction for his rage he made a path.
 E'en from death he did not spare; mortal plague he made them bear.
- 20 All the firstborn sons of Egypt in the tents of Ham he struck. But from there he led his people through the desert like a flock. Fearless, they were safely led; in the sea their foes lay dead.
- 21 To his holy land he brought them, to the hills seized by his hand; He drove nations out before them and assigned to them their land, where, as their inheritance, Israel's tribes found residence.

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O my people, hear my teaching



- 25 Then the Lord awoke from slumber, as a man with wine replete wakes recovered from his stupor. Then he made his foes retreat; like a rabble they became, put to everlasting shame.
- 26 He passed by the tents of Joseph and the tribe of Ephraim; but he chose the tribe of Judah, and Mount Zion, loved by him. There he built his dwelling sure, like the earth, to stand secure.
- 27 So he chose his servant David, bringing him from tending sheep, to be shepherd of his people, God's inheritance to keep. Faithfully by David fed, they with skilful hands were led.

78b Let children hear the mighty deeds



Tord, the nations have invaded

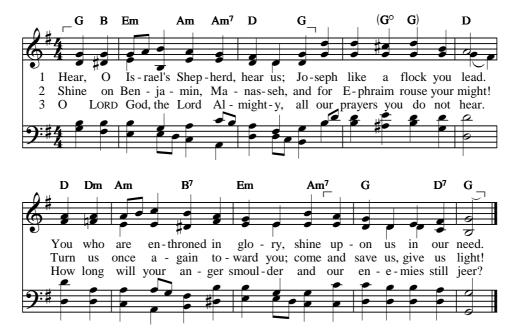


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Lord, the nations have invaded

- 4 Charge us not with the transgressions of our forebears long ago; may your mercy come to meet us you have brought us very low. Help us, Lord, our God and Saviour, for the glory of your name. For your name's sake come and save us; take away our sin and shame.
- 5 Why should the surrounding nations say to us, "Where is your God?" Make the peoples know your vengeance for your servants' outpoured blood. May the groans of every prisoner come before your throne on high; by your arm outstretched in power save all those condemned to die.
- 6 Lord, remember how our neighbours treat you with contempt and scorn; and into their laps deliver sevenfold judgment in return. Then shall we, the sheep you pasture, worship and adore your name, and through every generation your unending praise proclaim.

Hear, O Israel's Shepherd



- 4 You have fed us bread of sorrow; tears in plenty we must shed. We are now before our neighbours humbled and discredited.
- 5 Look on us, O God Almighty; let us see your glory bright. Turn us once again toward you; come and save us, give us light!
- Once you brought a vine from Egypt, drove out kings with mighty hand, set the vine in ground made ready; it took root and filled the land.
- 7 So its branches clothed the mountains, shading every cedar tree, spreading from the great Euphrates to the mighty western Sea.

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Hear, O Israel's Shepherd

- Why did you break down its fences, so that all may pluck its fruit? Creatures of the field devour it; wild boars tear it from the root.
- 9 Turn to us, O God Almighty, look and see from heaven above! Tend this vine your hand has planted and the son you raised in love.
- 10 See your vine cut down and withered, and its branches burned with fire; your rebuke has crushed your people, and they perish in your ire.
- 11 Let your hand be placed in blessing on the man at your right hand on the son of man you've chosen, whom alone you caused to stand.
- 12 Then we will not wander from you, turning from you to our shame.

 Strengthen us, revive and heal us; then we'll call upon your name.
- 13 Look on us, LORD God Almighty; let us see your glory bright. Turn us once again toward you; come and save us, give us light!

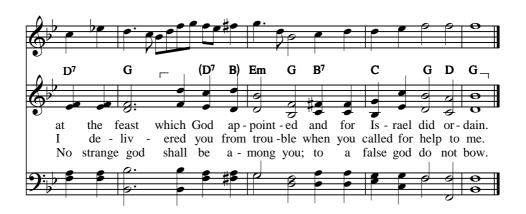
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Sing for joy to God



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Sing for joy to God



- 4 "I, who brought you up from Egypt, your own God, the LORD, am I; open wide your mouth toward me, and your food I will supply.

 But my people would not listen would not do what I required.

 So I gave them up to follow what their stubborn hearts desired.
- 5 "If my people would but heed me, Israel follow my command, I would soon subdue their enemies, and against them turn my hand. Those who hate the LORD would cower, and their doom would never end. But with finest wheat I'd feed you, honey from the rock I'd send."



There where the judges gather



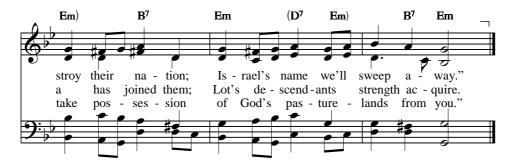
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O my God, do not keep silent



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O my God, do not keep silent



- 4 Like the tumbleweed disperse them, like the chaff before the breeze. As the flames lay waste the mountains or the fire consumes the trees, so pursue them with your tempest; may your storm bring fear and shame. LORD, bring them humiliation, so that they may seek your name.
- May they be ashamed for ever; let dismay be on their face. May they be destroyed completely; let them perish in disgrace. LORD, make known your name among them; show that you alone are God – that you are the Most High, ruling over all the earth abroad.

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O LORD of hosts, how lovely



O LORD of hosts, how lovely

- 4 LORD God of hosts, in mercy my supplication hear; almighty and all-faithful, our fathers' God, give ear. Our shield and great defender, no longer hide thy face, but look upon thy servant, anointed by thy grace.
- 5 In thy blest courts to worship, my God, a single day is better than a thousand while far from thee I stray. Though in a lowly station, the service of my Lord I choose above all pleasures that sinful ways afford.
- 6 A sun and shield forever is God, the LORD Most High; to those who walk uprightly no good will he deny. His saints, his grace receiving, shall soon his glory see; O LORD of hosts, most blessed are they that trust in thee.

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In times past, LORD



Text: Sing Psalms, © Psalmody Committee, Free Church of Scotland, 2003 Tune: John Hughes, 1873–1932

In times past, LORD

4 Love and truth have met together; righteousness and peace embrace. Righteousness looks down from heaven; from the earth springs faithfulness. What is good the LORD will give us, and our land its fruit will bear. Righteousness will go before him and his royal way prepare.

Hear, O LORD, and answer me



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Hear, O LORD, and answer me

- 4 Teach me, LORD, your way, that I from your truth may not depart; so that I may fear your name, give me a devoted heart. Lord, with all my heart I will praise your name unceasingly. For your love to me is great; from the grave you rescued me.
- 5 Proud men are attacking me; and the ruthless men of strife, who have no regard for God, seek to take away my life.
 But, Lord, you are merciful, God of grace and tenderness, slow to anger, rich in love and in covenant faithfulness.
- 6 Turn your face to-wards me, Lord, and to me compassion show. Give me strength and save my life; on your servant grace bestow. Grant a sign of favour, LORD, which my enemies may see; then they will be put to shame, for you help and comfort me.

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LORD, my petition heed



4 By nations you have made, your praise will be displayed through earth abroad. Your name be glorified, your greatness magnified; wondrous your works abide, for you are God!

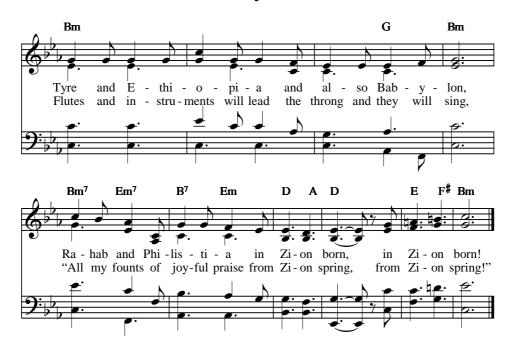
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LORD, my petition heed

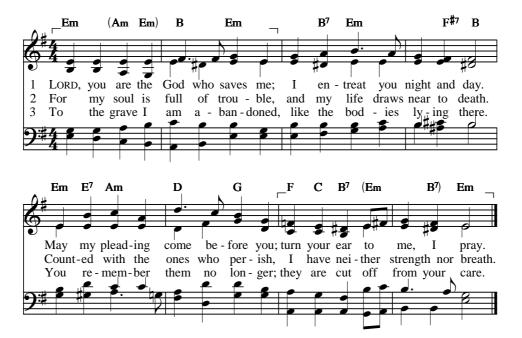
- 5 To me your truth impart, so that with all my heart I fear your name. I will give thanks to you, your praise I will pursue; all glory be to you, O Lord my God!
- 6 Great is your love to me; from death you set me free when foes alarm. Your grace I surely know; your anger, Lord, is slow; your lovingkindness show, save me from harm.
- Show me your mercy true, your servant's strength renew, salvation send.
 A sign of favour show; your comfort, LORD, bestow; let those who hate me know you are my friend.



On the holy mountain



88 LORD, you are the God who saves me



- 4 In the lowest pit you cast me; in the darkest depths am I. For your wrath is heavy on me, and beneath your waves I lie.
- Closest friends you've taken from me; loathsome to them is my plight.
 I am trapped – escape I cannot; misery has dimmed my sight.
- 6 Daily, LORD, I call upon you; in your sight my hands I spread. In the grave do you show wonders? Are you worshipped by the dead?
- 7 Is your love shown in Destruction in the grave your faithfulness? Are your wonders known in darkness, or in death your righteousness?

- 8 But I cry to you for help, LORD; at the dawn to you I pray. Why, O LORD, do you reject me, and why turn your face away?
- 9 From my youth I've been afflicted; death to me is always near. I have undergone your terrors, and I am in deep despair.
- 10 Your fierce anger has engulfed me;by your terrors I am crushed.All day long they overwhelm me;over me the flood has rushed.
- 11 You have taken my companions and my loved ones far from me.

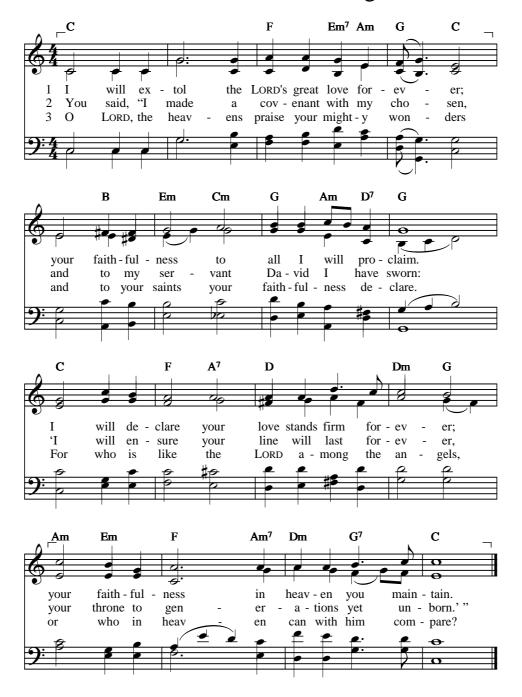
 Now my closest friend is darkness; not a ray of light I see.

I will extol the LORD's great love

Psalm 89 – Part 1: Alternative arrangement for stanza 9 with descant



89 – Part 1 I will extol the LORD's great love



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Tune: Michael Baughen, © Jubilate Hymns, 1930; arr. David Iliff, © Jubilate Hymns, 1939

11 10 11 10 LORD OF THE YEARS Alternative arrangement for final stanza on previous page

I will extol the LORD's great love

- For God is feared within his holy council, more awesome than the angels all around.
 O God, the LORD Almighty, who is like you whom such great might and faithfulness surround?
- 5 O LORD, your rule controls the surging ocean; you still the raging waves upon the seas. Rahab you crushed to death with your great power; with your strong arm you rout your enemies.
- 6 The earth is yours, to you belong the heavens; you made the world and everything therein. By you the north and south were both created; Tabor and Hermon praise your name and sing.
- Your arm, O LORD, is filled with mighty power; your hand is strong, exalted high above. Your throne is built on righteousness and justice; in front of you go faithfulness and love.
- 8 How blest are those who learn to sing your praises, who walk before you in your light, O LORD! All day in your great name they are rejoicing; they praise your righteousness with one accord.
- 9 For you, LORD, are your people's strength and glory, and honour to our sovereign you bring. Indeed, from God the LORD comes our protection; to Israel's Holy One belongs our king.

89 – Part 2 There was a time



Text: Psalm 89:19–37. Sing Psalms, © Psalmody Committee, Free Church of Scotland, 2003

Tune: John Bacchus Dykes, 1823–1876

There was a time

- 13 "My faithful love will be with him forever; his power will be exalted through my name. His right hand I will set above the rivers; his rule upon the sea I will proclaim.
- 14 "He will declare to me, 'You are my Father; you are my rock, my saviour and my God.' As my firstborn I also will appoint him, supreme among all kings on earth abroad.
- 15 "I will maintain my love to him forever; my covenant with him will never fail. His line forevermore I will establish; while heaven lasts, his kingdom will prevail.
- 16 "But if his sons forsake my laws and statutes and violate my covenant command, I'll punish with the rod all their transgression, their sin with blows inflicted by my hand.
- 17 "But I will never take my love from David; my faithfulness I never will betray. Nor will I ever violate my covenant or alter what I said in any way.
- 18 "Once have I sworn in holiness to David –
 I will not lie to him I will declare
 that David's line forever will continue,
 and on his throne he'll always have an heir.
- 19 "His throne will ever flourish in my presence; it will continue like the sun on high.I'll make it certain, like the moon in heaven, which is a faithful witness in the sky."

89 – Part 3 But you, O LORD, have spurned



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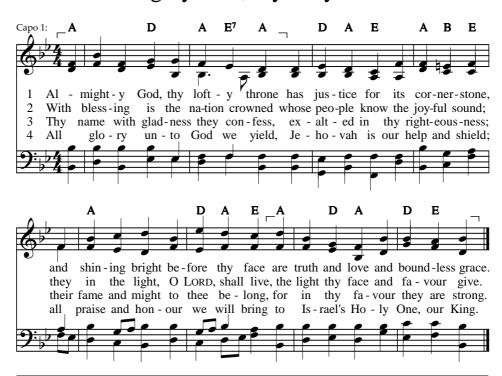
Tune: Frederick G. Russell, 1867-1929, alt.

11 10 11 10 LOMBARD STREET

But you, O LORD, have spurned

- 24 How long, LORD? Will you hide yourself forever? How long will your fierce anger on us fall? Remember that my life is swift and fleeting. For what futility you made us all!
- 25 For who can live and be secure from dying, or who resist the pow-er of the grave?O Lord, where is your former love for David, whom in your faithfulness you swore to save?
- 26 Remember, Lord, how they have mocked your servant, how in my heart I bear the taunts of men; your foes have mocked and scorned the LORD's anointed. But ever let the LORD be praised! Amen.

89b Almighty God, thy lofty throne



Text: Psalm 89:14–18. Psalter Hymnal, 1957 Tune: Hamburger Musikalisches Handbuch, 1690

90 Lord, you have been our dwelling place



Lord, you have been our dwelling place

- 4 For by your anger we're consumed, and by your wrath to terror doomed. Our sins you set before your sight, our secret sins in your clear light. Beneath your wrath we fade and die; our years are finished with a sigh.
- 5 For some life's years are seventy; perhaps the strong may eighty see. Yet is their best but toil and woe; all quickly ends; how soon we go! Who has your anger understood? Who fears your fury as he should?
- 6 Teach us to count aright our days, to set our hearts in wisdom's ways. Return, O LORD! How long will it be? Let us, your servants, mercy see. Your grace send with the morning rays; we'll sing for joy through all our days.
- 7 Give joy that answers all the tears, the troubles in those days and years. Your work to all your children show; your glory on their sons bestow. O Lord our God, let favour rest; our works confirm, our labours bless.

91 The one whose dwelling is with God



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The one whose dwelling is with God

- 4 No harm will touch you though a thousand fall, or yet ten thousand die at your right hand. Your eyes will then look on, and you will see the wicked punished as their ways demand.
- 5 If you make God Most High your dwelling place even the LORD, who is my refuge sure no evil then will ever fall on you, nor dire calamity come near your door.
- 6 For he will charge his angels with your care, to guard you in your footsteps every one; they will uphold and bear you in their hands, lest you should strike your foot against a stone.
- 7 Upon the mighty lion you will tread; the cobra you will overcome and kill. Your feet will trample down the king of beasts; the serpent will be crushed beneath your heel.
- 8 "Because he loves me," says the Sovereign LORD, "I'll rescue and deliver him from harm.

 Since he acknowledges my holy name,
 I will protect him with my mighty arm.
- 9 "He'll call on me, and I will answer him; with him in time of trouble I will be. I will deliver him and honour him. Long will he live, and my salvation see."

How good it is to thank the LORD

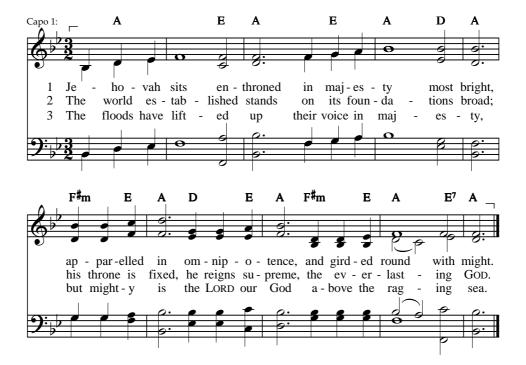


- 4 O LORD, you have exalted me with royal strength and dignity. With your anointing I am blest; your grace and favour on me rest. My eyes have seen the wicked die; my ears have heard their hopeless cry.
- The righteous all will flourish well and in the house of God will dwell. They will be planted like a tree, will still in old age fruitful be. the LORD our God is upright, just; he is my rock; in him I trust.

Text: *Psalter Hymnal*, 1957, alt. Tune: Ernest R. Kroeger, 1862–1934

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Jehovah sits enthroned



4 Thy testimonies, LORD, in faithfulness excel, and holy must thy servants be who in thy temple dwell.

Text: Psalter Hymnal, © Faith Alive Christian Resources, 1976 Tune: George F. Root, 1859

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Almighty LORD God



- 4 The people you teach and discipline, LORD, are happy and blest to learn from your word. For you grant relief to all those in despair, allowing them peace till the wicked are snared.
- 5 O LORD, you will not abandon your own nor ever forsake them nor leave them alone. Your justice will dawn for all those who do right, and those who are upright will follow its light.

Text: Patricia Haveman, 1983, *Psalter Hymnal*, © Faith Alive Christian Resources, 1987 10 10 11 11 Tune: Charles H. Gabriel, 1856–1932 ASPINWALL

Almighty LORD God

- 6 Who helps me to fight sin's mighty offence? Who will be my shield and my sure defence? Unless GoD had helped me when evil oppressed, I too would have slipped into silence and death.
- Whenever I fall, I pleadingly cry; then your loving hand, LORD, holds me up high. If my heart should doubt and be filled with despair, your comfort brings joy, and I know that you care.
- 8 Corruption cannot be allied with you; injustice cannot be legal or true. For you, LORD, will never conspire with our foes who gather together, increasing our woes.
- 9 The LORD is my rock, invincible, strong; he punishes all who perpetrate wrong. Our GOD will repay them for sins they have sown, but he will have mercy and love for his own.

Now with joyful exultation



While he offers peace and pardon let us hear his voice today, lest, if we our hearts should harden, we should perish in the way; lest to us, so unbelieving, he in judgment shall declare: "You, so long my spirit grieving, never in my rest can share."

Text: *Psalter Hymnal*, 1957, alt. Tune: John Zundel, 1870

95b Sing to the LORD, the rock



4 Oh, harden not your hearts, like those who wandered the desert forty years to Jordan's strand; humble and comforted, O chosen people, enter the promised land.

Text: Theodore Maynard, *Psalter Hymnal*, 1957

Tune: George W. Chadwick, 1890

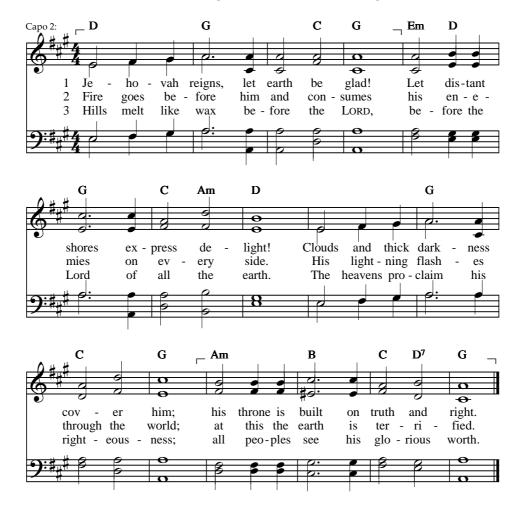
96 Sing to the LORD, sing his praise



Sing to the LORD, sing his praise

- 4 Give unto GOD Most High glory and honour; come with your offerings and humbly draw near. Worship the LORD in all beauty and splendour; tremble before him with godly fear.
- 5 Say to the nations, "The LORD reigns forever." Earth is established as he did decree. Righteous and just is the king of the nations, judging the peoples with equity.
- 6 Let heaven and earth be glad; oceans, be joyful; forest and field, exultation express.
 For GoD is coming, the judge of the nations, coming to judge in his righteousness.

97 Jehovah reigns, let earth be glad!



- 4 All those who worship images are put to everlasting shame; their worthless idols are their boast you gods, bow down before his name!
- 5 To Zion's hill and Judah's towns your judgments, LORD, great joy supply. Above the earth and all the gods exalted is the LORD Most High.
- 6 Hate evil, you who love the LORD; his faithful ones he will defend, and from the hands of wicked men to them deliverance he will send.
- 7 Upon the righteous light will shine, and joy on those of upright ways. You righteous, in the LORD rejoice, and to his holy name give praise.

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98 Sing a new song to Jehovah



Text: Psalter Hymnal, 1957 Tune: L. van Beethoven, 1770–1827; arr. Edward Hodges, 1796–1867

98b

Unto GOD our Saviour



Text: Psalter Hymnal, 1957

Tune: Anonymous

99 Jehovah reigns in majesty



Text: Psalter Hymnal, 1957

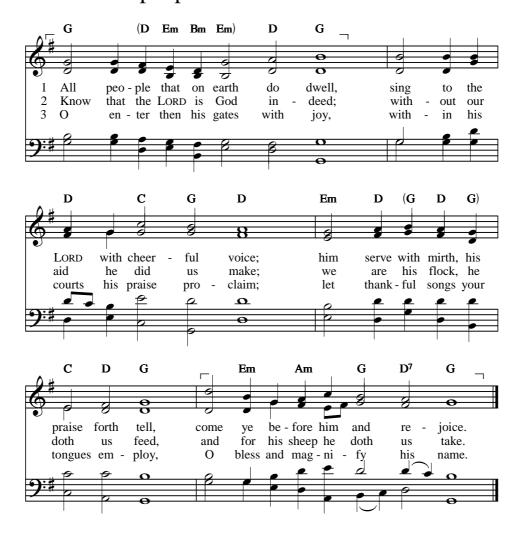
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Shout to the LORD with joy



100b All people that on earth do dwell



4 Because the LORD our God is good, his mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood and shall from age to age endure.

All people that on earth do dwell

Psalm 100b: Alternative accompaniment for stanza 4 with melody in tenor



101 I'll praise your love and justice



- 4 I'll put to silence everyone who slanders secretly;
 I will not tolerate the proud who act so haughtily.
- 5 My eyes are on the faithful ones, that they may dwell with me; whoever lives a blameless life will serve me constantly.
- 6 No one who practises deceit will dwell within my home; nor will the one whose words are false before me ever come.
- 7 Each morning I will silence all who wicked deeds have done; I'll cleanse the city of the LORD of every evil one.

LORD, listen to my prayer



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LORD, listen to my prayer

- 4 For ashes are my food; I weep incessantly because in your great wrath you have abandoned me. My days like evening shadows pass; I wither like the sun-dried grass.
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- 5 But you, O LORD, are set forever on your throne; through each succeeding age endures your great renown. You will arise in mighty power; on Zion mercy you will shower.
- The set time now has come to bless Jerusalem.
 Her stones your saints hold dear; her dust is mourned by them.
 Nations will fear your name, O LORD; all kings on earth your praise record.
- 7 For God will yet appear in glorious might to reign; the LORD in grace will build Jerusalem again. The prayers of all the poor he'll heed; he will not spurn their cry of need.
- 8 Let this be written down to teach a future race, so people yet unborn may magnify his grace: that from his holy place above the LORD looked down in tender love.

- 9 From heaven he viewed the earth, observing all mankind, to hear the groans of those in prison cells confined, and to deliver from on high a multitude condemned to die.
- 10 In Zion will be praised the LORD's exalted name; his praises will be sung within Jerusalem, when peoples and their kingdoms throng to serve the LORD with cheerful song.
- 11 He took my strength away by his almighty power; he shortened grievously my life's allotted hour. I said, "O take me not away, my God, at noontide of my day.
- "Your days and years go on through every age of man.
 The earth's foundation strong you laid when time began.
 The heavens came at your command, created by your mighty hand.
- 13 "The earth and heavens will fail, but you alone remain.

 Like garments they will age, while you on high will reign.

 Like clothing you will change them all; like clothes discarded they will fall.
- 14 "But you endure always; your years will never cease. Your servants' children too will know your reign of peace. Their offspring, their succeeding race, will ever stand before your face."

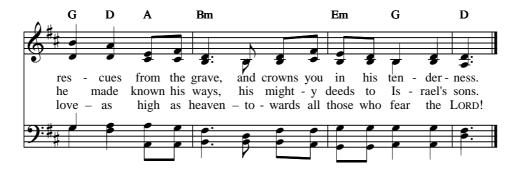
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Praise GOD, my soul!



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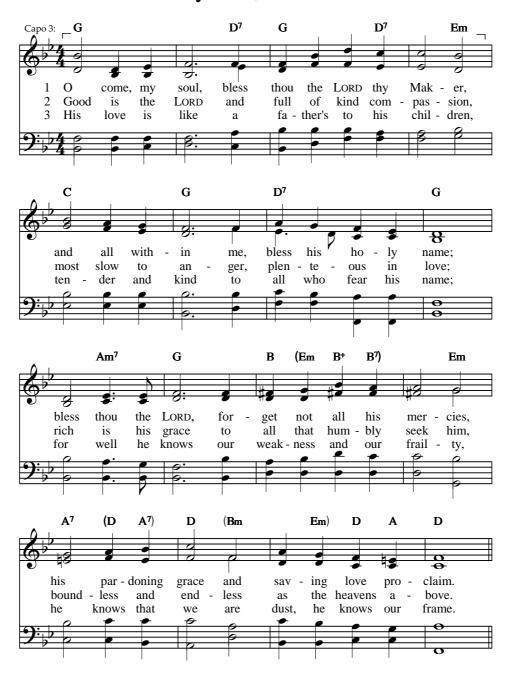
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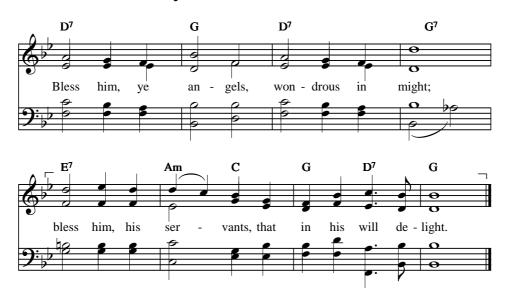
- 4 As far as east is from the west, so far his love has borne away our many sins and trespasses and all the guilt that on us lay.

 Just as a father loves his child, so GOD loves those who fear his name. For he remembers we are dust, and well he knows our feeble frame.
- 5 Each human life is like the grass, and like a meadow flower it grows. Its place will never be recalled once over it the tempest blows. But everlasting is GoD's love for those who fear him, and their seed for those who keep his covenant, and carefully his precepts heed.
- GOD's kingly rule is over all;
 in heav-en he has set his throne.
 O you his angels, praise the LORD,
 strong ones by whom his will is done.
 O praise the LORD, you heavenly hosts,
 his servants who perform his word.
 Praise GOD, his works throughout his realm,
 and you, my soul, O praise the LORD!

103b O come my soul, bless thou the LORD



O come my soul, bless thou the LORD



- We fade and die like flowers that grow in beauty, like tender grass that soon will disappear; but evermore the love of GoD is changeless, still shown to those who look to him in fear.
- 5 High in the heavens his throne is fixed forever, his kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole. Bless ye the LORD through all his wide dominion; bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.

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My soul, bless the LORD!



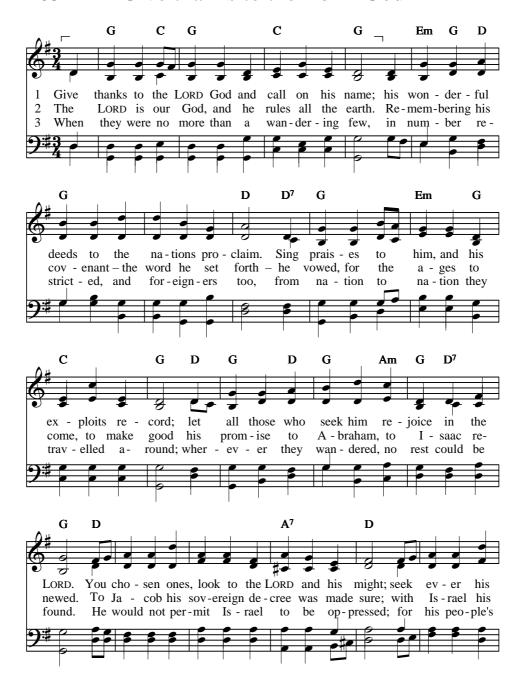
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10 10 11 11 HOUGHTON

My soul, bless the LORD!

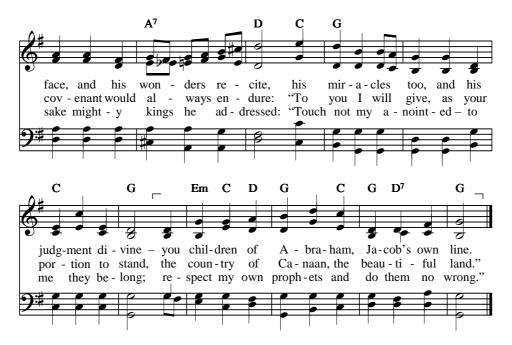
- 5 Down mountains and hills your showers are sent. With fruit of your work the earth is content. You give grass for cattle and food for our toil, enriching our labours with bread, wine, and oil.
- 6 The trees which the LORD has planted are fed, and over the earth their branches are spread; they keep in their shelter the birds of the air. The life of each creature the LORD makes his care.
- 7 The seasons are fixed by wisdom divine. The slow-changing moon shows forth God's design. The sun in its circuit its Maker obeys and, running its journey, hastes not nor delays.
- 8 The LORD makes the night, when, leaving their lair, the lions go forth, God's bounty to share. The LORD makes the morning, when beasts steal away and man is beginning his work of the day.
- 9 How many and wise the works of the LORD! The earth with its wealth of creatures is stored. The sea bears in safety the ships to and fro; Leviathan plays in the waters below.
- Your creatures all look to you for their food;your hand opens wide, they gather the good.When you hide your face, LORD, in anguish they yearn;when you stop their breath, then to dust they return.
- 11 Your Spirit, O LORD, makes life to abound, the earth is renewed, and fruitful the ground. To GOD ascribe glory and wisdom and might; let GOD in his creatures forever delight.
- 12 Before the LORD's might earth trembles and quakes, the mountains are rent, and smoke from them breaks. The LORD I will worship through all of my days, yes, while I have being, my God I will praise.
- Rejoicing in God, my thought shall be sweet.
 May sinners depart in ruin complete.
 My soul, bless Jehovah his name be adored.
 Come, praise him, all people, and worship the LORD.

Give thanks to the LORD God



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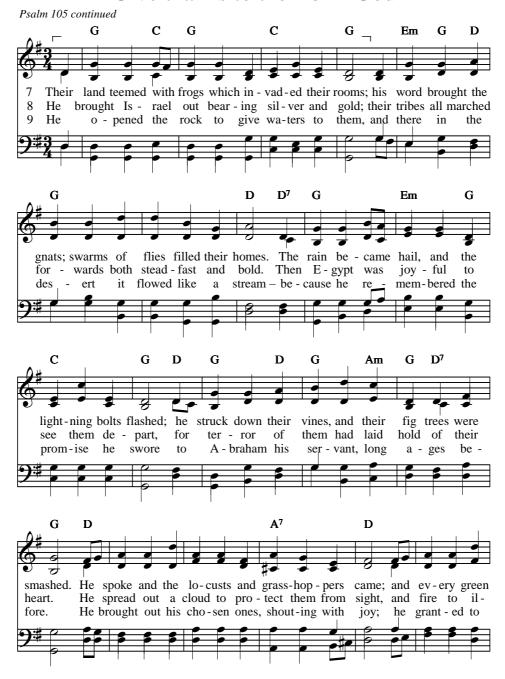
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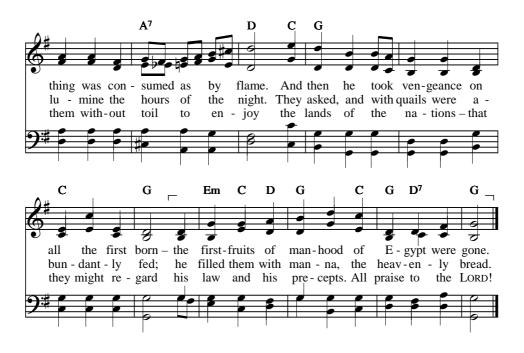
- 4 The LORD called down famine upon the whole land; their food was destroyed at his sovereign command. But he sent beforehand, his people to save, his chosen one, Joseph, sold off as a slave. His feet within shackles of bronze were confined, his neck put in irons; for freedom he pined. The word of the LORD was a test to be passed till what he foretold was accomplished at last.
- 5 The king sent an order to let him go free; the ruler of nations gave him liberty. He put him in charge of his house and his lands; his princes and elders obeyed his commands. Then Israel came down into Egypt to stay, in Ham's land to sojourn for many a day. The LORD caused his people to prosper and grow, and so they were seen as a threat to their foe.
- 6 He turned the Egyptians against Israèl, and caused them to plot his own servants to kill. Then Moses and Aaron, his chosen, he sent; performing his wonders, to Egypt they went. Because the Egyptians despised his command, he sent utter darkness to cover the land. Their waters and rivers he turned into blood; the fish of the Nile were destroyed by the LORD.

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Give thanks to the LORD God



Give thanks to the LORD God



105b Unto the LORD lift thankful voices



Unto the LORD lift thankful voices

- 4 Ye seed from Abraham descended, to whom his favours were extended, and Jacob's children, whom the LORD has chosen, hearken to his word. He is the LORD, our judge divine; in all the earth his glories shine.
- 5 Jehovah's truth will stand forever, his covenant-bonds he will not sever; the word of grace which he commands to thousand generations stands; the covenant made in days of old with Abraham he doth uphold.
- 6 The LORD his covenant people planted in lands of nations which he granted, that they his statutes might observe, nor from his laws might ever swerve. Let songs of praise to him ascend, and hallelujahs without end.

Praise the LORD! Extol his goodness! 106



- Yet for his name's sake he saved them and revealed his mighty hand. By his word the Sea he parted, led them through as on dry land from the hand of foes set free, rescued from the enemy.
- Then their adversaries foundered; not a single one survived. So the people sang his praises, and his promises believed; but his works they soon forgot, and his counsel set at nought.
- In the desert they surrendered to their unremitting greed; in the wasteland they provoked him, craving meat they did not need. So he gave them what they sought, but on them disease he brought.
- In the camp they envied Moses, Aaron too – God's priest was he. Earth was split and swallowed Dathan and Abiram's company; there they fell, consumed by flame those who had abused God's name.

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Praise the LORD! Extol his goodness!

- 8 Then they made a calf at Horeb served an idol cast in clay; they exchanged their highest glory for a bull that feeds on hay.

 God their saviour they forgot, who for them great things had wrought.
- They forgot his deeds in Egypt, marvels in the land of Ham.
 So he said he would destroy them had not Moses, his own man, stood before God in the path,

shielding them from righteous wrath.

- 10 Then they scorned the land of plenty; they did not believe his word. In their tents they grumbled at him, and did not obey the LORD. So he vowed, with upraised hand, they would fall in desert sand.
- 11 Their descendants he would punish scatter over lands abroad.
 Yet they yoked themselves to Baal, worshipping a lifeless god.
 Their transgressions God abhorred; so a plague came from the LORD.
- 12 But when Phinehas took action and ungodliness defied, then the deadly plague was halted, and his deed was ratified by the LORD as rightly done, for the ages yet to come.
- 13 Then at Meribah's still waters they provoked the LORD again. They rebelled against God's Spirit, causing Moses bitter pain for he spoke, possessed by grief, rashly and in unbelief.

- 14 They did not destroy the peoples in accord with GoD's command, but they mixed with them, and followed all the customs of the land, worshipping the idols there, which to them became a snare.
- 15 Sons they sacrificed and daughters to a Canaanitish god; thus the land was desecrated by the stain of guiltless blood. By their acts they were defiled into filthiness beguiled.
- 16 So the LORD was angry with them, and his people he abhorred gave them over to the nations, and their foe became their lord. Subject to their enemy, they were treated cruelly.
- 17 Many times he showed his power by delivering his own, but they set their heart on sinning and rebelled against his throne. In their sin they chose to stay, and they wasted quite away.
- 18 But when they appealed for mercy, he took note in heaven above; he recalled his covenant with them and relented in his love.

 So he made their captors all pity those they held in thrall.
- 19 Gather us, LORD, from the nations; save us, and your name we'll praise. Blessèd be the God of Israel; may his glory last always.

 Let the LORD be praised again!

 Let the people say, "Amen!"

O thank the LORD, for he is good



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O thank the LORD, for he is good

- 4 Some sat in darkness and in gloom, in chains of iron held; they scorned the ways of God Most High, against his words rebelled. And so he made them labour hard in bitterness and shame. They stumbled, and they could not rise; to help them no one came.
- 5 Then to the LORD they cried for help; he saved them from their doom. He broke away their cruel chains and brought them out of gloom. So let them thank him for his love, the deeds which he achieves – because he breaks down gates of bronze and iron bars he cleaves.
- 6 Some erred through their rebellious ways and for their sins paid dear. All kinds of food revolted them; the gates of death drew near. Then in despair they sought the LORD; he saved them from their doom. His word went forth with healing power and kept them from the tomb.
- 7 So for the LORD's unfailing love let them give thanks again, and for the awesome deeds of power which he achieves for men. Let them prepare a sacrifice and bring an offering; in praise of all his mighty acts let them rejoice and sing.
- 8 Yet others traded on the sea; they sailed the ocean's length. They saw the wonders of the LORD, and on the deep his strength. For when he spoke, a tempest rose; the sea grew wild and rough. They mounted up to heaven and then went down into the trough.
- 9 At this their courage fled away, for danger was in view. They reeled and staggered as with drink; they knew not what to do. Then in despair they sought the LORD, who saved them from distress. He stilled the storm, so that the waves were hushed in quietness.
- 10 Their joy was great when it grew calm; they anchored safe again. Then let them thank him for his love, his awesome deeds for men. So in the elders' council may they ever praise the LORD; and in the people's gathering let them exalt their GOD.
- 11 He changed the streams to wilderness, fresh springs to desert bare, and fruitful land to barren waste, for sins of dwellers there. He changed parched ground to flowing streams; the hungry there he led to found a city safe and strong, which they inhabited.
- 12 They reaped a fruitful harvest from the vineyard and the field.

 He blessed and made them multiply; their herds maintained their yield.

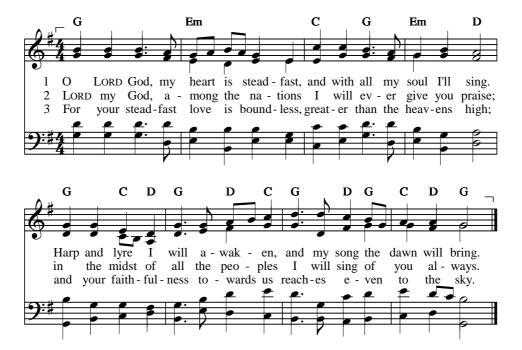
 They faced decline, their fortunes fell, they suffered great distress.

 Brought low by him who scorns the proud, they roamed the wilderness.
- 13 But he did not abandon them; he brought the needy folk from their affliction and increased their families like a flock. The upright see this and are glad; the wicked hold their peace. Let all the wise take note and learn the LORD's love does not cease.

O thank the LORD, for he is good



108 O LORD God, my heart is steadfast



- 4 Far above the highest heavens be exalted, O my God; and through all the earth around us let your glory spread abroad.
- 5 With your right hand save and help us; rescue all those whom you love. God has spoken from his temple, from his holy place above:
- 6 "I will distribute in triumph every part of Shechem's land, and the whole of Succoth valley I will measure with my hand.
- 7 "Mine is Gilead, mine Manasseh, Ephraim is my helmet true; Judah I will make my sceptre and on Edom toss my shoe.

- 8 "Moab will become my servant, and upon Philistia's shore I will shout aloud in triumph; I am Lord and conqueror."
- 9 Who will bring me to the city that is strongly fortified, and to reach the land of Edom who will be my help and guide?
- 10 Have you not, O God, rejected, turned us over to our foe?
 When our armies go to battle, with them you no longer go.
- Since all human help is worthless, God will give us victory; He it is who will defend us and tread down our enemy.

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109 O my God, whose name I worship



O my God, whose name I worship

- 4 May no one take pity on him or his orphans in their plight. May his family line be ended, and their names be lost to sight. May the LORD remember ever all his parents' sin and shame. May their sin be held against them, and forgotten be their name.
- 5 For he never thought of helping those in trouble or distress; but to death the poor he hounded, and the weak and comfortless. He was always cursing others may his curse on him rebound; he took no delight in blessing far from him may it be found.
- 6 He wore cursing as his garment to his bones it soaked like oil; it poured down his throat like water. May his curses round him coil. May they cling to him forever, wrapped around him like a cloak. May this be the LORD's repayment to those false, accusing folk.
- But, O Sovereign LORD, in mercy deal with me for your name's sake; save me in your love and goodness, and my life from danger take. For I am both poor and needy; crushed within me is my heart. I am feeble, like an insect; like a shadow I depart.
- 8 See, my knees give way from fasting; and my frame is thin and gaunt. My accusers, when they see me, shake their heads at me and taunt. LORD my God, draw near and help me; save me in your steadfast love. Let them know your hand has done it, that my help comes from above.
- 9 They may curse, but you will bless me, and your servant will give praise. Clothed with shame be my accusers, my attackers with disgrace. I will loudly sing GoD's praises and extol him in the throng; for he helps and saves the needy from all those who do them wrong.

The LORD unto my Lord has said



111 O give the LORD wholehearted praise



- 4 God's promise shall forever stand; he cares for those who trust his word. Upon his saints his mighty hand the wealth of nations has conferred.
- 5 His works are true and just indeed; his precepts are forever sure. In truth and righteousness decreed, they shall forevermore endure.
- 7 From him his saints' redemption came; his covenant sure no change can know; let all revere his holy name in heaven above and earth below.
- 8 In reverence and in godly fear man finds the gate to wisdom's ways; the wise his holy name revere. Through endless ages sound his praise.

How blest the man who fears the LORD



- 4 Of evil tidings not afraid, his trust is in the LORD alone. His heart is steadfast, undismayed, for he shall see his foes o'erthrown.
- With kind remembrance of the poor, for their distress his gifts provide. His righteousness shall thus endure; his name in honour shall abide.
- 6 To shame the wicked shall be brought, while righteous men shall favour gain. Unrighteous hopes shall come to naught; its due reward shall sin obtain.

Text: *Psalter Hymnal*, 1957 Tune: William Knapp, 1738

O praise, you servants of the LORD



When Israel out of Egypt came



O tremble, earth, before the Lord, before the face of Jacob's God, who turned the rock into a pool; from flint there flowed the waters cool.

Text: Composite LM
Tune: William Knapp, 1738 WAREHAM

Not unto us, O LORD of heaven



- 4 All you that fear him and adore, the LORD increase you more and more; both great and small who GOD confess, you and your children he will bless. You all are blest by him who made the heavens and earth's foundations laid.
- The heavens are GoD's since time began, but he has given the earth to man.

 The dead praise not the living GoD, but we will sound his praise abroad.

 Yes, we will ever bless his name;
 O praise the LORD, his praise proclaim.

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I love the LORD

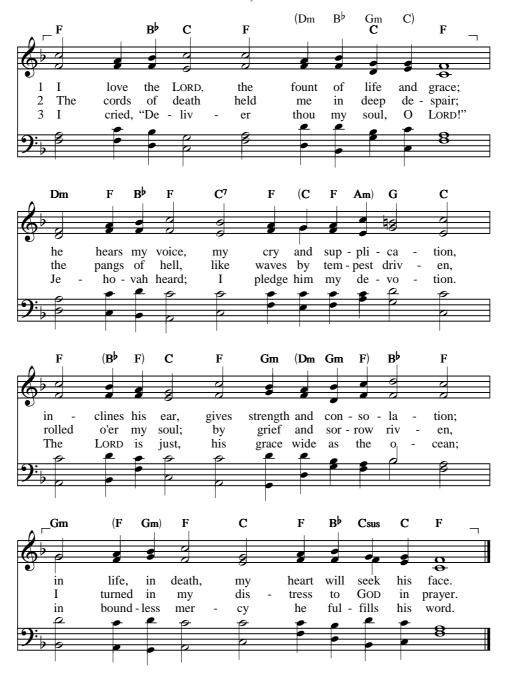


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I love the LORD

- 4 Rest, O my soul; GOD has been good to you for you, O LORD, have saved my soul from death, my feet from stumbling and my eyes from tears, that I may live for you while I have breath.
- 5 I trusted in the LORD, and then I spoke; I said in anguish: "I am sorely tried." And in the very depths of my dismay, "All men are liars – every one!" I cried.
- 6 How can I thank the LORD for all he's done? With gratitude salvation's cup I'll raise; I'll call upon his name, and will fulfil my vows to him before his people's face.
- 7 The LORD holds dear the death of all his saints. Hear me, O LORD! I am your servant true; I am your servant and your handmaid's son, and from my chains I have been freed by you.
- 8 Thank offerings I will sacrifice to you and call upon the name of God the LORD. When all his people in assembly meet, with joy I will fulfil my solemn word.
- 9 Before his people I will keep my vows, within the courts of GoD's own holy place, within the city of Jerusalem. Unto the LORD alone be all the praise!

116b I love the LORD, the fount of life



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I love the LORD, the fount of life

- 4 The LORD preserves the meek most tenderly; brought nigh to death, in him I found salvation. Come, thou my soul, relieved from agitation, turn to thy rest; the LORD has favoured thee.
- 5 Thou, O Jehovah, in thy sovereign grace, hast saved my soul from death and woe appalling, dried all my tears, secured my feet from falling. Lo, I shall live and walk before thy face.
- I have believed, and therefore did I speak
 when I was made to suffer tribulation;
 I said in haste and bitter desperation:
 "All men are false, 'tis nought but lies they speak."
- 7 What shall I render to Jehovah now for all the riches of his consolation? With joy I'll take the cup of his salvation and call upon his name with thankful vow.
- 8 Before his saints I'll pay my vows to GoD; e'en in death's vale he keepeth me from evil; how dear to GoD the dying of his people! Praise him, ye saints, and sound his name abroad.
- 9 I am, O LORD, thy servant, bound yet free, thy handmaid's son, whose shackles thou hast broken; redeemed by grace I'll render as a token of gratitude my constant praise to thee.
- Jerusalem! Within thy courts I'll praise Jehovah's name, and with a spirit lowly pay all my vows. O Zion, fair and holy, come join with me and bless him all thy days!

117 Praise Jehovah, all ye nations



O thank the LORD 118 – Part 1



- The LORD is with me constantly; he is the one who gives me aid. I'll look in triumph on my foes; I will not need to be afraid.
- It's better far to trust the LORD than look for help to man's defence. It's better far to trust the LORD than in a prince have confidence.
- The nations all surrounded me; in GoD's great name I made them fall. They hemmed me in on every side; in GoD's great name I slew them all.
- They chased me like a swarm of bees; but like a heap of thorns aflame they very quickly met their end. I slew them in the LORD's great name.

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I was pushed back and nearly fell; the LORD himself gave help to me. He is my song and source of strength; the LORD gave me the victory.

118 – Part 2 Triumphant shouts of joy



- 12 You answered me, I will give thanks; salvation comes from you alone.

 The stone the builders had refused has now become the cornerstone.
- The LORD himself has done all this; it is a marvel in our sight.

 This is the day the LORD has made; in it let us take great delight!

Text: Psalm 118:15–29. Sing Psalms, © Psalmody Committee, Free Church of Scotland, 2003 LM Tune: James William Elliot, 1836–1908 CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Triumphant shouts of joy

- 14 Save us, O LORD, we humbly pray; O LORD, we pray, grant us success. He's blest who comes in GOD's great name; you from the LORD's house we will bless.
- 15 The LORD is God, and he has made his glorious light upon us fall.Let us approach the altar's horns and celebrate the festival.
- You are my God, I'll give you thanks;you are my God, I'll give you praise.O thank the LORD, for he is good;his steadfast love endures always.



4 I'll praise you with an upright heart, as your just laws are learned by me. All your decrees I will obey; do not forsake me utterly.

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119:9-16 How can the young keep their life pure?





4 Though rulers plot to harm my name, I'll meditate on your decree.

Your statutes are my great delight, for they are counsellors to me.

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119:25–32 My soul is laid low

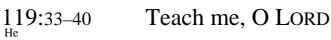


4 I cling to your decrees, O LORD; do not let shame take hold of me. I run the way of your commands because my heart you have set free.

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119:25–32b Here I lie, my soul clings to the dust







4 LORD, turn away reproach and fear; your righteous judgments I confess. To know your precepts I desire! Revive me in your righteousness.

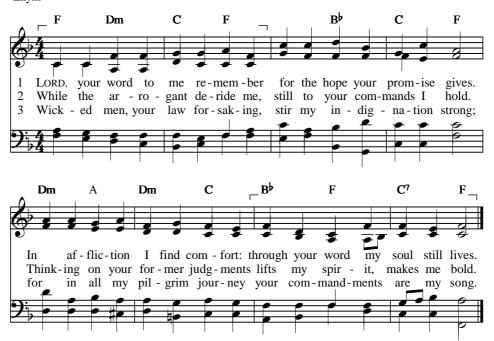
119:41–48 May your unfailing love come to me



4 I take pleasure in all your commands, and I love them – they're precious to me. I will reach out my hands to your laws and will meditate on your decree.

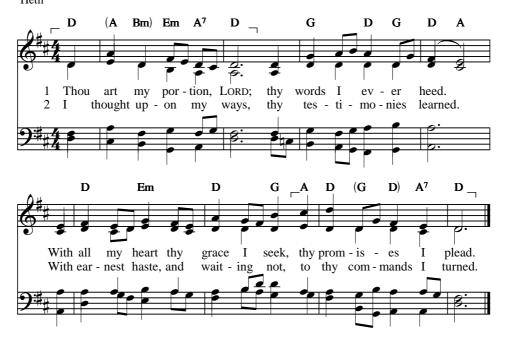
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119:49–56 LORD, your word to me remember



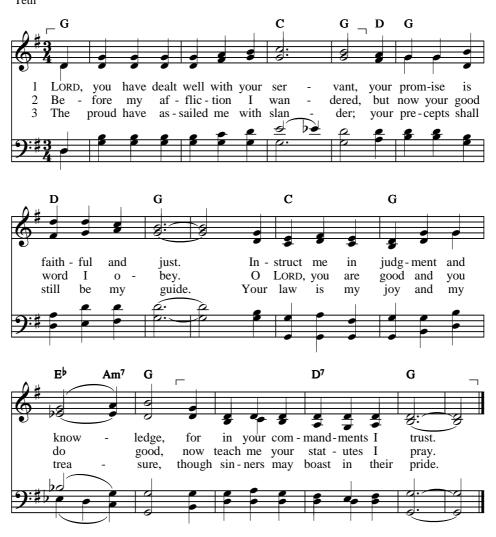
4 You have been my meditation, and your law has been my guide; I have kept your righteous precepts and have found them true and tried.

119:57–64 Thou art my portion, LORD



- While snares beset my path, thy law I keep in view. At midnight I will give thee praise for all thy judgments true.
- All those who fear thy name shall my companions be.
 Thy mercy fills the earth, O LORD; thy statutes teach thou me.

119:65–72 LORD, you have dealt well

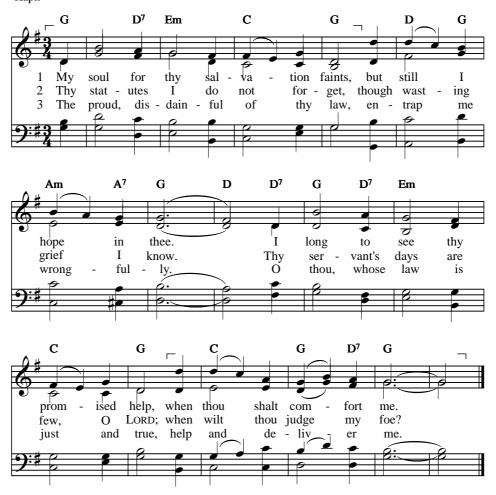


4 Affliction has been for my profit, that I to your statutes may hold. Your law to my soul is more precious than thousands of silver and gold.

119:73–80 Your hands have fashioned me



119:81–88 My soul for thy salvation faints



4 Almost consumed, yet from thy law I have not turned away. In lovingkindness give me strength, that I may still obey.

119:89–96 Eternal is your word, O LORD



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119:97–104 How I love thy law



119:105–112 Your word's a lamp



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Tune: Samuel Wesley, 1810–1876

119:113–120 The double-minded I abhor



4 The wicked you discard like dross; therefore I love your holy law. My body quakes for fear of you; of your commands I stand in awe.

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119:121–128 I have followed truth and justice



119:129–136 Your statutes, LORD, are wonderful



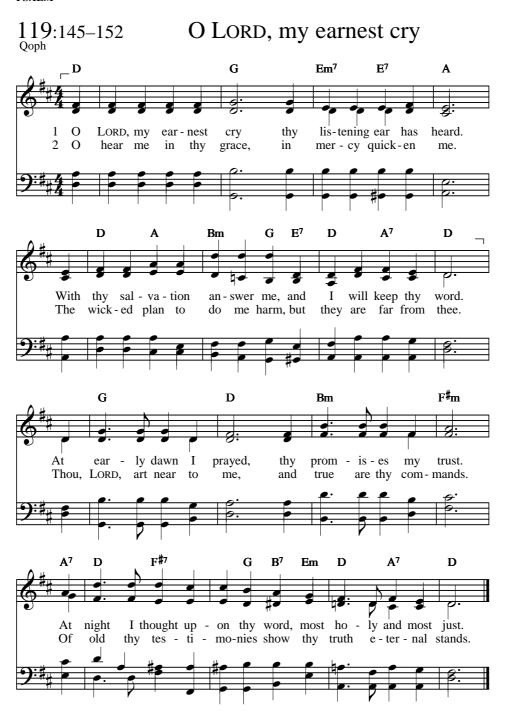
4 Upon your servant shine your face; teach me the statutes you have made. My eyes shed streams of bitter tears because your law is not obeyed.

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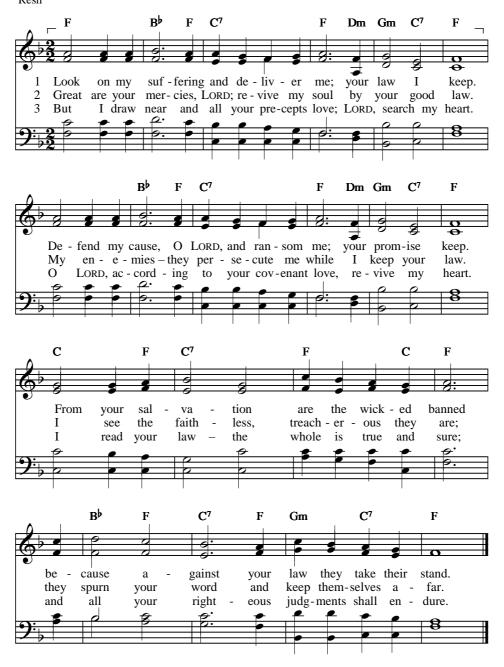
119:137–144 O LORD, you are the Righteous One

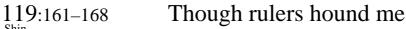


4 Distress and trouble press me down, but your commands are my delight. Grant wisdom so that I may live; your statutes are forever right.



119:153–160 Look on my suffering







4 I will observe your statutes, LORD; my love for them is great and true. Your laws and precepts I obey, for all my ways are known to you.

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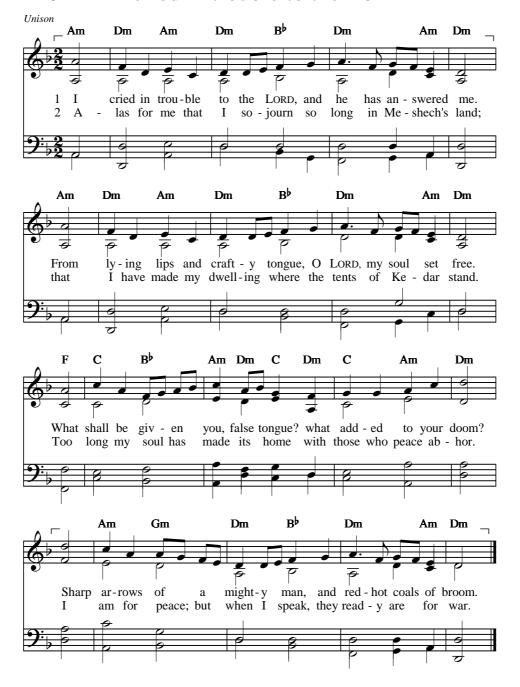
119:169–176 Let my cry come before you



Let my cry come before you

4 Let me live and I'll praise you in song; may your laws give me help to go on. Seek your servant who strayed like a sheep, for your precepts I steadfastly keep.

120 I cried in trouble to the LORD



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To the hills I lift mine eyes

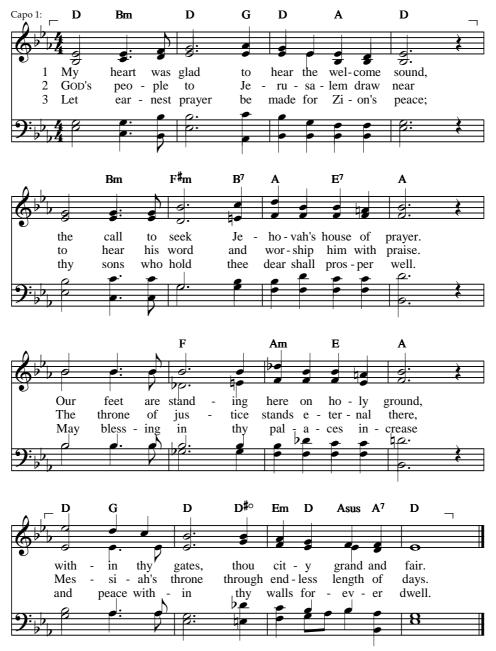


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 Tune: Marcus M. Wells, 1858
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My heart was glad



4 For all my brethren and companions' sakes my prayer shall be, "Let peace in thee abide." Since God the LORD in thee his dwelling makes, to thee my love shall never be denied.

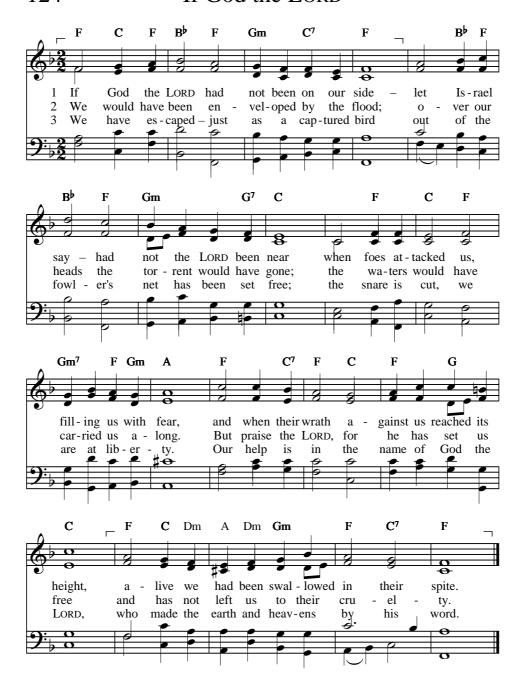
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To you, O LORD, I lift my eyes



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If God the LORD



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All those who trust the LORD



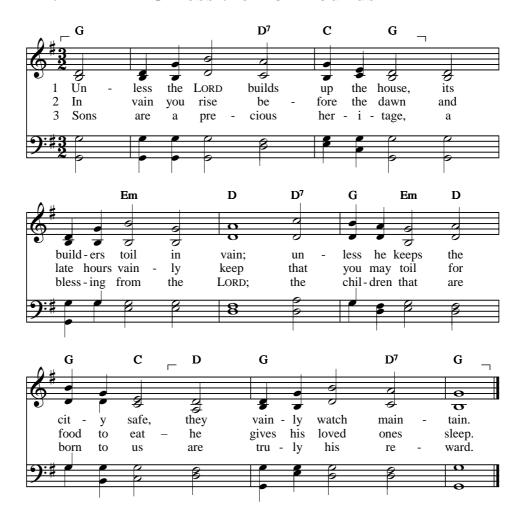
When Zion's fortunes GoD restored 126



The man who, bearing precious seed, weeps as in toil he grieves, will come again with songs of joy, and bearing harvest sheaves.

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Unless the LORD builds



- 4 Like arrows in a warrior's hand are children of one's youth. The man whose quiver's full of them is blest by God in truth.
- 5 Such men will not be put to shame that will not be their fate when they contend against their foes who face them in the gate.

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How blest are all who fear the LORD



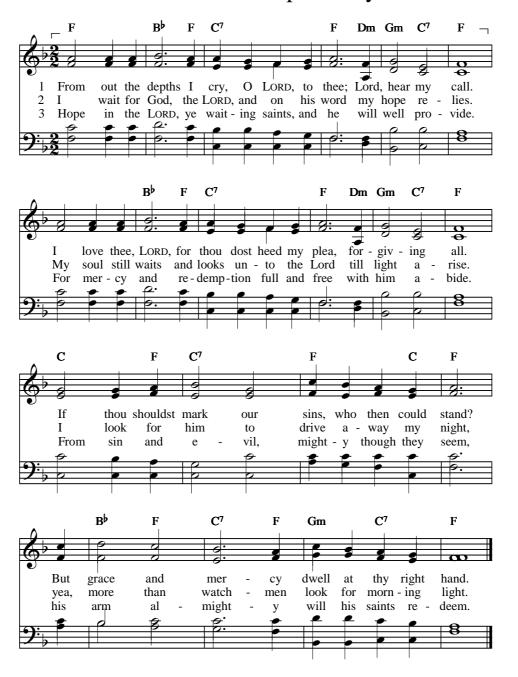
They have oppressed me



Such grass can fill no reaper's hands;
 the gatherer has no reward.
 May passers-by not say to them:
 "We wish you blessing from the LORD!"

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From out the depths I cry 130



Tune: Charles H. Purday, 1799-1885

O LORD, my heart is not proud



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LORD our God, remember David

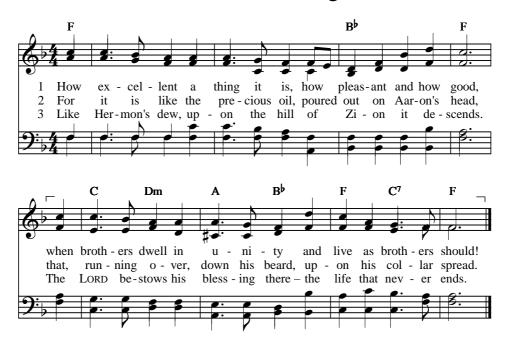


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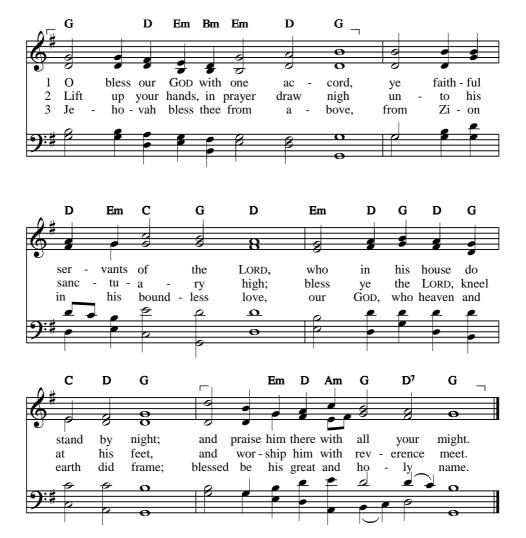
- 4 "If your sons will keep my covenant and the statutes I make known, surely then shall their descendants sit forever on your throne."
 For the LORD has chosen Zion there he wishes to remain:
 "Here's my resting place forever, here it pleases me to reign.
- 5 "I will bless her with abundance; for her poor much food I'll bring. I will grant her priests salvation, and with joy her saints will sing. I will raise a horn for David, for my chosen one a light.

 With disgrace his foes I'll cover; he'll be crowned with glory bright."

How excellent a thing it is



O bless our GOD with one accord



135 Praise the LORD, all you his servants



Praise the LORD, all you his servants

- 4 Many nations he defeated; kings he slew with mighty hand Og of Bashan and King Sihon, all the kings of Canaan's land. All their lands he gave to Jacob, to his people Israel; as a heritage he gave them lands where they might safely dwell.
- 5 LORD, your name endures forever; your renown is ever great. For the LORD sustains his servants and his folk will vindicate. But the idols of the nations, made of silver and of gold, are by human hands created with a hammer or a mould.
- 6 Mouths they have, but speak they cannot; eyes they have, but cannot see. Ears they have, but hear they cannot; in their mouths no breath can be. Those who make them will be like them; those who trust them are the same. Praise the LORD, O house of Israel; Aaron's house, exalt his name.



O thank the LORD, for he is good



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O thank the LORD, for he is good

- The LORD drowned Pharaoh and his host;
 God's love endures forever;
 his own led through the wilderness;
 his love will fail us never.
 Thank him who struck down mighty kings –
 his love endures forever –
 and slaughtered kings of great renown –
 his love will fail us never –
- King Sihon of the Amorites –
 God's love endures forever –
 and Og, the king of Bashan, too;
 God's love will fail us never.
 He made their lands a heritage –
 his love endures forever –
 for his own servant Israel;
 his love will fail us never.
- He thought upon us in our need;
 his love endures forever;
 and freed us from our enemies;
 his love will fail us never.
 To every creature he gives food;
 his love endures forever.
 Give thanks to God, the God of heaven;
 his love will fail us never.

137 By Babel's streams we sat and wept



- 4 O Zion fair, God's holy hill, wherein our God delights to dwell, let my right hand forget her skill if I forget to love thee well.
- 5 If I do not remember thee, then let my tongue from utterance cease, if any earthly joy to me be dear as Zion's joy and peace.
- Remember, LORD, the dreadful day of Zion's cruel overthrow.
 How happy he who shall repay the bitter hatred of her foe.

137b By flowing waters of Babylon



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138 With grateful heart my thanks I bring



Text: *Psalter Hymnal*, 1957 Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1868

With grateful heart my thanks I bring

Thou wilt stretch forth thy mighty arm to save me when my foes alarm.

The work thou hast for me begun shall by thy grace be fully done; forever mercy dwells with thee;

O LORD, my Maker, think on me;

O LORD, my Maker, think on me.

139 O GOD, you search me



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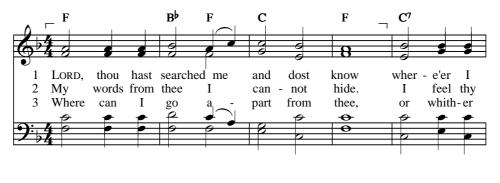
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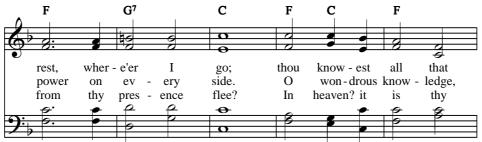
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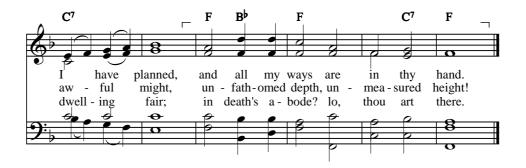
O GOD, you search me

- Where can I go, LORD, from your Spirit? Oh, to flee from you I know not where. If I rise up to heaven, there I find you, and if in death I seek refuge, you are there.
- 5 If e'en the wings of dawn should hide me, or the distant reaches of the sea, even there will your loving hand still guide me, and with your right hand, so strong, lay hold on me.
- 6 If I think darkness should protect me and the light should hide me from your sight ... But the night and the light alike to you are; even the darkness, as day, to you is bright.
- 7 For all my being you created; in my mother's womb you knit the whole. What a fearful and wondrous thing you've made, LORD! I know it well. O give thanks to God, my soul.
- 8 My frame could not be hidden from you when in secret depths you shaped my form. And my days were all numbered and recorded, each one ordained though I had not yet been born.
- 9 How precious are your thoughts to me, God.
 Their great sum it's more than I can view!
 Should I count them, the sand they would outnumber.
 When I awake, I find I am still with you.
- 10 O God, that you would slay the wicked go from me, all you bloodthirsty men for with evil designs they speak against you; your holy name they take on their lips in vain.
- O LORD, I hate all those who hate you, and those who resist you I deplore with a hatred intense as I can muster. My enemies are all they whom you abhor.
- 12 Search me, O God, and know my heart well. All my anxious thoughts please test and know. See if any offensive way be in me and in the way everlasting lead me home.

139b LORD, thou hast searched me







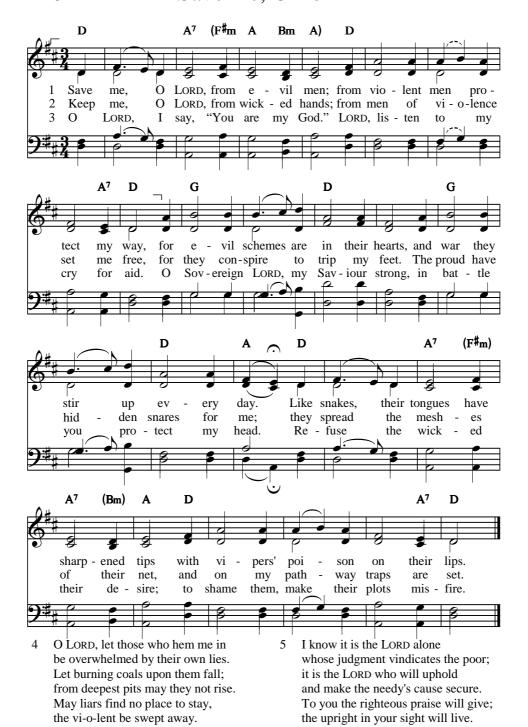
- 4 If I the wings of morning take, and far away my dwelling make, the hand that leadeth me is thine, and my support thy power divine.
- 5 If deepest darkness cover me, the darkness hideth not from thee; to thee both night and day are bright, the darkness shineth as the light.

Text: *Psalter Hymnal*, 1957 Tune: Henry K. Oliver, 1832

LORD, thou hast searched me

- 6 All that I am I owe to thee; thy wisdom, LORD, has fashioned me. I give my Maker thankful praise, whose wondrous works my soul amaze.
- 7 Ere into being I was brought, thine eye did see, and in thy thought my life in all its perfect plan was ordered ere my days began.
- 8 Thy thoughts, O God, how manifold, more precious unto me than gold!
 I muse on their infinity.
 Awaking, I am still with thee.
- 9 The wicked thou wilt surely slay; from me let sinners turn away. They speak against the name divine; I count GoD's enemies as mine.
- 10 Search me, O God, my heart discern; try me, my inmost thought to learn; and lead me, if in sin I stray, to choose the everlasting way.

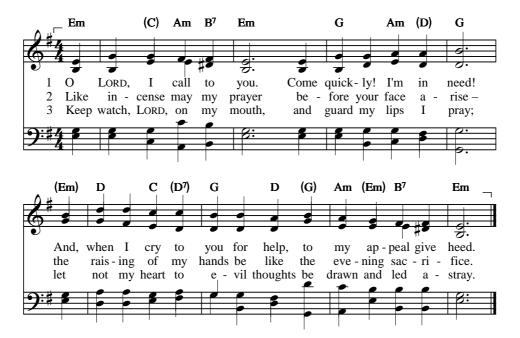
Save me, O LORD



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O LORD, I call to you



- 4 Keep me from taking part in what the evil do; let me not taste their choicest food, lest I be false to you.
- A righteous friend's rebuke will be a soothing balm; such blows, in kindness aimed at me, will never do me harm.
- 6 Against the wicked's deeds
 I make my constant prayer;
 their rulers will be thrown from cliffs,
 and they will perish there.

- 7 The wicked then will know my words were spoken well. Like ground that's ploughed, their bones are strewn before the mouth of hell.
- 8 But now, O Sovereign LORD, on you I fix my gaze; do not deliver me to death you are my help always.
- 9 Protect me from the traps the wicked set for me, and let them be ensnared themselves, while I instead go free.

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I cry for mercy



- 4 I cry aloud to you, O LORD:
 "You are my hiding place in strife;
 you are the one sustaining me;
 you keep me in the land of life."
- 5 LORD, listen to my cry for help, for I am in extremity.Save me from those who seek my life, because they are too strong for me.
- 6 So that I may give thanks to you, from prison's darkness set me free. The righteous then will gather round, because you've shown your love to me.

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Hear now my prayer, O LORD



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Hear now my prayer, O LORD

- My spirit fails, O LORD;
 come quickly to my side.
 Hide not your face from me,
 lest to the pit I slide.
 Let morning bring your love anew,
 for I have put my trust in you.
- To you I lift my soul;
 show me the way to go.
 I hide myself in you;
 LORD, save me from my foe.
 My God, teach me to do your will;
 may your good Spirit lead me still.
- 6 For your great mercy's sake, O LORD, preserve my life; and in your righteousness deliver me from strife. In love, put all my foes to shame; destroy them, for I bear your name.

All praise to the LORD



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All praise to the LORD

4 Our children will blossom in beauty and grace. Our barns will be filled, sheep and cattle increase. No cry of distress in our streets will be heard. How blest are the people whose God is the LORD!

145 I will exalt my God and King



Text: Psalter Hymnal, 1987

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Tune: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916, arr. Janet Wyatt, 1977, © Roberton Publications, 1977 JERUSALEM

I will exalt my God and King



- 4 All you have made will praise you, LORD; your mighty acts your saints will show, till all the peoples on the earth the splendour of your kingdom know. Eternal is your kingdom, LORD, forever strong and ever sure; while generations rise and die, your glorious reign will still endure.
- 5 The LORD is faithful to his word; he will extend his gracious hand. The LORD upholds the faltering feet and makes the weak securely stand. The eyes of all look up to you for food and drink, which you supply; your open hand is bountiful, and every need you satisfy.
- 6 The LORD is just in all his ways; in all his works the LORD is kind, and all who call on him in truth in him a present helper find.

 He will fulfill the heart's desire of those who fear him and obey.

 The LORD will surely hear their cry, will save them when to him they pray.
- 7 The LORD in grace preserves his saints, redeeming those who love his name. The wicked he will overthrow and put his enemies to shame. My mouth will sing the glorious praise of GOD, whom earth and heaven adore. Let every creature praise his name forever and forevermore!

146 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul



Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul

4 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise; I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days. Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King; unto him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

O sing ye hallelujah!



Text: *Psalter Hymnal*, 1957 Tune: John B. Dykes, 1877

O sing ye hallelujah!

- 4 No human power delights him, no earthly pomp or pride; he loves the meek who fear him and in his love confide.

 Then praise thy God, O Zion, his gracious aid confess; he gives thee peace and plenty, his gifts thy children bless.
- 5 He sends his swift commandment, and snow and ice enfold the world, and none are able to stand before his cold.

 Again he gives commandment: the winds of summer blow, the snow and ice are melted, again the waters flow.
- 6 His statutes and his judgments he makes his people know; to them as to no others his grace he loves to show. For matchless grace and mercy your grateful praises bring; to him give thanks forever, and hallelujah sing.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah



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Hallelujah, praise Jehovah



149 Praise the LORD! Give him glory



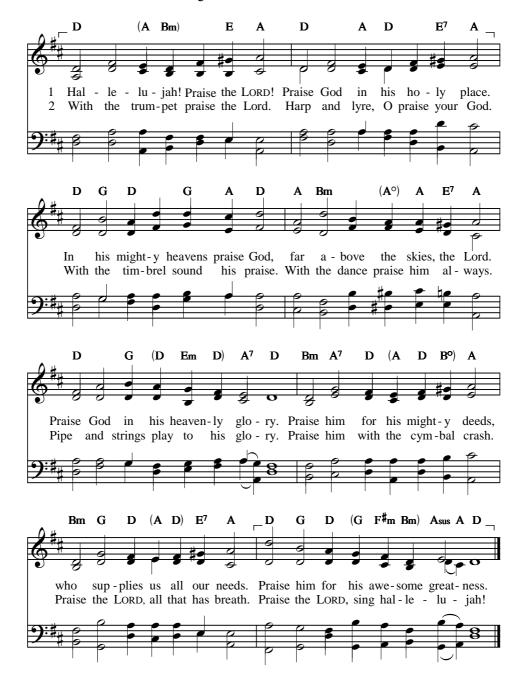
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150 Praise God in his holy temple



150b Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

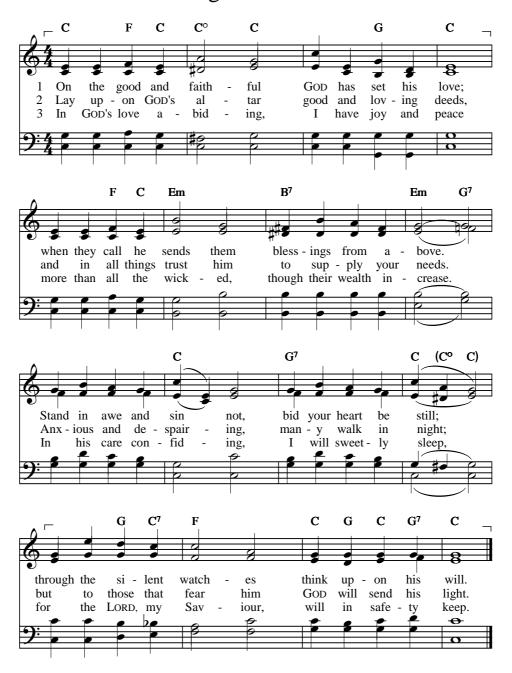


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Hymns

The following hymns are based on Psalms, and we anticipate including them in the hymn section of our final hymnal.

On the good and faithful



152 The king of love my Shepherd is



Text: Based on Psalm 23.

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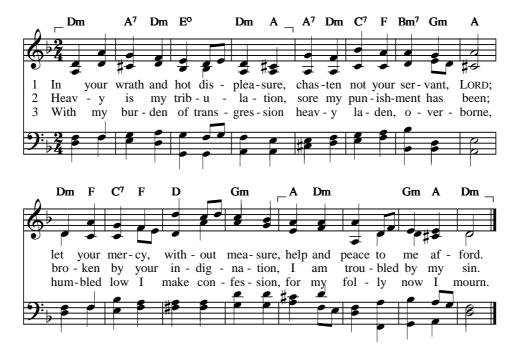
Henry Williams Baker, 1821–1877, Book of Worship, 1990

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The king of love my Shepherd is

- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with you, dear Lord, beside me, your rod and staff my comfort still, your cross before to guide me.
- 5 You spread a table in my sight, from enemies protect me; your presence is my chief delight, your grace is given freely.
- 6 And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never; Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever!

153 In your wrath and hot displeasure



- Weak and wounded I implore you: Lord, to me your mercy show; all my prayer is laid before you, all my trouble you now know.
- Darkness gathers, foes assail me, but I answer not a word; all my friends desert and fail me, you alone my cry have heard.
- LORD, in you I am confiding; you will answer when I call, lest my foes, the good deriding, triumph in your servant's fall.

In your wrath and hot displeasure

- 7 I am prone to halt and stumble, grief and sorrow dwell within, shame and guilt my spirit humble, I am sorry for my sin.
- 8 Foes about my soul are closing, full of hatred, false, and strong; choosing good, I find opposing all who love and do the wrong.
- 9 LORD, my God, do not forsake me, let me know that you are near, under your protection take me, as my Saviour now appear.

Hail to the Lord's anointed

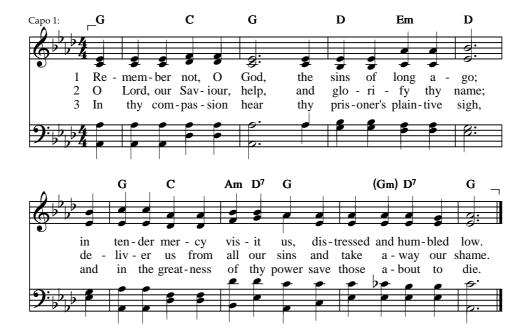


Text: Based on Psalm 72. James Montgomery, 1882, rev. Bert Polman, 1985, *Psalter Hymnal*, © Faith Alive Christian Resources, 1987 76 76 76 76 CRÜGER

Hail to the Lord's anointed

- 4 He comes with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong. He turns their sighs to singing, their darkness into light, for they, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.
- 5 His kingdom is increasing, a kingdom without end. For him shall prayer unceasing and daily praise ascend. The mountain dews will nourish a harvest from the fields; the grain and fruit will flourish, the land its bounty yields.
- 6 In name forever glorious, he on his throne shall rest, from age to age victorious, all blessing and all-blest. Praise God, who rules each nation; tell of his deeds again. His glory fills creation; sing praise to God. Amen!

Remember not, O God



Then, safe within thy fold, we will exalt thy name; our thankful hearts with songs of joy thy goodness will proclaim.

Text: Based on Psalm 79. *Psalter Hymnal*, 1957 Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1807, adapt.

O God, our help in ages past



- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Text: Based on Psalm 90. Isaac Watts, 1719

Tune: William Croft, 1708

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