

## PSALM

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## I love the LORD

1 I love the LORD be - cause he heard my voice;  
 2 The cords of death gripped and en - tan - gled me,  
 3 The LORD our God is kind and full of grace;

he lis - tened when I cried to him for aid.  
 up - on me came the an - guish of the grave;  
 both right - eous and com - pas - sion - ate is he.

I'll call on him as long as I shall live,  
 with grief and trou - ble I was o - ver - come.  
 The LORD pro - tects all those of child - like faith;

be - cause he turned to hear me when I prayed.  
 Then on the name of GOD I called: "LORD, save!"  
 when I was in great need, he res - cued me.

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- 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!