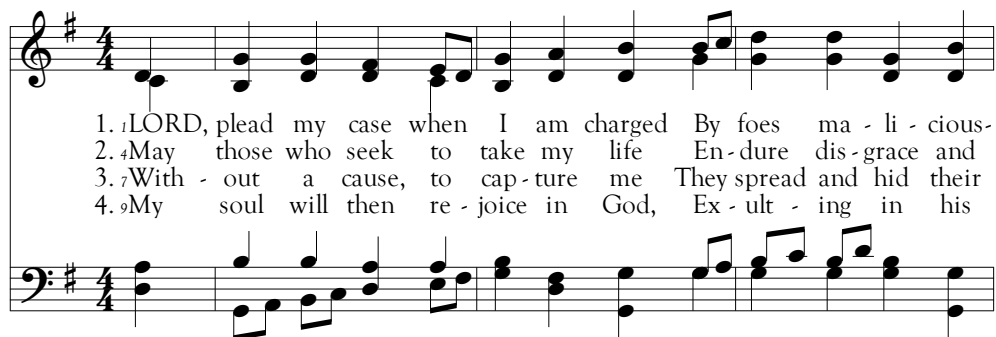
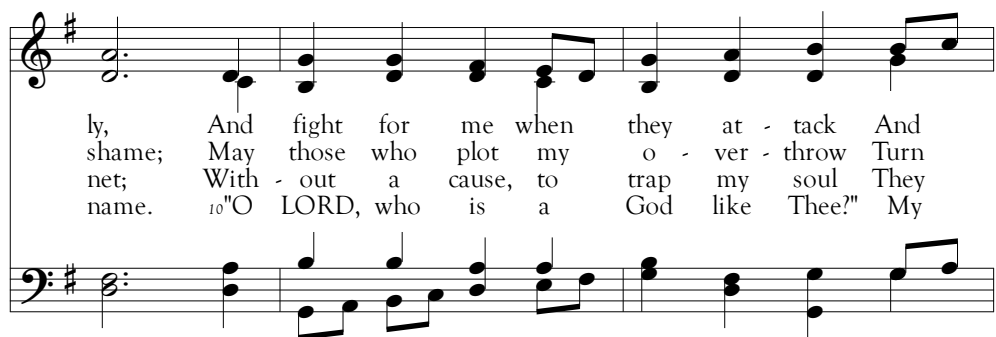


35A LORD, Plead My Case

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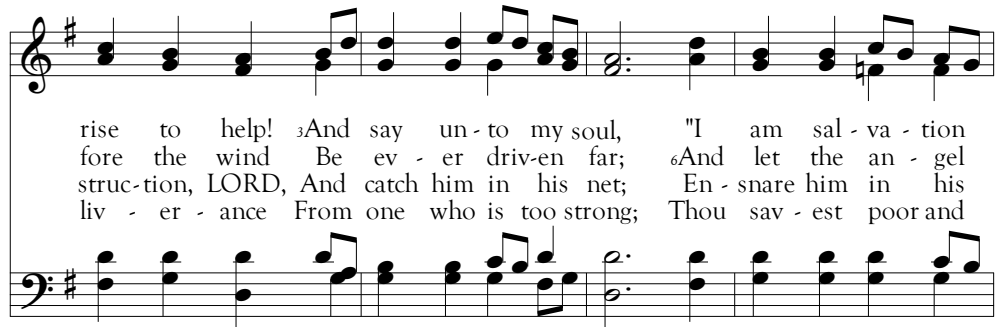
1. ¹LORD, plead my case when I am charged By foes ma - li - cious-
 2. ⁴May those who seek to take my life En - dure dis - grace and
 3. ⁷With - out a cause, to cap - ture me They spread and hid their
 4. ⁹My soul will then re - joice in God, Ex - ult - ing in his



ly, And fight for me when they at - tack And
 shame; May those who plot my o - ver - throw Turn
 net; With - out a cause, to trap my soul They
 name. ¹⁰"O LORD, who is a God like Thee?" My



vent their spite on me. ²Take up Thy shield and
 back the way they came. ³May they like chaff be -
 dug a dead - ly pit. ⁴Sur - prise him with de -
 heart and soul ex - claim. Thou giv - est poor de -



rise to help! ³And say un - to my soul, "I am sal - va - tion
 fore the wind Be ev - er driv - en far; ⁴And let the an - gel
 struc - tion, LORD, And catch him in his net; En - snare him in his
 liv - er - ance From one who is too strong; Thou sav - est poor and



5. ¹¹Malicious witnesses arise
And falsely slander me;
They ask me things I do not know,
To charge me wickedly.
¹²They pay back evil for my good
And leave my soul forlorn;
¹³Yet at their illness I would fast,
And clad in sackloth mourn.
6. ¹⁴I grieved for them as one might mourn
For mother, brother, friend,
¹⁵But when I stumbled, they rejoiced
And mocked me without end.
Against me unknown wretches came,
They mocked maliciously,
¹⁶Like those who have no fear of God,
And gnashed their teeth at me.
7. ¹⁷O Lord, how long will Thou look on?
Defend me from their strife;
From these marauding lions' teeth
Protect my precious life.
¹⁸Then where the great assembly meets
To Thee will I give praise;
Among the crowds of worshippers
Thanksgiving I will raise.
8. ¹⁹Let not my wrongful enemies
Raise o'er me joyful cries;
Nor those who hate me without cause
With malice wink their eyes.
²⁰In peaceful words they do not speak,
But cunning schemes they plan,
Accusing those who live at peace
And quiet in the land.
9. ²¹Triumphantly they shout and say,
"Aha! Aha! We see!"
²²LORD, Thou has seen; hold not Thy peace,
Lord, be not far from me.
²³Awake, to my defense arise!
My God, for me contend.
²⁴With justice judge me, LORD, my God;
Their wicked gloating end.
10. ²⁵Within their hearts let them not say,
"At last! Just what we want!"
Nor let them say, "We swallowed him"
Let that not be their taunt.
²⁶May all who gloat at my distress
Know shame and loss of face;
May those who proudly bring me down
Be covered with disgrace.
11. ²⁷May those who long to see my cleared
With gladness shout and sing:
"The LORD be praised, who loves to see
His servant prospering."
²⁸Thy righteousness will I extol;
My tongue will speak Thy praise.
And I will tell Thy greatness, LORD,
And praise Thee all my days.