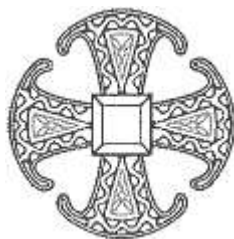


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LITURGY OF THE ANGLICAN TRADITION

as set forth for all Anglicans in the year of Grace

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PREFACE

This book is intended for Anglicans regardless of ecclesial affiliation and churchmanship, yet it is the product of two converging paths. The first path is the desire of some for an Anglican liturgy that is truly traditional yet in a contemporary idiom, a liturgy largely for those to whom the Shakespearean style of English in worship is perceived to be a barrier. Several attempts along this path have been made by various groups, yet the products seem invariably unsatisfactory at best and inappropriate at worst to be an offering of praise and thanksgiving to the Most High. The second path is the desire of many for a liturgy that although expressing orthodox theology yet profits from the last century-plus of liturgical scholarship and stands squarely in the Anglican tradition.

In crafting this liturgy, it soon became apparent that both these paths could converge in one book as well as in one text. Following decades of precedent, the contemporary idiom employs, wherever possible, the texts of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, specifically those corrected after the promulgation of *Liturgiam Authenticam* and intended for the third edition of the Roman Missal. In using these texts, the Church as a whole will be praying again (in English at least) with one voice. Thus this Anglican Book of Common Prayer does what liturgy at its best ought to do, it fosters unity horizontally, in space as it were, and expresses unity vertically, across the centuries of our tradition stretching back as far as the bringing of Christianity to the British Isles in the earliest days of the Church.

To address the first priority, that this book is intended for all Anglicans, the Eucharistic Liturgy offered the greater challenge, especially dealing with wide variations of churchmanship. In order to meet this challenge, the liturgy includes practices widely found yet makes liberal use of the permissive rubric (“may”) so that practices can be tailored to suit each location. The celebrant is free to use or omit many of the practices that in the past caused such strife and unnecessary division in the Church. In order to express the universal nature of Anglicanism, the first Eucharistic Prayer contains elements from Prayerbooks around the world, specifically the U.S.A. (1928), England (1928), Scotland (1970), Canada (1962), South Africa (1954), and the West Indies (1959). Two additional canons are provided, one from the historic source of all Anglican liturgy, the Sarum Missal, and the other from the first BCP, edited to eliminate reduplication of petitions and intercessions from the General Intercession. The Divine Office is taken from the original BCP, re-sourced, and finally conformed to the wider Church’s practice. Again, note the prevalence of the permissive rubrics; the Eucharist and Office can be as spare or as ornate as desired without violating rubrics.

The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and the lesser Sacraments are compiled as above, from Prayerbooks around the world.

This book is intended to be used with any lectionary approved by authority, both for Office and Eucharist. The Psalter included is from the *Revised Standard Version—Catholic Edition*, for its accuracy of translation combined with beauty of expression.

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The Calendar¹ of the Church Year

The Church Year consists of two cycles of feasts and holy days; one is dependent upon the movable date of the Sunday of the Resurrection or Easter Day; the other, upon the fixed date of December 25, the Feast of our Lord's Nativity or Christmas Day.

Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after the Vernal Equinox, March 21. It cannot occur before March 22 or after April 25.

The sequence of all Sundays of the Church Year depends on the date of Easter Day. But the Sundays of Advent are always the four Sundays before Christmas Day, whether it occurs on a Sunday or a weekday. The date of Easter also determines the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, and the feast of the Ascension on a Thursday forty days after Easter Day.

RULES OF PRECEDENCE

The Principal observances in the Church in order of precedence are the following:

I

1. Easter Triduum of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection
2. Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Pentecost Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the season of Easter
Ash Wednesday
Weekdays of Holy Week, Monday to Thursday inclusive
Days within the octave of Easter
3. Solemnities of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary and saints listed in the calendar:

Saint Mary the Mother of God,	January 1
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,	March 19
The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,	March 25
Corpus Christi,	Thursday after Trinity Sunday
Sacred Heart,	Second Friday after Trinity Sunday
Nativity of St. John the Baptist,	June 24
St. Peter and St. Paul,	June 29
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,	August 15
All Saints' Day,	November 1
Christ the King,	Sunday Next before Advent

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4. Proper solemnities, namely:

- (a) Solemnity of the principal patron of the place, city or state
- (b) Solemnity of the dedication and anniversary of the dedication of a particular church
- (c) Solemnity of the titular saint of a particular church
- (d) Solemnity of the titular saint, founder, or principal patron of an order or congregation.

All Souls' Day, November 2

II

5. Feasts of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the Apostles in the general calendar

6. Sundays of the Christmas season and Sundays in ordinary time

7. Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the saints in the general calendar

8. Proper feasts, namely:

- (a) Feast of the principal patron of the diocese
- (b) Feast of the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral
- (c) Feast of the principal patron of the territory, province, country, or more extensive territory
- (d) Feast of the titular saint, founder, or principal patron of an order or congregation and religious province, observing the directives in no. 4
- (e) other feasts proper to an individual church
- (f) Other feast listed in the calendar of the diocese, order, or congregation.

9. Weekdays of Advent from December

17 to December 24 inclusive

Days within the octave of Christmas

Weekdays of Lent

III

10. Obligatory memorials in the general calendar (Marked "Memorial")

11. Proper obligatory memorials, namely:

- (a) memorial of a secondary patron of the place, diocese, region or province, country, or more extensive territory; or of an order, congregation, or religious province.
- (b) Obligatory memorials proper to an individual church
- (c) Obligatory memorials listed in the calendar of the diocese, order, or congregation.

12. Optional memorials (*italics*) may be observed even on the days in no. 9. In the same manner obligatory memorials may be celebrated if they happen to fall on the Lenten weekdays.

13. Weekdays of Advent up to December 16 inclusive.

14. Weekdays of the Christmas season from January 2 until the Saturday after Epiphany
15. Weekdays of the Easter season from Monday after the octave of Easter until the Saturday before Pentecost inclusive
16. Weekdays in ordinary time

If several celebrations fall on the same day, the one that holds the higher rank according to the above table is observed. A solemnity, however, which is impeded by a liturgical day that takes precedence over it should be transferred to the closest day which is not a day listed in 1-8 in the table of precedence, the rule of no. 5 remaining in effect. Other celebrations are omitted that year.

If on the same day vespers of the current office and first vespers of the following day are to be celebrated, the vespers of the day holding the higher rank in the table of liturgical days takes precedence; if both days are of the same rank, vespers of the current day takes precedence.

Days of Special Devotion

The following days are observed by special acts of discipline and self-denial:

Ash Wednesday and the other weekdays of Lent and of Holy Week, except for the Solemnities of Saint Joseph and of the Annunciation. Good Friday and all other Fridays of the year in commemoration of the Lord's crucifixion, except for Fridays in the Christmas and Easter season, and any Feasts of our Lord which occur on a Friday.

Days of Optional Observance

Subject to the rules of precedence governing Principal Feasts, Sundays, and Holy Days, the following may be observed:

Commemorations listed in the Calendar

Other Commemorations, using the Common of the Saints

The Ember Days, traditionally observed on the Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays after the First Sunday in Lent, the Day of Pentecost, Holy Cross Day, and December 13

The Rogation Days, traditionally observed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day

Various Occasions, provided that there is no conflict with any observance in nos. 1-8 above.

January

1.	Octave of Christmas, Mary, Mother of God	Solemnity
2.	Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors	Memorial
3.	<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	
4.	Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	Memorial
5.	John Neumann, Bishop	Memorial
6.	The Epiphany	Solemnity
7.	<i>Raymond of Penyafort, Priest</i>	
8.	<i>Lucian, Priest & Martyr</i>	
9.	<i>Adrian, Abbot of Canterbury</i>	
10.		
11.		
12.	Benedict Biscop, Abbot	Memorial
13.	<i>Hilary, Bishop & Doctor</i>	
14.		
15.		
16.	Berard, priest, and companions, Franciscan Protomartyrs	Memorial
17.	Anthony, Abbot	Memorial
18.	Confession of St. Peter	Feast
19.	<i>Wulfstan, Bishop</i>	
20.	<i>Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Sebastian, Martyr</i>	
21.	Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	Memorial
22.	<i>Vincent, Deacon & Martyr</i>	
23.		
24.	Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor	Memorial
25.	Conversion of Paul, Apostle	Feast
26.	Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Memorial
27.	<i>Angela Merici, Virgin</i>	
28.	Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor	Memorial
29.		
30.	<i>Bl. Charles, King & Martyr</i>	
31.	John Bosco, Priest	Memorial
	Sunday after January 6, Baptism of our Lord	Feast

February

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| 1. | <i>St. Brigid, Virgin</i> | |
| 2. | Presentation of the Lord | Feast |
| 3. | <i>Blase, Bishop & Martyr</i> | |
| | <i>Ansgar, Bishop</i> | |
| 4. | <i>Gilbert of Sempringham, Abbot</i> | |
| 5. | Agatha, Virgin & Martyr | Memorial |
| 6. | Paul Miki & Compp., Martyrs, | Memorial |
| 7. | | |
| 8. | <i>Jerome Emiliani, Priest</i> | |
| 9. | | |
| 10. | Scholastica, Virgin | Memorial |
| 11. | <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> | |
| 12. | | |
| 13. | | |
| 14. | Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
<i>Valentine, Priest & Martyr</i> | Memorial |
| 15. | | |
| 16. | | |
| 17. | <i>Seven Founders of the Order of Servites</i> | |
| 18. | | |
| 19. | | |
| 20. | | |
| 21. | <i>Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor</i> | |
| 22. | Chair of Peter, Apostle | Feast |
| 23. | Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr | Memorial |
| 24. | | |
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March

1.	David of Wales, Bishop	Memorial
2.	<i>Chad of Lichfield, Bishop</i>	
3.	<i>Aelred, Abbot</i>	
4.	<i>Casimir</i>	
5.		
6.		
7.	Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	Memorial
8.	<i>John of God, Religious</i>	
9.	<i>Frances of Rome, Religious</i> <i>Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop & Doctor</i>	
10.	<i>John Ogilvie, Martyr</i>	
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15.		
16.	<i>Joseph of Arimathaea</i>	
17.	<i>Patrick, Bishop</i>	
18.	<i>Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor</i> <i>Edward, King & Martyr</i>	
19.	Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity
20.	<i>Cuthbert, Bishop</i>	
21.		
22.		
23.	<i>Turibius de Mogrovejo, Bishop</i>	
24.		
25.	Annunciation of our Lord, Jesus Christ	Solemnity
26.		
27.		
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April

1. *Gilbert of Caithness, Bishop*
2. *Francis of Paola, Hermit*
3. *Richard of Chichester, Bishop*
4. *Isidore, Bishop & Doctor*
5. *Vincent Ferrer, Priest*
- 6.
7. Jean Baptist de la Salle, Priest Memorial
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
11. *Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr*
- 12.
13. *Martin I, Pope & Martyr*
- 14.
- 15.
- 16.
- 17.
- 18.
19. *Alphege of Canterbury, Bishop & Martyr*
- 20.
21. *Anselm, Bishop & Doctor*
- 22.
23. **George, Martyr *** Feast
Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr
24. *Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr,*
25. **Mark, Evangelist** Feast
- 26.
- 27.
28. *Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr*
29. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor Memorial
30. *Pius V, Pope*

* (In a calendar for use by Anglicans, St George is elevated to a Feast out of regard for the historic significance as patron of the English Church.)

May

1.	<i>Joseph the Worker</i>	
2.	Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor	Memorial
3.	Philip and James, Apostles	Feast
4.	English Martyrs, 1535-1680	Memorial
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.	<i>Juliana of Norwich (Dame Julian), Hermit</i>	
9.	<i>Pachomius, Abbot</i>	
10.		
11.		
12.	<i>Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla & Pancras, Martyrs</i>	
13.	<i>Our Lady of Fátima</i>	
14.	Matthias, Apostle	Feast
15.	<i>Isidro of Madrid</i>	
16.	Margaret of Cortona,	Memorial
17.	Pascal Baylon, religious,	Memorial
18.	<i>John I, Pope & Martyr</i>	
19.	Dunstan, Ethelwold and Oswald, Bishops	Memorial
	<i>Crispin of Viterbo, religious</i>	
20.	<i>Bernardine of Siena, Priest,</i>	
	<i>Blessed Alcuin of York, Deacon & Abbot of Tours</i>	
21.	<i>Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	
22.	<i>Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>	
23.		
24.	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi	Feast
25.	<i>Venerable Bede, Priest & Doctor; Gregory VII, Pope</i>	
26.	Philip Neri, Priest	Memorial
27.	Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	Feast
28.		
29.		
30.		
31.	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast
First Sunday after Pentecost: The Most Holy Trinity		Solemnity
Thursday after Holy Trinity: Corpus Christi		Solemnity

June

1.	Justin, Martyr	Memorial
2.	<i>Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs</i>	
3.	Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	Memorial
4.		
5.	Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	Memorial
6.	<i>Norbert, Bishop; Phillip the Deacon</i>	
7.		
8.	<i>William of York, Bishop</i>	
9.	<i>Columba of Iona, Abbot; Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor</i>	
10.	<i>Margaret of Scotland, Queen</i>	
11.	Barnabas, Apostle	Feast
12.		
13.	Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor	Memorial
14.		
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17.	<i>St. Botolph, Abbot</i>	
18.		
19.	<i>Romuald, Abbot</i>	
20.	Alban, Protomartyr of England <i>Translation of Edward, King of West Saxons & Martyr</i>	Memorial
21.	Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	Memorial
22.	John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs	Memorial
23.	Hilda, Etheldreda, Mildred and All Holy Nuns	Memorial
24.	Nativity of John the Baptist	Solemnity
25.	<i>William, Abbot</i>	
26.		
27.	<i>Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor</i>	
28.	Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr	Memorial
29.	Peter and Paul, Apostles	Solemnity
30.	<i>First Martyrs of the Church of Rome</i>	
Friday following Second Sunday after Pentecost:		
	Sacred Heart	Solemnity
Saturday following Second Sunday after Pentecost:		
	<i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	

July

1.	<i>Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest,</i>	
2.		
3.	Thomas, Apostle	Feast
4.	Independence Day	National Day
	<i>Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	
5.	<i>Anthony Zaccaria, Priest</i>	
6.	<i>Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr</i>	
7.	<i>Translation of Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury</i>	
8.	<i>Gregory Grassi, Bp, Augustin Zhao Rong Priest & comp., martyrs</i>	
9.	Nicholas Pick, pr., & companions, martyrs	Memorial
10.	<i>Blessed Oliver Plunkett, Bishop & Martyr</i>	
11.	Benedict, Abbot	Memorial
12.	<i>John Jones & John Wall, priests & martyrs</i>	
13.	<i>Henry, Emperor & Confessor</i>	
14.	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin	Memorial
	<i>Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i>	
	<i>Francisco Solano, priest,</i>	
15.	Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor	Memorial
16.	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	
17.		
18.		
19.		
20.	<i>Margaret, Virgin & Martyr at Antioch</i>	
	<i>Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr</i>	
21.	<i>Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor</i>	
22.	Mary Magdalene	Memorial
23.	<i>Bridget, Religious</i>	
	<i>Cunegunda, religious</i>	
24.		
25.	James, Apostle	Feast
26.	Joachim and Ann, Parents of The B.V.M.	Memorial
27.		
28.		
29.	Mary and Martha of Bethany	Memorial
30.	<i>Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor</i>	
31.	Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	Memorial

August

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| 1. | Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor | Memorial |
| 2. | <i>Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</i> | |
| 3. | | |
| 4. | John Vianney, Priest | Memorial |
| 5. | <i>Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i> | |
| 6. | Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ | Feast |
| 7. | <i>Sixtus II, Pope & Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs</i>
<i>Cajetan, priest</i> | |
| 8. | Dominic, Priest & Founder of the Order of Preachers | Memorial |
| 9. | <i>Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin & Martyr</i> | |
| 10. | Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr | Feast |
| 11. | Clare of Assisi, virgin | Feast |
| 12. | | |
| 13. | <i>Pontian, Pope & Martyr, and Hippolytus, Priest & Martyr</i> | |
| 14. | Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr, | Memorial |
| 15. | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Solemnity |
| 16. | <i>Stephen of Hungary</i> | |
| 17. | | |
| 18. | <i>Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious; Helen, Matron</i> | |
| 19. | <i>John Eudes, Priest</i>
Louis of Toulouse, bishop | Memorial |
| 20. | Bernard, Abbot & Doctor | Memorial |
| 21. | Pius X, Pope | Memorial |
| 22. | Queenship of Mary | Memorial |
| 23. | <i>Rose of Lima, Virgin</i> | |
| 24. | Bartholomew, Apostle | Feast |
| 25. | Louis IX, King
<i>Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i> | Memorial |
| 26. | | |
| 27. | Monica, Widow | Memorial |
| 28. | Augustine, Bishop & Doctor | Memorial |
| 29. | Beheading of John the Baptist, Martyr | Memorial |
| 30. | | |
| 31. | <i>Aidan of Lindisfarne, Bishop</i> | |

September

1.	<i>Giles, Abbot</i>	
2.		
3.	Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor	Feast
4.		
5.		
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7.	<i>Evurtius of Orleans, Bishop</i>	
8.	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast
9.	Peter Claver, Priest	Memorial
10.		
11.		
12.		
13.	John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor	Memorial
14.	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Feast
15.	Our Lady of Sorrows	Memorial
16.	Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	Memorial
17.	<i>Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor</i>	
18.	Joseph of Cupertino, Priest	Memorial
19.	<i>Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop</i> <i>Januarius, Bishop & Martyr</i> <i>Francis Mary of Camporosso, religious</i>	
20.	Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest & Martyr, and Paul Chong Hasang and Companions, Martyrs	Memorial
21.	Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	Feast
22.	Ignatius of Santhià, Priest	
23.	Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest	Memorial
24.	Our Lady of Walsingham	Feast
25.	Sergius, Abbot	Memorial
26.	The Anglican Divines <i>Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i>	Memorial
27.	Vincent de Paul, Priest	Memorial
28.	<i>Wenceslaus, Martyr</i> <i>Lawrence Ruiz and companions, Martyrs</i>	
29.	Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	Feast
30.	Jerome, Priest & Doctor	Memorial

October

1.	Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor <i>Remigius, Bishop</i>	Memorial
2.	Holy Guardian Angels	Memorial
3.	Transitus of Our Holy Father Francis of Assisi	Memorial
4.	Francis of Assisi, deacon	Feast
5.		
6.		
7.	Our Lady of the Rosary	Memorial
8.		
9.	Bl. John Henry Newman, Priest <i>Denis, Bishop & Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs</i> <i>John Leonardi, Priest</i>	Memorial
10.	<i>Paulinus of York, Bishop</i> <i>Daniel, priest, & companions, martyrs,</i>	
11.	<i>Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman, Priest</i>	
12.	<i>Wilfrid of York, Bishop</i>	
13.	Edward the Confessor, King	Memorial
14.	<i>Callistus I, Pope & Martyr</i>	
15.	Teresa of Ávila, Virgin & Doctor	Memorial
16.	<i>Hedwig, Religious</i> <i>Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i>	
17.	Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	Memorial
18.	Luke, Evangelist	Feast
19.	Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf, Priests & Martyrs, and Companions, Martyrs <i>Frideswide, Virgin</i>	Memorial
20.	<i>Paul of the Cross, Priest</i>	
21.	<i>Hilarion, Abbot</i>	
22.		
23.	James of Jerusalem, Apostle & Martyr <i>John of Capistrano, Priest</i>	Feast
24.	<i>Anthony Claret, Bishop</i>	
25.		
26.	<i>Alfred the Great, King of West Saxons</i>	
27.		
28.	Simon and Jude, Apostles	Feast
29.		
30.		
31.		

November

1.	All Saints	Solemnity
2.	All Souls	
3.	<i>Martin de Porres, Religious</i>	
4.	Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Memorial
5.	<i>Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist</i>	
6.	<i>Leonard, Abbot</i>	
7.	<i>Willibrord, Bishop</i>	
8.		
9.	Dedication of the Basilica of Saint John Lateran	Feast
10.	Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor	Memorial
11.	Martin of Tours, Bishop	Memorial
12.	Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr	Memorial
13.	Frances Xavier Cabrini, Religious	Memorial
14.	Nicholas Tavelic, priest, & companions, martyrs	Memorial
15.	<i>Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor</i>	
16.	<i>Gertrude, Virgin</i> <i>Edmund of Canterbury, Bishop;</i>	
17.	Elizabeth of Hungary, Queen <i>Hugh, Bishop</i>	Memorial
18.	<i>Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	
19.	<i>Agnes of Assisi, virgin</i>	
20.	<i>Edmund, King & Martyr</i>	
21.	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial
22.	Cecelia, Virgin & Martyr	Memorial
23.	<i>Clement I, Pope & Martyr</i> <i>Columban, Abbot</i>	
24.	<i>Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	
25.	<i>Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr</i>	
26.	Leonard of Port Maurice, priest	Memorial
27.	<i>Francis Anthony Fasani, priest</i>	
28.	James of the March, priest	Memorial
29.		
30.	Andrew, Apostle	Feast
Last Sunday of the year: Christ the King		Solemnity
4th Thursday: Thanksgiving Day		National Day

December

- 1.
- 2.
3. Francis Xavier, Priest; Memorial
Birinus of Dorchester, Bishop
4. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor
Clement of Alexandria, Doctor
- 5.
6. *Nicholas, Bishop*
7. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor Memorial
8. **Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.** Solemnity
9. *Juan Diego (Coatitloatzin)*
- 10.
11. *Damasus I, Pope*
12. **Our Lady of Guadalupe** Feast
Jane Frances de Chantal, religious
13. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr Memorial
14. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor Memorial
- 15.
16. *(O Sapientia)*
- 17.
- 18.
- 19.
- 20.
21. *Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor*
- 22.
23. *John of Kanty, Priest*
24. Christmas Eve
25. **Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ** Solemnity
26. **Stephen, First Martyr** Feast
27. **John, Apostle & Evangelist** Feast
28. **Holy Innocents, Martyrs** Feast
29. *Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr*
- 30.
31. *Sylvester I, Pope*

Sunday within the octave of Christmas or, if there is no Sunday within the Octave, December 30: **Holy Family** Feast

THE
DIVINE OFFICE

LITURGY OF THE HOURS
IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION

¶ *The following prayers may be said at the discretion of the Officiant, clergy or lay, who leads the Office. They may be said silently by all.*

¶ *General rubrics for all Offices follow on p. 69.*

A BRIEF PRAYER BEFORE THE OFFICE

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Open my mouth, O Lord, for praising and blessing your Name; cleanse too my heart from all vain thoughts, that I may be worthy to be heard in the presence of your divine Majesty; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you in the unity of the Holy Ghost lives and reigns God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A BRIEF PRAYER AFTER THE OFFICE FROM THE AMBROSIAN BREVIARY

Accept, most merciful Father, this Office of my service and devotion: and if in my prayer and praise I have done anything worthy, graciously regard it; and whatever may have been negligently done, mercifully overlook; you who in perfect Trinity live and reign God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE DIVINE OFFICE:

MORNING PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER

(MATINS)

in contemporary English

OPENING VERSICLES

¶ *The Office begins at once with the Opening Versicles.*

℣ O Lord, ✙ open our lips.

℟ **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen. Alleluia.**

¶ *From Septuagesima through the Wednesday before Easter instead of Alleluia is said*

℣ Praise the Lord.

℟ **The Lord's Name be praised.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

¶ *The following Invitatory Antiphons may be sung before and after the Venite, as appointed.*

On Sundays for which no proper Invitatory is provided.

The Lord God omnipotent reigns. * O come let us adore him.

On Weekdays.

The Lord is gracious and merciful. * O come let us adore him.

On Festival of Saints, when no other Invitatory is provided in the Proper.

The Lord is glorious in his saints.* O come let us adore him.

On Festivals of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Word was made flesh. * O come let us adore him.

Invitatories for use in their proper season

In Advent

Our King and Saviour draws nigh; * O come let us adore him.

On the Twelve Days of Christmas

Alleluia. Unto us a child is born: * O come let us adore him. Alleluia

From the Epiphany through the Baptism of Christ, and on the Feasts of the Transfiguration and Holy Cross

The Lord has manifested forth his glory: * O come let us adore him.

In Lent

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: * O come let us adore him.

Passiontide

Christ our Lord became obedient unto death: * O come let us adore him.

From Easter Day until the Ascension

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: * O come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Ascensiontide

Alleluia. Christ the Lord ascends into heaven: * O come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Whitsuntide

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: * O come let us adore him. Alleluia.

On Trinity Sunday

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God: * O come let us adore him.

INVITATORY PSALM

O come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, *
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

The Invitatory Antiphon may be repeated in full.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth, *
the heights of the mountains are his also.

The second half of the Invitatory Antiphon may be repeated.

The sea is his for he made it, *

for his hands formed the dry land. *Here all may genuflect.*

O come, let us worship and bow down *

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. *Here all rise.*

For he is our God, *

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

The Invitatory Antiphon may be repeated in full.

Either of the following endings may be used.

FIRST ENDING: PSALM 95

O that today you would hearken
to his voice. Harden not your
hearts *

as at Meribah, as on the day at
Massah in the wilderness;

When your fathers tested me *

And put me to the proof,
though they had seen my work.

*The second half of the Invitatory Anti-
phon may be repeated.*

For forty years I loathed that
generation, and said, *

They are a people who err in
heart, and they do not regard
my ways;

Therefore I swore in my
anger, *

that they should not enter my
rest.

*The Invitatory Antiphon may be repeated
in full.*

Glory be, etc.

SECOND ENDING: VENITE

Worship the Lord in holy array; *
tremble before him, all the
earth!

For he comes, for he comes to
judge the earth. *

He will judge the world with
righteousness, and the peoples
with his truth.

*The second half of the Invitatory Anti-
phon may be repeated.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son, *

and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be, *

world without end. Amen.

¶ *If desired, an Office Hymn may be sung or said before the psalmody.*

¶ *Following the Venite is sung or said the portion of the Psalter as appointed.*

THE LESSONS

¶ *The First Lesson, as appointed, is read, and then may follow a Canticle, as suggested below.*

Advent: Surge Illuminare
Lesser Feasts & Ferias, outside Advent and Lent: Cantate Domino
Ember Days and Rogation Days: Benedicite, Omnia Opera
Sundays and Major Feasts Te Deum Laudamus
Lent: Salvator Mundi

Surge, Illuminare

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, *
and thick darkness the peoples.
But the Lord will arise upon you, *
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Your gates shall be open continually, *
Day and night they shall not be shut.
The sons of those who oppressed you shall come bending low to you; *
and all who despised you shall bow down at your feet;
They shall call you the City of the LORD, *
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence shall no more be heard in your land, *
devastation or destruction within your borders.
You shall call your walls Salvation, *
and your gates Praise.
The sun shall be no more your light by day, *
nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night;
But the Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

Cantate Domino

Sing to the Lord a new song, *
his praise from the end of the earth!
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, *

the coastlands and their inhabitants.
Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice, *
the villages that Kedar inhabits.
Let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy, *
let them shout from the top of the mountains.
Let them give glory to the LORD, *
and declare his praise in the coastlands.

Benedicite, Omnia Opera

(Monday & Thursday)

Bless the Lord, all works of the Lord, *
Sing praise to him, and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you heavens, *
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord, *
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all waters above the heaven,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all powers,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, sun and moon,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, stars of heaven,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all rain and dew,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all winds,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, fire and heat,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, dews and snows,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, nights and days,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, light and darkness,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, ice and cold,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, frosts and snows,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, lightnings and clouds,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

(Tuesday & Friday)

Let the earth bless the Lord;
let it sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, mountains and hills,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all things that grow on the earth,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you springs,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, seas and rivers,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you whales and all creatures that move in the waters,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all birds of the air,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all beasts and cattle,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

(Wednesday & Saturday)

Bless the Lord, you sons of men,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, O Israel,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of the righteous,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you who are holy and humble in heart,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael,
sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever

Te Deum Laudamus

We praise you, O God; *
we acknowledge you to be the Lord.
All the earth worships you; *
the Father everlasting.
To you all Angels cry aloud; *
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To you Cherubim and Seraphim ; *
continually cry out.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; *
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of your glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise you; *
the goodly brigade of the Prophets praise you;
The noble army of Martyrs praise you; *
the holy Church throughout all the world acknowledges you.
The Father, of an infinite majesty, *
your worthy, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Strength-
ener.
The King of Glory are you, O Christ; *
the everlasting Son of the Father.
When you took it upon yourself to deliver man; *
you humbled yourself to be born of a Virgin.
When you had overcome the sting of death; *
you opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at the right hand of God; *
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that you shall come; *
to be our judge,
We therefore pray you to help your servants; *
whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with your Saints; *
in glory everlasting.

✠ O Lord, save your people, and bless your heritage.

✠ **Govern them, and lift them up for ever.**

✠ Day by day we magnify you;

✠ **And we worship your Name, ever world without end.**

✠ Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day without sin.

✠ **O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

✠ O Lord, let your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in you.
✠ **O Lord, in you have I trusted: let me never be confounded.**

Salvator Mundi

O Saviour of the world, who by your Cross and precious Blood
Blood have redeemed us; *
save us and help us we humbly beseech you, O Lord.
You saved your disciples when ready to perish; *
hear us and save us we humbly beseech you.
Let the pity of your great mercy; *
loose us from our sins we humbly beseech you.
Make it clear that you are our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; *
O save us that we may praise you we humbly beseech you.
Draw near according to your promise from the throne of your glory; *
look down and hear our crying we humbly beseech you.
Come again and dwell with us, O Lord Christ Jesus; *
abide with us for ever we humbly beseech you.
And when you shall appear with power and great glory; *
may we be made like unto you, in your glorious Kingdom.

¶ *After all canticles except the Te Deum is said or sung the Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

¶ *The Second Lesson, as appointed, is read.*

¶ *An Office Hymn may follow, as appointed, if it has not been said earlier.*

¶ *The following, or other antiphons may be used with the Benedictus.*

Mondays

Blessed * be the Lord God of Israel

Tuesdays

The Lord has raised up * a mighty salvation for us in the house of his
servant David.

Wednesdays

May we be saved * from our enemies; and from the hand of all that
hate us, deliver us O Lord.

Thursdays

Let us serve the Lord * in holiness; and he will deliver us from the hand of our enemies.

Fridays

Through the tender mercy * of our God: whereby the Dayspring from on high has visited us.

Saturdays

Guide our feet O Lord,* into the way of peace.

Common of the B.V.M.

Blessed are you * O Mary, for you have believed; and in shall be performed those things which were told you from the Lord *(p.t.)* Alleluia.

Common of Apostles & Evangelists

You who have forsaken all,* and followed me, shall receive a hundred-fold, and shall inherit everlasting life. *(p.t.)* Alleluia.

Common of Martyrs

He that hates his life * in this world, shall keep it unto life eternal. *(p.t.)* Alleluia.

Common of Confessors & Confessor Bishops

Good and faithful servant, * enter into the joy of your Lord. *(p.t.)* Alleluia.

Common of a Virgin & Virgin Martyr

When the Bridegroom came * the wise virgin being ready went in with him to the wedding. *(p.t.)* Alleluia.

Common of a Matron & Matron Martyr

God has chosen her * and preferred her. *(p.t.)* Alleluia

Benedictus, Dominus Deus

✠ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; *
for he has visited and redeemed his people,
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David;
As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets *
from of old,
That we should be saved from our enemies; *
and from the hands of all who hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers; *
and to remember his holy covenant;

The oath which he swore to our father Abraham; *
to grant us, that we,
being delivered from the hand of our enemies; *
might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him; *
all the days of our life.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
through the tender mercy of our God,
when the day shall dawn upon us from on high
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, *[all bow]*
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, *[all rise]*
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
✠ and life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

¶ *A priest leading others:*

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

¶ *A priest praying alone (or a layman):*

℣ O Lord, hear our prayer.

℟ **And let our cry come to you.**

℣ Let us pray.

℣ Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟ **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

℣ Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father, *(continuing silently until...)*
And lead us not into temptation.

℟ **But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

¶ *(The Hail Mary may be said here.)*

℣ O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

℟ **And grant us your salvation.**

℣ O Lord, save the State.

(outside the US: O Lord, save the Queen.)

℟ **And mercifully hear us when we call upon you.**

℣ Endue your ministers with righteousness;

℟ **And make your chosen people joyful.**

℣ O Lord, save your people;

℟ **And bless your inheritance.**

℣ Give peace in our time, O Lord;

℟ **For only you, Lord, makes us dwell in safety.**

(outside the US: And evermore mightily defend us.)

℣ O God, make clean our hearts within us;

℟ **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

¶ *Then is said the Collect of the day*

¶ *After the Collect of the day is said the following Collects for Peace and Grace.*

¶ *The endings of subsequent collects is customarily omitted and the collects joined together with the final collect under one ending.*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom:
Defend us your humble servants in all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries;

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with your mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings being ordered by your governance may be righteous in your sight

¶ *Then may follow authorized prayers and thanksgivings.*

¶ *Then may follow this Morning Offering:*

Lord Jesus, we offer you this new day because we believe in you, love you, hope all things in you and thank you for your blessing:
We are sorry for having offended you and forgive everyone who has offended us; O Lord, look upon us and leave us in peace and courage and your humble wisdom, that we may serve others with joy and be pleasing to you all day, who with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and reigns God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Anima Christi

¶ *At the end of intercessions may be added:*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.	From the malicious enemy
Body of Christ, save me.	defend me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.	At the hour of my death call me
Water from the side of Christ,	And bid me come to thee,
wash me.	that with thy saints I may praise
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.	thee
O good Jesu, hear me.	for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i>
Within thy wounds hide me.	

¶ *A priest leading others:*

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

℣ Let us bless the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

℣ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✙ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

℟ **Amen.**

¶ *Then may be said in a low voice:*

℣ May the souls of the faithful departed, ✙ through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

℟ **Amen.**

¶ *The seasonal Anthem of our Lady may follow here*

¶ *A priest praying alone (or a layman):*

℣ O Lord, hear our prayer.

℟ **And let our cry come to you.**

THE LITTLE HOURS:

MID-MORNING PRAYER

MID-MORNING PRAYER

OPENING VERSICLES

¶ *The Office begins at once with the Opening Versicles.*

℣ O God, make speed to save us.

℟ **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen. Alleluia.**

¶ *From Septuagesima through the Wednesday before Easter instead of Alleluia is said*

℣ Praise the Lord.

℟ **The Lord's Name be praised.**

HYMN

¶ *The following Hymn may be sung or said daily, except the last three days of Holy Week.*

Come, Holy Ghost, with God the Son.
And God the Father ever one.

Shed forth thy grace within our breast,
And dwell with us as ready guest.

By every power, by heart and tongue,
By act and deed thy praise be sung:

Inflame with perfect love each sense,
That others' souls may kindle thence,

O Father, this we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ thine only Son.

Who with the Holy Ghost and thee
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

PSALTER

120 *Ad Dominum.*

- 1 In my distress I cry to the LORD, *
that he may answer me:.
 - 2 “Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips, *
from a deceitful tongue.”
 - 3 What shall be given to you? *
And what more shall be done to you, you deceitful tongue?
 - 4 A warrior's sharp arrows, *
with glowing coals of the broom tree!
 - 5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, *
that I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
 - 6 Too long have I had my dwelling among those who hate peace. *
 - 7 I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war!
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

121 *Levavi oculos.*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from whence does my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
who made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved, *
he who keeps you will not slumber.

- 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel *
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD is your keeper; *
the LORD is your shade on your right hand;
- 6 The sun shall not smite you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil; *
he will keep your life.
- 8 The LORD will keep your going out, and your coming in, *
from this time forth and for evermore.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

122 *Laetatus sum.*

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
- 2 Our feet have been standing within your gates, *
O Jerusalem!
- 3 Jerusalem, built as a city *
which is bound firmly together,
- 4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the
LORD.
- 5 There thrones for judgment were set, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! *
"May they prosper who love you!"
- 7 Peace be within your walls, *
and security within your towers!"
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake I will say, *

"Peace be within you!"

- 9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek your good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

CHAPTER

¶ *On Greater Feasts and their Octaves may be said:*

2 Corinthians 13.14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

¶ *On all other days:*

Jeremiah 17.14

Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved:
for thou art my praise.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

SHORT RESPONSORY

¶ *On Greater Feasts and their Octaves may be said:*

℣ Incline my heart, O God, to your testimonies.

℟ **Incline my heart, O God, to your testimonies.**

℣ Turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity, and quicken me in
your way.

℟ **To your testimonies.**

℣ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.

℟ **Incline my heart, O God, to your testimonies.**

℣ I said, Lord, be merciful to me.

℟ **Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.**

¶ *On all other days:*

℣ Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

℟ **Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.**

℣ I said, Lord, be merciful to me.

℟ **For I have sinned against you.**

℣ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.

℟ **Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.**

℣ You have been my succor.

℟ **Leave me not, nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

COLLECT

¶ *A priest leading others:*

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

¶ *A priest praying alone (or a layman):*

℣ O Lord, hear our prayer.

℟ **And let our cry come to you.**

℣ Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at this hour was scourged and crowned with thorns in your Passion, and at that hour strengthened your disciples by sending the Holy Spirit upon them: Grant, that by the coming of the same Spirit we may be continually enlightened and guided in heart and mind, who with God the Father in the unity of the same Holy Spirit lives and reigns God, world without end. **℟ Amen.**

℣ Let us bless the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

℣ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, **✙** and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

℟ **Amen.**

¶ *Then may be said in a low voice:*

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed, ✠ through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.

✠ **Amen.**

THE LITTLE HOURS:

MID-DAY PRAYER

ANGELUS

¶ *This devotion on the Incarnation is traditionally prayed at 6am, noon, and 6pm.*

℣ The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,

℟ **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you; Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

℣ Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

℟ **Be it unto me according to your word.**

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you;

℣ And the Word was made flesh,

℟ **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you;

℣ Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

℟ **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

℣ Let us pray:

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

REGINA COELI

¶ *During Eastertide, the Regina Coeli is said instead of the Angelus:*

O Queen of heaven, be joyful, **alleluia;**
Because he whom so meetly thou barest, **alleluia,**
Hath arisen, as he promised, **alleluia:**
Pray for us to the Father, **alleluia.**

℣ Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, **alleluia.**

℟ **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

℣ Let us pray:

O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, gave gladness to the world: Grant, we that we, being helped by the Ever-Virgin Mary, his Mother, may attain to the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MID-DAY PRAYER

OPENING VERSICLES

¶ *The Office begins at once with the Opening Versicles.*

℣ O God, make speed to save us.

℟ **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen. Alleluia.**

¶ *From Septuagesima through the Wednesday before Easter instead of Alleluia is said*

℣ Praise the Lord.

℟ **The Lord's Name be praised.**

HYMN

¶ *The following Hymn may be sung or said daily, except the last three days of Holy Week.*

O God of truth, O Lord of might,
who ord'rest time change aright;

Thou send'st the early morning ray,
And light'st the glow of perfect day.

Extinguish thou each sinful fire,
And banish every ill desire;

While thou dost keep the body whole,
Shed forth thy peace upon the soul.

O Father, this we ask be done

Through Jesus Christ thine only Son.

Who with the Holy Ghost and thee
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

PSALTER

123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos.*

- 1 To thee I lift up my eyes, *
O thou who art enthroned in the heavens!
 - 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as
the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, *
so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he have mercy upon
us.
 - 3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us; *
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
 - 4 Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at
ease, *
the contempt of the proud.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

124 *Nisi quia Dominus.*

- 1 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, *
let Israel now say--
- 2 if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, *
when men rose up against us,
- 3 then they would have swallowed us up alive, *
when their anger was kindled against us;
- 4 then the flood would have swept us away, *
the torrent would have gone over us;

- 5 then over us would have gone *
the raging waters.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD, *
who has not given us as prey to their teeth!
- 7 We have escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped!
- 8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, *
who made heaven and earth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

125 *Qui confidunt.*

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.
- 2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, *
so the LORD is round about his people, from this time forth and
for evermore.
- 3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land allotted
to the righteous, *
lest the righteous put forth their hands to do wrong.
- 4 Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, *
and to those who are upright in their hearts!
- 5 But those who turn aside upon their crooked ways*
the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be in Israel!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

CHAPTER

¶ *On Greater Feasts and their Octaves may be said:*

1 John 5.8

There are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

¶ *On all other days:*

1 Thessalonians 5.21-22

Test everything; hold fast what is good,
22 abstain from every form of evil.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

SHORT RESPONSORY

¶ *On Greater Feasts and their Octaves may be said:*

℣ O Lord, your word endures for ever in heaven.

℟ **O Lord, your word endures for ever in heaven.**

℣ Your truth also remains from one generation to another.

℟ **For ever in heaven.**

℣ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.

℟ **O Lord, your word endures for ever in heaven.**

℣ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

℟ **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

¶ *On all other days:*

℣ I will bless the Lord at all times.

℟ **I will bless the Lord at all times.**

℣ His praise shall ever be in my mouth.

℟ **At all times.**

℣ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.

℟ **I will bless the Lord at all times.**

℣ Behold, God is my helper.

℟ **The Lord is with those who uphold my soul.**

COLLECT

¶ *A priest leading others:*

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

¶ *A priest praying alone (or a layman):*

℣ O Lord, hear our prayer.

℟ **And let our cry come to you.**

℣ Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at this hour ascended the tree of the cross, bearing in your Body the sins of the whole world lying in darkness: we beg you to shed forth your light upon our souls and bodies, that, redeemed by your life-giving Passion, we may attain and enjoy eternal life now and hereafter. Who with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and reigns God, world without end. **℟ Amen.**

℣ Let us bless the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

℣ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, **✙** and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

℟ **Amen.**

¶ *Then may be said in a low voice:*

℣ May the souls of the faithful departed, **✙** through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

℟ **Amen.**

THE LITTLE HOURS:

MID-AFTERNOON PRAYER

MID-AFTERNOON PRAYER

OPENING VERSICLES

¶ *The Office begins at once with the Opening Versicles.*

℣ O God, make speed to save us.

℟ **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen. Alleluia.**

¶ *From Septuagesima through the Wednesday before Easter instead of Alleluia is said*

℣ Praise the Lord.

℟ **The Lord's Name be praised.**

HYMN

¶ *The following Hymn may be sung or said daily, except the last three days of Holy Week.*

O God, creation's secret force,
Thyself unmoved, all motion's source,

Who from the morn till evening's ray
Through all its changes guid'st the day:

Grant us, when this short life is past,
The glorious evening that shall last;

That, by a holy death attained,
Eternal glory may be gained.

O Father, this we ask be done

Through Jesus Christ thine only Son.

Who with the Holy Ghost and thee
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

PSALTER

126 *In convertendo.*

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,*
we were like those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with
shouts of joy; *
then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great
things for them."
- 3 The LORD has done great things for us; *
we are glad.
- 4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD; *
like the watercourses in the Negeb!
- 5 May those who sow in tears *
reap with shouts of joy!
- 6 He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, *
shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with
him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

127 *Nisi Dominus.*

- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
*

Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays
awake in vain.

- 2 It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the
bread of anxious toil; *
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 3 Lo, sons are a heritage from the LORD, *
the fruit of the womb a reward.
- 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the sons of one's youth.
- 5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in
the gate.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

128 *Beati omnes.*

- 1 Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, *
who walks in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; *
you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.
- 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; *
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.
- 4 Lo, thus shall the man be blessed *
who fears the LORD.
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion! *
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your
life!
- 6 May you see your children's children! *
Peace be upon Israel!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

CHAPTER

¶ *On Greater Feasts and their Octaves may be said:*

Ephesians 4.4-6

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one
hope that belongs to your call,

5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and
in all.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

¶ *On all other days:*

Galatians 6.2

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

SHORT RESPONSORY

¶ *On Greater Feasts and their Octaves may be said:*

℣ I call with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord.

℟ **I call with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord.**

℣ I will keep your statutes.

℟ **Hear me, O Lord.**

℣ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.

℟ **I call with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord.**

℣ Cleanse me, O Lord, from my secret faults.

℟ **Keep your servant from presumptuous sins.**

¶ *On all other days:*

℣ Deliver me, O Lord, and be merciful to me.

℟ **Deliver me, O Lord, and be merciful to me.**

℣ My standing is firm; I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

℟ **And be merciful unto me.**

✠ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.

✠ **Deliver me, O Lord, and be merciful to me.**

✠ I will praise your name, O Lord.

✠ **For you have delivered me from all my trouble.**

COLLECT

¶ *A priest leading others:*

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ **And with your spirit.**

¶ *A priest praying alone (or a layman):*

✠ O Lord, hear our prayer.

✠ **And let our cry come to you.**

✠ Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at this hour on the Cross commended your spirit into the hands of the Father: grant, we pray, that at the hour of our passing from this world, we too may commend our souls to the Father, and be received by you into the paradise of your everlasting kingdom. Who with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and reigns God, world without end. ✠ **Amen.**

✠ Let us bless the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

✠ **Amen.**

¶ *Then may be said in a low voice:*

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed, ✠ through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

✠ **Amen.**

THE DIVINE OFFICE:

EVENING PRAYER

EVENING PRAYER

(VESPERS)

OPENING VERSICLES

¶ *The Office begins at once with the Opening Versicles.*

℣ O God, make speed to save us.

℟ **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

¶ *From Septuagesima through the Wednesday before Easter instead of Alleluia is said*

℣ Praise the Lord.

℟ **The Lord's Name be praised.**

PSALTER

¶ *If desired, an Office Hymn may be sung before the psalmody.*

¶ *Then shall be sung the portion of the Psalter as appointed.*

THE LESSONS

¶ *The First Lesson, as appointed, is read.*

¶ *After the First Lesson shall follow the Canticle the Magnificat.*

The Song of Mary (Magnificat)

¶ *The Magnificat may be preceded and followed by an antiphon, as appointed.*

✙ My soul magnifies the Lord, *
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
For he has regarded *
the low estate of his handmaiden.
For behold henceforth all generations *
will call me blessed;
For he who is mighty has done great things for me, *
and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on those who fear him *
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones, *
and exalted those of low degree;
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent empty away.
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, *
as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for
ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

¶ *The Second Lesson, as appointed, is read.*

¶ *When Compline is to be prayed, the following canticle is omitted.*

¶ *On the occasions that Compline is not going to be prayed, the following canticle is used.*

The Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)

✙ Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace; *
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation; *
 which thou hast prepared in the presence of all people.
 A light for revelation to the Gentiles; *
 and for glory to thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
 and to the Holy Spirit.
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
 world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

¶ *Officiant and people together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, *[all bow]*
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, *[all rise]*
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended into hell;
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
 from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 ✚ and life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

¶ *A priest leading others:*

℣ The Lord be with you.
 ℟ **And with your spirit.**

℣ Let us pray.

¶ *A priest praying alone (or a layman):*

℣ O Lord, hear our prayer.
 ℟ **And let our cry come to you.**

℣ Lord, have mercy on us.

℟ **Christ, have mercy on us.**

℣ Lord, have mercy on us. Our Father, (*continuing silently until...*)
And lead us not into temptation.

℟ **But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

¶ (*The Hail Mary may be said here.*)

℣ O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

℟ **And grant us your salvation.**

℣ O Lord, save the State.

(*outside the US: O Lord, save the Queen.*)

℟ **And mercifully hear us when we call on you.**

℣ Grant to your ministers righteousness;

℟ **And make your chosen people joyful.**

℣ O Lord, save your people;

℟ **And bless your inheritance.**

℣ Give peace in our time, O Lord;

℟ **And evermore mightily defend us.**

℣ O God, make clean our hearts within us;

℟ **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

℣ Let us pray.

¶ *Then is said the Collect of the day*

¶ *After the Collect of the day is said the following Collects.*

¶ *The endings of subsequent collects is customarily omitted and the collects joined together with the final collect under one ending.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give us your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and also that, we, being defended by you from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

L ighten our darkness, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only

Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

¶ *Other authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

¶ *Then the collects are finished with the traditional full ending:*

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and reigns God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Anima Christi

¶ *At the end of intercessions may be added:*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.	From the malicious enemy
Body of Christ, save me.	defend me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.	At the hour of my death call me
Water from the side of Christ,	And bid me come to thee,
wash me.	that with thy saints I may praise
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.	thee
O good Jesu, hear me.	for ever and ever. Amen.
Within thy wounds hide me.	

¶ *A priest leading others:*

✠ The Lord be with you.
✠ **And with your spirit.**

✠ Let us bless the Lord.
✠ **Thanks be to God.**

¶ *A priest praying alone (or a layman):*

✠ O Lord, hear our prayer.
✠ **And let our cry come to you.**

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
✠ **Amen.**

¶ *Then may be said in a low voice:*

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed, ✠ through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
✠ **Amen.**

¶ *The seasonal Anthem of our Lady may follow here.*

THE DIVINE OFFICE:

NIGHT PRAYER (COMPLINE)

NIGHT PRAYER

(COMPLINE)

OPENING VERSICLES

¶ *All standing up, one says,*

Bid, sir, a blessing.

℣ The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

℟ **Amen.**

℣ O God, make speed to save us.

℟ **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

¶ *From Septuagesima through the Wednesday before Easter instead of Alleluia is said*

℣ Praise the Lord.

℟ **The Lord's Name be praised.**

¶ *A brief examination of conscience may be made. In a communal celebration of the office, a penitential rite using the Confiteor may be inserted here.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Office Hymn for Compline:*

HYMN

Te lucis ante terminum

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That, with thy wonted favor, thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread underfoot our ghostly foe,
That spot of sin we may not know.

O Father, this we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son.
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

PSALTER

On Saturdays

4 *Cum invocarem*

- ¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right! Thou hast given me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
- ² O men, how long shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? [Selah]
- ³ But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.
- ⁴ Be angry, but sin not; commune with your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. [Selah]
- ⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
- ⁶ There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, O LORD!"

- ⁷ Thou hast put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain
and wine abound.
- ⁸ In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for thou alone, O LORD,
makest me dwell in safety.

134 *Ecce nunc*

- ¹ Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by
night in the house of the LORD!
- ² Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the LORD!
- ³ May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and
earth!

On Sundays

91 *Qui habitat*

- ¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the
shadow of the Almighty,
- ² will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in
whom I trust."
- ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the
deadly pestilence;
- ⁴ he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will
find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by
day,
- ⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that
wastes at noonday.
- ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand;
but it will not come near you.
- ⁸ You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the
wicked.

- ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High
your habitation,
¹⁰ no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
¹¹ For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your
ways.
¹² On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot
against a stone.
¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the
serpent you will trample under foot.
¹⁴ Because he cleaves to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect
him, because he knows my name.
¹⁵ When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trou-
ble, I will rescue him and honor him.
¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

On Mondays

86 *Inclina, Domine.*

- ¹ Incline thy ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
² Preserve my life, for I am godly; save thy servant who trusts in
thee. Thou art my God;
³ be gracious to me, O Lord, for to thee do I cry all the day.
⁴ Gladden the soul of thy servant, for to thee, O Lord, do I lift up my
soul.
⁵ For thou, O Lord, art good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast
love to all who call on thee.
⁶ Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; hearken to my cry of supplication.
⁷ In the day of my trouble I call on thee, for thou dost answer me.
⁸ There is none like thee among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any
works like thine.
⁹ All the nations thou hast made shall come and bow down before
thee, O Lord, and shall glorify thy name.
¹⁰ For thou art great and doest wondrous things, thou alone art God.

- ¹¹ Teach me thy way, O LORD, that I may walk in thy truth; unite my heart to fear thy name.
- ¹² I give thanks to thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify thy name for ever.
- ¹³ For great is thy steadfast love toward me; thou hast delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- ¹⁴ O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life, and they do not set thee before them.
- ¹⁵ But thou, O Lord, art a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
- ¹⁶ Turn to me and take pity on me; give thy strength to thy servant, and save the son of thy handmaid.
- ¹⁷ Show me a sign of thy favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because thou, LORD, hast helped me and comforted me.

On Tuesdays

143 *Domine, exaudi.*

- ¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my supplications! In thy faithfulness answer me, in thy righteousness!
- ² Enter not into judgment with thy servant; for no man living is righteous before thee.
- ³ For the enemy has pursued me; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.
- ⁴ Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.
- ⁵ I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that thou hast done; I muse on what thy hands have wrought.
- ⁶ I stretch out my hands to thee; my soul thirsts for thee like a parched land. [Selah]
- ⁷ Make haste to answer me, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not thy face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.

- ⁸ Let me hear in the morning of thy steadfast love, for in thee I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to thee I lift up my soul.
- ⁹ Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies! I have fled to thee for refuge!
- ¹⁰ Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God! Let thy good spirit lead me on a level path!
- ¹¹ For thy name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In thy righteousness bring me out of trouble!

On Wednesdays

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

- ¹ In thee, O LORD, do I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame; in thy righteousness deliver me!
- ² Incline thy ear to me, rescue me speedily! Be thou a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!
- ³ Yea, thou art my rock and my fortress; for thy name's sake lead me and guide me,
- ⁴ take me out of the net which is hidden for me, for thou art my refuge.
- ⁵ Into thy hand I commit my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- ⁶ Thou hatest those who pay regard to vain idols; but I trust in the LORD.

130 *De profundis.*

- ¹ Out of the depths I cry to thee, O LORD!
- ² Lord, hear my voice! Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
- ³ If thou, O LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
- ⁴ But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.
- ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

- ⁶ my soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
- ⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast
love, and with him is plenteous redemption.
- ⁸ And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

On Thursdays

16 *Conserva me, domine.*

- ¹ Preserve me, O God, for in thee I take refuge.
- ² I say to the LORD, "Thou art my Lord; I have no good apart from
thee."
- ³ As for the saints in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my
delight.
- ⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their liba-
tions of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my
lips.
- ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; thou holdest my lot.
- ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; yea, I have a good-
ly heritage.
- ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart
instructs me.
- ⁸ I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand,
I shall not be moved.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also
dwells secure.
- ¹⁰ For thou dost not give me up to Sheol, or let thy godly one see the
Pit.
- ¹¹ Thou dost show me the path of life; in thy presence there is fulness
of joy, in thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

88 *Domine, Deus.*

- ¹ O LORD, my God, I call for help by day; I cry out in the night before thee.
- ² Let my prayer come before thee, incline thy ear to my cry!
- ³ For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol.
- ⁴ I am reckoned among those who go down to the Pit; I am a man who has no strength,
- ⁵ like one forsaken among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom thou dost remember no more, for they are cut off from thy hand.
- ⁶ Thou hast put me in the depths of the Pit, in the regions dark and deep.
- ⁷ Thy wrath lies heavy upon me, and thou dost overwhelm me with all thy waves. [Selah]
- ⁸ Thou hast caused my companions to shun me; thou hast made me a thing of horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
- ⁹ my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call upon thee, O LORD; I spread out my hands to thee.
- ¹⁰ Dost thou work wonders for the dead? Do the shades rise up to praise thee? [Selah]
- ¹¹ Is thy steadfast love declared in the grave, or thy faithfulness in Abaddon?
- ¹² Are thy wonders known in the darkness, or thy saving help in the land of forgetfulness?
- ¹³ But I, O LORD, cry to thee; in the morning my prayer comes before thee.
- ¹⁴ O LORD, why dost thou cast me off? Why dost thou hide thy face from me?
- ¹⁵ Afflicted and close to death from my youth up, I suffer thy terrors; I am helpless.
- ¹⁶ Thy wrath has swept over me; thy dread assaults destroy me.

- 17 They surround me like a flood all day long; they close in upon me together.
- 18 Thou hast caused lover and friend to shun me; my companions are in darkness.

¶ *At the end of each Psalm, or of all the Psalms, is sung or said*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen. Alleluia.**

SHORT LESSON

On Saturdays

Dt 6.4-7

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

On Sundays

Rev 22.4-5

They shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

On Mondays

1 Th 5.9-10

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him.

On Tuesdays

1 Pet 5.8-9a

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.

On Wednesdays

Eph 4.26-27

Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

On Thursdays

1 Th 5.23

May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On Fridays

Jer 14.9

Why shouldst thou be like a man confused, like a mighty man who cannot save? Yet thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not."

℟ Thanks be to God.

SHORT RESPONSORY

℣ Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

℟ Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

℣ For you have redeemed us, O Lord, God of truth.

℟ I commend my spirit;

℣ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.

℟ Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

GOSPEL CANTICLE

¶ *An antiphon, as appointed, may precede and follow the Gospel Canticle, which is always said.*

Preserve us, O Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

(Antiphon in Paschaltide: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.)

The Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)

✙ Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace; *
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation; *
which thou hast prepared in the presence of all people.

A light for revelation to the Gentiles; *
and for glory to thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

¶ *The antiphon may then be repeated by all.*

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

¶ *A priest leading others:*

✚ The Lord be with you.

✚ **And with your spirit.**

¶ *A priest praying alone (or a layman):*

✚ O Lord, hear our prayer.

✚ **And let our cry come to you.**

✚ Let us pray.

Visit, O Lord, this place, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels stay here to preserve us in peace, and let your blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and reigns God, world without end. **Amen.**

¶ *If desired, one or more of the following prayers may be added.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at this evening hour rested in the sepulcher, and thereby sanctified the grave to be a bed of hope to your people: Make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of your passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with you;

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, illumine the darkness of this night with your celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness;

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose on your eternal changelessness;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and reigns God, world without end. **Amen.**

✠ May the all-powerful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, grant us a restful night and peace at the last.

✠ *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be said or sung a seasonal Anthem of our Lady, unless Compline immediately follows Vespers, in which case the anthem may come between the two offices*

THE ANTHEMS OF OUR LADY

To follow the hours of Lauds, Vespers, and Compline

ALMA REDEMPTORIS MATER

From Advent Sunday to Candlemas.

Gracious Mother of our Redeemer, forever abiding
Heaven's gateway, and star of ocean, O succour the people,
Who, though falling, strive to rise again.
Thou Maiden who barest thy holy Creator, to the wonder of all
nature; Ever Virgin, after, as before thou receivedst that Ave
From the mouth of Gabriel; have compassion on us sinners.

In Advent

℣ · The Angel of the Lord
announced unto Mary.

℞ **And she conceived by the
Holy Ghost.**

℣ Let us pray.

We pray, O Lord, pour your
grace into our hearts; that
as we have known the Incarnation
of your Son Jesus Christ by the
message of an Angel, so by his
Cross and Passion we may be
brought unto the glory of his
Resurrection. Through the same
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

From Christmass to the Purification

℣ · After Childbearing, O Virgin,
you remained inviolate.

℞ **Intercede for us, O Mother
of God.**

℣ Let us pray.

O God, who through the fruit-
ful virginity of blessed Mary
has bestowed on mankind the
rewards of eternal salvation:
grant, that we may know the help
of her intercession, through
whom we have been accounted
worthy to receive the Author of
our life, Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord. **Amen.**

AVE REGINA CAELORUM

From the Purification through Wednesday in Holy Week.

Queen of the heavens, we hail thee,
Hail thee, Lady of all the angels;
Thou the dawn, the door of morning
Whence the world's true Light is risen:
Joy to thee, O Virgin glorious,
Beautiful beyond all other;
Hail, and farewell, O most gracious,
Intercede for us always to Jesus.

✠ · Grant that we may praise you, O holy Virgin.

✠ **Give us strength against your enemies.**

✠ · Let us pray

Grant us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness: that we who celebrate the memory of the holy Mother of God, may through the aid of her intercession rise again from our sins. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

REGINA COELI

From Easter until Trinity Sunday

O Queen of heaven, be joyful, *alleluia*;
Because he whom so meetly thou barest, *alleluia*,
Hath arisen, as he promised, *alleluia*:
Pray for us to the Father, *alleluia*.

✠ Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, *alleluia*.

✠ **For the Lord is risen indeed, *alleluia*.**

✠ Let us pray:

O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, gave gladness to the world: Grant, that we, being aided by the Ever-Virgin Mary, his Mother, may attain to the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SALVE REGINA

From Trinity Sunday to Saturday before Advent

Hail holy Queen, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this
vale of tears.
Turn then most gracious advocate thine eyes of mercy towards us;
and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy
womb,
Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

✠ Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

✠ **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

✠ Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who by the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, prepared the body and soul of Mary, the glorious Virgin Mother, to be a dwelling place fit for your Son: grant that as we rejoice to keep her in devout remembrance; so by her intercession we may be delivered from the evils that beset us, and from eternal death. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SOME GENERAL RUBRICS FOR THE OFFICE

- ¶ *The ordinary full ending of the collect is, 'through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth God, world without end'. If the Name of our Lord has been mentioned in the collect, the words 'the same' are inserted before 'Jesus Christ'. If the Holy Spirit has been mentioned the words 'same Spirit' are substituted for 'Holy Spirit.' When the collect is addressed to God the Son the ending is 'Who with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest God, world without end'. The full ending is used for the first Collect of the Day. For all other collects, the short ending, "through Christ our Lord" or "through the same Christ our Lord" is used.*
- ¶ *The Anglican Tradition appoints seasonal collects for some seasons and octaves. It is customary when more than one collect is prayed together that the first collect takes the full ending as above, and the rest are combined under one ending, that is, the second (and subsequent, if any) collects omit any ending, and the last collect takes the full ending as above.*
- ¶ *If there be no Reader the parts assigned to the same shall be taken by the Deacon, and if there be no Deacon the parts assigned to him shall be taken by the Priest.*
- ¶ *The Officiant at the Office may be a clergyman or a layman licensed for that purpose by the Ordinary.*
- ¶ *Instrumental music, anthems and hymns from a book approved by the Ordinary may be sung at the customary places. All music is employed at the discretion and under the control of the rector, pastor, vicar, or incumbent of the place.*
- ¶ *In all rubrics, "say" is understood to include "sing," and vice versa.*
- ¶ *The Kyrie may be sung or said threefold or ninefold, and in English or in Greek.*
- ¶ *The sign of the cross may be used or not at the discretion of the worshipper; the customary places for the sign are indicated in the text.*

THE
PSALTER

or, The Psalms of David

The Revised Standard Version

THE PSALMS

BOOK I

1

- 1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

2

- 1 Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying,
- 3 "Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us."
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision.
- 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- 6 "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."
- 7 I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son, today I have begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- 11 Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling
- 12 kiss his feet, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

3

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

- 1 O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
- 2 many are saying of me, there is no help for him in God. Selah
- 3 But thou, O LORD, art a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
- 4 I cry aloud to the LORD, and he answers me from his holy hill. Selah
- 5 I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the LORD sustains me.
- 6 I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me round about.
- 7 Arise, O LORD! Deliver me, O my God! For thou dost smite all my enemies on the cheek, thou dost break the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 Deliverance belongs to the LORD; thy blessing be upon thy people! Selah

4

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of David

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my right! Thou hast given me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
- 2 O men, how long shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah
- 3 But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.
- 4 Be angry, but sin not; commune with your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah

- 5 Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, O LORD!"
- 7 Thou hast put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for thou alone, O LORD, makest me dwell in safety.

5

To the choirmaster: for the flutes. A Psalm of David

- 1 Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my groaning.
- 2 Harken to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to thee do I pray.
- 3 O LORD, in the morning thou dost hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for thee, and watch.
- 4 For thou art not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not sojourn with thee.
- 5 The boastful may not stand before thy eyes; thou hatest all evildoers.
- 6 Thou destroyest those who speak lies; the LORD abhors blood-thirsty and deceitful men.
- 7 But I through the abundance of thy steadfast love will enter thy house, I will worship toward thy holy temple in the fear of thee.
- 8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of my enemies; make thy way straight before me.
- 9 For there is no truth in their mouth; their heart is destruction, their throat is an open sepulchre, they flatter with their tongue.
- 10 Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of their many transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against thee.
- 11 But let all who take refuge in thee rejoice, let them ever sing for joy; and do thou defend them, that those who love thy name may exult in thee.
- 12 For thou dost bless the righteous, O LORD; thou dost cover him with favor as with a shield.

6

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments; according to The Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

- 1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thy anger, nor chasten me in thy wrath.
- 2 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled.
- 3 My soul also is sorely troubled. But thou, O LORD--how long?
- 4 Turn, O LORD, save my life; deliver me for the sake of thy steadfast love.
- 5 For in death there is no remembrance of thee; in Sheol who can give thee praise?
- 6 I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.
- 7 My eye wastes away because of grief, it grows weak because of all my foes.
- 8 from me, all you workers of evil; for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.
- 9 The LORD has heard my supplication; the LORD accepts my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall be ashamed and sorely troubled; they shall turn back, and be put to shame in a moment.

7

A Shiggaion of David, which he sang to the Lord concerning Cush a Benjaminite.

- 1 O LORD my God, in thee do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers, and deliver me,
- 2 lest like a lion they rend me, dragging me away, with none to rescue.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done this, if there is wrong in my hands,
- 4 if I have requited my friend with evil or plundered my enemy without cause,
- 5 let the enemy pursue me and overtake me, and let him trample my life to the ground, and lay my soul in the dust. Selah
- 6 Arise, O LORD, in thy anger, lift thyself up against the fury of my enemies; awake, O my God; thou hast appointed a judgment.

- 7 Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about thee; and over it take thy seat on high.
- 8 The LORD judges the peoples; judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me.
- 9 O let the evil of the wicked come to an end, but establish thou the righteous, thou who triest the minds and hearts, thou righteous God.
- 10 My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart.
- 11 God is a righteous judge, and a God who has indignation every day.
- 12 If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and strung his bow;
- 13 he has prepared his deadly weapons, making his arrows fiery shafts.
- 14 Behold, the wicked man conceives evil, and is pregnant with mischief, and brings forth lies.
- 15 He makes a pit, digging it out, and falls into the hole which he has made.
- 16 His mischief returns upon his own head, and on his own pate his violence descends.
- 17 I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

8

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David

- 1 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth! Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted
- 2 by the mouth of babes and infants, thou hast founded a bulwark because of thy foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established;
- 4 what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?
- 5 Yet thou hast made him little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor.

- 6 Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands; thou
hast put all things under his feet,
7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along
the paths of the sea.
9 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

9

To the choirmaster: according to Muth-labben. A Psalm of David.

- 1 I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of
all thy wonderful deeds.
2 I will be glad and exult in thee, I will sing praise to thy name, O
Most High.
3 When my enemies turned back, they stumbled and perished before
thee.
4 For thou hast maintained my just cause; thou hast sat on the throne
giving righteous judgment.
5 Thou hast rebuked the nations, thou hast destroyed the wicked;
thou hast blotted out their name for ever and ever.
6 The enemy have vanished in everlasting ruins; their cities thou hast
rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.
7 But the LORD sits enthroned for ever, he has established his throne
for judgment;
8 and he judges the world with righteousness, he judges the peoples
with equity.
9 The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times
of trouble.
10 And those who know thy name put their trust in thee, for thou, O
LORD, hast not forsaken those who seek thee.
11 Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion! Tell among the peo-
ples his deeds!
12 For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget
the cry of the afflicted.
13 Be gracious to me, O LORD! Behold what I suffer from those who
hate me, O thou who liftest me up from the gates of death,

- 14 that I may recount all thy praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in thy deliverance.
- 15 The nations have sunk in the pit which they made; in the net which they hid has their own foot been caught.
- 16 The LORD has made himself known, he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. Higgaion. Selah
- 17 The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.
- 19 Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before thee!
- 20 Put them in fear, O LORD! Let the nations know that they are but men! Selah

10

- 1 Why dost thou stand afar off, O LORD? Why dost thou hide thyself in times of trouble?
- 2 In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes which they have devised.
- 3 For the wicked boasts of the desires of his heart, and the man greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.
- 4 In the pride of his countenance the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God."
- 5 His ways prosper at all times; thy judgments are on high, out of his sight; as for all his foes, he puffs at them.
- 6 He thinks in his heart, "I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity."
- 7 His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.
- 8 He sits in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he murders the innocent. His eyes stealthily watch for the hapless,
- 9 he lurks in secret like a lion in his covert; he lurks that he may seize the poor, he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.

- 10 The hapless is crushed, sinks down, and falls by his might.
- 11 He thinks in his heart, "God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it."
- 12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thy hand; forget not the afflicted.
- 13 Why does the wicked renounce God, and say in his heart, "Thou wilt not call to account"?
- 14 Thou dost see; yea, thou dost note trouble and vexation, that thou mayest take it into thy hands; the hapless commits himself to thee; thou hast been the helper of the fatherless.
- 15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and evildoer; seek out his wickedness till thou find none.
- 16 The LORD is king for ever and ever; the nations shall perish from his land.
- 17 O LORD, thou wilt hear the desire of the meek; thou wilt strengthen their heart, thou wilt incline thy ear
- 18 to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

11

To the choirmaster. Of David.

- 1 In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to me, "Flee like a bird to the mountains ;
- 2 for lo, the wicked bend the bow, they have fitted their arrow to the string, to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart;
- 3 if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do"?
- 4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven; his eyes behold, his eyelids test, the children of men.
- 5 The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, and his soul hates him that loves violence.
- 6 On the wicked he will rain coals of fire and brimstone; a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.
- 7 For the LORD is righteous, he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

12

To the choirmaster: according to The Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Help, LORD; for there is no longer any that is godly; for the faithful have vanished from among the sons of men.
- 2 Every one utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.
- 3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts,
- 4 those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail, our lips are with us; who is our master?"
- 5 "Because the poor are despoiled, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the LORD; "I will place him in the safety for which he longs."
- 6 The promises of the LORD are promises that are pure, silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.
- 7 Do thou, O LORD, protect us, guard us ever from this generation.
- 8 On every side the wicked prowl, as vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

13

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- 1 How long, O LORD? Wilt thou forget me for ever? How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
- 2 How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
- 3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;
- 4 lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him"; lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- 5 But I have trusted in thy steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

14

To the choirmaster. Of David.

- 1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none that does good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any that act wisely, that seek after God.
- 3 They have all gone astray, they are all alike corrupt; there is none that does good, no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?
- 5 There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.
- 6 You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge.
- 7 O that deliverance for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, Israel shall be glad.

15

A Psalm of David.

- 1 O LORD, who shall sojourn in thy tent? Who shall dwell on thy holy hill?
- 2 He who walks blamelessly, and does what is right, and speaks truth from his heart;
- 3 who does not slander with his tongue, and does no evil to his friend, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
- 4 in whose eyes a reprobate is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change;
- 5 who does not put out his money at interest, and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

16

A Miktam of David.

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in thee I take refuge.
- 2 I say to the LORD, "Thou art my Lord; I have no good apart from thee."
- 3 As for the saints in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.
- 4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their libations of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.
- 5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; thou holdest my lot.
- 6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- 8 I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure.
- 10 For thou dost not give me up to Sheol, or let thy godly one see the Pit.
- 11 Thou dost show me the path of life; in thy presence there is fulness of joy, in thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

17

A Prayer of David.

- 1 Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry! Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!
- 2 From thee let my vindication come! Let thy eyes see the right!
- 3 If thou triest my heart, if thou visitest me by night, if thou testest me, thou wilt find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

- 4 With regard to the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- 5 My steps have held fast to thy paths, my feet have not slipped.
- 6 I call upon thee, for thou wilt answer me, O God; incline thy ear to me, hear my words.
- 7 Wondrously show thy steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at thy right hand.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of thy wings,
- 9 from the wicked who despoil me, my deadly enemies who surround me.
- 10 They close their hearts to pity; with their mouths they speak arrogantly.
- 11 They track me down; now they surround me; they set their eyes to cast me to the ground.
- 12 They are like a lion eager to tear, as a young lion lurking in ambush.
- 13 Arise, O LORD! confront them, overthrow them! Deliver my life from the wicked by thy sword,
- 14 from men by thy hand, O LORD, from men whose portion in life is of the world. May their belly be filled with what thou hast stored up for them; may their children have more than enough; may they leave something over to their babes.
- 15 As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with beholding thy form.

18

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David the servant of the Lord, who addressed the words of this song to the Lord on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said:

- 1 I love thee, O LORD, my strength.
- 2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

- 3 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.
- 4 The cords of death encompassed me, the torrents of perdition assailed me;
- 5 the cords of Sheol entangled me, the snares of death confronted me.
- 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.
- 7 Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry.
- 8 Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him.
- 9 He bowed the heavens, and came down; thick darkness was under his feet.
- 10 He rode on a cherub, and flew; he came swiftly upon the wings of the wind.
- 11 He made darkness his covering around him, his canopy thick clouds dark with water.
- 12 Out of the brightness before him there broke through his clouds hailstones and coals of fire.
- 13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; he flashed forth lightnings, and routed them.
- 15 Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare, at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.
- 16 He reached from on high, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.
- 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from those who hated me; for they were too mighty for me.
- 18 They came upon me in the day of my calamity; but the LORD was my stay.

- 19 He brought me forth into a broad place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.
- 20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me.
- 21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.
- 22 For all his ordinances were before me, and his statutes I did not put away from me.
- 23 I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from guilt.
- 24 Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.
- 25 With the loyal thou dost show thyself loyal; with the blameless man thou dost show thyself blameless;
- 26 with the pure thou dost show thyself pure; and with the crooked thou dost show thyself perverse.
- 27 For thou dost deliver a humble people; but the haughty eyes thou dost bring down.
- 28 Yea, thou dost light my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness.
- 29 Yea, by thee I can crush a troop; and by my God I can leap over a wall.
- 30 This God--his way is perfect; the promise of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
- 31 For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?--
- 32 the God who girded me with strength, and made my way safe.
- 33 He made my feet like hinds' feet, and set me secure on the heights.
- 34 He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
- 35 Thou hast given me the shield of thy salvation, and thy right hand supported me, and thy help made me great.
- 36 Thou didst give a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip.

- 37 I pursued my enemies and overtook them; and did not turn back till they were consumed.
- 38 I thrust them through, so that they were not able to rise; they fell under my feet.
- 39 For thou didst gird me with strength for the battle; thou didst make my assailants sink under me.
- 40 Thou didst make my enemies turn their backs to me, and those who hated me I destroyed.
- 41 They cried for help, but there was none to save, they cried to the LORD, but he did not answer them.
- 42 I beat them fine as dust before the wind; I cast them out like the mire of the streets.
- 43 Thou didst deliver me from strife with the peoples; thou didst make me the head of the nations; people whom I had not known served me.
- 44 As soon as they heard of me they obeyed me; foreigners came cringing to me.
- 45 Foreigners lost heart, and came trembling out of their fastnesses.
- 46 The LORD lives; and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation,
- 47 the God who gave me vengeance and subdued peoples under me;
- 48 who delivered me from my enemies; yea, thou didst exalt me above my adversaries; thou didst deliver me from men of violence.
- 49 For this I will extol thee, O LORD, among the nations, and sing praises to thy name.
- 50 Great triumphs he gives to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his descendants for ever.

19

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to
the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,
5 which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and like
a strong man runs its course with joy.
6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end
of them; and there is nothing hid from its heat.
7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of
the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the com-
mandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever; the ordinances of
the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweet-
er also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned; in keeping them there is
great reward.
12 But who can discern his errors? Clear thou me from hidden faults.
13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not
have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent
of great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be ac-
ceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

20

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God
of Jacob protect you!
2 May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support
from Zion!
3 May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your
burnt sacrifices! Selah
4 May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfil all your plans!

- 5 May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the LORD fulfil all your petitions!
- 6 Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.
- 7 Some boast of chariots, and some of horses; but we boast of the name of the LORD our God.
- 8 They will collapse and fall; but we shall rise and stand upright.
- 9 Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.

21

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- 1 In thy strength the king rejoices, O LORD; and in thy help how greatly he exults!
- 2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withheld the request of his lips. Selah
- 3 For thou dost meet him with goodly blessings; thou dost set a crown of fine gold upon his head.
- 4 He asked life of thee; thou gavest it to him, length of days for ever and ever.
- 5 His glory is great through thy help; splendor and majesty thou dost bestow upon him.
- 6 Yea, thou dost make him most blessed for ever; thou dost make him glad with the joy of thy presence.
- 7 For the king trusts in the LORD; and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.
- 8 Your hand will find out all your enemies; your right hand will find out those who hate you.
- 9 You will make them as a blazing oven when you appear. The LORD will swallow them up in his wrath; and fire will consume them.
- 10 You will destroy their offspring from the earth, and their children from among the sons of men.
- 11 If they plan evil against you, if they devise mischief, they will not succeed.

- 12 For you will put them to flight; you will aim at their faces with your bows.
- 13 Be exalted, O LORD, in thy strength! We will sing and praise thy power.

22

To the choirmaster: according to The Hind of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

- 1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
- 2 O my God, I cry by day, but thou dost not answer; and by night, but find no rest.
- 3 Yet thou art holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- 4 In thee our fathers trusted; they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
- 5 To thee they cried, and were saved; in thee they trusted, and were not disappointed.
- 6 But I am a worm, and no man; scorned by men, and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me mock at me, they make mouths at me, they wag their heads;
- 8 "He committed his cause to the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- 9 Yet thou art he who took me from the womb; thou didst keep me safe upon my mother's breasts.
- 10 Upon thee was I cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me thou hast been my God.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near and there is none to help.
- 12 Many bulls encompass me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- 13 they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax, it is melted within my breast;

- 15 my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; thou dost lay me in the dust of death.
- 16 Yea, dogs are round about me; a company of evildoers encircle me; they have pierced my hands and feet--
- 17 I can count all my bones-- they stare and gloat over me;
- 18 they divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots.
- 19 But thou, O LORD, be not far off! O thou my help, hasten to my aid!
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!
- 21 Save me from the mouth of the lion, my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen!
- 22 I will tell of thy name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee:
- 23 You who fear the LORD, praise him! all you sons of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you sons of Israel!
- 24 For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; and he has not hid his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.
- 25 From thee comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- 26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live for ever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
- 28 For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
- 29 Yea, to him shall all the proud of the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and he who cannot keep himself alive.
- 30 Posterity shall serve him; men shall tell of the Lord to the coming generation,
- 31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, that he has wrought it.

23

A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;
- 2 he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters;
- 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

24

A Psalm of David.

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein;
- 2 for he has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully.
- 5 He will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of his salvation.
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.
- 8 Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of
glory! Selah

25

A Psalm of David.

- 1 To thee, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in thee I trust, let me not be put to shame; let not my
enemies exult over me.
- 3 Yea, let none that wait for thee be put to shame; let them be
ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- 4 Make me to know thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.
- 5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me, for thou art the God of my sal-
vation; for thee I wait all the day long.
- 6 Be mindful of thy mercy, O LORD, and of thy steadfast love, for
they have been from of old.
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; accord-
ing to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O
LORD!
- 8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the
way.
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his
way.
- 10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for
those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 11 For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
- 12 Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the
way that he should choose.
- 13 He himself shall abide in prosperity, and his children shall possess
the land.
- 14 The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he
makes known to them his covenant.

- 15 My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
- 16 Turn thou to me, and be gracious to me; for I am lonely and afflicted.
- 17 Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distresses.
- 18 Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.
- 19 Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me.
- 20 Oh guard my life, and deliver me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in thee.
- 21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for thee.
- 22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

26

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
- 2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.
- 3 For thy steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to thee.
- 4 I do not sit with false men, nor do I consort with dissemblers;
- 5 I hate the company of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.
- 6 I wash my hands in innocence, and go about thy altar, O LORD,
- 7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all thy wondrous deeds.
- 8 O LORD, I love the habitation of thy house, and the place where thy glory dwells.
- 9 Sweep me not away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
- 10 men in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

- 11 But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.

27

A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers assail me, uttering slanders against me, my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall.
- 3 Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
- 4 One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.
- 5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent, he will set me high upon a rock.
- 6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies round about me; and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
- 7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
- 8 Thou hast said, "Seek ye my face." My heart says to thee, "Thy face, LORD, do I seek."
- 9 Hide not thy face from me. Turn not thy servant away in anger, thou who hast been my help. Cast me not off, forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
- 10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me up.
- 11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
- 12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

- 13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
- 14 Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the LORD!

28

A Psalm of David.

- 1 To thee, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the Pit.
- 2 Hear the voice of my supplication, as I cry to thee for help, as I lift up my hands toward thy most holy sanctuary.
- 3 Take me not off with the wicked, with those who are workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors, while mischief is in their hearts.
- 4 Requite them according to their work, and according to the evil of their deeds; requite them according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward.
- 5 Because they do not regard the works of the LORD, or the work of his hands, he will break them down and build them up no more.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! for he has heard the voice of my supplications.
- 7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
- 8 The LORD is the strength of his people, he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
- 9 O save thy people, and bless thy heritage; be thou their shepherd, and carry them for ever.

29

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy array.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, upon many waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful, the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness, the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD makes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forests bare; and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.
- 11 May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

30

A Psalm of David. A Song at the dedication of the Temple.

- 1 I will extol thee, O LORD, for thou hast drawn me up, and hast not let my foes rejoice over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried to thee for help, and thou hast healed me.
- 3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
- 4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
- 5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- 6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

- 7 By thy favor, O LORD, thou hadst established me as a strong mountain; thou didst hide thy face, I was dismayed.
- 8 To thee, O LORD, I cried; and to the LORD I made supplication:
- 9 "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise thee? Will it tell of thy faithfulness?
- 10 Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be thou my helper!"
- 11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing; thou hast loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,
- 12 that my soul may praise thee and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to thee for ever.

31

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- 1 In thee, O LORD, do I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame; in thy righteousness deliver me!
- 2 Incline thy ear to me, rescue me speedily! Be thou a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!
- 3 Yea, thou art my rock and my fortress; for thy name's sake lead me and guide me,
- 4 take me out of the net which is hidden for me, for thou art my refuge.
- 5 Into thy hand I commit my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- 6 Thou hatest those who pay regard to vain idols; but I trust in the LORD.
- 7 I will rejoice and be glad for thy steadfast love, because thou hast seen my affliction, thou hast taken heed of my adversities,
- 8 and hast not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; thou hast set my feet in a broad place.
- 9 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief, my soul and my body also.
- 10 For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

- 11 I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.
- 12 I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.
- 13 Yea, I hear the whispering of many-- terror on every side!-- as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.
- 14 But I trust in thee, O LORD, I say, "Thou art my God."
- 15 My times are in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors!
- 16 Let thy face shine on thy servant; save me in thy steadfast love!
- 17 Let me not be put to shame, O LORD, for I call on thee; let the wicked be put to shame, let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.
- 18 Let the lying lips be dumb, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.
- 19 O how abundant is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for those who fear thee, and wrought for those who take refuge in thee, in the sight of the sons of men!
- 20 In the covert of thy presence thou hidest them from the plots of men; thou holdest them safe under thy shelter from the strife of tongues.
- 21 Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was beset as in a besieged city.
- 22 I had said in my alarm, "I am driven far from thy sight." But thou didst hear my supplications, when I cried to thee for help.
- 23 Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful, but abundantly requites him who acts haughtily.
- 24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

32

A Psalm of David. A Maskil.

- 1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

- 2 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- 3 When I declared not my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah
- 5 I acknowledged my sin to thee, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; then thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin. Selah
- 6 Therefore let every one who is godly offer prayer to thee; at a time of distress, in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- 7 Thou art a hiding place for me, thou preservest me from trouble; thou dost encompass me with deliverance. Selah
- 8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- 9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not keep with you.
- 10 Many are the pangs of the wicked; but steadfast love surrounds him who trusts in the LORD.
- 11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

33

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the lyre, make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- 3 Sing to him a new song, play skilfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is upright; and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

- 6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all their host
by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in
storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD, let all the inhabitants of the world
stand in awe of him!
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood forth.
- 10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nought; he frustrates
the plans of the peoples.
- 11 The counsel of the LORD stands for ever, the thoughts of his heart
to all generations.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he
has chosen as his heritage!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, he sees all the sons of men;
14 from where he sits enthroned he looks forth on all the inhabitants
of the earth,
15 he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.
- 16 A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by
his great strength.
- 17 The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it
cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those
who hope in his steadfast love,
19 that he may deliver their soul from death, and keep them alive in
famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.
- 21 Yea, our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.
- 22 Let thy steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in
thee.

A Psalm of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- 8 O taste and see that the LORD is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in him!
- 9 O fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no want!
- 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
- 11 Come, O sons, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 What man is there who desires life, and covets many days, that he may enjoy good?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.
- 14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous, and his ears toward their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

- 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
- 20 He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked; and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- 22 The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

35

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me!
- 2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and rise for my help!
- 3 Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul, "I am your deliverance!"
- 4 Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek after my life! Let them be turned back and confounded who devise evil against me!
- 5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the LORD driving them on!
- 6 Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD pursuing them!
- 7 For without cause they hid their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my life.
- 8 Let ruin come upon them unawares! And let the net which they hid ensnare them; let them fall therein to ruin!
- 9 Then my soul shall rejoice in the LORD, exulting in his deliverance.
- 10 All my bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like thee, thou who deliverest the weak from him who is too strong for him, the weak and needy from him who despoils him?"
- 11 Malicious witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I know not.
- 12 They requite me evil for good; my soul is forlorn.
- 13 But I, when they were sick-- I wore sackcloth, I afflicted myself with fasting. I prayed with head bowed on my bosom,

- 14 as though I grieved for my friend or my brother; I went about as one who laments his mother, bowed down and in mourning.
- 15 But at my stumbling they gathered in glee, they gathered together against me; cripples whom I knew not slandered me without ceasing;
- 16 they impiously mocked more and more, gnashing at me with their teeth.
- 17 How long, O LORD, wilt thou look on? Rescue me from their ravages, my life from the lions!
- 18 Then I will thank thee in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise thee.
- 19 Let not those rejoice over me who are wrongfully my foes, and let not those wink the eye who hate me without cause.
- 20 For they do not speak peace, but against those who are quiet in the land they conceive words of deceit.
- 21 They open wide their mouths against me; they say, "Aha, Aha! our eyes have seen it!"
- 22 Thou hast seen, O LORD; be not silent! O Lord, be not far from me!
- 23 Bestir thyself, and awake for my right, for my cause, my God and my Lord!
- 24 Vindicate me, O LORD, my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me!
- 25 Let them not say to themselves, "Aha, we have our heart's desire!" Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up."
- 26 Let them be put to shame and confusion altogether who rejoice at my calamity! Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves against me!
- 27 Let those who desire my vindication shout for joy and be glad, and say evermore, "Great is the LORD, who delights in the welfare of his servant!"
- 28 Then my tongue shall tell of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

36

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord.

- 1 Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes.
- 2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.
- 3 The words of his mouth are mischief and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely and do good.
- 4 He plots mischief while on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he spurns not evil.
- 5 Thy steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, thy faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God, thy judgments are like the great deep; man and beast thou savest, O LORD.
- 7 How precious is thy steadfast love, O God! The children of men take refuge in the shadow of thy wings.
- 8 They feast on the abundance of thy house, and thou givest them drink from the river of thy delights.
- 9 For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light do we see light.
- 10 O continue thy steadfast love to those who know thee, and thy salvation to the upright of heart!
- 11 Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.
- 12 There the evildoers lie prostrate, they are thrust down, unable to rise.

37

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Fret not yourself because of the wicked, be not envious of wrongdoers!
- 2 For they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

- 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy security.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.
- 6 He will bring forth your vindication as the light, and your right as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!
- 8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.
- 9 For the wicked shall be cut off; but those who wait for the LORD shall possess the land.
- 10 Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look well at his place, he will not be there.
- 11 But the meek shall possess the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.
- 12 The wicked plots against the righteous, and gnashes his teeth at him;
- 13 but the LORD laughs at the wicked, for he sees that his day is coming.
- 14 The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows, to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those who walk uprightly;
- 15 their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.
- 16 Better is a little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked.
- 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken; but the LORD upholds the righteous.
- 18 The LORD knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will abide for ever;
- 19 they are not put to shame in evil times, in the days of famine they have abundance.

- 20 But the wicked perish; the enemies of the LORD are like the glory of the pastures, they vanish--like smoke they vanish away.
- 21 The wicked borrows, and cannot pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives;
- 22 for those blessed by the LORD shall possess the land, but those cursed by him shall be cut off.
- 23 The steps of a man are from the LORD, and he establishes him in whose way he delights;
- 24 though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD is the stay of his hand.
- 25 I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging bread.
- 26 He is ever giving liberally and lending, and his children become a blessing.
- 27 Depart from evil, and do good; so shall you abide for ever.
- 28 For the LORD loves justice; he will not forsake his saints. The righteous shall be preserved for ever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 29 The righteous shall possess the land, and dwell upon it for ever.
- 30 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice.
- 31 The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip.
- 32 The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to slay him.
- 33 The LORD will not abandon him to his power, or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.
- 34 Wait for the LORD, and keep to his way, and he will exalt you to possess the land; you will look on the destruction of the wicked.
- 35 I have seen a wicked man overbearing, and towering like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 36 Again I passed by, and, lo, he was no more; though I sought him, he could not be found.
- 37 Mark the blameless man, and behold the upright, for there is posterity for the man of peace.

- 38 But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed; the posterity of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 39 The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.
- 40 The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

38

A Psalm of David, for the memorial offering.

- 1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thy anger, nor chasten me in thy wrath!
- 2 For thy arrows have sunk into me, and thy hand has come down on me.
- 3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thy indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.
- 4 For my iniquities have gone over my head; they weigh like a burden too heavy for me.
- 5 My wounds grow foul and fester because of my foolishness,
- 6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all the day I go about mourning.
- 7 For my loins are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh.
- 8 I am utterly spent and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart.
- 9 Lord, all my longing is known to thee, my sighing is not hidden from thee.
- 10 My heart throbs, my strength fails me; and the light of my eyes--it also has gone from me.
- 11 My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague, and my kinsmen stand afar off.
- 12 Those who seek my life lay their snares, those who seek my hurt speak of ruin, and meditate treachery all the day long.
- 13 But I am like a deaf man, I do not hear, like a dumb man who does not open his mouth.
- 14 Yea, I am like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth are no rebukes.

- 15 But for thee, O LORD, do I wait; it is thou, O LORD my God, who wilt answer.
- 16 For I pray, "Only let them not rejoice over me, who boast against me when my foot slips!"
- 17 For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever with me.
- 18 I confess my iniquity, I am sorry for my sin.
- 19 Those who are my foes without cause are mighty, and many are those who hate me wrongfully.
- 20 Those who render me evil for good are my adversaries because I follow after good.
- 21 Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!
- 22 Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

39

To the choirmaster: to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

- 1 I said, "I will guard my ways, that I may not sin with my tongue; I will bridle my mouth, so long as the wicked are in my presence."
- 2 I was dumb and silent, I held my peace to no avail; my distress grew worse,
- 3 my heart became hot within me. As I mused, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue:
- 4 "LORD, let me know my end, and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is!
- 5 Behold, thou hast made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing in thy sight. Surely every man stands as a mere breath! Selah
- 6 Surely man goes about as a shadow! Surely for nought are they in turmoil; man heaps up, and knows not who will gather!
- 7 "And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in thee.
- 8 Deliver me from all my transgressions. Make me not the scorn of the fool!
- 9 I am dumb, I do not open my mouth; for it is thou who hast done it.
- 10 Remove thy stroke from me; I am spent by the blows of thy hand.

- 11 When thou dost chasten man with rebukes for sin, thou dost consume like a moth what is dear to him; surely every man is a mere breath! Selah
- 12 "Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears! For I am thy passing guest, a sojourner, like all my fathers.
- 13 Look away from me, that I may know gladness, before I depart and be no more!"

40

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- 1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods!
- 5 Thou hast multiplied, O LORD my God, thy wondrous deeds and thy thoughts toward us; none can compare with thee! Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be numbered.
- 6 Sacrifice and offering thou dost not desire; but thou hast given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering thou hast not required.
- 7 Then I said, "Lo, I come; in the roll of the book it is written of me;
- 8 I delight to do thy will, O my God; thy law is within my heart."
- 9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; lo, I have not restrained my lips, as thou knowest, O LORD.
- 10 I have not hid thy saving help within my heart, I have spoken of thy faithfulness and thy salvation; I have not concealed thy steadfast love and thy faithfulness from the great congregation.

- 11 Do not thou, O LORD, withhold thy mercy from me, let thy steadfast love and thy faithfulness ever preserve me!
- 12 For evils have encompassed me without number; my iniquities have overtaken me, till I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.
- 13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!
- 14 Let them be put to shame and confusion altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!
- 15 Let them be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"
- 16 But may all who seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; may those who love thy salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"
- 17 As for me, I am poor and needy; but the Lord takes thought for me. Thou art my help and my deliverer; do not tarry, O my God!

41

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Blessed is he who considers the poor! The LORD delivers him in the day of trouble;
- 2 the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; thou dost not give him up to the will of his enemies.
- 3 The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness thou healest all his infirmities.
- 4 As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against thee!"
- 5 My enemies say of me in malice: "When will he die, and his name perish?"
- 6 And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers mischief; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- 7 All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

- 8 They say, "A deadly thing has fastened upon him; he will not rise again from where he lies."
- 9 Even my bosom friend in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- 10 But do thou, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may requite them!
- 11 By this I know that thou art pleased with me, in that my enemy has not triumphed over me.
- 12 But thou hast upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in thy presence for ever.
- 13 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

BOOK II

42

To the choirmaster. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah.

- 1 As a hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.
- 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me continually, "Where is your God?"
- 4 These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.
- 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. My soul is cast down within me, therefore I remember thee from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.
- 7 Deep calls to deep at the thunder of thy cataracts; all thy waves and thy billows have gone over me.

- 8 By day the LORD commands his steadfast love; and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
- 9 I say to God, my rock: "Why hast thou forgotten me? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"
- 10 As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"
- 11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

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- 1 Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from deceitful and unjust men deliver me!
- 2 For thou art the God in whom I take refuge; why hast thou cast me off? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
- 3 Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me, let them bring me to thy holy hill and to thy dwelling!
- 4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise thee with the lyre, O God, my God.
- 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

44

To the choirmaster. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah.

- 1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what deeds thou didst perform in their days, in the days of old:
- 2 thou with thy own hand didst drive out the nations, but them thou didst plant; thou didst afflict the peoples, but them thou didst set free;
- 3 for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm give them victory; but thy right hand, and thy arm, and the light of thy countenance; for thou didst delight in them.

- 4 Thou art my King and my God, who ordainest victories for Jacob.
- 5 Through thee we push down our foes; through thy name we tread down our assailants.
- 6 For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me.
- 7 But thou hast saved us from our foes, and hast put to confusion those who hate us.
- 8 In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to thy name for ever. Selah
- 9 Yet thou hast cast us off and abased us, and hast not gone out with our armies.
- 10 Thou hast made us turn back from the foe; and our enemies have gotten spoil.
- 11 Thou hast made us like sheep for slaughter, and hast scattered us among the nations.
- 12 Thou hast sold thy people for a trifle, demanding no high price for them.
- 13 Thou hast made us the taunt of our neighbors, the derision and scorn of those about us.
- 14 Thou hast made us a byword among the nations, a laughingstock among the peoples.
- 15 All day long my disgrace is before me, and shame has covered my face,
- 16 at the words of the taunters and revilers, at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.
- 17 All this has come upon us, though we have not forgotten thee, or been false to thy covenant.
- 18 Our heart has not turned back, nor have our steps departed from thy way,
- 19 that thou shouldst have broken us in the place of jackals, and covered us with deep darkness.
- 20 If we had forgotten the name of our God, or spread forth our hands to a strange god,
- 21 would not God discover this? For he knows the secrets of the heart.

- 22 Nay, for thy sake we are slain all the day long, and accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- 23 Rouse thyself! Why sleepest thou, O Lord? Awake! Do not cast us off for ever!
- 24 Why dost thou hide thy face? Why dost thou forget our affliction and oppression?
- 25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our body cleaves to the ground.
- 26 Rise up, come to our help! Deliver us for the sake of thy steadfast love!

45

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah; a love song.

- 1 My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
- 2 You are the fairest of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you for ever.
- 3 Gird your sword upon your thigh, O mighty one, in your glory and majesty!
- 4 In your majesty ride forth victoriously for the cause of truth and to defend the right; let your right hand teach you dread deeds!
- 5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you.
- 6 Your divine throne endures for ever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;
- 7 you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows;
- 8 your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
- 9 daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
- 10 Hear, O daughter, consider, and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house;

- 11 and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him;
12 the people of Tyre will sue your favor with gifts, the richest of the people
13 with all kinds of wealth. The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;
14 in many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions, her escort, in her train.
15 With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.
16 Instead of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.
17 I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever.

46

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. According to Alamothe. A Song.

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God will help her right early.
6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah
8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has wrought desolations in the earth.
9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, he burns the chariots with fire!

- 10 "Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth!"
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Se-
lah

47

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

- 1 Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- 2 For the LORD, the Most High, is terrible, a great king over all the
earth.
- 3 He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
- 4 He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
Selah
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trum-
pet.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing
praises!
- 7 For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!
- 8 God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of
Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly
exalted!

48

A Song. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

- 1 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!
His holy mountain,
- 2 beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in
the far north, the city of the great King.
- 3 Within her citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.
- 4 For lo, the kings assembled, they came on together.

- 5 As soon as they saw it, they were astounded, they were in panic,
they took to flight;
- 6 trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in trav-
ail.
- 7 By the east wind thou didst shatter the ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of
hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes for ever. Se-
lah
- 9 We have thought on thy steadfast love, O God, in the midst of thy
temple.
- 10 As thy name, O God, so thy praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Thy right hand is filled with victory;
- 11 let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because
of thy judgments!
- 12 Walk about Zion, go round about her, number her towers,
- 13 consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels; that you may
tell the next generation
- 14 that this is God, our God for ever and ever. He will be our guide
for ever.

49

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

- 1 Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
- 2 both low and high, rich and poor together!
- 3 My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be
understanding.
- 4 I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the mu-
sic of the lyre.
- 5 Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my per-
secutors surrounds me,
- 6 men who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their
riches?

- 7 Truly no man can ransom himself, or give to God the price of his life,
8 for the ransom of his life is costly, and can never suffice,
9 that he should continue to live on for ever, and never see the Pit.
10 Yea, he shall see that even the wise die, the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others.
11 Their graves are their homes for ever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.
12 Man cannot abide in his pomp, he is like the beasts that perish.
13 This is the fate of those who have foolish confidence, the end of those who are pleased with their portion. *Selah*
14 Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; Death shall be their shepherd; straight to the grave they descend, and their form shall waste away; Sheol shall be their home.
15 But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. *Selah*
16 Be not afraid when one becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases.
17 For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him.
18 Though, while he lives, he counts himself happy, and though a man gets praise when he does well for himself,
19 he will go to the generation of his fathers, who will never more see the light.
20 Man cannot abide in his pomp, he is like the beasts that perish.

50

A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
3 Our God comes, he does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, round about him a mighty tempest.

- 4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- 5 "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!
Selah
- 7 "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not reprove you for your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are continually before me.
- 9 I will accept no bull from your house, nor he-goat from your folds.
- 10 For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.
- 11 I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.
- 12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world and all that is in it is mine.
- 13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High;
- 15 and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."
- 16 But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to recite my statutes, or take my covenant on your lips?
- 17 For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.
- 18 If you see a thief, you are a friend of his; and you keep company with adulterers.
- 19 "You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit.
- 20 You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.
- 21 These things you have done and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you, and lay the charge before you.

- 22 "Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I rend, and there be none to deliver!"
- 23 He who brings thanksgiving as his sacrifice honors me; to him who orders his way aright I will show the salvation of God!"

51

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight, so that thou art justified in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgment.
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which thou hast broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of thy deliverance.

- 15 O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.
- 16 For thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, thou wouldst not be pleased.
- 17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
- 18 Do good to Zion in thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,
- 19 then wilt thou delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on thy altar.

52

To the choirmaster. A Maskil of David, when Doeg, the Edomite, came and told Saul, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech."

- 1 Why do you boast, O mighty man, of mischief done against the godly? All the day
- 2 you are plotting destruction. Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery.
- 3 You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth. Selah
- 4 You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.
- 5 But God will break you down for ever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah
- 6 The righteous shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying,
- 7 "See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and sought refuge in his wealth!"
- 8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God for ever and ever.
- 9 I will thank thee for ever, because thou hast done it. I will proclaim thy name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.

53

To the choirmaster: according to Mahalath. A Maskil of David.

- 1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none that does good.
- 2 God looks down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there are any that are wise, that seek after God.
- 3 They have all fallen away; they are all alike depraved; there is none that does good, no, not one.
- 4 Have those who work evil no understanding, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God?
- 5 There they are, in great terror, in terror such as has not been! For God will scatter the bones of the ungodly; they will be put to shame, for God has rejected them.
- 6 O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

54

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Maskil of David, when the Ziphites went and told Saul, "David is in hiding among us."

- 1 Save me, O God, by thy name, and vindicate me by thy might.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For insolent men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before them. Selah
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- 5 He will requite my enemies with evil; in thy faithfulness put an end to them.
- 6 With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to thee; I will give thanks to thy name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For thou hast delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Maskil of David.

- 1 Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication!
- 2 Attend to me, and answer me; I am overcome by my trouble. I am distraught
- 3 by the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they bring trouble upon me, and in anger they cherish enmity against me.
- 4 My heart is in anguish within me, the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- 5 Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.
- 6 And I say, "O that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;
- 7 yea, I would wander afar, I would lodge in the wilderness, Selah
- 8 I would haste to find me a shelter from the raging wind and tempest."
- 9 Destroy their plans, O Lord, confuse their tongues; for I see violence and strife in the city.
- 10 Day and night they go around it on its walls; and mischief and trouble are within it,
- 11 ruin is in its midst; oppression and fraud do not depart from its market place.
- 12 It is not an enemy who taunts me-- then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me-- then I could hide from him.
- 13 But it is you, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.
- 14 We used to hold sweet converse together; within God's house we walked in fellowship.
- 15 Let death come upon them; let them go down to Sheol alive; let them go away in terror into their graves.
- 16 But I call upon God; and the LORD will save me.
- 17 Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he will hear my voice.

- 18 He will deliver my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me.
- 19 God will give ear, and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old; because they keep no law, and do not fear God. Selah
- 20 My companion stretched out his hand against his friends, he violated his covenant.
- 21 His speech was smother than butter, yet war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords.
- 22 Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
- 23 But thou, O God, wilt cast them down into the lowest pit; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in thee.

56

To the choirmaster: according to The Dove on Far-off Terebinths. A Miktam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

- 1 Be gracious to me, O God, for men trample upon me; all day long foemen oppress me;
- 2 my enemies trample upon me all day long, for many fight against me proudly.
- 3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in thee.
- 4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust without a fear. What can flesh do to me?
- 5 All day long they seek to injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil.
- 6 They band themselves together, they lurk, they watch my steps. As they have waited for my life,
- 7 so recompense them for their crime; in wrath cast down the peoples, O God!
- 8 Thou hast kept count of my tossings; put thou my tears in thy bottle! Are they not in thy book?
- 9 Then my enemies will be turned back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me.

- 10 In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise,
11 in God I trust without a fear. What can man do to me?
12 My vows to thee I must perform, O God; I will render thank offerings to thee.
13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, yea, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

57

To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

- 1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in thee my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of thy wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.
2 I cry to God Most High, to God who fulfils his purpose for me.
3 He will send from heaven and save me, he will put to shame those who trample upon me. Selah God will send forth his steadfast love and his faithfulness!
4 I lie in the midst of lions that greedily devour the sons of men; their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongues sharp swords.
5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let thy glory be over all the earth!
6 They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it themselves. Selah
7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody!
8 Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!
9 I will give thanks to thee, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to thee among the nations.
10 For thy steadfast love is great to the heavens, thy faithfulness to the clouds.
11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let thy glory be over all the earth!

58

To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David.

- 1 Do you indeed decree what is right, you gods? Do you judge the sons of men uprightly?
- 2 Nay, in your hearts you devise wrongs; your hands deal out violence on earth.
- 3 The wicked go astray from the womb, they err from their birth, speaking lies.
- 4 They have venom like the venom of a serpent, like the deaf adder that stops its ear,
- 5 so that it does not hear the voice of charmers or of the cunning enchanter.
- 6 O God, break the teeth in their mouths; tear out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD!
- 7 Let them vanish like water that runs away; like grass let them be trodden down and wither.
- 8 Let them be like the snail which dissolves into slime, like the untimely birth that never sees the sun.
- 9 Sooner than your pots can feel the heat of thorns, whether green or ablaze, may he sweep them away!
- 10 The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance; he will bathe his feet in the blood of the wicked.
- 11 Men will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God who judges on earth."

59

To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David, when Saul sent men to watch his house in order to kill him.

- 1 Deliver me from my enemies, O my God, protect me from those who rise up against me,
- 2 deliver me from those who work evil, and save me from blood-thirsty men.
- 3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my life; fierce men band themselves against me. For no transgression or sin of mine, O LORD,

- 4 for no fault of mine, they run and make ready. Rouse thyself, come to my help, and see!
- 5 Thou, LORD God of hosts, art God of Israel. Awake to punish all the nations; spare none of those who treacherously plot evil. Selah
- 6 Each evening they come back, howling like dogs and prowling about the city.
- 7 There they are, bellowing with their mouths, and snarling with their lips-- for "Who," they think, "will hear us?"
- 8 But thou, O LORD, dost laugh at them; thou dost hold all the nations in derision.
- 9 O my Strength, I will sing praises to thee; for thou, O God, art my fortress.
- 10 My God in his steadfast love will meet me; my God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.
- 11 Slay them not, lest my people forget; make them totter by thy power, and bring them down, O Lord, our shield!
- 12 For the sin of their mouths, the words of their lips, let them be trapped in their pride. For the cursing and lies which they utter,
- 13 consume them in wrath, consume them till they are no more, that men may know that God rules over Jacob to the ends of the earth. Selah
- 14 Each evening they come back, howling like dogs and prowling about the city.
- 15 They roam about for food, and growl if they do not get their fill.
- 16 But I will sing of thy might; I will sing aloud of thy steadfast love in the morning. For thou hast been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.
- 17 O my Strength, I will sing praises to thee, for thou, O God, art my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.

60

To the choirmaster: according to Shushan Eduth. A Miktam of David; for instruction; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and when Joab on his return killed twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

- 1 O God, thou hast rejected us, broken our defenses; thou hast been angry; oh, restore us.
- 2 Thou hast made the land to quake, thou hast rent it open; repair its breaches, for it totters.
- 3 Thou hast made thy people suffer hard things; thou hast given us wine to drink that made us reel.
- 4 Thou hast set up a banner for those who fear thee, to rally to it from the bow. Selah
- 5 That thy beloved may be delivered, give victory by thy right hand and answer us!
- 6 God has spoken in his sanctuary: "With exultation I will divide up Shechem and portion out the Vale of Succoth.
- 7 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet; Judah is my scepter.
- 8 Moab is my washbasin; upon Edom I cast my shoe; over Philistia I shout in triumph."
- 9 Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom?
- 10 Hast thou not rejected us, O God? Thou dost not go forth, O God, with our armies.
- 11 O grant us help against the foe, for vain is the help of man!
- 12 With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.

61

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;
- 2 from the end of the earth I call to thee, when my heart is faint.
Lead thou me to the rock that is higher than I;

- 3 for thou art my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.
- 4 Let me dwell in thy tent for ever! Oh to be safe under the shelter of thy wings! Selah
- 5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows, thou hast given me the heritage of those who fear thy name.
- 6 Prolong the life of the king; may his years endure to all generations!
- 7 May he be enthroned for ever before God; bid steadfast love and faithfulness watch over him!
- 8 So will I ever sing praises to thy name, as I pay my vows day after day.

62

To the choirmaster: according to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

- 1 For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.
- 2 He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly moved.
- 3 How long will you set upon a man to shatter him, all of you, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?
- 4 They only plan to thrust him down from his eminence. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. Selah
- 5 For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.
- 6 He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
- 7 On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
- 8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah
- 9 Men of low estate are but a breath, men of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

- 10 Put no confidence in extortion, set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.
- 11 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God;
- 12 and that to thee, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For thou dost requite a man according to his work.

63

A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah.

- 1 O God, thou art my God, I seek thee, my soul thirsts for thee; my flesh faints for thee, as in a dry and weary land where no water is.
- 2 So I have looked upon thee in the sanctuary, beholding thy power and glory.
- 3 Because thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise thee.
- 4 So I will bless thee as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on thy name.
- 5 My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat, and my mouth praises thee with joyful lips,
- 6 when I think of thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the watches of the night;
- 7 for thou hast been my help, and in the shadow of thy wings I sing for joy.
- 8 My soul clings to thee; thy right hand upholds me.
- 9 But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;
- 10 they shall be given over to the power of the sword, they shall be prey for jackals.
- 11 But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall glory; for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

64

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint; preserve my life from
dread of the enemy,
- 2 hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, from the scheming of
evildoers,
- 3 who whet their tongues like swords, who aim bitter words like ar-
rows,
- 4 shooting from ambush at the blameless, shooting at him suddenly
and without fear.
- 5 They hold fast to their evil purpose; they talk of laying snares se-
cretly, thinking, "Who can see us?"
- 6 Who can search out our crimes? We have thought out a cunningly
conceived plot." For the inward mind and heart of a man are
deep!
- 7 But God will shoot his arrow at them; they will be wounded sud-
denly.
- 8 Because of their tongue he will bring them to ruin; all who see
them will wag their heads.
- 9 Then all men will fear; they will tell what God has wrought, and
ponder what he has done.
- 10 Let the righteous rejoice in the LORD, and take refuge in him! Let
all the upright in heart glory!

65

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. A Song.

- 1 Praise is due to thee, O God, in Zion; and to thee shall vows be
performed,
- 2 O thou who hearest prayer! To thee shall all flesh come
- 3 on account of sins. When our transgressions prevail over us, thou
dost forgive them.
- 4 Blessed is he whom thou dost choose and bring near, to dwell in
thy courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,
thy holy temple!

- 5 By dread deeds thou dost answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of the farthest seas;
- 6 who by thy strength hast established the mountains, being girded with might;
- 7 who dost still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples;
- 8 so that those who dwell at earth's farthest bounds are afraid at thy signs; thou makest the outgoings of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.
- 9 Thou visitest the earth and waterest it, thou greatly enrichest it; the river of God is full of water; thou providest their grain, for so thou hast prepared it.
- 10 Thou waterest its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
- 11 Thou crownest the year with thy bounty; the tracks of thy chariot drip with fatness.
- 12 The pastures of the wilderness drip, the hills gird themselves with joy,
- 13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

66

To the choirmaster. A Song. A Psalm.

- 1 Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
- 2 sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
- 3 Say to God, "How terrible are thy deeds! So great is thy power that thy enemies cringe before thee.
- 4 All the earth worships thee; they sing praises to thee, sing praises to thy name." Selah
- 5 Come and see what God has done: he is terrible in his deeds among men.
- 6 He turned the sea into dry land; men passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him,

- 7 who rules by his might for ever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations-- let not the rebellious exalt themselves. *Selah*
- 8 Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,
- 9 who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.
- 10 For thou, O God, hast tested us; thou hast tried us as silver is tried.
- 11 Thou didst bring us into the net; thou didst lay affliction on our loins;
- 12 thou didst let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet thou hast brought us forth to a spacious place.
- 13 I will come into thy house with burnt offerings; I will pay thee my vows,
- 14 that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
- 15 I will offer to thee burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. *Selah*
- 16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.
- 17 I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.
- 18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.
- 19 But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the voice of my prayer.
- 20 Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

67

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

- 1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*
- 2 that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; let all the peoples praise thee!

- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for thou dost judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
- 5 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; let all the peoples praise thee!
- 6 The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
- 7 God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

68

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. A Song.

- 1 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him!
- 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before fire, let the wicked perish before God!
- 3 But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds; his name is the LORD, exult before him!
- 5 Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.
- 6 God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.
- 7 O God, when thou didst go forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness, Selah
- 8 the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, at the presence of God; yon Sinai quaked at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 Rain in abundance, O God, thou didst shed abroad; thou didst restore thy heritage as it languished;
- 10 thy flock found a dwelling in it; in thy goodness, O God, thou didst provide for the needy.
- 11 The Lord gives the command; great is the host of those who bore the tidings:
- 12 "The kings of the armies, they flee, they flee!" The women at home divide the spoil,

- 13 though they stay among the sheepfolds-- the wings of a dove covered with silver, its pinions with green gold.
- 14 When the Almighty scattered kings there, snow fell on Zalmon.
- 15 O mighty mountain, mountain of Bashan; O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan!
- 16 Why look you with envy, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount which God desired for his abode, yea, where the LORD will dwell for ever?
- 17 With mighty chariotry, twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands, the Lord came from Sinai into the holy place.
- 18 Thou didst ascend the high mount, leading captives in thy train, and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.
- 19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.
Selah
- 20 Our God is a God of salvation; and to GOD, the Lord, belongs escape from death.
- 21 But God will shatter the heads of his enemies, the hairy crown of him who walks in his guilty ways.
- 22 The Lord said, "I will bring them back from Bashan, I will bring them back from the depths of the sea,
- 23 that you may bathe your feet in blood, that the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from the foe."
- 24 Thy solemn processions are seen, O God, the processions of my God, my King, into the sanctuary--
- 25 the singers in front, the minstrels last, between them maidens playing timbrels:
- 26 "Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O you who are of Israel's fountain!"
- 27 There is Benjamin, the least of them, in the lead, the princes of Judah in their throng, the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.
- 28 Summon thy might, O God; show thy strength, O God, thou who hast wrought for us.
- 29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem kings bear gifts to thee.

- 30 Rebuke the beasts that dwell among the reeds, the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples. Trample under foot those who lust after tribute; scatter the peoples who delight in war.
- 31 Let bronze be brought from Egypt; let Ethiopia hasten to stretch out her hands to God.
- 32 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,
Selah
- 33 to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; lo, he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 34 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and his power is in the skies.
- 35 Terrible is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel, he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

69

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.
- 2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.
- 3 I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.
- 4 More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause; mighty are those who would destroy me, those who attack me with lies. What I did not steal must I now restore?
- 5 O God, thou knowest my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from thee.
- 6 Let not those who hope in thee be put to shame through me, O Lord GOD of hosts; let not those who seek thee be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel.
- 7 For it is for thy sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.
- 8 I have become a stranger to my brethren, an alien to my mother's sons.
- 9 For zeal for thy house has consumed me, and the insults of those who insult thee have fallen on me.

- 10 When I humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach.
- 11 When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.
- 12 I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.
- 13 But as for me, my prayer is to thee, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of thy steadfast love answer me. With thy faithful help
- 14 rescue me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.
- 15 Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.
- 16 Answer me, O LORD, for thy steadfast love is good; according to thy abundant mercy, turn to me.
- 17 Hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in distress, make haste to answer me.
- 18 Draw near to me, redeem me, set me free because of my enemies!
- 19 Thou knowest my reproach, and my shame and my dishonor; my foes are all known to thee.
- 20 Insults have broken my heart, so that I am in despair. I looked for pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.
- 21 They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
- 22 Let their own table before them become a snare; let their sacrificial feasts be a trap.
- 23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they cannot see; and make their loins tremble continually.
- 24 Pour out thy indignation upon them, and let thy burning anger overtake them.
- 25 May their camp be a desolation, let no one dwell in their tents.
- 26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten, and him whom thou hast wounded, they afflict still more.
- 27 Add to them punishment upon punishment; may they have no acquittal from thee.

- 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living; let them not be enrolled among the righteous.
- 29 But I am afflicted and in pain; let thy salvation, O God, set me on high!
- 30 I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.
- 31 This will please the LORD more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs.
- 32 Let the oppressed see it and be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.
- 33 For the LORD hears the needy, and does not despise his own that are in bonds.
- 34 Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves therein.
- 35 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; and his servants shall dwell there and possess it;
- 36 the children of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall dwell in it.

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To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, for the memorial offering.

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!
- 2 Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!
- 3 Let them be appalled because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"
- 4 May all who seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee! May those who love thy salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- 5 But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! Thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry!

- 1 In thee, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!
- 2 In thy righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline thy ear to me, and save me!
- 3 Be thou to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for thou art my rock and my fortress.
- 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.
- 5 For thou, O Lord, art my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
- 6 Upon thee I have leaned from my birth; thou art he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of thee.
- 7 I have been as a portent to many; but thou art my strong refuge.
- 8 My mouth is filled with thy praise, and with thy glory all the day.
- 9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent.
- 10 For my enemies speak concerning me, those who watch for my life consult together,
- 11 and say, "God has forsaken him; pursue and seize him, for there is none to deliver him."
- 12 O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!
- 13 May my accusers be put to shame and consumed; with scorn and disgrace may they be covered who seek my hurt.
- 14 But I will hope continually, and will praise thee yet more and more.
- 15 My mouth will tell of thy righteous acts, of thy deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.
- 16 With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come, I will praise thy righteousness, thine alone.
- 17 O God, from my youth thou hast taught me, and I still proclaim thy wondrous deeds.
- 18 So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, till I proclaim thy might to all the generations to come. Thy power

- 19 and thy righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens. Thou who hast done great things, O God, who is like thee?
- 20 Thou who hast made me see many sore troubles wilt revive me again; from the depths of the earth thou wilt bring me up again.
- 21 Thou wilt increase my honor, and comfort me again.
- 22 I will also praise thee with the harp for thy faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to thee with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.
- 23 My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to thee; my soul also, which thou hast rescued.
- 24 And my tongue will talk of thy righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disgraced who sought to do me hurt.

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A Psalm of Solomon.

- 1 Give the king thy justice, O God, and thy righteousness to the royal son!
- 2 May he judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with justice!
- 3 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
- 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor!
- 5 May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- 6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!
- 7 In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- 8 May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- 9 May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!
- 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

- 11 May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
- 12 For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.
- 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
- 14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live, may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day!
- 16 May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may men blossom forth from the cities like the grass of the field!
- 17 May his name endure for ever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May men bless themselves by him, all nations call him blessed!
- 18 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
- 19 Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth! Amen and Amen!
- 20 The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

BOOK III

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A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had well nigh slipped.
- 3 For I was envious of the arrogant, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- 4 For they have no pangs; their bodies are sound and sleek.

- 5 They are not in trouble as other men are; they are not stricken like other men.
- 6 Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment.
- 7 Their eyes swell out with fatness, their hearts overflow with follies.
- 8 They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression.
- 9 They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth.
- 10 Therefore the people turn and praise them; and find no fault in them.
- 11 And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?"
- 12 Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.
- 13 All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.
- 14 For all the day long I have been stricken, and chastened every morning.
- 15 If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have been untrue to the generation of thy children.
- 16 But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task,
- 17 until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I perceived their end.
- 18 Truly thou dost set them in slippery places; thou dost make them fall to ruin.
- 19 How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!
- 20 They are like a dream when one awakes, on awaking you despise their phantoms.
- 21 When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,
- 22 I was stupid and ignorant, I was like a beast toward thee.
- 23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee; thou dost hold my right hand.

- 24 Thou dost guide me with thy counsel, and afterward thou wilt receive me to glory.
- 25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? And there is nothing upon earth that I desire besides thee.
- 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.
- 27 For lo, those who are far from thee shall perish; thou dost put an end to those who are false to thee.
- 28 But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all thy works.

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A Maskil of Asaph.

- 1 O God, why dost thou cast us off for ever? Why does thy anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?
- 2 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast gotten of old, which thou hast redeemed to be the tribe of thy heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where thou hast dwelt.
- 3 Direct thy steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!
- 4 Thy foes have roared in the midst of thy holy place; they set up their own signs for signs.
- 5 At the upper entrance they hacked the wooden trellis with axes.
- 6 And then all its carved wood they broke down with hatchets and hammers.
- 7 They set thy sanctuary on fire; to the ground they desecrated the dwelling place of thy name.
- 8 They said to themselves, "We will utterly subdue them"; they burned all the meeting places of God in the land.
- 9 We do not see our signs; there is no longer any prophet, and there is none among us who knows how long.
- 10 How long, O God, is the foe to scoff? Is the enemy to revile thy name for ever?

- 11 Why dost thou hold back thy hand, why dost thou keep thy right hand in thy bosom?
- 12 Yet God my King is from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.
- 13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy might; thou didst break the heads of the dragons on the waters.
- 14 Thou didst crush the heads of Leviathan, thou didst give him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.
- 15 Thou didst cleave open springs and brooks; thou didst dry up ever-flowing streams.
- 16 Thine is the day, thine also the night; thou hast established the luminaries and the sun.
- 17 Thou hast fixed all the bounds of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter.
- 18 Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs, and an impious people reviles thy name.
- 19 Do not deliver the soul of thy dove to the wild beasts; do not forget the life of thy poor for ever.
- 20 Have regard for thy covenant; for the dark places of the land are full of the habitations of violence.
- 21 Let not the downtrodden be put to shame; let the poor and needy praise thy name.
- 22 Arise, O God, plead thy cause; remember how the impious scoff at thee all the day!
- 23 Do not forget the clamor of thy foes, the uproar of thy adversaries which goes up continually!

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To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.

- 1 We give thanks to thee, O God; we give thanks; we call on thy name and recount thy wondrous deeds.
- 2 At the set time which I appoint I will judge with equity.
- 3 When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants, it is I who keep steady its pillars. Selah

- 4 I say to the boastful, "Do not boast," and to the wicked, "Do not lift up your horn;
- 5 do not lift up your horn on high, or speak with insolent neck."
- 6 For not from the east or from the west and not from the wilderness comes lifting up;
- 7 but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.
- 8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, with foaming wine, well mixed; and he will pour a draught from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.
- 9 But I will rejoice for ever, I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
- 10 All the horns of the wicked he will cut off, but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

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To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.

- 1 In Judah God is known, his name is great in Israel.
- 2 His abode has been established in Salem, his dwelling place in Zion.
- 3 There he broke the flashing arrows, the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war. Selah
- 4 Glorious art thou, more majestic than the everlasting mountains.
- 5 The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil; they sank into sleep; all the men of war were unable to use their hands.
- 6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both rider and horse lay stunned.
- 7 But thou, terrible art thou! Who can stand before thee when once thy anger is roused?
- 8 From the heavens thou didst utter judgment; the earth feared and was still,
- 9 when God arose to establish judgment to save all the oppressed of the earth. Selah
- 10 Surely the wrath of men shall praise thee; the residue of wrath thou wilt gird upon thee.

- 11 Make your vows to the LORD your God, and perform them; let all around him bring gifts to him who is to be feared,
- 12 who cuts off the spirit of princes, who is terrible to the kings of the earth.

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To the choirmaster: according to Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.
- 3 I think of God, and I moan; I meditate, and my spirit faints. Selah
- 4 Thou dost hold my eyelids from closing; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
- 5 I consider the days of old, I remember the years long ago.
- 6 I commune with my heart in the night; I meditate and search my spirit:
- 7 "Will the Lord spurn for ever, and never again be favorable?
- 8 Has his steadfast love for ever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time?
- 9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?" Selah
- 10 And I say, "It is my grief that the right hand of the Most High has changed."
- 11 I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; yea, I will remember thy wonders of old.
- 12 I will meditate on all thy work, and muse on thy mighty deeds.
- 13 Thy way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?
- 14 Thou art the God who workest wonders, who hast manifested thy might among the peoples.
- 15 Thou didst with thy arm redeem thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah
- 16 When the waters saw thee, O God, when the waters saw thee, they were afraid, yea, the deep trembled.

- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; thy arrows flashed on every side.
- 18 The crash of thy thunder was in the whirlwind; thy lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Thy way was through the sea, thy path through the great waters; yet thy footprints were unseen.
- 20 Thou didst lead thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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A Maskil of Asaph.

- 1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
- 3 things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.
- 4 We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders which he has wrought.
- 5 He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children;
- 6 that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,
- 7 so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;
- 8 and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.
- 9 The Ephraimites, armed with the bow, turned back on the day of battle.
- 10 They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to his law.
- 11 They forgot what he had done, and the miracles that he had shown them.

- 12 In the sight of their fathers he wrought marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.
- 13 He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.
- 14 In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a fiery light.
- 15 He cleft rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
- 16 He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.
- 17 Yet they sinned still more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert.
- 18 They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved.
- 19 They spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the wilderness?"
- 20 He smote the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed. Can he also give bread, or provide meat for his people?"
- 21 Therefore, when the LORD heard, he was full of wrath; a fire was kindled against Jacob, his anger mounted against Israel;
- 22 because they had no faith in God, and did not trust his saving power.
- 23 Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;
- 24 and he rained down upon them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.
- 25 Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance.
- 26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind;
- 27 he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;
- 28 he let them fall in the midst of their camp, all around their habitations.
- 29 And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.

- 30 But before they had sated their craving, while the food was still in
their mouths,
- 31 the anger of God rose against them and he slew the strongest of
them, and laid low the picked men of Israel.
- 32 In spite of all this they still sinned; despite his wonders they did
not believe.
- 33 So he made their days vanish like a breath, and their years in terror.
- 34 When he slew them, they sought for him; they repented and sought
God earnestly.
- 35 They remembered that God was their rock, the Most High God
their redeemer.
- 36 But they flattered him with their mouths; they lied to him with
their tongues.
- 37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him; they were not true to his
covenant.
- 38 Yet he, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity, and did not
destroy them; he restrained his anger often, and did not stir up all
his wrath.
- 39 He remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that passes and
comes not again.
- 40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved
him in the desert!
- 41 They tested him again and again, and provoked the Holy One of
Israel.
- 42 They did not keep in mind his power, or the day when he redeemed
them from the foe;
- 43 when he wrought his signs in Egypt, and his miracles in the fields
of Zoan.
- 44 He turned their rivers to blood, so that they could not drink of their
streams.
- 45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them, and
frogs, which destroyed them.
- 46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, and the fruit of their labor to
the locust.
- 47 He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamores with frost.

- 48 He gave over their cattle to the hail, and their flocks to thunderbolts.
- 49 He let loose on them his fierce anger, wrath, indignation, and distress, a company of destroying angels.
- 50 He made a path for his anger; he did not spare them from death, but gave their lives over to the plague.
- 51 He smote all the first-born in Egypt, the first issue of their strength in the tents of Ham.
- 52 Then he led forth his people like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
- 53 He led them in safety, so that they were not afraid; but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
- 54 And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.
- 55 He drove out nations before them; he apportioned them for a possession and settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.
- 56 Yet they tested and rebelled against the Most High God, and did not observe his testimonies,
- 57 but turned away and acted treacherously like their fathers; they twisted like a deceitful bow.
- 58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places; they moved him to jealousy with their graven images.
- 59 When God heard, he was full of wrath, and he utterly rejected Israel.
- 60 He forsook his dwelling at Shiloh, the tent where he dwelt among men,
- 61 and delivered his power to captivity, his glory to the hand of the foe.
- 62 He gave his people over to the sword, and vented his wrath on his heritage.
- 63 Fire devoured their young men, and their maidens had no marriage song.
- 64 Their priests fell by the sword, and their widows made no lamentation.

- 65 Then the Lord awoke as from sleep, like a strong man shouting
because of wine.
- 66 And he put his adversaries to rout; he put them to everlasting
shame.
- 67 He rejected the tent of Joseph, he did not choose the tribe of
Ephraim;
- 68 but he chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion, which he loves.
- 69 He built his sanctuary like the high heavens, like the earth, which
he has founded for ever.
- 70 He chose David his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds;
- 71 from tending the ewes that had young he brought him to be the
shepherd of Jacob his people, of Israel his inheritance.
- 72 With upright heart he tended them, and guided them with skilful
hand.

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A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into thy inheritance; they have de-
filed thy holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.
- 2 They have given the bodies of thy servants to the birds of the air
for food, the flesh of thy saints to the beasts of the earth.
- 3 They have poured out their blood like water round about Jerusa-
lem, and there was none to bury them.
- 4 We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by
those round about us.
- 5 How long, O LORD? Wilt thou be angry for ever? Will thy jealous
wrath burn like fire?
- 6 Pour out thy anger on the nations that do not know thee, and on the
kingdoms that do not call on thy name!
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his habitation.
- 8 Do not remember against us the iniquities of our forefathers; let
thy compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought
very low.

- 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for thy name's sake!
- 10 Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of thy servants be known among the nations before our eyes!
- 11 Let the groans of the prisoners come before thee; according to thy great power preserve those doomed to die!
- 12 Return sevenfold into the bosom of our neighbors the taunts with which they have taunted thee, O Lord!
- 13 Then we thy people, the flock of thy pasture, will give thanks to thee for ever; from generation to generation we will recount thy praise.

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To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Testimony of Asaph. A Psalm.

- 1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou who leadest Joseph like a flock! Thou who art enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
- 2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh! Stir up thy might, and come to save us!
- 3 Restore us, O God; let thy face shine, that we may be saved!
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry with thy people's prayers?
- 5 Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- 6 Thou dost make us the scorn of our neighbors; and our enemies laugh among themselves.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let thy face shine, that we may be saved!
- 8 Thou didst bring a vine out of Egypt; thou didst drive out the nations and plant it.
- 9 Thou didst clear the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

- 11 it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.
- 12 Why then hast thou broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
- 13 The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.
- 14 Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,
- 15 the stock which thy right hand planted.
- 16 They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance!
- 17 But let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, the son of man whom thou hast made strong for thyself!
- 18 Then we will never turn back from thee; give us life, and we will call on thy name!
- 19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! let thy face shine, that we may be saved!

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To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
- 2 Raise a song, sound the timbrel, the sweet lyre with the harp.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.
- 4 For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.
- 5 He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a voice I had not known:
- 6 "I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.
- 7 In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah
- 8 Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

- 9 There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
- 10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- 11 "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would have none of me.
- 12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.
- 13 O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I would soon subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe toward him, and their fate would last for ever.
- 16 I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

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A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah
- 3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.
- 4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
- 5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 I say, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;
- 7 nevertheless, you shall die like men, and fall like any prince."
- 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; for to thee belong all the nations!

A Song. A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 O God, do not keep silence; do not hold thy peace or be still, O God!
- 2 For lo, thy enemies are in tumult; those who hate thee have raised their heads.
- 3 They lay crafty plans against thy people; they consult together against thy protected ones.
- 4 They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be remembered no more!"
- 5 Yea, they conspire with one accord; against thee they make a covenant--
- 6 the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites,
- 7 Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;
- 8 Assyria also has joined them; they are the strong arm of the children of Lot. Selah
- 9 Do to them as thou didst to Midian, as to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon,
- 10 who were destroyed at En-dor, who became dung for the ground.
- 11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,
- 12 who said, "Let us take possession for ourselves of the pastures of God."
- 13 O my God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff before the wind.
- 14 As fire consumes the forest, as the flame sets the mountains ablaze,
- 15 so do thou pursue them with thy tempest and terrify them with thy hurricane!
- 16 Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek thy name, O LORD.
- 17 Let them be put to shame and dismayed for ever; let them perish in disgrace.
- 18 Let them know that thou alone, whose name is the LORD, art the Most High over all the earth.

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To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

- 1 How lovely is thy dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
- 2 My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- 3 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at thy altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in thy house, ever singing thy praise!
Selah
- 5 Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- 6 As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.
- 7 They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!
Selah
- 9 Behold our shield, O God; look upon the face of thine anointed!
- 10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk up-rightly.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in thee!

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To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

- 1 LORD, thou wast favorable to thy land; thou didst restore the fortunes of Jacob.

- 2 Thou didst forgive the iniquity of thy people; thou didst pardon all their sin. Selah
- 3 Thou didst withdraw all thy wrath; thou didst turn from thy hot anger.
- 4 Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away thy indignation toward us!
- 5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? Wilt thou prolong thy anger to all generations?
- 6 Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?
- 7 Show us thy steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.
- 8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
- 9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
- 11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.
- 12 Yea, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness will go before him, and make his footsteps a way.

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A Prayer of David.

- 1 Incline thy ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
- 2 Preserve my life, for I am godly; save thy servant who trusts in thee. Thou art my God;
- 3 be gracious to me, O Lord, for to thee do I cry all the day.
- 4 Gladden the soul of thy servant, for to thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- 5 For thou, O Lord, art good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on thee.

- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; hearken to my cry of supplication.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I call on thee, for thou dost answer me.
- 8 There is none like thee among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like thine.
- 9 All the nations thou hast made shall come and bow down before thee, O Lord, and shall glorify thy name.
- 10 For thou art great and doest wondrous things, thou alone art God.
- 11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, that I may walk in thy truth; unite my heart to fear thy name.
- 12 I give thanks to thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify thy name for ever.
- 13 For great is thy steadfast love toward me; thou hast delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- 14 O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life, and they do not set thee before them.
- 15 But thou, O Lord, art a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
- 16 Turn to me and take pity on me; give thy strength to thy servant, and save the son of thy handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of thy favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because thou, LORD, hast helped me and comforted me.

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A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. A Song.

- 1 On the holy mount stands the city he founded;
- 2 the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.
- 3 Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. Selah
- 4 Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia-- "This one was born there," they say.

- 5 And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her"; for the Most High himself will establish her.
- 6 The LORD records as he registers the peoples, "This one was born there." Selah
- 7 Singers and dancers alike say, "All my springs are in you."

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A Song. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. To the choirmaster: according to Mahalath Leannoth. A Maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.

- 1 O LORD, my God, I call for help by day; I cry out in the night before thee.
- 2 Let my prayer come before thee, incline thy ear to my cry!
- 3 For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol.
- 4 I am reckoned among those who go down to the Pit; I am a man who has no strength,
- 5 like one forsaken among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom thou dost remember no more, for they are cut off from thy hand.
- 6 Thou hast put me in the depths of the Pit, in the regions dark and deep.
- 7 Thy wrath lies heavy upon me, and thou dost overwhelm me with all thy waves. Selah
- 8 Thou hast caused my companions to shun me; thou hast made me a thing of horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
- 9 my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call upon thee, O LORD; I spread out my hands to thee.
- 10 Dost thou work wonders for the dead? Do the shades rise up to praise thee? Selah
- 11 Is thy steadfast love declared in the grave, or thy faithfulness in Abaddon?
- 12 Are thy wonders known in the darkness, or thy saving help in the land of forgetfulness?
- 13 But I, O LORD, cry to thee; in the morning my prayer comes before thee.

- 14 O LORD, why dost thou cast me off? Why dost thou hide thy face from me?
- 15 Afflicted and close to death from my youth up, I suffer thy terrors; I am helpless.
- 16 Thy wrath has swept over me; thy dread assaults destroy me.
- 17 They surround me like a flood all day long; they close in upon me together.
- 18 Thou hast caused lover and friend to shun me; my companions are in darkness.

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A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

- 1 I will sing of thy steadfast love, O LORD, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim thy faithfulness to all generations.
- 2 For thy steadfast love was established for ever, thy faithfulness is firm as the heavens.
- 3 Thou hast said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your descendants for ever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah
- 5 Let the heavens praise thy wonders, O LORD, thy faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
- 6 For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,
- 7 a God feared in the council of the holy ones, great and terrible above all that are round about him?
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as thou art, O LORD, with thy faithfulness round about thee?
- 9 Thou dost rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, thou stillest them.
- 10 Thou didst crush Rahab like a carcass, thou didst scatter thy enemies with thy mighty arm.
- 11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; the world and all that is in it, thou hast founded them.

- 12 The north and the south, thou hast created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise thy name.
- 13 Thou hast a mighty arm; strong is thy hand, high thy right hand.
- 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of thy throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before thee.
- 15 Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance,
- 16 who exult in thy name all the day, and extol thy righteousness.
- 17 For thou art the glory of their strength; by thy favor our horn is exalted.
- 18 For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.
- 19 Of old thou didst speak in a vision to thy faithful one, and say: "I have set the crown upon one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.
- 20 I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him;
- 21 so that my hand shall ever abide with him, my arm also shall strengthen him.
- 22 The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
- 25 I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.
- 26 He shall cry to me, 'Thou art my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'
- 27 And I will make him the first-born, the highest of the kings of the earth.
- 28 My steadfast love I will keep for him for ever, and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- 29 I will establish his line for ever and his throne as the days of the heavens.

- 30 If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances,
31 if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,
32 then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;
33 but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.
34 I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.
35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.
36 His line shall endure for ever, his throne as long as the sun before me.
37 Like the moon it shall be established for ever; it shall stand firm while the skies endure. " Selah
38 But now thou hast cast off and rejected, thou art full of wrath against thy anointed.
39 Thou hast renounced the covenant with thy servant; thou hast defiled his crown in the dust.
40 Thou hast breached all his walls; thou hast laid his strongholds in ruins.
41 All that pass by despoil him; he has become the scorn of his neighbors.
42 Thou hast exalted the right hand of his foes; thou hast made all his enemies rejoice.
43 Yea, thou hast turned back the edge of his sword, and thou hast not made him stand in battle.
44 Thou hast removed the scepter from his hand, and cast his throne to the ground.
45 Thou hast cut short the days of his youth; thou hast covered him with shame. Selah
46 How long, O LORD? Wilt thou hide thyself for ever? How long will thy wrath burn like fire?
47 Remember, O Lord, what the measure of life is, for what vanity thou hast created all the sons of men!

- 48 What man can live and never see death? Who can deliver his soul
from the power of Sheol? Selah
- 49 Lord, where is thy steadfast love of old, which by thy faithfulness
thou didst swear to David?
- 50 Remember, O Lord, how thy servant is scorned; how I bear in my
bosom the insults of the peoples,
- 51 with which thy enemies taunt, O LORD, with which they mock the
footsteps of thy anointed.
- 52 Blessed be the LORD for ever! Amen and Amen.

BOOK IV

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A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

- 1 LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst
formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting
thou art God.
- 3 Thou turnest man back to the dust, and sayest, "Turn back, O chil-
dren of men!"
- 4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is
past, or as a watch in the night.
- 5 Thou dost sweep men away; they are like a dream, like grass which
is renewed in the morning:
- 6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades
and withers.
- 7 For we are consumed by thy anger; by thy wrath we are over-
whelmed.
- 8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light
of thy countenance.
- 9 For all our days pass away under thy wrath, our years come to an
end like a sigh.

- 10 The years of our life are threescore and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- 11 Who considers the power of thy anger, and thy wrath according to the fear of thee?
- 12 So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- 13 Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on thy servants!
- 14 Satisfy us in the morning with thy steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 15 Make us glad as many days as thou hast afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.
- 16 Let thy work be manifest to thy servants, and thy glorious power to their children.
- 17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

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- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
- 3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;
- 4 he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- 5 You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
- 6 nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- 7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand; but it will not come near you.

- 8 You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your habitation,
- 10 no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
- 11 For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways.
- 12 On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
- 14 Because he cleaves to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.
- 15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will rescue him and honor him.
- 16 With long life I will satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

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A Song for the Sabbath.

- 1 It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to thy name, O Most High;
- 2 to declare thy steadfast love in the morning, and thy faithfulness by night,
- 3 to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
- 4 For thou, O LORD, hast made me glad by thy work; at the works of thy hands I sing for joy.
- 5 How great are thy works, O LORD! Thy thoughts are very deep!
- 6 The dull man cannot know, the stupid cannot understand this:
- 7 that, though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction for ever,
- 8 but thou, O LORD, art on high for ever.
- 9 For, lo, thy enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thy enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

- 10 But thou hast exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; thou hast poured over me fresh oil.
- 11 My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies, my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.
- 12 The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- 13 They are planted in the house of the LORD, they flourish in the courts of our God.
- 14 They still bring forth fruit in old age, they are ever full of sap and green,
- 15 to show that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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- 1 The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength. Yea, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
- 2 thy throne is established from of old; thou art from everlasting.
- 3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice, the floods lift up their roaring.
- 4 Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!
- 5 Thy decrees are very sure; holiness befits thy house, O LORD, for evermore.

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- 1 O LORD, thou God of vengeance, thou God of vengeance, shine forth!
- 2 Rise up, O judge of the earth; render to the proud their deserts!
- 3 O LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked exult?
- 4 They pour out their arrogant words, they boast, all the evildoers.

- 5 They crush thy people, O LORD, and afflict thy heritage.
6 They slay the widow and the sojourner, and murder the fatherless;
7 and they say, "The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive."
8 Understand, O dullest of the people! Fools, when will you be wise?
9 He who planted the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see?
10 He who chastens the nations, does he not chastise? He who teaches men knowledge,
11 the LORD, knows the thoughts of man, that they are but a breath.
12 Blessed is the man whom thou dost chasten, O LORD, and whom thou dost teach out of thy law
13 to give him respite from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked.
14 For the LORD will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage;
15 for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.
16 Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands up for me against evildoers?
17 If the LORD had not been my help, my soul would soon have dwelt in the land of silence.
18 When I thought, "My foot slips," thy steadfast love, O LORD, held me up.
19 When the cares of my heart are many, thy consolations cheer my soul.
20 Can wicked rulers be allied with thee, who frame mischief by statute?
21 They band together against the life of the righteous, and condemn the innocent to death.
22 But the LORD has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge.
23 He will bring back on them their iniquity and wipe them out for their wickedness; the LORD our God will wipe them out.

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- 1 O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it; for his hands formed the dry land.
- 6 O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 9 when your fathers tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- 10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who err in heart, and they do not regard my ways."
- 11 Therefore I swore in my anger that they should not enter my rest.

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- 1 O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- 4 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols; but the LORD made the heavens.
- 6 Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- 9 Worship the LORD in holy array; tremble before him, all the earth!
- 10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yea, the world is established, it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- 12 let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy
- 13 before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

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- 1 The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
- 2 Clouds and thick darkness are round about him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him, and burns up his adversaries round about.
- 4 His lightnings lighten the world; the earth sees and trembles.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.
- 7 All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.

- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of thy judgments, O God.
- 9 For thou, O LORD, art most high over all the earth; thou art exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

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A Psalm.

- 1 O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.
- 2 The LORD has made known his victory, he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
- 3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- 5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- 7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!
- 8 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together
- 9 before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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- 1 The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
- 3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name! Holy is he!
- 4 Mighty King, lover of justice, thou hast established equity; thou hast executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!
- 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies, and the statutes that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, thou didst answer them; thou wast a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- 9 Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

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A Psalm for the thank offering.

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the lands!
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- 3 Know that the LORD is God! It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!
- 5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

A Psalm of David.

- 1 I will sing of loyalty and of justice; to thee, O LORD, I will sing.
- 2 I will give heed to the way that is blameless. Oh when wilt thou come to me? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house;
- 3 I will not set before my eyes anything that is base. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cleave to me.
- 4 Perverseness of heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil.
- 5 Him who slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy. The man of haughty looks and arrogant heart I will not endure.
- 6 I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me.
- 7 No man who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; no man who utters lies shall continue in my presence.
- 8 Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked in the land, cutting off all the evildoers from the city of the LORD.

A prayer of one afflicted, when he is faint and pours out his complaint before the Lord.

- 1 Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry come to thee!
- 2 Do not hide thy face from me in the day of my distress! Incline thy ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!
- 3 For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.
- 4 My heart is smitten like grass, and withered; I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 Because of my loud groaning my bones cleave to my flesh.
- 6 I am like a vulture of the wilderness, like an owl of the waste places;
- 7 I lie awake, I am like a lonely bird on the housetop.

- 8 All the day my enemies taunt me, those who deride me use my
name for a curse.
- 9 For I eat ashes like bread, and mingle tears with my drink,
10 because of thy indignation and anger; for thou hast taken me up
and thrown me away.
- 11 My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.
12 But thou, O LORD, art enthroned for ever; thy name endures to all
generations.
- 13 Thou wilt arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her;
the appointed time has come.
- 14 For thy servants hold her stones dear, and have pity on her dust.
15 The nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the
earth thy glory.
- 16 For the LORD will build up Zion, he will appear in his glory;
17 he will regard the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their
supplication.
- 18 Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet
unborn may praise the LORD:
- 19 that he looked down from his holy height, from heaven the LORD
looked at the earth,
- 20 to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were
doomed to die;
- 21 that men may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusa-
lem his praise,
- 22 when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.
23 He has broken my strength in mid-course; he has shortened my
days.
- 24 "O my God," I say, "take me not hence in the midst of my days,
thou whose years endure throughout all generations!"
- 25 Of old thou didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens
are the work of thy hands.
- 26 They will perish, but thou dost endure; they will all wear out like a
garment. Thou changest them like raiment, and they pass away;
- 27 but thou art the same, and thy years have no end.

- 28 The children of thy servants shall dwell secure; their posterity shall be established before thee.

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A Psalm of David.

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.
- 6 The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.
- 15 As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- 16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

- 17 But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,
18 to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.
19 The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
20 Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word!
21 Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will!
22 Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, thou art very great!
Thou art clothed with honor and majesty,
2 who coverest thyself with light as with a garment, who hast stretched out the heavens like a tent,
3 who hast laid the beams of thy chambers on the waters, who makest the clouds thy chariot, who ridest on the wings of the wind,
4 who makest the winds thy messengers, fire and flame thy ministers.
5 Thou didst set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be shaken.
6 Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.
7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the sound of thy thunder they took to flight.
8 The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place which thou didst appoint for them.
9 Thou didst set a bound which they should not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

- 10 Thou makest springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,
- 11 they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 12 By them the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.
- 13 From thy lofty abode thou waterest the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy work.
- 14 Thou dost cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth,
- 15 and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread to strengthen man's heart.
- 16 The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon which he planted.
- 17 In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees.
- 18 The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the badgers.
- 19 Thou hast made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.
- 20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
- 21 The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.
- 22 When the sun rises, they get them away and lie down in their dens.
- 23 Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until the evening.
- 24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy creatures.
- 25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, which teems with things innumerable, living things both small and great.
- 26 There go the ships, and Leviathan which thou didst form to sport in it.
- 27 These all look to thee, to give them their food in due season.
- 28 When thou givest to them, they gather it up; when thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good things.

- 29 When thou hidest thy face, they are dismayed; when thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- 30 When thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the ground.
- 31 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works,
- 32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!
- 33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- 34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.
- 35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

105

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples!
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works!
- 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- 4 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his presence continually!
- 5 Remember the wonderful works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!
- 7 He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
- 8 He is mindful of his covenant for ever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
- 9 the covenant which he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,
- 10 which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

- 11 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."
- 12 When they were few in number, of little account, and sojourners in it,
- 13 wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people,
- 14 he allowed no one to oppress them; he rebuked kings on their account,
- 15 saying, "Touch not my anointed ones, do my prophets no harm!"
- 16 When he summoned a famine on the land, and broke every staff of bread,
- 17 he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
- 18 His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron;
- 19 until what he had said came to pass the word of the LORD tested him.
- 20 The king sent and released him, the ruler of the peoples set him free;
- 21 he made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions,
- 22 to instruct his princes at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.
- 23 Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
- 24 And the LORD made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes.
- 25 He turned their hearts to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 27 They wrought his signs among them, and miracles in the land of Ham.
- 28 He sent darkness, and made the land dark; they rebelled against his words.
- 29 He turned their waters into blood, and caused their fish to die.
- 30 Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the chambers of their kings.

- 31 He spoke, and there came swarms of flies, and gnats throughout their country.
- 32 He gave them hail for rain, and lightning that flashed through their land.
- 33 He smote their vines and fig trees, and shattered the trees of their country.
- 34 He spoke, and the locusts came, and young locusts without number;
- 35 which devoured all the vegetation in their land, and ate up the fruit of their ground.
- 36 He smote all the first-born in their land, the first issue of all their strength.
- 37 Then he led forth Israel with silver and gold, and there was none among his tribes who stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.
- 39 He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.
- 40 They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water gushed forth; it flowed through the desert like a river.
- 42 For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with joy, his chosen ones with singing.
- 44 And he gave them the lands of the nations; and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,
- 45 to the end that they should keep his statutes, and observe his laws.
Praise the LORD!

106

- 1 Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever!
- 2 Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or show forth all his praise?

- 3 Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, when thou showest favor to thy people; help me when thou deliverest them;
- 5 that I may see the prosperity of thy chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thy heritage.
- 6 Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
- 7 Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider thy wonderful works; they did not remember the abundance of thy steadfast love, but rebelled against the Most High at the Red Sea.
- 8 Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power.
- 9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry; and he led them through the deep as through a desert.
- 10 So he saved them from the hand of the foe, and delivered them from the power of the enemy.
- 11 And the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left.
- 12 Then they believed his words; they sang his praise.
- 13 But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel.
- 14 But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness, and put God to the test in the desert;
- 15 he gave them what they asked, but sent a wasting disease among them.
- 16 When men in the camp were jealous of Moses and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD,
- 17 the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.
- 18 Fire also broke out in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.
- 19 They made a calf in Horeb and worshiped a molten image.
- 20 They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass.
- 21 They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,

- 22 wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red Sea.
- 23 Therefore he said he would destroy them-- had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.
- 24 Then they despised the pleasant land, having no faith in his promise.
- 25 They murmured in their tents, and did not obey the voice of the LORD.
- 26 Therefore he raised his hand and swore to them that he would make them fall in the wilderness,
- 27 and would disperse their descendants among the nations, scattering them over the lands.
- 28 Then they attached themselves to the Baal of Peor, and ate sacrifices offered to the dead;
- 29 they provoked the LORD to anger with their doings, and a plague broke out among them.
- 30 Then Phinehas stood up and interposed, and the plague was stayed.
- 31 And that has been reckoned to him as righteousness from generation to generation for ever.
- 32 They angered him at the waters of Meribah, and it went ill with Moses on their account;
- 33 for they made his spirit bitter, and he spoke words that were rash.
- 34 They did not destroy the peoples, as the LORD commanded them,
- 35 but they mingled with the nations and learned to do as they did.
- 36 They served their idols, which became a snare to them.
- 37 They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons;
- 38 they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood.
- 39 Thus they became unclean by their acts, and played the harlot in their doings.
- 40 Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against his people, and he abhorred his heritage;

- 41 he gave them into the hand of the nations, so that those who hated them ruled over them.
- 42 Their enemies oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their power.
- 43 Many times he delivered them, but they were rebellious in their purposes, and were brought low through their iniquity.
- 44 Nevertheless he regarded their distress, when he heard their cry.
- 45 He remembered for their sake his covenant, and relented according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
- 46 He caused them to be pitied by all those who held them captive.
- 47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to thy holy name and glory in thy praise.
- 48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!

BOOK V

107

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever!
- 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble
- 3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- 5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;
- 7 he led them by a straight way, till they reached a city to dwell in.
- 8 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to the sons of men!

- 9 For he satisfies him who is thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.
- 10 Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in affliction and in irons,
- 11 for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 Their hearts were bowed down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help.
- 13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;
- 14 he brought them out of darkness and gloom, and broke their bonds asunder.
- 15 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to the sons of men!
- 16 For he shatters the doors of bronze, and cuts in two the bars of iron.
- 17 Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;
- 18 they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;
- 20 he sent forth his word, and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.
- 21 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to the sons of men!
- 22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!
- 23 Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters;
- 24 they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.
- 25 For he commanded, and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.
- 26 They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight;

- 27 they reeled and staggered like drunken men, and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;
- 29 he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.
- 30 Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.
- 31 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to the sons of men!
- 32 Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.
- 33 He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground,
- 34 a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.
- 35 He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.
- 36 And there he lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in;
- 37 they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful yield.
- 38 By his blessing they multiply greatly; and he does not let their cattle decrease.
- 39 When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, trouble, and sorrow,
- 40 he pours contempt upon princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes;
- 41 but he raises up the needy out of affliction, and makes their families like flocks.
- 42 The upright see it and are glad; and all wickedness stops its mouth.
- 43 Whoever is wise, let him give heed to these things; let men consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

108

A Song. A Psalm of David.

- 1 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! Awake, my soul!
- 2 Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!
- 3 I will give thanks to thee, O LORD, among the peoples, I will sing praises to thee among the nations.
- 4 For thy steadfast love is great above the heavens, thy faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
- 5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let thy glory be over all the earth!
- 6 That thy beloved may be delivered, give help by thy right hand, and answer me!
- 7 God has promised in his sanctuary: "With exultation I will divide up Shechem, and portion out the Vale of Succoth.
- 8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet; Judah my scepter.
- 9 Moab is my washbasin; upon Edom I cast my shoe; over Philistia I shout in triumph."
- 10 Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom?
- 11 Hast thou not rejected us, O God? Thou dost not go forth, O God, with our armies.
- 12 O grant us help against the foe, for vain is the help of man!
- 13 With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.

109

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Be not silent, O God of my praise!
- 2 For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues.
- 3 They beset me with words of hate, and attack me without cause.

- 4 In return for my love they accuse me, even as I make prayer for them.
- 5 So they reward me evil for good, and hatred for my love.
- 6 Appoint a wicked man against him; let an accuser bring him to trial.
- 7 When he is tried, let him come forth guilty; let his prayer be counted as sin!
- 8 May his days be few; may another seize his goods!
- 9 May his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow!
- 10 May his children wander about and beg; may they be driven out of the ruins they inhabit!
- 11 May the creditor seize all that he has; may strangers plunder the fruits of his toil!
- 12 Let there be none to extend kindness to him, nor any to pity his fatherless children!
- 13 May his posterity be cut off; may his name be blotted out in the second generation!
- 14 May the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out!
- 15 Let them be before the LORD continually; and may his memory be cut off from the earth!
- 16 For he did not remember to show kindness, but pursued the poor and needy and the brokenhearted to their death.
- 17 He loved to curse; let curses come on him! He did not like blessing; may it be far from him!
- 18 He clothed himself with cursing as his coat, may it soak into his body like water, like oil into his bones!
- 19 May it be like a garment which he wraps round him, like a belt with which he daily girds himself!
- 20 May this be the reward of my accusers from the LORD, of those who speak evil against my life!
- 21 But thou, O GOD my Lord, deal on my behalf for thy name's sake; because thy steadfast love is good, deliver me!
- 22 For I am poor and needy, and my heart is stricken within me.

- 23 I am gone, like a shadow at evening; I am shaken off like a locust.
- 24 My knees are weak through fasting; my body has become gaunt.
- 25 I am an object of scorn to my accusers; when they see me, they wag their heads.
- 26 Help me, O LORD my God! Save me according to thy steadfast love!
- 27 Let them know that this is thy hand; thou, O LORD, hast done it!
- 28 Let them curse, but do thou bless! Let my assailants be put to shame; may thy servant be glad!
- 29 May my accusers be clothed with dishonor; may they be wrapped in their own shame as in a mantle!
- 30 With my mouth I will give great thanks to the LORD; I will praise him in the midst of the throng.
- 31 For he stands at the right hand of the needy, to save him from those who condemn him to death.

110

A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool."
- 2 The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your foes!
- 3 Your people will offer themselves freely on the day you lead your host upon the holy mountains. From the womb of the morning like dew your youth will come to you.
- 4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."
- 5 The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
- 6 He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.
- 7 He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

111

- 1 Praise the LORD. I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who have pleasure
in them.
- 3 Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness en-
dures for ever.
- 4 He has caused his wonderful works to be remembered; the LORD
is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his
covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them
the heritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are
trustworthy,
- 8 they are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faith-
fulness and uprightness.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant
for ever. Holy and terrible is his name!
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good under-
standing have all those who practice it. His praise endures for
ever!

112

- 1 Praise the LORD. Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who great-
ly delights in his commandments!
- 2 His descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the
upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches are in his house; and his righteousness endures
for ever.

- 4 Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the LORD is gracious,
merciful, and righteous.
- 5 It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who con-
ducts his affairs with justice.
- 6 For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered for
ever.
- 7 He is not afraid of evil tidings; his heart is firm, trusting in the
LORD.
- 8 His heart is steady, he will not be afraid, until he sees his desire on
his adversaries.
- 9 He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteous-
ness endures for ever; his horn is exalted in honor.
- 10 The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and
melts away; the desire of the wicked man comes to nought.

113

- 1 Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of
the LORD!
- 2 Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for ev-
ermore!
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to
be praised!
- 4 The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heav-
ens!
- 5 Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,
6 who looks far down upon the heavens and the earth?
- 7 He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash
heap,
8 to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
- 9 He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother
of children. Praise the LORD!

114

- 1 When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
- 2 Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.
- 5 What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?
- 6 O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

115

- 1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to thy name give glory, for the sake of thy steadfast love and thy faithfulness!
- 2 Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"
- 3 Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases.
- 4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
- 5 They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.
- 6 They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.
- 7 They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat.
- 8 Those who make them are like them; so are all who trust in them.
- 9 O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.
- 10 O house of Aaron, put your trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.
- 11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.
- 12 The LORD has been mindful of us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

- 13 he will bless those who fear the LORD, both small and great.
- 14 May the LORD give you increase, you and your children!
- 15 May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth!
- 16 The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to the sons of men.
- 17 The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any that go down into silence.
- 18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.
Praise the LORD!

116

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
- 2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- 3 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- 4 Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I beseech thee, save my life!"
- 5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
- 6 The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- 8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
- 9 I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
- 10 I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted";
- 11 I said in my consternation, "Men are all a vain hope."
- 12 What shall I render to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
- 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
- 14 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

- 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.
- 16 O LORD, I am thy servant; I am thy servant, the son of thy handmaid. Thou hast loosed my bonds.
- 17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.
- 18 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
- 19 in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

117

- 1 Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!
- 2 For great is his steadfast love toward us; and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. Praise the LORD!

118

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!
- 2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures for ever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures for ever."
- 4 Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures for ever."
- 5 Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.
- 6 With the LORD on my side I do not fear. What can man do to me?
- 7 The LORD is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
- 8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in man.
- 9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.
- 10 All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

- 11 They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 12 They surrounded me like bees, they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 13 I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
- 15 Hark, glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
- 16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has chastened me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- 20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I thank thee that thou hast answered me and hast become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Save us, we beseech thee, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech thee, give us success!
- 26 Blessed be he who enters in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!
- 28 Thou art my God, and I will give thanks to thee; thou art my God, I will extol thee.
- 29 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever!

- 1 Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,
- 3 who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!
- 4 Thou hast commanded thy precepts to be kept diligently.
- 5 O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping thy statutes!
- 6 Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all thy commandments.
- 7 I will praise thee with an upright heart, when I learn thy righteous ordinances.
- 8 I will observe thy statutes; O forsake me not utterly!
- 9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word.
- 10 With my whole heart I seek thee; let me not wander from thy commandments!
- 11 I have laid up thy word in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.
- 12 Blessed be thou, O LORD; teach me thy statutes!
- 13 With my lips I declare all the ordinances of thy mouth.
- 14 In the way of thy testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.
- 15 I will meditate on thy precepts, and fix my eyes on thy ways.
- 16 I will delight in thy statutes; I will not forget thy word.
- 17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live and observe thy word.
- 18 Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.
- 19 I am a sojourner on earth; hide not thy commandments from me!
- 20 My soul is consumed with longing for thy ordinances at all times.

- 21 Thou dost rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from
thy commandments;
- 22 take away from me their scorn and contempt, for I have kept thy
testimonies.
- 23 Even though princes sit plotting against me, thy servant will medi-
tate on thy statutes.
- 24 Thy testimonies are my delight, they are my counselors.
- 25 My soul cleaves to the dust; revive me according to thy word!
- 26 When I told of my ways, thou didst answer me; teach me thy stat-
utes!
- 27 Make me understand the way of thy precepts, and I will meditate
on thy wondrous works.
- 28 My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to thy
word!
- 29 Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me thy law!
- 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness, I set thy ordinances before
me.
- 31 I cleave to thy testimonies, O LORD; let me not be put to shame!
- 32 I will run in the way of thy commandments when thou enlargest
my understanding!
- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I will keep it to the
end.
- 34 Give me understanding, that I may keep thy law and observe it
with my whole heart.
- 35 Lead me in the path of thy commandments, for I delight in it.
- 36 Incline my heart to thy testimonies, and not to gain!
- 37 Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; and give me life in thy
ways.
- 38 Confirm to thy servant thy promise, which is for those who fear
thee.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread; for thy ordinances are
good.
- 40 Behold, I long for thy precepts; in thy righteousness give me life!

- 41 Let thy steadfast love come to me, O LORD, thy salvation according to thy promise;
42 then shall I have an answer for those who taunt me, for I trust in thy word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in thy ordinances.
44 I will keep thy law continually, for ever and ever;
45 and I shall walk at liberty, for I have sought thy precepts.
46 I will also speak of thy testimonies before kings, and shall not be put to shame;
47 for I find my delight in thy commandments, which I love.
48 I revere thy commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on thy statutes.
49 Remember thy word to thy servant, in which thou hast made me hope.
50 This is my comfort in my affliction that thy promise gives me life.
51 Godless men utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from thy law.
52 When I think of thy ordinances from of old, I take comfort, O LORD.
53 Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, who forsake thy law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I remember thy name in the night, O LORD, and keep thy law.
56 This blessing has fallen to me, that I have kept thy precepts.
57 The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep thy words.
58 I entreat thy favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to thy promise.
59 When I think of thy ways, I turn my feet to thy testimonies;
60 I hasten and do not delay to keep thy commandments.
61 Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget thy law.

- 62 At midnight I rise to praise thee, because of thy righteous ordinances.
- 63 I am a companion of all who fear thee, of those who keep thy precepts.
- 64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy steadfast love; teach me thy statutes!
- 65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according to thy word.
- 66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in thy commandments.
- 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now I keep thy word.
- 68 Thou art good and doest good; teach me thy statutes.
- 69 The godless besmear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep thy precepts;
- 70 their heart is gross like fat, but I delight in thy law.
- 71 It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn thy statutes.
- 72 The law of thy mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.
- 73 Thy hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn thy commandments.
- 74 Those who fear thee shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in thy word.
- 75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that in faithfulness thou hast afflicted me.
- 76 Let thy steadfast love be ready to comfort me according to thy promise to thy servant.
- 77 Let thy mercy come to me, that I may live; for thy law is my delight.
- 78 Let the godless be put to shame, because they have subverted me with guile; as for me, I will meditate on thy precepts.
- 79 Let those who fear thee turn to me, that they may know thy testimonies.
- 80 May my heart be blameless in thy statutes, that I may not be put to shame!

- 81 My soul languishes for thy salvation; I hope in thy word.
- 82 My eyes fail with watching for thy promise; I ask, "When wilt thou comfort me?"
- 83 For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten thy statutes.
- 84 How long must thy servant endure? When wilt thou judge those who persecute me?
- 85 Godless men have dug pitfalls for me, men who do not conform to thy law.
- 86 All thy commandments are sure; they persecute me with falsehood; help me!
- 87 They have almost made an end of me on earth; but I have not forsaken thy precepts.
- 88 In thy steadfast love spare my life, that I may keep the testimonies of thy mouth.
- 89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is firmly fixed in the heavens.
- 90 Thy faithfulness endures to all generations; thou hast established the earth, and it stands fast.
- 91 By thy appointment they stand this day; for all things are thy servants.
- 92 If thy law had not been my delight, I should have perished in my affliction.
- 93 I will never forget thy precepts; for by them thou hast given me life.
- 94 I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.
- 95 The wicked lie in wait to destroy me; but I consider thy testimonies.
- 96 I have seen a limit to all perfection, but thy commandment is exceedingly broad.
- 97 Oh, how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day.
- 98 Thy commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for thy testimonies are my meditation.

- 100 I understand more than the aged, for I keep thy precepts.
- 101 I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep thy word.
- 102 I do not turn aside from thy ordinances, for thou hast taught me.
- 103 How sweet are thy words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- 104 Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.
- 105 Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- 106 I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe thy righteous ordinances.
- 107 I am sorely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to thy word!
- 108 Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me thy ordinances.
- 109 I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget thy law.
- 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from thy precepts.
- 111 Thy testimonies are my heritage for ever; yea, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I incline my heart to perform thy statutes for ever, to the end.
- 113 I hate double-minded men, but I love thy law.
- 114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield; I hope in thy word.
- 115 Depart from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of my God.
- 116 Uphold me according to thy promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope!
- 117 Hold me up, that I may be safe and have regard for thy statutes continually!
- 118 Thou dost spurn all who go astray from thy statutes; yea, their cunning is in vain.
- 119 All the wicked of the earth thou dost count as dross; therefore I love thy testimonies.

- 120 My flesh trembles for fear of thee, and I am afraid of thy judgments.
- 121 I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors.
- 122 Be surety for thy servant for good; let not the godless oppress me.
- 123 My eyes fail with watching for thy salvation, and for the fulfillment of thy righteous promise.
- 124 Deal with thy servant according to thy steadfast love, and teach me thy statutes.
- 125 I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies!
- 126 It is time for the LORD to act, for thy law has been broken.
- 127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold, above fine gold.
- 128 Therefore I direct my steps by all thy precepts; I hate every false way.
- 129 Thy testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.
- 130 The unfolding of thy words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
- 131 With open mouth I pant, because I long for thy commandments.
- 132 Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is thy wont toward those who love thy name.
- 133 Keep steady my steps according to thy promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.
- 134 Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep thy precepts.
- 135 Make thy face shine upon thy servant, and teach me thy statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, because men do not keep thy law.
- 137 Righteous art thou, O LORD, and right are thy judgments.
- 138 Thou hast appointed thy testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.
- 139 My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget thy words.
- 140 Thy promise is well tried, and thy servant loves it.
- 141 I am small and despised, yet I do not forget thy precepts.

- 142 Thy righteousness is righteous for ever, and thy law is true.
- 143 Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but thy commandments are my delight.
- 144 Thy testimonies are righteous for ever; give me understanding that I may live.
- 145 With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep thy statutes.
- 146 I cry to thee; save me, that I may observe thy testimonies.
- 147 I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in thy words.
- 148 My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate upon thy promise.
- 149 Hear my voice in thy steadfast love; O LORD, in thy justice preserve my life.
- 150 They draw near who persecute me with evil purpose; they are far from thy law.
- 151 But thou art near, O LORD, and all thy commandments are true.
- 152 Long have I known from thy testimonies that thou hast founded them for ever.
- 153 Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget thy law.
- 154 Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to thy promise!
- 155 Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek thy statutes.
- 156 Great is thy mercy, O LORD; give me life according to thy justice.
- 157 Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from thy testimonies.
- 158 I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep thy commands.
- 159 Consider how I love thy precepts! Preserve my life according to thy steadfast love.
- 160 The sum of thy word is truth; and every one of thy righteous ordinances endures for ever.

- 161 Princes persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe
of thy words.
- 162 I rejoice at thy word like one who finds great spoil.
- 163 I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love thy law.
- 164 Seven times a day I praise thee for thy righteous ordinances.
- 165 Great peace have those who love thy law; nothing can make
them stumble.
- 166 I hope for thy salvation, O LORD, and I do thy commandments.
- 167 My soul keeps thy testimonies; I love them exceedingly.
- 168 I keep thy precepts and testimonies, for all my ways are before
thee.
- 169 Let my cry come before thee, O LORD; give me understanding
according to thy word!
- 170 Let my supplication come before thee; deliver me according to
thy word.
- 171 My lips will pour forth praise that thou dost teach me thy stat-
utes.
- 172 My tongue will sing of thy word, for all thy commandments are
right.
- 173 Let thy hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen thy precepts.
- 174 I long for thy salvation, O LORD, and thy law is my delight.
- 175 Let me live, that I may praise thee, and let thy ordinances help
me.
- 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant, for I do not
forget thy commandments.

120

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 In my distress I cry to the LORD, that he may answer me:
- 2 "Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue."

- 3 What shall be given to you? And what more shall be done to you,
you deceitful tongue?
- 4 A warrior's sharp arrows, with glowing coals of the broom tree!
- 5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, that I dwell among the tents
of Kedar!
- 6 Too long have I had my dwelling among those who hate peace.
- 7 I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war!

121

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not
slumber.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right
hand.
- 6 The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- 8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this
time forth and for evermore.

122

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the
LORD!"
- 2 Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- 3 Jerusalem, built as a city which is bound firmly together,

- 4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed
for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- 5 There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of
David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they prosper who love you!
- 7 Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers!"
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within
you!"
- 9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your
good.

123

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 To thee I lift up my eyes, O thou who art enthroned in the heavens!
- 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as
the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to
the LORD our God, till he have mercy upon us.
- 3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have
had more than enough of contempt.
- 4 Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at
ease, the contempt of the proud.

124

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

- 1 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, let Israel now
say--
- 2 if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose
up against us,
- 3 then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was
kindled against us;

- 4 then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;
- 5 then over us would have gone the raging waters.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!
- 7 We have escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!
- 8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

125

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.
- 2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people, from this time forth and for evermore.
- 3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous put forth their hands to do wrong.
- 4 Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!
- 5 But those who turn aside upon their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be in Israel!

126

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 3 The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

- 4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb!
- 5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!
- 6 He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall
come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

127

A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.

- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays
awake in vain.
- 2 It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the
bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 3 Lo, sons are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a re-
ward.
- 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.
- 5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! He shall not be
put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

128

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be hap-
py, and it shall be well with you.
- 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your chil-
dren will be like olive shoots around your table.
- 4 Lo, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Je-
rusalem all the days of your life!
- 6 May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

129

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 "Sorely have they afflicted me from my youth," let Israel now say--
- 2 "Sorely have they afflicted me from my youth, yet they have not prevailed against me.
- 3 The plowers plowed upon my back; they made long their furrows."
- 4 The LORD is righteous; he has cut the cords of the wicked.
- 5 May all who hate Zion be put to shame and turned backward!
- 6 Let them be like the grass on the housetops, which withers before it grows up,
- 7 with which the reaper does not fill his hand or the binder of sheaves his bosom,
- 8 while those who pass by do not say, "The blessing of the LORD be upon you! We bless you in the name of the LORD!"

130

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Out of the depths I cry to thee, O LORD!
- 2 Lord, hear my voice! Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
- 3 If thou, O LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.
- 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
- 6 my soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption.
- 8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

131

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

- 1 O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous
for me.
- 2 But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its
mother's breast; like a child that is quieted is my soul.
- 3 O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.

132

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Remember, O LORD, in David's favor, all the hardships he en-
dured;
- 2 how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
- 3 "I will not enter my house or get into my bed;
- 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,
- 5 until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty
One of Jacob."
- 6 Lo, we heard of it in Ephrathah, we found it in the fields of Jaar.
- 7 "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool!"
- 8 Arise, O LORD, and go to thy resting place, thou and the ark of thy
might.
- 9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and let thy saints
shout for joy.
- 10 For thy servant David's sake do not turn away the face of thy
anointed one.
- 11 The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn
back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.
- 12 If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies which I shall
teach them, their sons also for ever shall sit upon your throne."
- 13 For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation:

- 14 "This is my resting place for ever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
- 15 I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.
- 16 Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy.
- 17 There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
- 18 His enemies I will clothe with shame, but upon himself his crown will shed its luster."

133

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.

134

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD!
- 2 Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the LORD!
- 3 May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

- 1 Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD,
- 2 you that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!
- 3 Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for he is gracious!
- 4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.
- 5 For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.
- 6 Whatever the LORD pleases he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.
- 7 He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth, who makes lightnings for the rain and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.
- 8 He it was who smote the first-born of Egypt, both of man and of beast;
- 9 who in thy midst, O Egypt, sent signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants;
- 10 who smote many nations and slew mighty kings,
- 11 Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan,
- 12 and gave their land as a heritage, a heritage to his people Israel.
- 13 Thy name, O LORD, endures for ever, thy renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
- 14 For the LORD will vindicate his people, and have compassion on his servants.
- 15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
- 16 They have mouths, but they speak not, they have eyes, but they see not,
- 17 they have ears, but they hear not, nor is there any breath in their mouths.

- 18 Like them be those who make them!-- yea, every one who trusts in them!
- 19 O house of Israel, bless the LORD! O house of Aaron, bless the LORD!
- 20 O house of Levi, bless the LORD! You that fear the LORD, bless the LORD!
- 21 Blessed be the LORD from Zion, he who dwells in Jerusalem!
Praise the LORD!

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- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- 2 O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- 3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 4 to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 5 to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 6 to him who spread out the earth upon the waters, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 7 to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 8 the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 9 the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 10 to him who smote the first-born of Egypt, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 11 and brought Israel out from among them, for his steadfast love endures for ever;

- 12 with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 13 to him who divided the Red Sea in sunder, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 14 and made Israel pass through the midst of it, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 15 but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 16 to him who led his people through the wilderness, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 17 to him who smote great kings, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 18 and slew famous kings, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 20 and Og, king of Bashan, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 21 and gave their land as a heritage, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 22 a heritage to Israel his servant, for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- 23 It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 24 and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 25 he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- 26 O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

137

- 1 By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.
- 2 On the willows there we hung up our lyres.

- 3 For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors,
mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
- 4 How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land?
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remem-
ber you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy!
- 7 Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem,
how they said, "Rase it, rase it! Down to its foundations!"
- 8 O daughter of Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall he be who
requites you with what you have done to us!
- 9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones and dashes them
against the rock!

138

A Psalm of David.

- 1 I give thee thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I
sing thy praise;
- 2 I bow down toward thy holy temple and give thanks to thy name
for thy steadfast love and thy faithfulness; for thou hast exalted
above everything thy name and thy word.
- 3 On the day I called, thou didst answer me, my strength of soul thou
didst increase.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, for they have
heard the words of thy mouth;
- 5 and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory
of the LORD.
- 6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty
he knows from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou dost preserve my life;
thou dost stretch out thy hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and thy right hand delivers me.
- 8 The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me; thy steadfast love, O
LORD, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of thy hands.

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- 1 O LORD, thou hast searched me and known me!
- 2 Thou knowest when I sit down and when I rise up; thou discernest my thoughts from afar.
- 3 Thou searchest out my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.
- 5 Thou dost beset me behind and before, and layest thy hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.
- 7 Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, thou art there! If I make my bed in Sheol, thou art there!
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 10 even there thy hand shall lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
- 11 If I say, "Let only darkness cover me, and the light about me be night,"
- 12 even the darkness is not dark to thee, the night is bright as the day; for darkness is as light with thee.
- 13 For thou didst form my inward parts, thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise thee, for thou art fearful and wonderful. Wonderful are thy works! Thou knowest me right well;
- 15 my frame was not hidden from thee, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Thy eyes beheld my unformed substance; in thy book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

- 17 How precious to me are thy thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum
of them!
- 18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand. When I awake,
I am still with thee.
- 19 O that thou wouldst slay the wicked, O God, and that men of blood
would depart from me,
- 20 men who maliciously defy thee, who lift themselves up against
thee for evil!
- 21 Do I not hate them that hate thee, O LORD? And do I not loathe
them that rise up against thee?
- 22 I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my
thoughts!
- 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting!

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To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; preserve me from violent
men,
- 2 who plan evil things in their heart, and stir up wars continually.
- 3 They make their tongue sharp as a serpents, and under their lips is
the poison of vipers. Selah
- 4 Guard me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me
from violent men, who have planned to trip up my feet.
- 5 Arrogant men have hidden a trap for me, and with cords they have
spread a net, by the wayside they have set snares for me. Selah
- 6 I say to the LORD, Thou art my God; give ear to the voice of my
supplications, O LORD!
- 7 O LORD, my Lord, my strong deliverer, thou hast covered my head
in the day of battle.

- 8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; do not further his evil plot! Selah
- 9 Those who surround me lift up their head, let the mischief of their lips overwhelm them!
- 10 Let burning coals fall upon them! Let them be cast into pits, no more to rise!
- 11 Let not the slanderer be established in the land; let evil hunt down the violent man speedily!
- 12 I know that the LORD maintains the cause of the afflicted, and executes justice for the needy.
- 13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks to thy name; the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

141

A Psalm of David.

- 1 I call upon thee, O LORD; make haste to me! Give ear to my voice, when I call to thee!
- 2 Let my prayer be counted as incense before thee, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice!
- 3 Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD, keep watch over the door of my lips!
- 4 Incline not my heart to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with men who work iniquity; and let me not eat of their dainties!
- 5 Let a good man strike or rebuke me in kindness, but let the oil of the wicked never anoint my head; for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.
- 6 When they are given over to those who shall condemn them, then they shall learn that the word of the LORD is true.
- 7 As a rock which one cleaves and shatters on the land, so shall their bones be strewn at the mouth of Sheol.
- 8 But my eyes are toward thee, O LORD God; in thee I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!

- 9 Keep me from the trap which they have laid for me, and from the snares of evildoers!
- 10 Let the wicked together fall into their own nets, while I escape.

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A Maskil of David, when he was in the cave. A Prayer.

- 1 I cry with my voice to the LORD, with my voice I make supplication to the LORD,
- 2 I pour out my complaint before him, I tell my trouble before him.
- 3 When my spirit is faint, thou knowest my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.
- 4 I look to the right and watch, but there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me, no man cares for me.
- 5 I cry to thee, O LORD; I say, Thou art my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.
- 6 Give heed to my cry; for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors; for they are too strong for me!
- 7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to thy name! The righteous will surround me; for thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

143

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my supplications! In thy faithfulness answer me, in thy righteousness!
- 2 Enter not into judgment with thy servant; for no man living is righteous before thee.
- 3 For the enemy has pursued me; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

- 4 Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.
- 5 I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that thou hast done; I muse on what thy hands have wrought.
- 6 I stretch out my hands to thee; my soul thirsts for thee like a parched land. Selah
- 7 Make haste to answer me, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not thy face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 8 Let me hear in the morning of thy steadfast love, for in thee I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to thee I lift up my soul.
- 9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies! I have fled to thee for refuge!
- 10 Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God! Let thy good spirit lead me on a level path!
- 11 For thy name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In thy righteousness bring me out of trouble!
- 12 And in thy steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am thy servant.

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A Psalm of David.

- 1 Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle;
- 2 my rock and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues the peoples under him.
- 3 O LORD, what is man that thou dost regard him, or the son of man that thou dost think of him?
- 4 Man is like a breath, his days are like a passing shadow.
- 5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down! Touch the mountains that they smoke!

- 6 Flash forth the lightning and scatter them, send out thy arrows and rout them!
- 7 Stretch forth thy hand from on high, rescue me and deliver me from the many waters, from the hand of aliens,
- 8 whose mouths speak lies, and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 9 I will sing a new song to thee, O God; upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to thee,
- 10 who givest victory to kings, who rescuest David thy servant.
- 11 Rescue me from the cruel sword, and deliver me from the hand of aliens, whose mouths speak lies, and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 12 May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace;
- 13 may our garners be full, providing all manner of store; may our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields;
- 14 may our cattle be heavy with young, suffering no mischance or failure in bearing; may there be no cry of distress in our streets!
- 15 Happy the people to whom such blessings fall! Happy the people whose God is the LORD!

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A Song of Praise. Of David.

- 1 I will extol thee, my God and King, and bless thy name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day I will bless thee, and praise thy name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
- 4 One generation shall laud thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.
- 5 On the glorious splendor of thy majesty, and on thy wondrous works, I will meditate.

- 6 Men shall proclaim the might of thy terrible acts, and I will declare thy greatness.
- 7 They shall pour forth the fame of thy abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
- 10 All thy works shall give thanks to thee, O LORD, and all thy saints shall bless thee!
- 11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and tell of thy power,
- 12 to make known to the sons of men thy mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of thy kingdom.
- 13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.
- 14 The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all look to thee, and thou givest them their food in due season.
- 16 Thou openest thy hand, thou satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
- 17 The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
- 18 The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.
- 19 He fulfils the desire of all who fear him, he also hears their cry, and saves them.
- 20 The LORD preserves all who love him; but all the wicked he will destroy.
- 21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

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- 1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- 2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have being.
- 3 Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no help.
- 4 When his breath departs he returns to his earth; on that very day his plans perish.
- 5 Happy is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever;
- 7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- 8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
- 9 The LORD watches over the sojourners, he upholds the widow and the fatherless; but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- 10 The LORD will reign for ever, thy God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

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- 1 Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is seemly.
- 2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He determines the number of the stars, he gives to all of them their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

- 6 The LORD lifts up the downtrodden, he casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God upon the lyre!
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds, he prepares rain for the earth, he makes grass grow upon the hills.
- 9 He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens which cry.
- 10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man;
- 11 but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- 12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
- 13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your sons within you.
- 14 He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat.
- 15 He sends forth his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.
- 16 He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 17 He casts forth his ice like morsels; who can stand before his cold?
- 18 He sends forth his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
- 19 He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.
- 20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!

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- 1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights!
- 2 Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his host!
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

- 4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
- 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.
- 6 And he established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
- 8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
- 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- 10 Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- 12 Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
- 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

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- 1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful!
- 2 Let Israel be glad in his Maker, let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King!
- 3 Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with timbrel and lyre!
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.
- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,
- 7 to wreak vengeance on the nations and chastisement on the peoples,
- 8 to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,

- 9 to execute on them the judgment written! This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the LORD!

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- 1 Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!
- 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his exceeding greatness!
- 3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
- 5 Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!



THE
HOLY
EUCCHARIST

IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION

The
Holy Eucharist

THE PREPARATION

¶ *A Hymn, Psalm, or Introit may precede the Eucharist, after which the priest makes the sign of the Cross and begins:*

✙ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People. **Amen.**

Priest. I will go into the altar of God.
People. **Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.**

Priest. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
People. **Who has made heaven and earth.**

¶ *Here may be said the Decalogue or the Summary of the Law*

¶ *Kneeling, the people together with the priest may pray:*

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest. May almighty God have mercy on us and lead us, with our sins forgiven, to eternal life.

People. **Amen.**

Priest. O turn again and give us life, O Lord?

People. **That your people may rejoice in you.**

Priest. O Lord, show us your mercy

People. **And grant us your salvation.**

Priest. Lord, hear our prayer.

People. **And let our cry come to you.**

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. **And with your spirit.**

Priest. Let us pray.

The Collect for Purity.

ALmighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Kyrie eleison		Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison	<i>or</i>	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison		Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA

¶ On all Sundays outside of Advent and Lent, on the twelve days of Christmas and fifty days of Easter, and on all major feasts follows the Gloria in excelsis, all standing. .

GLORY to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. **And with your spirit.**

Priest. Let us pray.

¶ The people kneel, and the Collect of the Day is prayed by the priest.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

¶ One or two lessons are read, as appointed, each concluding:

Reader. The word of the Lord.

People. **Thanks be to God.**

¶ If two lessons are read, a psalm may be sung or said between them.

¶ *A verse and an alleluia, as appointed, may precede the Gospel.*

Deacon. The Lord be with you.

People. **And with your spirit.**

Deacon. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to *N.*

People. **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

¶ *After the Gospel is said,*

Deacon. The Gospel of the Lord!

People. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

¶ *On Sundays and major feasts a homily is always preached; a homily may be preached at any Eucharist.*

THE CREED

¶ *On Sundays and other days as appointed shall be said the Nicene Creed.*

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *(genuflect or bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. *(rise)* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. And one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE INTERCESSION

¶ *On Sundays and major feasts shall be said the Intercession, the priest beginning,*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

¶ *The people kneel as the deacon continues.*

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech you most mercifully to accept our [*alms and*] oblations, and to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: granting that all those who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech you also, so to direct the hearts of [*N.,... and*] all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice in mercy, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of your true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to [*N.,... and*] all Bishops and other Clergy, that they may by both their life and doctrine set forth your true and lively Word and rightly administer your holy Sacraments.

And to all your People give your heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive your holy Word; truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech you, of your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and assist [*N.,... and*] all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We also commend to your mercy, O Lord, [*N.,.... and*] all your servants ✠ departed this life in your faith and fear; beseeching you to grant. them everlasting light and peace.

¶ *The deacon may add:*

And here we give you most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your Saints; chiefly in Blessed Mary, the Ever Virgin Mother of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, and in [*N.,... and*] the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs; beseeching you to give us grace that we, rejoicing in the Communion of your Saints, and following their good examples, may be partakers with them of your heavenly kingdom:

¶ *The priest concludes:*

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

¶ *The Offertory is begun with the verse appointed for the day, or the following.*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.
1 Chron. 29. 11.

¶ *Then may be collected the Alms for the Poor and other Offerings of the People.*

¶ *The customary Offertory Prayers are printed following the General Rubrics.*

¶ *The priest may announce the intentions for which the liturgy is offered, finishing with:*

Priest. Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

¶ *The priest may quietly pray the Prayer over the Oblations appointed for the day, then:*

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. **And with your spirit.**

Priest. Lift up your hearts.

People. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People. **It is right and fitting so to do.**

IT is truly fitting, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. *Here shall follow the Proper Preface, according to the day or season.* Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and saying,

¶ *Priest and people together:*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory: Glory be to you, O Lord Most High. Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

¶ *The people kneel as the priest continues with one of the following Prayers of Consecration:*

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I (“PRAYER BOOK”)

¶ *The people kneel as the Priest continues with this Prayer of Consecration, compiled from Books of Common Prayer from all over the world:*

ALL glory is yours, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, because you, of your tender mercy, gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; making there by his one oblation of himself a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual offering of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Prayer of Invocation of the Holy Spirit

AND we most humbly beseech you, O merciful Father, to hear us; and to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts and creatures of bread and wine, that, being blessed and hallowed by his life-giving power, they may become the Body and Blood of your most dearly beloved Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,

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WHO on the day before he was to suffer, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

LIKEWISE, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT; FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Prayer of Offering

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, we your servants with all your holy people, having in remembrance the blessed passion, mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for the coming again in power and great glory of your beloved Son, do offer here this holy Bread of eternal life and this Cup of everlasting salvation. And we beg you, O Almighty God, to accept and command them to be borne by the hands of your holy angel to your heavenly altar in the presence of your Divine Majesty.

Prayer for the Communicants

AND here we offer and present unto you, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto you; that we and all others who shall receive from this participation of your altar the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be ✙ filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

Prayer for the Departed

Remember also, Lord, your servants, [*N. and N.*], who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. (*The Priest prays for them briefly with joined hands, and the people also may pray silently for their departed.*) Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace. To us also, your sinful servants, who hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share with your holy Apostles and Martyrs; with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, [Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia,] and all your saints, admit us, we beg you, into their company.

Prayer for the Acceptance of the Offering

AND although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice; yet we beg you to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

The Concluding Doxology

by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ (*The Eucharist continues with the Our Father on the fifth page following, p. 240*)



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II (“SARUM”)

¶ *The people kneel as the Priest continues with this Prayer of Consecration, brought to the English Church by St. Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury.*

THEREFORE most gracious Father, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, we humbly beg you and desire that you accept and bless these gifts, these presents, these holy and unspotted sacrifices, which first of all we offer to you for your holy Catholic Church; that you pacify, keep, unite, and govern it throughout the whole world, with your servant Pope *N.* and our Bishop *N.* and all true believers, and such as have the catholic and apostolic faith in due estimation.

REMEMBER, Lord, your servants and handmaids *N. and N.*, and all that stand hereby round about, whose faith and devotion to you is known and manifest; for whom we offer you, or who themselves offer you, this sacrifice of praise for them and theirs: for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their salvation and health, and render their vows to you, the eternal living and true God.

COMMUNICATING and worshipping the memorial, first of the glorious and ever Virgin Mary the mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ, and also of your blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter, Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus, Linus, Cletus, Clemens, Sextus, Cornelius, Cyprianus, Laurence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmos and Damian, and of all your Saints: by whose merits and prayers grant that in all things we may be defended with the help of your protection.

THEREFORE Lord we beg you to receive this oblation of our service, and of all your household; and order our days in your peace, and command us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered in the flock of your elect.

WHICH oblation we beg you, O Almighty God, in all things to make blessed, appointed, ratified, reasonable and acceptable; that unto us it may be the Body and Blood of your most dearly beloved Son our Lord Jesus Christ:

WHO the next day before he suffered took bread into his holy and reverent hands, and his eyes being lifted up to heaven to you, God Almighty his Father, rendering thanks to you, he blessed, he broke, and he gave to his disciples, saying: TAKE AND EAT OF THIS, ALL OF YOU, FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

LIKEWISE after supper, he taking this excellent cup into his holy and reverent hands, rendering thanks also to you, blessed, and gave unto his disciples, saying: TAKE AND DRINK OF THIS ALL OF YOU, FOR THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT, THE MYSTERY OF FAITH; WHICH FOR YOU AND FOR MANY SHALL BE SHED TO THE REMISSION OF SINS. AS OFTEN AS YOU DO THESE THINGS, YOU SHALL DO THEM IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

WHEREFORE O Lord, we also your servants, and your holy people, being mindful as well of the blessed passion and resurrection as of the glorious ascension of the same Christ your Son our Lord God, do offer to your excellent majesty, of your own rewards and gifts, a pure host; a holy host; an undefiled host; the holy Bread of eternal life, and the Cup of eternal salvation.

GRANT also with a merciful and pleasant countenance to have respect hereunto, and to accept the same, as you accepted the gifts of your righteous servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham, and the holy sacrifice, the undefiled Host, that the high priest Melchisedech did offer to you.

WE humbly beg you, O almighty God, to command that these be brought by the Hands of your Holy Angel to your high altar in the presence of your divine majesty; that as many of us of this participation of the altar shall receive your Son's holy Body and Blood may be ✠ replenished with all heavenly benediction and grace.

REMEMBER, Lord, also the souls of your servants and handmaidens, *N. and N.*, who have gone before us with the mark of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace. We ask you, O Lord, that to them, and to all such as rest in Christ, you will grant a place of refreshing, of light, and of peace. Unto us sinners also, hoping of the multitude of your mercies, grant some portion and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs, with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucia, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and with all your Saints; within whose fellowship we beg you to admit us, not weighing our merits, but granting us forgiveness. By whom, O Lord, all these good things you ever create: you sanctify, you enliven, you bless, and give to us.

Through him; and with him; and in him is unto you God, Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen**

¶ *(The Eucharist continues with the Our Father on the third page following, p. 240)*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III (“1549”)

¶ *The people kneel as the Priest continues with this Prayer of Consecration from the first Book of Common Prayer, by Thomas Cranmer, 69th Archbishop of Canterbury.*

O GOD our heavenly father, who of your tender mercy gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption, who made there (by his one oblation once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us, to celebrate a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Prayer of Invocation of the Holy Spirit

HEAR us (O merciful father) we beg of you; and with your Holy Spirit and word, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify these your gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of your most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

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WHO in the same night that he was betrayed: took bread, and when he had blessed, and given thanks: he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU, DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

LIKEWISE after supper he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: DRINK OF THIS, YOU, ALL OF YOU, FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS: DO THIS AS OFTEN AS YOU SHALL DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Prayer of Offering

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son, our savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants do celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these your holy gifts, the memorial your Son has willed us to make, having in remembrance his blessed passion, mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, rendering to you most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same, entirely desiring your fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our Sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving: most humbly begging you to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

'Prayer for the Communicants

AND here we offer and present to you, O Lord, our selves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice to you: humbly begging you that whosoever shall be partakers of this holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ: and be ✙ filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

Prayer for the Acceptance of the Offering

AND although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice: Yet we ask you to accept this our bounden duty and service, and command these, by the ministry of your holy angels, to be brought up into your holy tabernacle before the sight of your divine majesty; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Christ our Lord,

The Concluding Doxology

by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit: all honour and glory, be yours, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

¶ *(The Eucharist continues with the Our Father on the page following, p. 240)*



THE LORD'S PRAYER

¶ *The Priest begins the Our Father:*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father,

¶ *The people join the priest:*

who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

¶ *The priest may continue alone quietly:*

Deliver us, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and at the intercession of the blessed, glorious, and ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with that of your blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul, and of Andrew and all your Saints, grant us peace in our time, that by your mercy, we may ever be kept free from sin, and safe from all anxiety; through the same Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns one God, world without end.

¶ *The priest and people together continue:*

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

¶ *The priest breaks the consecrated Host in silence, and then says.*

Priest. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People. **And with your spirit.**

¶ *Then he places a small piece of the Host in the Chalice, saying quietly:* May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

¶ *The Agnus Dei is sung or said as follows:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

¶ *The priest may continue alone quietly:*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, ‘Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;’ Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church; and grant to it that peace and unity which is according to your will, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

¶ *Here the Priest may genuflect, take the Host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice, while facing the people, say aloud:*

Priest. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People. **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

¶ *Then may the Priest and people say this prayer, either silently or aloud, all together.*

WE do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your many great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies and souls may be made clean by his Body and washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may for ever live in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

¶ *Then shall the Priest receive the Holy Communion in both kinds and proceed to deliver the same to the Clergy and People in order. If desired, the Agnus Dei may be sung or said here instead to accompany the communion of the altar party.*

¶ *The Sacred Host is administered with:* The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ *And the Most Precious Blood with:* The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.



¶ *When the distribution of Communion is over, the Priest says quietly:*

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity. *as the Priest, Deacon or an acolyte purifies the paten over the chalice and also the chalice itself.*

¶ *Silence may be kept; then the Priest continues:*

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. **And with your spirit.**

Priest. Let us pray.

¶ *All kneel, and the Postcommunion Prayer of the Day is prayed.*

¶ *Here, or immediately before the offertory may be made any necessary announcements, what Holy Days or Fasting Days are to be observed in the week following; the Banns of Matrimony, etc.*

¶ *Then, the People kneeling, the Priest pronounces the Blessing.*

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. **And with your spirit.**

May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *The Deacon may dismiss the faithful.*

Deacon. Depart in peace.

People. **Thanks be to God.**

¶ *The priest may conclude with the opening words of the Gospel of Saint John:*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. *(genuflect)* And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, *(rise)* full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

People. **Thanks be to God.**



THE OFFERTORY PRAYERS

¶ *If there is no music, the priest may audibly say these offertory prayers, otherwise he may say them quietly:*

At the offering of the host:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

✠ Blessed be God for ever.

or this:

Receive, O holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, this spotless host, which I your unworthy servant now offer unto you, my God, the living and the true, for all my countless sins, wickedness, and neglect; and for all those here present, as also for all the faithful in Christ, both quick and dead, that it may set forward their salvation and mine, to life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *The deacon, or the Priest, pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

At the offering of the chalice:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands it will become our spiritual drink.

✠ Blessed be God for ever.

or this:

We offer unto you, O Lord, the cup of salvation; beseeching your mercy that it may ascend in the sight of your divine Majesty as a sweet smelling savor for our salvation, and that of the whole world. Amen.

At the offering of ourselves:

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

At the invocation of Him Who is the Font of holiness:

Come, O Sanctifier, almighty and everlasting God, and bless this sacrifice made ready for your holy Name.

¶ *Here the gifts, altar, priest, and people may be blessed with incense.*

PROPER PREFACES

FOR THE LORD'S DAY

¶ *To be used on Sundays as appointed, but not on the succeeding weekdays*

1. Of God the Father (Preface 1)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ *or this*

2. Of God the Son (Preface 2)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

¶ *or the following*

3. Of God the Holy Spirit (Preface 3)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

FOR SEASONS, FOR HOLY DAYS AND VARIOUS OCCASIONS

¶ *To be used on Sundays and weekdays alike, except as otherwise appointed*

Advent (Preface 4)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Incarnation (Preface 5)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy

Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Epiphany (Preface 6)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lent (Preface 7)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

¶ *or this*

(Preface 8)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Holy Week (Preface 9)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Easter (Preface 10)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Ascension (Preface 11)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks

to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Pentecost (Preface 12)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

On Weekdays after Pentecost (no Proper Preface)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

FOR OTHER OCCASIONS

Trinity Sunday (Preface 13)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Corpus Christi: The Holy Eucharist (Preface 14)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who, on the day before he offered himself for us upon the altar of the cross, poured out for all mankind the richness of his love and mercy, and from the treasury of his heart brought forth the mystery of the Eucharist: wherein the faith of them that believe is nourished, their hope increased, their love made strong, and a pledge of future glory is received.

Sacred Heart (Preface 15)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; who willed that your only-begotten Son, hanging on the cross, should be pierced by the spear of a soldier; that his Heart, manifest as the shrine of your heavenly bounty, might pour out for us floods of grace and of compassion: and that, since it has never ceased to burn for us with ardent longing, it might be the resting place of those

that love you, and the ever open refuge of safety for the penitent.

Christ the King (Preface 16)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, who anointed your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ with the oil of gladness, to be a priest for ever and a king of all: so that by offering himself on the altar of the cross, a pure and atoning victim, he might accomplish the mystery of man's redemption; and, subduing to his rule the whole creation, might render to your eternal Majesty a kingdom endless and universal: a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of grace and holiness; a kingdom of peace, of love, and of righteousness.

Dedication of a Church (Preface 17)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

Blessed Virgin Mary (Preface 18)

¶ *According to the name of the feast is said:* in the Immaculate Conception, *or* in the Visitation, *or* in the Assumption, *or* in the Nativity, *or* in the Presentation. *In Masses of the Seven Sorrows is said:* in the Transfixion; *on the Memorial of Mount Carmel is said:* in the Commemoration; *on all other Feasts is said:* on the Festival; *on the Mass of Saint Mary on Saturday, and also in Votive Masses in which no special Mystery is celebrated, is said:* in Veneration.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and that in (name of feast) of Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, we should praise you, bless you, and extol you: for by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, she conceived your Only-begotten; and in the abiding glory of her virginity, shed forth on this world the everlasting Light, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saint Joseph (Preface 19)

¶ *Upon the Feasts is said:* on the Festival; *in votive Masses is said:* in veneration.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and that on the Festival (or in veneration) of blessed Joseph, we should magnify you with dutiful praises, bless you, and extol you; because he, being a just man, was espoused to the Virgin Mother of God by your appointment, a faithful and wise servant, made ruler over your household; that with fatherly care, he might guard your only-begotten Son, conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Apostles (Preface 20)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

A Saint (Preface 21)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been chosen vessels of your grace, and lights of the world in their generations.

¶ *or this*

A Saint (Preface 22)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling.

¶ *or this*

A Saint (Preface 23)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son.

All Saints (Preface 24)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, benefit from their prayers, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Baptism (Preface 25)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Marriage (Preface 26)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the love of wife and husband, you have given us an image of the heavenly Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her bridegroom, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who loves her and gave himself for her, that he might make the whole creation new.

Commemoration of the Dead (Preface 27)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

THE DECALOGUE.

¶ *The Decalogue and/or Summary of the Law may be said before the Confiteor in the Preparation.*

GOD spoke all these words, saying:
I am the LORD your God; You shall have no other gods before me.

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them or serve them;

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain;

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother;

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not kill

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW.

¶ *Instead of or in addition to The Decalogue this Summary of the Law may be said before the Confiteor in the Preparation.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

AN ALTERNATE GENERAL CONFESSION.

¶ *The following may be used instead of the Confiteor in the Preparation.*

ALL who do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and regret our many sins and wickedness, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed, by commission and omission, against your Divine Majesty and provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for all our offenses; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you In newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Priest (the Bishop if present) stand up, and turning to the People, say,*

ALmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; have mercy upon you; ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AN ALTERNATE INTERCESSION.

¶ *The following may be used instead of the Intercession printed in the Liturgy.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

For the peace from above, for the salvation of mankind: that righteousness, mercy and truth may prevail among all peoples and nations.

Hear us, good Lord.

For the well-being of your Holy Catholic Church in every place: that you will confirm it in the truth of your holy Word, and grant that all Christians may live in unity, love and concord.

Hear us, good Lord.

For bishops, priests and deacons, especially our Primate (*N*) and our Bishop (*N*), and all those who serve you in this place; that both by their life and teaching, they may set forth your true and life-giving word, and faithfully administer your holy Sacraments.

Hear us, good Lord.

For all who bear authority in this and every land, [*in nations of the Commonwealth* and especially for Elizabeth our Queen, and all those in authority under her,] that in your holy fear they may govern the people in wisdom, justice and peace.

Hear us, good Lord.

For all who spread the Gospel among the nations, and who minister to the suffering, the friendless and the needy; that they may have strength and courage to fulfil your holy will.

Hear us, good Lord.

For all who labour in commerce and industry, especially those whose work is dangerous or burdensome; for all who are engaged in the arts and sciences, and those who teach and study in schools of good learning: for all who keep house and train children; that they may be worthy of their calling to serve you and their fellow men.

Hear us, good Lord.

For those who farm the fields and tend the woods; for all who gather the harvest of the lands and of the waters: and for our faithful use of your creative bounty: that mankind, being delivered from famine and disaster, may acknowledge your glory in all your works.

Hear us, good Lord.

For all who in this transitory life are in danger, trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity (*and especially for your servants N &*

N) that they may have comfort and relief according to their necessities.

Hear us, good Lord.

For all your people, and especially those who worship in this place: that with faith, reverence and godly fear, they may serve you with a glad mind and ready will all the days of their life.

Hear us, good Lord.

We commend to your keeping all your servants ✠ departed this life in your faith and fear (*and especially N and N*), that you will grant them mercy, light and peace.

Hear us, good Lord.

May we, together with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles and Martyrs, and all your saints, [*especially N our patron*], be partakers of your everlasting kingdom: through the mercies and merits of Jesus Christ your Son our only mediator and advocate.

**To you be honour, glory and dominion, now and forever.
Amen.**

AN EXHORTATION

¶ *After the prayer of Intercession, the Priest may say this Exhortation at his discretion.*

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, you who intend to come to the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Savior Christ, must consider how Saint Paul urges all persons to examine themselves diligently before they presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For just as the benefit is great if with a truly penitent heart we receive that holy Sacrament, so also is the danger great if we receive the Body and Blood of Christ unworthily, conscious of grievous sin. Judge therefore yourselves, brethren, that you be not judged by the Lord; repent you truly for your past sins; have steadfast faith in Christ our Savior; amend your lives and be in perfect love with all men; in order to partake appropriately of the holy mysteries. And above all things you must give most humble and hearty thanks to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Savior Christ, both God and man; who humbled himself even to death upon the Cross for us miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. To him therefore, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, let us give, as we are obligated to do, continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to his holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. *Amen.*

AN ALTERNATE POST-COMMUNION.

¶ *The following may be used instead of the Post-Communion appointed for the day.*

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we heartily thank you, for having fed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and that you assure us thereby of your favour and goodness towards us; and that we are truly members incorporate in the mystical body of your Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of your everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beg of you, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to perform; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

OPTIONAL PRIVATE PRAYERS AFTER THE EUCHARIST

Blessed, praised, worshipped, hallowed, and adored be Jesus Christ on his throne at the right hand of the Father, in the most holy sacrament of the altar, and in the hearts of his faithful people, now and for ever, world without end. *Amen.*

May the divine assistance remain with us always, and may the ✙ souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. And may light perpetual shine upon them. *Amen.*

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and all other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. *Amen.*

AN ACT OF SELF OBLATION

Acept, O Lord, my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I am and have you have given me; and I give all back to you to be disposed of according to your good pleasure. Give me only the comfort of your presence and the joy of your love; with these I shall be more than rich and shall desire nothing more. *Amen.*

SOME GENERAL RUBRICS FOR THE EUCHARIST

- ¶ *The ordinary full ending of the collect is, 'through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth God, world without end'. If the Name of our Lord has been mentioned in the collect, the words 'the same' are inserted before 'Jesus Christ'. If the Holy Spirit has been mentioned the words 'same Spirit' are substituted for 'Holy Spirit.' When the collect is addressed to God the Son the ending is 'Who with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest God, world without end'. The full ending is used for the first Collect of the Day. For all other collects, the short ending, "through Christ our Lord" or "through the same Christ our Lord" is used.*
- ¶ *The Anglican Tradition appoints seasonal collects for some seasons and octaves. It is customary when more than one collect is prayed together that the first collect takes the full ending as above, and the rest are combined under one ending, that is, the second (and subsequent, if any) collects omit any ending, and the last collect takes the full ending as above.*
- ¶ *If there be no Reader the parts assigned to the same shall be taken by the Deacon, and if there be no Deacon the parts assigned to him shall be taken by the Priest.*
- ¶ *The Confiteor or Alternate Confession may follow the Intercession instead of coming at the beginning, in which case the salutation before the Collect for Purity immediately follows the Trinitarian Invocation.*
- ¶ *Anthems and Hymns from a book approved by the Ordinary may be inserted at the customary places, as well as instrumental music. All music is employed at the discretion of the rector, vicar, pastor or incumbent of the place.*
- ¶ *In all rubrics, "say" is understood to include "sing."*
- ¶ *Any of the parts of the Mass traditionally sung by the congregation, Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Eucharistic Dialogue, Sanctus, Our Father, and Agnus Dei, may be sung without regard to whether any other parts are sung, at the discretion of the celebrant.*
- ¶ *The Kyrie may be sung or said threefold or ninefold, and in English or in Greek.*
- ¶ *The bread to be used shall be pure unleavened wheat bread, and the wine shall be the pure fermented juice of the grape*
- ¶ *In the Agnus Dei at Requiems, "have mercy on us" is replaced by "grant them rest," and "grant us peace" by "grant them rest eternal."*
- ¶ *The parts of the Liturgy customarily reserved to the Deacon are the proclamation of the Gospel, the Intercession, the preparation of the altar, the administration of the chalice, and the dismissal of the people. If there is no Deacon present, these parts may be given to assisting Priests. In no case are the Deacon's parts to be given to others when there are Deacons available.*
- ¶ *The clergy are the ordinary ministers of the Eucharist. If there be insufficient clergy for the administration of the sacrament so that the service be unusually prolonged, the sacrament may be administered by laymen especially licensed for the same by the Or-*

dinary. In no case are extraordinary ministers to be used when ordinary ministers are available.

- ¶ As is the customary, traditional, and most reverent practice, the people receive the Host on the tongue. If desired, Communion in both kinds may be given by intinction, in which case the laity receive the Host on the palm, from whence it is taken by the Deacon or extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, who intincts It in the Chalice, and places It on the tongue of the faithful. The Host is never intincted by the communicant.*
- ¶ The Ordinary may, at his discretion, grant temporary permission for the people in a place to receive the Host in the hand. This permission is not to be granted universally nor permanently, as the traditional and reverent means of receiving Communion is always to be taught and preferred.*
- ¶ The Sacrament may be reserved in a tabernacle or aumbry according to canon law in a prominent place where the faithful may visit, on the main altar where possible.*
- ¶ If among those who come to be partakers of the Holy Communion, the Priest shall know any to be an open and notorious evil liver, or to have done any wrong to his neighbours by word or deed, so that the Congregation be thereby offended; he shall forbid him to presume to come to the Lord's Table, until he shall have openly and truly repented and amended his former evil life, that the Congregation may thereby be satisfied; and that he has recompensed the parties to whom he has done wrong; or at least declare himself to be in full purpose so to do, as soon as he conveniently may. The same order shall the Minister use with those, between whom he perceives malice and hatred to reign; not suffering them to be partakers of the Lord's Table, until he know them to be reconciled. And if one of the parties, so at variance, be content to forgive from the bottom of his heart all that the other has trespassed against him, and to make amends for that wherein he himself has offended; and the other party will not be persuaded to a godly unity, but remain still in his forwardness and malice; the Minister in that case ought to admit the penitent person to the Holy Communion, and not him that is obstinate. Provided, That every Minister so repelling any, as is herein specified, shall be obliged to give an account of the same to the Ordinary, within fourteen days after, at the farthest.*

