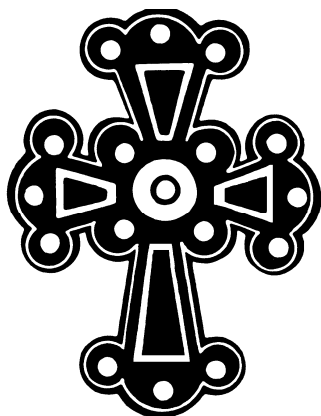


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Introduction

The Syro-Chaldean Liturgy

The Syro-Chaldean Liturgy is the form of the Liturgy authorized for general use within the Evangelical Apostolic Church of North America. It is based on the Aramaic¹ liturgy of Mar Addai and Mar Mari². This liturgy is built around prayers that are among the oldest that have come down to us. They clearly embody the Semitic beginnings of the Church and are still offered in the language Jesus spoke.

The second preface, before the “Holy, holy, holy Lord”, labeled “B”, is the original Hebrew prayer from which all other prefaces derive. It is still used in Jewish synagogue worship.

Alternate Forms

In addition to the Authorized Liturgy, there are certain other forms of the Eucharistic prayers approved for alternate use within the Evangelical Apostolic Church. Comments on these follow.

The Liturgy of St. James

The Eucharistic prayers in this liturgy originated in Jerusalem and date from the fifth century at the latest. It is one of the earliest liturgies to set forth the work of Christ within the context of the Holy Trinity in a comprehensive and systematic way. It

¹ Aramaic, and its sister dialect, Syriac, were the languages in common use throughout the Middle East at the time of Christ. The Jews in the Holy Land generally spoke Aramaic, which is very closely related to Hebrew. It was Jesus’ native tongue.

² Mar Addai and Mar Mari are two missionaries who went to Mesopotamia (modern Iraq) during the first century. They were among those whom Jesus sent out as recorded in Luke 10. The title “Mar” is an Aramaic one meaning lord or bishop. It is used for bishops and saints in the Church of the East.

comes out of a Hellenistic environment yet loses none of the substance of the earlier Judeo-Christian Eucharist. It is a beautiful and complete presentation of the Gospel. This liturgy is closely related to, and may be the direct predecessor of the liturgies of St. Basil³ and St. John Chrysostom⁴. These liturgies are the ones used universally throughout the Eastern Orthodox Churches. The St. James Liturgy is still used in its Syriac version by Syrian “Jacobite” and “Uniate” (in union with Rome) Christians. In recent years various Eastern Orthodox bishops have again authorized its use.⁵

The Liturgy of Taizé

The Liturgy of Taizé is a modern composition from the Protestant Reformed monastery of Taizé, France. Even though it is modern in composition, it is firmly founded on the ancient, catholic Eucharistic faith. Coming from a Reformed tradition, this is definitely a “Western” liturgy and, as such, is quite similar to the Roman canon. For use in the Evangelical Apostolic Church, the intercessions have been restored to their original place following the epiclesis, the calling down of the Holy Spirit. This incorporates the whole Church into this corporate act of thanksgiving.

The American Liturgy

This Eucharistic prayer is also modern in composition yet ancient in inspiration and content. It is very similar to the fourth prayer of the Roman Mass and Eucharistic Prayer “D” of the

³ St. Basil the Great (329-379) was Metropolitan of Caesarea, a great champion of the orthodox faith during a turbulent period, and is considered one of the fathers of Eastern monasticism.

⁴ St. John Chrysostom was the patriarch of Constantinople from the year 397 to 407. He was well known for his preaching.

⁵ Boyer, Louis; The Eucharist, University of Notre Dame, 1968.

Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. Like these, it relies on the Liturgies of Addai and Mari, St. James, and St. Basil.

The Book of Holy Service

The Book of Holy Service is provided for use in the parishes and missions of the Evangelical Apostolic Church of North America and other jurisdictions of the Communion of National Catholic Churches. It contains the various Eucharistic liturgies authorized for use in the Church as well as liturgies for the sacraments and pastoral offices that are part of normal congregational life. It does not contain liturgies for ordination to Holy Orders or other special services.

This book also contains the Psalter or Book of Psalms in the Authorized King James version for use during liturgical worship. This version is used as a means to lend added dignity to the recitation of the Psalms. Just as the Psalms in the original Hebrew used a stylized form of the language for much the same reason, so the more archaic form of English is used here.

In this particular edition of the service book, all instructional rubrics are in italics. The portions that are to be recited by the congregation are in bold face making it easier for the participant to focus on those words. Portions to be recited by the ministers of the service are in normal type.

Rite of Vesting and Preparation

Priests and Deacons together

Stretch forth thy hand, O Lord, from thy holy dwelling place on high, and strengthen us for this, thine appointed service; that standing joyfully before thy holy altar, we may fulfill the sacred rite. For thine is the kingdom and the power, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 122

בית יהוה גלך:	שמחתי באמרים לי
בשעריך וירושלם:	עמדות היו רגלינו
כעיר שהבקהילה יחדיו:	ירושלם הבנויה
שבטרינה עדות לישקאל	ששם עלו שבטים
כי שמה ישובו כסאות למשפט	להראת לשם יהוה:
שאלו שלום וירושלם	כסאות לבית הויר:
יהי שלום בחילך	ישליו אהביך:
למען אחי ורעי	שלוה בארמנותיך:
למען בית יהוה אלהינו	ארברהנא שלום בך:
	אבקשה טוב לך:

I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the LORD.
Our feet shall stand within thy gates,
O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city
That is compact together:
Whither the tribes go up,
The tribes of the LORD,
Unto the testimony of Israel,
To give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

For there are set thrones of judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now say, Peace *be* within thee.
Because of the house of the LORD our God
I will seek thy good.

O God cleanse me, a sinner, and have mercy on me.

Deacon

Bless Master, the sacred vestments.

Priest

Blessed is our God, always, now and forever. Amen.

While putting on the amice...

Blessed is God, who placeth on my head the helmet of salvation,
to repel the assaults of the enemy.

While putting on the alb...

Blessed is God, who purifieth me from all stain and cleanseth my
heart, that washed in the blood of the Lamb, I attain everlasting
joy.

Priest, while putting on his stole...

Blessed is God, who poureth out upon his priests his grace, like
the precious ointment on the head which ran down upon the
beard, even upon the beard of Aaron; which ran down to the
skirts of his garment.

While girding themselves...

Blessed is God, who girdeth me with strength, and hath made
my path blameless, and hath given me feet like those of a hart,
and hath set me on high.

While putting on the cuffs: the right...

Thy right hand, O Lord, is glorified in strength. Thy right hand,
O Lord, hath shattered the enemy, and through the multitude of
thy glory thou hast crushed the adversaries.

The left...

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me. Enlighten my mind, and I shall learn thy commandments.

Deacons, while putting on their dalmatics...

My soul shall exult in the Lord. For He hath endued me with the robe of salvation, and with the garment of joy hath he clothed me. He hath set a crown upon my head, like a bridegroom, and as a bride hath he adorned me with beauty.

Deacons, while putting on their stoles...

Blessed is God who hath called me to his service and placed his yoke upon me that I may learn form him and offer to him the sacrifice of my good works.

While putting on their crosses...

Blessed is God who hath called me to take up my cross and follow him.

While washing their hands...

Psalm 26:6-12

I will wash mine hands in innocency:
So will I compass thine altar, O LORD:
That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving,
And tell of all thy wondrous works.

LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house,
And the place where thine honour dwelleth.

Gather not my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with bloody men:
In whose hands is mischief,
And their right hand is full of bribes.

But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity:
Redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
My foot standeth in an even place:
In the congregations will I bless the LORD.

While leaving the vestry...

O God, cleanse me, a sinner, and have mercy upon me.

By thy precious Blood thou hast redeemed us from the curse of the Law: in that thou wast nailed to the Cross, and wast pierced with a spear. Thou hast poured forth immortality upon mankind, as from a fountain, O our Savior. Glory to thee.

Qudasha

Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

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Liturgy of the Word

All stand for the beginning of the Liturgy. The service may be opened with singing.

Greeting

Priest

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People

Amen.

One of the following two sets of greeting and response are used.

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you. Amen

(Or)

Priest

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer

Special intentions for the service may be announced. A time for free prayer and praise is appropriate. The priest may offer a collect for the day.

All

Almighty God, unto Thee all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Thee no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalms

The appointed psalms are recited or sung. Following each psalm or section (Ps. 119), all say the doxology.

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.

First Censing

Incense is prepared and brought to the priest who says the following blessing. He then takes the censer and censes the altar, the people and the sanctuary.

The following canticles are recited or sung during the censing.

Priest

As the angel with the golden censer stands before Thy Holy Altar, O Lord, we now offer this sweet smelling incense before Thy glorious throne, remembering that as this fragrant smoke rises before Thy face, so the prayers of Thy servants ascend into Thy presence. Amen.

**‘Like the Pleasant Scent’
(Akh Itra)**

Deacon

How beloved are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts.

People

Like the pleasant scent of good incense, and odor of the fragrant censer, accept, O Christ our Savior, the desires and prayers of Thy servants.

Deacon

My soul hath waited and longed for the courts of the Lord.

People

Like the pleasant scent of good incense, and odor of the fragrant censer, accept, O Christ our Savior, the desires and prayers of Thy servants.

Deacon

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

People

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

Deacon

For all Thy help and graces toward us, for which we can never repay, we shall confess and glorify Thee without ceasing, for Thou art the Lord and Creator of all, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

‘Thee, Lord of All’ (Lakhu Mara)

People

Thee Lord of all, we confess, and Thee, Jesus Christ, we glorify, for Thou art the Healer of our bodies and the Savior of our souls.

Deacon

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the House of the Lord."

People

Thee Lord of all, we confess, and Thee, Jesus Christ, we glorify, for Thou art the Healer of our bodies and the Savior of our souls.

Deacon

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

People

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

Deacon

Thou, O Lord, art indeed the Healer of our bodies and Thou art the Good Savior of our souls, and Thou art the constant preserver of our life. Thee, O Lord, we are bound to confess, worship and glorify at all times, O Lord of All, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Thrice Holy (Trisagion)

The Thrice Holy may be recited or sung by all together or by the priest and people alternately.

Deacon

Lift up your voice, all ye people, and glorify the Living God.

Priest

Holy God, Holy Almighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy upon us.

People

Holy God, Holy Almighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy upon us.

Priest

O Holy God, Holy Almighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy upon us.

All sit and attend to the reading of the Holy Scriptures

First Reading

Priest

May Christ make us wise by His holy Teaching and as a beautiful mirror of His Word.

Reader

The first reading is found in the (___) book of ___, the ___ chapter.

Following the reading...

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Reader

The epistle (second reading) is found in the letter (book) of ___, the ___ chapter.

Following the reading...

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel

All stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel, which is brought to the people.

Deacon

God sends forth His voice, and it is a mighty voice, let us attend to the reading of the Holy Gospel.

(Or)

On special occasions the following Festal Proclamation is to be used.

Deacon

O, ye who believe in the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, come and listen to the words that cure the body and give life to the soul.

The Son of God became a man among men, and with His command loosened the sin that had taken hold of man.

The treasure of the Spirit opens before you this discourse, and this book is all full of life and blessings.

The devils run away and the demons proceed forth with dread and fear when they hear these life-giving tidings.

This is the gate through which a man may enter into the kingdom and this is the way which is all clear of stumbling blocks.

This is the speech that if the living treat with contempt will die, this is the voice that if the dead hear, they come to life.

This is the light, this is the truth, this is the life of Him concerning whom it speaks, it is He the judge of the dead and the living.

It is necessary that you should know that all people through Him shall be saved, believe and be assured that all sins through Him shall be remitted.

The sower went out that, instead of seed, he may sow the Word, instead of the ground, he may offer to Him the hearts.

Life, blessedness, compassion and mercy is His Word; hope and life unto the dead is His voice.

Blessed is he who believes in Him and confirms His words, for if he is dead, he shall live, and if he is living, he shall not die in his sins.

The only begotten of God came into the world, and above nature and contrary to custom, He shone forth from the Virgin.

The sick He cured, the lepers He made clean, devils He drove out, and death He vanquished. He died, He came to live, He rose and into Heaven He ascended.

Spirit He sent upon the Apostles and made them wise, and unto the four corners to preach the Gospel He sent them.

And now St. ___ is interpreting the things he saw and heard, therefore, whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.

Censing of the Gospel

Incense is prepared and brought to the priest who says the following blessing and censes the Book of the Gospels. Following the reading, he again censes the Book. The life giving Gospel is brought to the people in procession. It is preceded by the thurifer. Two lights, born by acolytes or men of good reputation, accompany the Holy Book

Priest

May that same sweet fragrance, O Lord, that breathed forth from Thee when Mary the sinner poured fragrant ointment on Thy head, be mingled with this incense which we offer to Thy honor and glory, O Lord our King. Amen.

Reading of The Holy Gospel

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Priest

The Holy Gospel according to St. ____.

People

Glory be to Christ our Lord.

Following the Gospel..

Priest

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to Christ our Lord.

Here may be sung a hymn.

Sermon

The Symbol of Faith (The Creed of Nicea)

Priest

Let us love one another that with one mind we may confess One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Trinity, one in being and undivided.

All

We believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. ✞ For us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary, and became man. ☩ For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in fulfillment of 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look

for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Priest

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:
וְאַהַבְתָּ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל־לֵבְךָ
וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל־מְאֹדְךָ:
וְאַהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כַּמוֹךָ

Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Elohaynu, Adonai Ekhad. V'avavta et Adonai Elohekha b'khol l'avavka, uv'khol nafsh'kha, uv'khol m'odekha. V'avavta l'ray'kha kamokha.

Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is One. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind. And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

All kneel, pause to recollect their sins, and then confess.

All

I confess to Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, before the whole company of Heaven, and to you beloved of God, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed; by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg almighty God to have mercy on me and you my brethren to pray for me to the Lord our God.

(A time may now be given for personal and corporate confession of sins to God, spoken privately, or aloud, or by personally coming forward to the priest.)

The Priest stands.

Priest

God Almighty have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The following section may be added.

(Optional)

All

Father in heaven, have mercy on me a sinner! Lord Jesus, have mercy on me a sinner! Holy Spirit, come and fill my emptiness!

Priest

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the redeeming name of Jesus, I, His Presbyter, forgive and loose you from all Thine sins, in the name † of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All

Amen. I come in faith to Thy Holy Altar. I receive and accept Thy forgiveness, O Lord Jesus.

(End of optional section.)

All

Amen

Peace

Deacon

Christ is in our midst.

People

He is and always will be.

Deacon

In joy, let us share the peace of the Lord.

(Or)

Deacon

Peace be with you.

People

And also with you.

Deacon

In joy, let us share the peace of the Lord.

All exchange the Kiss of Peace with one another.

Liturgy of Communion

Congregational Prayers

Deacon

Let us offer to the Lord our prayers, our praises, and our thanksgivings.

The people are encouraged to offer their own prayers, bringing to the Lord, at His altar, their petitions, intercessions, and thanksgivings, accompanied with praise. After adequate time is allowed, the priest concludes with the following.

Priest

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, Thy Church giveth honor, glory and worship, now and forever.

People

Amen

(or)

Priest

Almighty God, Thou hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and hast promised through Thy well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His Name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

People

Amen.

Offertory

Priest

Let us come and sacrifice everything to the One who raised Christ Jesus from the dead.

The people now offer their tithes and offerings, along with the bread and wine, which are all brought forward by members of the congregation.

During the offertory, a hymn may be sung.

The priest now washes his hands, repeating the following verse.

Priest

I will wash my hands in innocence; so will I compass Thine altar, O God.

The people now stand and the priest continues.

Priest

O apostles of the Son and lovers of the Only Begotten, Pray that there may be peace in creation.

People

Thy peace, O Lord.

The priest lifts up the chalice and paten as he says the following. At the places marked ', he strikes them together.*

Priest

Unto Thee, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Israel, O glorious King, * we offer these mysteries on Thine altar * until the second and glorious coming of our Lord from Heaven, to whom be glory * now and forever.

The priest pours wine into the chalice and says...

This wine is poured into this cup, the chalice of salvation, recalling the blood that flowed from the side of the Son of God.

He then blesses the water and pours it into the chalice, saying...

This water is poured into this cup, the chalice of salvation, recalling the water that flowed from the side of the Son of God.

He holds the chalice up and offers this prayer.

May the mingling of this water and wine, which are now inseparable, remind us that Christ (who came by water and the blood) has now joined Himself to our humanity and our humanity is being joined to His deity, never to be separated.

The priest now raises the paten and blesses the bread.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
הַמוֹצֵיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohaynu, Melekh ha-olam, hamotzee lekhem min ha-aretz.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth; that is about to become for us the bread of life.

He raises the chalice and blesses the wine.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
בוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohaynu, Melekh ha-olam, boray pree hagofen.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, creator of the fruit of the vine; that is about to become our spiritual drink.

The priest now sets the chalice down. Incense may be prepared and brought to the priest to cense the elements.

Here follows the consecration of the bread and wine and the communion in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, according to the form of the Evangelical Apostolic Church. Alternate forms may be

approved by the bishop. Approved forms will be found following the Liturgy. The Anaphora is always to be used

The Great Thanksgiving

Anaphora.

In the prayers that follow, the celebrant may choose between those marked 'A' and those marked 'B'. Portions in parentheses are optional or may be used to replace the preceding word.

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Priest

Lift up Thine hearts.

People

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Preface

A

Priest

Worthy art Thou of praise from every mouth and of confession from every tongue; and worthy of adoration and exaltation is Thine adorable and glorious name, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In great love, Thou didst create the world; in compassion, its inhabitants.

In Thy mercy, Thou gavest unto mankind Thy salvation, and Thine abundant grace unto mortals.

Thousands and thousands of those on high bow down and worship Thy majesty, O Lord. Ten thousand times ten thousand holy angels and hosts of spiritual beings (ministers of fire and spirit) glorify Thy name, with holy cherubim and spiritual seraphim, offering worship to Thy sovereignty, calling out and praising without ceasing, and crying one to another saying:

(or)

B

Priest

Blessed art Thou, our Rock, our King, and our Redeemer, creator of holy beings. Praised be Thy Name forever, our King, creator of the ministering angels, all of whom stand in the heights of heaven and with awe proclaim in unison, aloud, the words of the living God and everlasting King. All of them are beloved, all of them are pure, all of them are mighty. They all, with awe and reverence, do the will of their Creator. They all open their mouths with holiness and purity, with song and melody, while they bless and praise, glorify and extol, sanctify and acclaim...

The Name of the great and mighty and awesome God and King; holy be He.

They all accept the yoke of the Kingdom of Heaven, one from another, granting permission to one another to hallow their Creator. In serene spirit, in pure voice and holy melody, they all in unity proclaim with awe saying:

All

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosannah in the highest.

Blessed is He who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Hosannah in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest

And with these heavenly hosts, we also, O Lord, even we, cry out and say, holy art Thou indeed and truly glorious. Lofty art Thou and exalted above all. Thou hast made Thy worshipers on earth worth to become like those that worship Thee in heaven. Holy also is Thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with the Holy Spirit, is with Thee eternally, and from whom all things are created.

We do bless, O Lord, God the Word, the Son of Thy bosom, Thy likeness and the brightness shining from Thee, and the image of Thy being; who thought it not robbery to be Thine equal, but emptied Himself and took upon Himself the form of a slave, and was made in the likeness of mankind.

(He was a perfect man molded by the power of the Holy Spirit for the salvation of us all. He was born of a woman and born under the Law to redeem those who were under the Law and to give life to all those who died in Adam. He slew sin in His flesh and abolished the Law of laws by His commandments, and He opened the eyes of our understanding which were blind, and prepared for us a way of salvation. He enlightened us with the light of the knowledge of God, and to those who received Him, He gave power to become the sons of God. And He washed us and absolved us by the baptism of holy water, and sanctified us in His grace by the gift of the Holy Spirit, and those who were buried with Him in baptism, He resurrected and lifted up and transported them to heaven with Him, in accordance with His promise.)

As He loved His own which were in this world, so He loved them even to the end, and offered Himself up in our stead for the punishment due the sins of our race.

(For the life of all, He gave Himself for all, over to Death which ruled over us, and to whose power we were subject, having been sold to it because of our sins.)

And by His precious blood, He ransomed and saved us, and descended into Sheol, and undid the bonds of death. And because it was right that the prince of Our Salvation be not held in Sheol by death, He rose from the dead on the Third Day and became the first fruits of them that sleep: for He is the first in all things. He ascended into heaven and sat down at the right hand of Thy majesty, O God, and left us the remembrance of our salvation, this mystery which we offer before Thee.

Words of Institution

Priest

When the time approached in which He had to endure the passion and draw near to death, in the night He was delivered for the life of the world, He took bread in His holy hands and blessed and broke and gave it to His disciples saying,

Take, eat,

This is My Body,

Broken for you,

Do this as a remembrance for me.

People

Amen.

Priest

Likewise, after they had eaten, He took the cup, saying,

Drink of this, all of you,

This is My Blood of the New Covenant,

Shed for you, and for many,

For the forgiveness of sins,

Do this as a remembrance for me.

People
Amen.

Proclamation (Anamnesis)

Priest
Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

A

People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

(or)
B

People
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim Thy death, Lord Jesus, until Thou comest in Glory.

Oblation

Priest
Commemorating this command of our Savior and all that was done for our sake, the Cross, the Grave, the Resurrection after three days, the Ascension into heaven, the Enthronement at the Right Hand, and the second and glorious Coming Again, Thine own, of Thine own, we offer Thee in all and for all.

People
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we give thanks to Thee, O Lord, and we pray to Thee, O our God.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit (Epiklesis)

A

Priest

May there come, O Lord, the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, and may He rest and dwell upon us, and upon this Oblation (Qurbana), which we offer before Thee. May He bless and consecrate it ✠ and make this bread ✠ and this cup ✠ to be the Body and the Blood of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, Thyself transforming them and sanctifying them through the working of Thy Holy Spirit, that the reception (receiving) of these Holy Mysteries may be for us who partake of (share in) them, unto life eternal and resurrection from the dead, for the absolution of body and soul and illumination of knowledge, for confidence before Thee and for that eternal salvation about which Thou hast spoken to us through Jesus Christ our Lord, so that we may all cleave together in one accord, in one bond of love and of peace, that we may become one Body and one Spirit, as we have been called in one hope of our calling.

(or)

B

Priest

May there come, O Lord, the grace of the Holy Spirit, and may He rest and dwell upon this Oblation (Qurbana) which we offer before Thee. May He bless ✠ and hallow it and make of this bread ✠ the Body of Thy Son, and of this wine ✠ the Blood of Thy Son, changing them that they may be unto us for pardon and amendment, for healing and for renewal, for the great hope of resurrection from the dead and for new life in the Kingdom of Heaven with all those who have been well pleasing in Thy sight. And grant that we may all cleave together in one accord, in one bond of love and of peace, that we may become one Body and one Spirit, as we have been called in one hope of our calling.

Intercession

Remember, O Lord, Thy One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, redeemed by the Blood of Thy Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith and preserve it in peace.

Remember, O Lord, our (Metropolitan, etc.) Bishop (N) and all the bishops, with the clergy and the entire people Thy Son hast gained for Thee.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ (especially N...) and those whose faith is known to Thee alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may enter our inheritance with them, in the company of Mary the virgin Mother of Christ, and with all the Saints and Apostles where, in union with them, we shall praise Thee and give Thee glory through Thy beloved Son our Lord, Jesus Christ.

And for all Thy grace and love towards us, our Lord, we confess and glorify Thee without ceasing, within Thy Church redeemed by the precious Blood of Thy Christ. With unclosed mouths and open faces, we praise, bless and adore Thee, thank Thee and extol and acclaim Thee, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, by Whom and with Whom and in Whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Thine, almighty Father, now and forever.

People

Amen.

Fraction

The priest breaks the Body into two pieces and signs the Blood in the sign of the Cross, using one of the pieces of the Body so that they are mixed. One of the following forms is used.

A

Priest

The Body of Christ, broken but not divided, ever eaten but never consumed.

**'Father of Truth'
(Ava D'Kushta)**

All

Father of Truth, behold Thy Son. A sacrifice pleasing to Thee, accept this offering of Him who died for me. Behold His Blood shed on Golgotha for my salvation. Many are my sins, but greater is Thy mercy. When placed on a scale, Thy mercy prevails over the weight of the mountains known only to Thee. Consider the sin and consider the atonement; the atonement is greater and exceeds the sin. Thy beloved Son sustained the nails and the lance because of my sins, so in His sufferings Thou art satisfied and I live.

Glory be to the Father who sent His Son for our sake; adoration to the Son, who by His crucifixion redeemed us; thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit, through whom the mystery of our salvation was brought to fullness. Blessed is God who in His love gave us life. To Him be glory. Amen.

(or)

Priest

Praise to Thy holy Name, O our Lord Jesus Christ, at all times and forever. Amen. Thou art the living and life-giving bread which came down from heaven.

People

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, for Thy boundless gifts to us. Amen.

Priest

We draw near, O Lord, in the true faith, to these holy gifts, and by Thy compassion we break the Body, and by Thy goodness we sign the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

People

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord, invisible King.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord, eternal Son.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord, all sanctifying Holy Spirit,
Forever and ever.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest

Make Thy tranquility, O Lord, to dwell among us, and Thy peace within our hearts, and may our tongues proclaim Thy truth, and may Thy Cross be the guardian of our souls while we make new harps of our mouths and speak a new language with tongues of fire. Make us worthy, O Lord, to stand before Thee with a pure heart and an open face, and with confidence born of Thee, to pray this pure and holy prayer (which Thou didst teach Thy true disciples) saying:

All

Our Father, 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The celebrant may now cense the Body and the Blood.

Communion

The celebrant takes communion then gives it to the clergy and acolytes. He then gives the cup to a deacon, blesses him, and invites the people to receive.

The preferred method of receiving is to receive a piece of the Body into the palm of the hand then grasp it between two fingers and dip it in the Blood.

Priest

The Body and Blood of Our Lord Christ are given to me a priest.

The Body and Blood of Our Lord Christ are given to you a deacon/deaconess of Christ.

The Body and Blood of Our Lord Christ are given to you an acolyte of the Lord.

Delivering the Cup to the deacon (in the absence of a deacon, an acolyte of member of the congregation may be used)...

Priest

The grace of the Lord be with you and with us and with the partakers of this Cup, now and in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Deacon

With you and with us and with the partakers of this Cup, now and in the Kingdom of Heaven.

They lift up the Body and the Blood for all to see, inviting the people to receive.

A

Priest

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to His banqueting table.

People

Lord, I am not worthy to receive Thee, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

(or)
B

Priest

Holy things for a holy people, as is perfectly right.

People

One is Holy, One is the Lord, Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

It is customary for the people to receive the Body of the Lord in their hands then to dip the piece in the chalice before consuming it. Communicating the people...

Priest

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given to you,
(N), servant/handmaid of the Lord.

Thanksgiving

A deacon now leads the people in thanks while the priest and other clergy consume any left over elements and clean the vessels. All are to stand.

Deacon

Let us all who by the grace of the Holy Spirit have partaken of these glorious, holy and lifegiving mysteries (stand and) give thanks with one accord and glorify God who gave them.

People

Glory be to Christ for His unspeakable gifts.

A

Deacon

Let us pray. It is fitting, O Lord, everyday, and right at all times, and proper every hour, to confess and worship and praise Thy holy and wonderful Name. For by Thy grace, Thou hast enabled the weak nature of mortal man, with the spiritual ones, to hallow Thy Name, to partake in the mysteries of the Body and Blood of Thy Son, to take delight in the sweetness of Thy Words, and to raise voices of praise and thanksgiving to Thee, the glorious God, at all times, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(or)

B

Deacon

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou didst give us Thy Body and Blood in the Eucharist as a sign that even now we share Thy life. May we come to possess it completely in the Kingdom where Thou livest forever and ever. Amen.

(or)

C

Deacon

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for feeding us with the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Savior, and for fulfilling the Kingdom of God within us, making us one bond of love and peace, and one body, and one spirit, and of one hope and calling; may Thy Kingdom grow stronger and clearer, in us and through us, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

At this time any important announcements are made. The people may sit.

Following the announcements, all stand and bow their heads for the benediction.

Deacon

Let us bow our heads for the blessing.

Priest

May He who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places, in Christ Jesus our Lord, and has bidden us to His Kingdom, and has called us and brought us near to His longed for blessings, which pass not away, neither cease, nor are banished, even as He promised and assured us in His lifegiving Gospel, when He said to the blessed company of the Disciples, "Truly, I say unto you, whoever eats My Body and drinks My Blood, dwells in Me and I in him, and I will raise him up at the last day, and he shall not come into judgment, for he has passed from death to life eternal."

May He then bless our congregation and guard our company and make our people glorious, which have come and had delight in the power of His glorious and holy and lifegiving mysteries.

With the living sign of the Cross of Our Lord, be you sealed and guarded from all harm, hidden or open, now and forever. Amen.

(or)
B

Priest

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep Thine hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

(or)
C

Priest

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Y'varekh'kha Adonai, v'yism'rekha; ya-eer, Adonai, panav aylekha veekhunka; yisa Adonai panav aylekha v'ysaym l'kha shalom.

(or)
D

Priest

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional

The clergy process out during the singing of the recessional.

Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

(or)

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Liturgy of St. James

Preface

Priest

How truly meet and right, equitable and availing to salvation it is, to praise Thee, to hymn Thee, to bless Thee, to adore Thee, to glorify Thee, to give Thee thanks; Thee, the creator of every creature, whether visible or invisible, the treasury of eternal good things, the source of life and immortality, the God and the master of all things, who art hymned by the heavens and the heavens of the heavens, and all their powers, the sun and the moon and the whole choir of stars, the earth, the sea and all that is found therein, the heavenly Jerusalem, the assembly of the elect, the Church of the First Born whose names are inscribed in heaven, the souls of the righteous and the prophets, the souls of the martyrs and the apostles, the angels, the archangels, the thrones, the dominations, the principalities and the authorities and the awesome powers, the cherubim with the countless eyes, the six-winged seraphim, who with two wings hide their face, with two wings hide their feet, and fly with the other two, crying out one to the other with unceasing voices and incessant hymns, the victory hymn of the majesty of Thy glory, with one great voice, singing, proclaiming, glorifying, crying out and saying:

Sanctus

All

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord Sabaoth,
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory,
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is He who hath come and who cometh
In the Name of the Lord,
Hosannah in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest

Thou art holy, King of ages and the Lord and giver of all holiness, and Holy is Thine Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom Thou hast made all things, and Holy is Thine All-Holy Spirit who probest all things, and Thine own depths, O God and Father; Holy art Thou, Almighty, who canst do all things, awesome, good, and merciful, Thou who showest special compassion to Thy work, who didst make from the earth man in Thine image and likeness, who didst give to him the enjoyment of paradise and who, when he broke Thy commandment and fell, didst not turn away from him, and in Thy kindness, didst not abandon him, but instructed him as a merciful father, didst call him by the law, didst teach him by the prophets. Finally, Thou didst send Thine Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into the world, so that He might renew and revive by His coming, Thine own image; He is the one who came down from heaven, and having taken flesh from the Holy Spirit and Mary, the Virgin, Mother of God, and having lived among men, did arrange everything for the salvation of our race.

Words of Institution

As He who is without sin was about to suffer for us sinners a voluntary and life-giving death by the cross, on the night He was betrayed, or rather when He handed himself over, for the life of the world and its salvation, He took bread in His Holy, pure, spotless and Immortal hands, and having raised his eyes to heaven, and presenting it to Thee, God and Father, giving thanks, he blessed it and hallowed it, and broke it and gave it to his holy disciples and apostles, saying:

Take, eat,
This is My body,
Broken for you
And given for the remission of sins

People
Amen.

Priest
Likewise, after having supped, taking the cup, and having mixed into it wine and water, raising his eyes to heaven, he presented it to Thee, God and Father, giving thanks, blessed it, hallowed it, filled it, with the Holy Spirit and gave it to His holy and blessed disciples and apostles, saying:

Drink of this all of you,
This is the Blood of the New Covenant,
Shed for you and for many,
And given for the remission of sins,
Do this as a remembrance of Me:

Proclamation (Anamnesis)

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you announce the death of the Son of Man and you proclaim His resurrection until He comes.

Deacon
We do believe and we do proclaim.

All
We announce Thy death, Lord, and we proclaim Thy resurrection.

Priest

We sinners, being mindful of His life-giving sufferings, His saving cross, and His death, and His burial, and His rising from the dead on the third day and His return to heaven and His sitting at Thy right hand, God and Father, and His second glorious and awesome parousia, when He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead, when He will render to each according to His works – spare us Lord our God! – or rather we offer in accordance with Thy mercy, to Thee, Master, this awesome and unbloody sacrifice, beseeching Thee not to deal with us in accordance with our sins and not to render to us according to our iniquities, but according to Thy mildness and Thine unutterable love for men, abrogating and blotting out the document that accuses us, to grant to our entreaties Thy heavenly and eternal gifts which eye has not seen nor ear heard and which have not entered into the heart of men, gifts which Thou hast prepared, O God, for those who love Thee: Do not reject Thy people on account of me and my sins, Lord, friend to men, for Thy people and Thy church I beseech Thee.

People

Have mercy upon us, Lord, God the Father, the Almighty.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit (Epiclesis)

Priest

Have mercy upon us, O God, O Father, O Almighty, have mercy upon us, God our Savior, have mercy upon us according to Thy great mercy, and send upon us and upon these gifts which we present to Thee, Thine All-Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who shareth the throne with Thee, God and Father, and with Thine Only-Begotten Son, and who reigneth with Thee, consubstantial and coeternal, who did speak through the law and the prophets and in the

new covenant, the one who came down in the form of a dove upon our Savior Jesus Christ in the River Jordan, and who did remain with Him; the one who came down upon Thy holy Apostles with the appearance of tongues of fire, in the upper room of the holy and glorious Zion on the day of Holy Pentecost; send down Thine All-Holy Spirit Himself, Master, upon us and upon these holy gifts which we present to Thee, so that by visiting them with His holy, good and glorious presence, He may sanctify them and make this bread ✠ the holy Body of Christ.

People

Amen

Priest

And this cup ✠ the precious Blood of Christ,

People

Amen

Priest

So that they may be for all those who partake of them for the remission of sins and for eternal life, for the sanctification of souls and bodies, for the fruitfulness of good works, for the strengthening of Thy holy Catholic and Apostolic Church which Thou didst found upon the rock of faith so that the gates of hell may not prevail against her, delivering her from every heresy and scandal of the workers of iniquity, preserving her until the end of the ages.

All

Amen.

American Liturgy

Preface

Priest

Father in Heaven, it is right that we should give Thee thanks and glory: For Thou alone art God, living and true. Through all eternity Thou livest in unapproachable light, source of life and goodness, Thou hath created all things. Thou filleth Thy creatures with every blessing and leadeth all men to joyful vision of Thy light. Countless hosts of angels stand before Thee to do Thy will; they look upon Thy splendor and praise Thee, night and day. United with them, and in the name of every creature under heaven, we too praise Thy glory as we sing:

Sanctus

All

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory,
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is He who cometh in the Name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!**

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest

Father we acknowledge Thy greatness: all Thine actions show Thy wisdom and love. Thou didst form man in Thine own likeness and settest him over the whole world to serve Thee, his creator, and to rule over all creatures. Even when he disobeyed Thee and lost Thy fellowship Thou didst not abandon him to the power of death, but

didst help all men to seek and to find Thee. Again and again Thou didst offer a covenant to man, and through the prophets taughtest him to hope for salvation. Father, Thou didst so love the world that in the fullness of time Thou didst send Thine only Son to be our Savior.

He was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, a man like us in all things but sin. To the poor He proclaimeth the good news of salvation, to prisoners, freedom, and to those in sorrow, joy. In fulfillment of Thy will He gaveth himself up to death; but by rising from the dead, He destroyed death and restored life. And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for Him, He didst send the Holy Spirit from Thee Father, as His gift to those who believe, to complete His work on earth and bring to fullness the sanctification of all.

When the time came for Him to be glorified by Thee, His heavenly Father, having always loved those who were his own in the world, He showed the depth of his love.

Words of Institution

Priest

When the time approached in which He had to endure the passion and draw near to death, in the night He was delivered for the life of the world, He didst take bread in His holy hands and didst bless it and break it and give it to his disciples saying

Take, eat,

This is my body,

Broken for Thee,

Do this as a remembrance for me.

People

Amen

Priest

Likewise, after they had eaten, He didst take the cup,
saying

Drink of this, all of you,

This is my blood of the New Covenant,

Shed for you, and for many,

For the forgiveness of sins,

Do this as a remembrance for me.

People

Amen.

Priest

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Oblation

Priest

Commemorating this command of our Savior and all that was done for our sake, the cross, the grave, the resurrection after three days, the ascension into heaven, the enthronement at the right hand of the Father, and the second and glorious coming again, Thine own, of Thine own, we offer Thee in all and for all.

People

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we give thanks to Thee, O Lord, and we pray to Thee, O our God.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit (Epiclesis)

Priest

Father, in Thy goodness and mercy, may Thy Holy Spirit descend upon us and upon these gifts which we offer before Thee. May He bless and hallow and show them to be holy gifts for Thy holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Look upon this offering which Thou didst give to Thy Church; and by Thy Holy Spirit, gather all who share this bread and wine into the one Body of Christ, a living sacrifice of praise.

People

Amen

Liturgy of Taize

Preface

Priest

Almighty God, it is right always and everywhere to give Thee thanks and praise and to glorify Thee, our creator and our Lord, the source of all goodness and life; who in these last days hast given up Thy beloved Son, Jesus, as a lamb slain before the foundation of the world, who hath redeemed us to God by His blood, out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation. Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the hosts of heaven who worship Thee, calling out, praising without ceasing, and crying one to another saying:

Sanctus

All

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory,
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Supper

Priest

Our Father, God of the hosts of heaven, fill with Thy glory this our sacrifice of praise. Bless, perfect and accept this offering as the figure of the one and only sacrifice of our Lord. Send Thy Holy Spirit upon us and our Eucharist: consecrate this bread to be the body of Christ and this cup to be the blood of Christ; that the creator spirit may fulfill the word of Thy well beloved Son.

Institution of the Lord's Supper by Christ

Priest

When the time approached in which He had to endure the passion and draw near to death, in the night He was delivered for the life of the world, He took bread in His holy hands and blessed it and broke it and gave it to His disciples saying

Take, eat,

This is my body,

Broken for you,

Do this as a remembrance for me.

People

Amen

Priest

Likewise, after they had eaten, He took the cup, saying

Drink of this, all of you

This is my blood of the New Covenant,

Shed for you, and for many,

For the forgiveness of sins,

Do this as a remembrance for me.

People

Amen

Proclamation (Anamnesis)

Priest

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death till he comes.

Memorial of the Mysteries of Christ

Priest

Wherefore, O Lord, we make before Thee the memorial of the incarnation and the passion of Thy son, His resurrection from

His sojourn with the dead, His ascension into glory in the heavens, His perpetual intercession for us; we await and pray for His return. All things come from Thee, and our only offering is to recall Thy gifts and marvelous works. Moreover we present to Thee, O Lord of glory, as our thanksgiving and intercession the mysteries of the eternal sacrifice of Christ, unique and perfect, living and holy, the bread of life, which comes down from heaven, and the cup of the feast in Thy kingdom. In Thy love and mercy accept our praise and our prayers in Christ, as Thou wast pleased to accept the gifts of Thy servant Abel the righteous, the sacrifices of our Father Abraham, and of Melchizedek, Thy high priest.

Invocation of the Spirit for Communion

Priest

Grant us the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may discern the body and the blood of Christ. May His communion transform our lives, take away our sins, fill our hearts with the Holy Spirit, give us the fullness of the kingdom of heaven and confidence before Thee, and deliver us from all condemnation, through Christ our Savior.

All

Amen.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

For the Sacrament of Reconciliation, both the priest and the penitent face the altar side by side with the penitent kneeling to the right of the priest who stands. It is customary for the priest to drape the end of his stole around the shoulders of the penitent.

The sacrament begins with both saying together the following prayer.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness. In Thy great mercy, blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions only too well, and my sin is ever before me.

Holy God, Holy Almighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy upon us.

Penitent

Bless me, for I have sinned.

Priest

May God in His love enlighten your heart, that you may remember in truth all your sins and his unfailing mercy. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to Him .

Using one or more of the following:

Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will refresh you. (Matthew 11:28)

God loved the world so much that he gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Here is a saying that you can rely on, no one should doubt it: That Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (I Timothy 1:15)

If anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole World's. (I John 2:1-2)

Now in the presence of Christ, and of me, his minister, confess your sins with a humble and obedient heart to Almighty God, our Creator and our Redeemer.

Penitent

Holy God, heavenly Father, Thou hast formed me from the dust in Thine image and likeness, and hast redeemed me from sin and death by the cross of Thy Son Jesus Christ. Through the water of Baptism Thou hast clothed me with the shining garment of His righteousness, and established me among Thy children in Thy kingdom. But I have squandered the inheritance of Thy saints, and have wandered far in a land that is waste.

Especially, I confess to Thee and to the Church. . .

The penitent confesses particular sins.

Therefore, O Lord, from these and all other sins I cannot now remember, I turn to Thee in sorrow and repentance. Receive me again into the arms of Thy mercy, and restore me to the blessed company of Thy faithful people through Him in whom Thou hast redeemed the world, Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The priest may now offer words of comfort and council.

Priest

Will you return again to Christ as your Lord?

Penitent

I will.

Priest

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Penitent

I believe

Priest

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord, who was born, suffered, and died, and is risen from the dead?

Penitent

I believe.

Priest

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

Penitent

I believe

Priest

Do you, then, forgive those who have sinned against you?

Penitent

I forgive them.

Priest

May Almighty God in mercy receive your confession of sorrow and of faith, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in life eternal. Amen.

Laying hands on the penitent:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has left power to His Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in Him, of His great mercy forgive you all your offenses; and by His authority committed to me, I absolve you from all your sins:

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

Now there is rejoicing in heaven; for you were lost, and now you are found; you were dead, and are now alive in Christ Jesus our Lord. Go (*or* abide) in peace. The Lord has put away all your sins.

And pray for me, a sinner.

Penitent

Thanks be to God.

Declaration of Forgiveness to be used by a Deacon or Lay Person

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who offered Himself to be sacrificed for us to the Father, forgives you your sins by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sacraments of Initiation

Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is normally to be performed during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist following the Sermon. All baptisms are performed within the context of the parish or mission into which the individual is being brought through the sacrament. Baptisms outside a parish or mission are not permitted except in cases of extreme emergency.

Each person being baptized is presented by sponsors who either vouch for the genuineness of the person's intentions and faith, if the candidate is an adult, or, if a child, pledge to see that the person is raised and educated in the faith. For children, the sponsors are traditionally a married couple and another person the same sex as the child. This is not mandatory. However, the sponsors must have a genuine faith in Christ themselves and be in obedient submission to His Church. In the case of those who are so physically or mentally incapacitated that there is no expectation of their ever being able to confess faith in Christ Jesus, the sponsors answer for them as with a little child.

Infant children are not to be presented for baptism without the consent of their parents and, if possible, their participation. In certain cases, a pastoral exception may be made if the consent of only one living parent can be obtained or if there are seriously extenuating circumstances. In all such extraordinary cases, the responsibility of the sponsors is proportionally greater as is the requirement for them to have a strong and mature faith.

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Priest

Let us hearken to what David says as he stands here in spirit by those who have come to receive baptism "O all ye that thirst, come to God the Lord. Be strengthened and put on might.

Wretched Adam when he had fallen called sadly upon the Lord God and God answered him. When he came to the waters of the River Jordan God renewed him who before had fallen into ruin.”

People

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

Priest

May the seal of grace be a protection to us who believe. As by the blood sprinkled on the doorposts the Hebrews were saved from the destroyer, by the grace of this living and divine washing of renewal, may we who take refuge in it be saved. So by this unquenchable light within us shall we behold the Trinity.

People

Amen.

Presentation

Deacon

Those to be baptized shall now be presented.

Sponsor

I present (full name) to receive the sacrament of baptism.

First Anointing and Enrollment

Priest

Do you desire to be baptized into Christ's body, the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church?

Candidate

I do.

If Children are being presented...

Priest

Will you see to it that the child you present is brought up in the faith and life of Christ?

Sponsors

We will, with god's help.

Priest

Will you, by your prayers and example, help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors

We will, with god's help.

Priest

O God, give to (name) that Holy Breath which thine only Son breathed upon His disciples. Lord prepare him/her to receive thy Holy Spirit and banish from his/her mind all vestiges of wrong worship.

The Priest anoints the candidate with the Oil of Protection.

Renunciation and Allegiance

First form.

Priest

Will you who receive baptism renounce Satan and all his angels, and all fear of him and of all his deceits?

Before responding, the candidate turns toward the West (away from the altar), the domain of darkness and of the Devil.

Response

I who receive baptism renounce you Satan and all your angels, and all fear of you and of all your deceits.

Priest

Do you who receive baptism believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and in all the holy teachings, which have been delivered by Him through the Prophets, Apostles, and Holy Fathers?

Before responding, the candidate turns back toward the East (towards the altar), the realm of light from where the Lord shall come upon His return.

Response

I who receive baptism believe in thee, O Lord Christ, and in all the holy teaching, which have been delivered by thee through the prophets, apostles, and holy fathers.

The Priest anoints the candidate with the Oil of Exorcism.

Second form

For the reaffirmation of Baptismal vows, the Candidates, Sponsors and congregation all answer.

Priest

Do you renounce Satan, all his works and all that rebels against God?

Response

I renounce them all.

Priest

Do you renounce the ways of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Response

I renounce them all.

Priest

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Response

I renounce them all.

Priest

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Response

I believe.

Priest

Do you put your whole trust in Him as your Savior?

Response

I do.

Priest

Will you follow and obey Him as your Lord?

Response

I will.

The Priest anoints the candidate(s) with the Oil of Exorcism.

The Symbol of Faith (The Creed of Nicea)

Priest

Let us join with these who are committing themselves to Christ and love one another, that with one mind, we may confess Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Trinity, One in being and undivided.

All stand and face towards the East.

All

We believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. ✞ For us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary, and became man. ☩ For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in fulfillment of 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Priest

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:
וְאַהַבְתָּ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל־לֵבְךָ
וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל־מַאֲדֶךָ:
וְאַהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כְּמוֹךָ

Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Elohaynu, Adonai Ekhad. V'ahavta et Adonai Elohekha b'khol l'avkha, uv'khol nafsh'kha, uv'khol m'odekha. V'ahavta l'ray'kha kamokha.

Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is One. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind. And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

All kneel, pause to recollect their sins, and then confess.

All

I confess to Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, before the whole company of Heaven, and to you beloved of God, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed; by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg almighty God to have mercy on me and you my brethren to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Priest stands.

Priest

God Almighty have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

At this point, the Priest, his attendants, the candidates for baptism and their sponsors all proceed to the Jordan, the place of baptism.

Preparation

The Third Anointing with the Oil of Gladness

Priest

This person (child) is sealed with the oil of gladness for eternal life, that he/she may be worthy of the adoption of sonship through being born again in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Priest anoints the candidate with the Oil of Gladness.

The Priest now blows upon the waters in the sign of the Cross.

O Lord, may the head of the great serpent which destroys the children of men, be bruised under the sign of Thy cross. May the formless ones, who because of Him cannot appear but belong to the firmament, flee away.

We pray thee, O Lord, that the spirit of darkness may not be able to oppose us at this water and may not be able to enter in anger and evil thoughts into him/her/those who receive(s) baptism. May no evil influence have power over him/her/them.

The Priest blesses the baptismal waters.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Priest

O Almighty Father God, have mercy upon us. From Thy dwelling place on high and from Thy presence in every place, send Thy Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, which is purified. He who is a person, He who is pre-eminent, He who is Lord and life-giver, He who is present in all places, who fills all space, who perfects holiness in those who obey Thy perfect will, not as a servant but as Lord, pure in nature, working in many ways, the spring of spiritual gifts, in essence like to Thee, proceeding from Thee, He is co-heir with Thee and with our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, thine only Son, of Thy kingly throne.

Priest

O Lord, hear us.

People

Lord, have mercy.

Priest

O Lord, hear us.

People

Lord, have mercy.

Priest

O Lord, hear us.

People

Lord, have mercy.

Priest

O Almighty Lord God, make this water to be water of comfort, water of joy and gladness, water that sets before us the death and resurrection of Thy Son, water of purification. Make it to be cleansing from impurity of flesh or spirit, release from all bondage, forgiveness of sins, the light of souls and bodies. Make this to be baptism of a fresh birth, the adoption of sonship, the garment of incorruption, the renewing of Thy Holy Ghost.

Taking the vessel of oil and making with it the sign of the cross in the water the Priest says. . .

Priest

O God, the waters saw Thee; O Lord, the waters saw Thee and were afraid.

People

Hallelujah!

Priest

The voice of the Lord is upon the water, the glorious God has thundered, the Lord sitteth upon the great waters.

People

Hallelujah!

Priest

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

People

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

The Priest then pours oil into the water saying. . .

Priest

We pour this holy oil into this water of baptism with the hope that the old man shall be renewed into a new man, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

People

Hallelujah!

Immersion

The Priest takes the candidate and immerses him in water three times, or immerses him once and pours water over his head three times, saying. . .

Priest

With the hope of life and for the forgiveness of sins, receive baptism for eternal life in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O new lamb born from the water in the name of the Trinity, born from the fount of baptism, we greet thee. As Gideon chose his men at the river, so our Lord chose His in the water of baptism.

The Priest anoints the candidate with the Fourth Anointing, the Oil of Gladness.

Chrismation

The Sacrament of Chrismation is the invocation of the Holy Spirit to indwell and give life to the newly baptized person. It is the same sacrament as Confirmation administered in the Western Church often at a later age for children and by the bishop only.

Chrismation is always to follow immediately upon Baptism as it completes the Rites of Initiation and may be administered by the priest. He is to use the special Chrism consecrated by the bishop for this one purpose only. The Holy Chrism is to be preserved for use in the sacrament and may not be used in any other rite.

The Priest now makes the sign of the cross using the thumb of his right hand with the Holy Chrism (Muron) then, with his right hand laid on the head of the newly baptized, he says. . .

Priest

Good Lord and Heavenly Father, as Thou has given in fullness of Thy Holy Spirit to Thine own child Jesus who Himself was conceived of that same Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary, so grant now to this Thy newly born child the gift of the seal of this Thy same Holy and life-giving Spirit through Jesus to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit we do render our thanks and our praise.

People

Amen.

As a final token of the person's initiation into the Body of Christ as an heir of salvation and his coming into the New Covenant, a cross and a candle are given to the new member. The cross is traditionally provided by the Sponsors.

Giving the Cross...

Priest

The cross of Christ on which was shed the blood which has bought you back to God. You belong to Him.

People

Amen.

Giving candle...

Priest

The light of Christ who is your life. May Christ shine forth from you now and forever.

People

Amen.

Reception Into Fellowship

Priest

(Christian names) is baptized and chrismated in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Priest

The peace of the Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Priest

Let us share the peace of the Lord and welcome these who have been baptized and chrismated.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist now continues with the Peace followed by the Congregational Prayers.

Rite of Affirmation



The Rite of Affirmation is for those who, having been baptized and chrismated at an early age or who have returned to faith after wandering away, desire to affirm publicly their faith and their desire to serve God in His Church, especially as they prepare to take on the responsibilities of adulthood and spiritual maturity.

Liturgy of the Word

The regular order of service is used up to and including the Sermon. The Psalm prescribed for the Rite of affirmation is:

Psalm 24

The readings for the Rite of affirmation are:

Daniel 1:1-7, 17-20

II Timothy 2:1-13

John 15:18-27 or Luke (1-6) 7-10

Sermon

Following the Sermon, the priest calls for those affirming to come forward.

Priest

Those who are affirming their desire to serve God in His holy Church shall now be presented.

A deacon, sponsor or other designated person now leads those who are affirming their faith and service to God forward. The following Psalm is recited.

Psalm 1 – Blessed is the man

Priest

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

People

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

All

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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. Amen

Priest

Let us pray.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, which perfects at all times that which is wanting, by the will of God the Father and the power of the Holy Spirit, be with us evermore. May this same power perfect this high and holy service for the salvation of our life and uphold our feeble hands to do His will now and forever.

People

Amen.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Priest

Do you renounce Satan, all his works, and all that rebel against God?

People

I renounce them all.

Priest

Do you renounce the ways of this world, which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

People

I renounce them all.

Priest

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

People

I renounce them all.

Priest

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I Believe.

Priest

Do you put your whole trust in Him as your Savior?

People

I do.

Priest

Will you follow Him and obey Him as your Lord?

People

I will.

The Symbol of Faith (The Creed of Nicea)

Priest

Let us love one another that with one mind we may confess One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Trinity, one in being and undivided.

All

We believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. ✞ For us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary, and became man. ☩ For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in fulfillment of 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Priest

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:
וְאַהַבְתָּ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל לֵבְבְךָ
וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל מַאֲדְךָ:
וְאַהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כַּמּוֹד

Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Elohaynu, Adonai Ekhad. V'ahavta et Adonai Elohekha b'khol l'avkha, uv'khol nafsh'kha, uv'khol m'odekha. V'ahavta l'ray'kha kamokha.

Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is One. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind. And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

All kneel, pause to recollect their sins, then confess.

All

I confess to Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, before the whole company of Heaven, and to you beloved of God, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed; by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg almighty God to have mercy on me and you my brethren to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Priest stands.

Priest

God Almighty have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Affirmation

Those who are affirming now stand before the priest. An opportunity is provided for any individuals who so desire to testify publicly as to what God has done for them, their reasons for participating in this Rite of Affirmation or other similar words. When all who so desire have finished the priest addresses them collectively with the following:

Priest

You have been baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ putting to death the old man and rising again with Him, putting on the new man and joining Him in His resurrection. You have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Helper promised by our Lord to His holy disciples, that you might live to serve Him with a sincere heart, clear mind, sober spirit and singleness of purpose empowered to do His work.

You have confessed your sins before God and His Church and received His absolution.

You have, at this time, come forward of your own free will to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ and your desire to serve Him faithfully for the rest of your days.

Do you, therefore, now pledge your heart in submission to your Lord and King, obeying Him in all things, serving none other and worshipping Him alone for all your days?

Those affirming

I do.

Priest

Do you now pledge your mind in service to your Lord and King, obeying Him in all things, keeping your thoughts pure and earnestly seeking an ever deeper knowledge of His ways?

Those affirming

I do.

Priest

Do you now pledge your body in service to your Lord and King, obeying Him in all things, keeping yourself from all fleshly corruption and preserving your strength for His holy purposes?

Those affirming

I do.

Priest

Will you obey Christ in His Church, submitting to those whom He has placed in authority over you?

Those affirming

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Priest

Will you seek always to know His call on your life and His will day by day?

Those affirming

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Priest

Will you be ready, in season and out of season, to give an answer to all who ask you the reason for the hope that is within you?

Those affirming

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Priest

I adjure you by God that you ever seek to serve Him and to love Him with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.

The priest now prays for each individual laying his hands on their heads and signing them with the sign of the Cross saying:

I bind you unto your Lord to be a bondservant/handmaiden to the King and I call you into service in His Church in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Any gift being given to the person by the Church is presented at this point.

When the priest has prayed for all, the following Psalm is recited.

Psalm 8 – O Lord, our Lord

Priest

O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth who hast set thy glory above the heavens!

People

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

All

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the 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. Amen.

Peace

Deacon

Christ is in our midst.

People

He is and always will be.

Deacon

In joy, let us greet these new soldiers of Christ and share with one another the peace of the Lord.

All exchange the Kiss of Peace with one another. The service continues with the Liturgy of Communion starting with the Congregational Prayers.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Declaration of Consent

Priest

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People

Amen.

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Priest

Send down, O Lord, Thy peace to be among us, and let Thy safety dwell with this company, may Thy help be ever with us, Thy right hand rest upon us, and Thy cross be for us a wall of defense and a strong refuge, that we may hide under its wings from all affliction, now and forever, O Lord of all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Then the priest shall turn to the bridal party and take the hand of the groom and say. . .

Dearly beloved brother, have you come forward with a free will and a pure heart, free of doubt, to take in marriage the handmaid of the Lord (N) that she may be your helpmate according to the law of Christ and the ordinance of His Church?

Response

Yes, I have so come.

The priest then turns to the bride's father and takes him by the hand, asking. . .

Do you give this maiden, (N) your daughter, to be to (N) a wife and a helpmate according to the law of Christ and the ordinance of his Church?

Response

Yes.

The bride's father is now seated.

Betrothal

The priest shall then take the hand of the bride saying . . .

Priest

Dearly beloved sister, have you come forward of a free will and a pure heart free of doubt, to be taken in marriage to the servant of God (N)?

Response

Yes, I have so come.

The priest now joins the hands of the pair in the form of a cross and says. . .

The Living God, His Holy Angels, and this assembly bear witness that this bridegroom has pledged to hold this bride to his own self in everything fitting and proper concerning the nurture of the body and the soul, in youth and in age, in health and in sickness, in joy and in sorrow, that the saying of the gospel may be fulfilled: "A man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh; henceforth they are not two, but one, and what God has joined together, let not man separate." And this bride has pledged to hold this bridegroom also in everything that is fitting and proper concerning the care of the body and the soul, in youth and in age, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, that the saying of St. Paul might be fulfilled: "wives, submit yourselves to your husbands as to our Lord, for the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ is the head of the church, His eternal bride."

And do you both therefore (N) and (N), consent to this promise, which has been made, and this pledge, which has been pledged?

Response

I do.

As the priest blesses them over their crossed hands he says. . .

The Lord Jesus Christ perfect your deed and bring it to pass, and make you to rejoice in pure and undivided love, that you may be fruitful in the earth. Amen.

One of the deacons leads the congregation in the following anthem while the priest prepares the cup, the rings and the cross for the bride and groom.

Deacon

Show yourselves joyful in the Lord, sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

People

The Lord will give his people the blessing of peace

Deacon

Holy and blessed be His name.

People

Now and forever. Amen.

Deacon

He blessed them so that they multiplied exceedingly.

People

Lift up on us too the light of Thy face, and we shall be saved.

Deacon

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People

In his holy name have we put our trust.

Deacon

The steps of a man are ordered by the Lord.

People

And his way is made sure.

Deacon

Though he stumble yet shall he not be cast down.

People

For the Lord upholds him with His hand.

Deacon

I have been young and now am old.

People

Yet I have not seen the just man forsaken.

Deacon

Nor his seed beg for bread.

People

All the day long he is merciful and lends.

Deacon

And his children are made a blessing.

People

Then turn away from evil and do good.

Deacon

And you shall dwell forever.

People

For the Lord loves justice

Deacon

And will never forsake His saints, they are kept forever.

People

The wicked shall be cut off forever.

Deacon

The righteous shall inherit the land;

People

There they shall dwell forever.

Deacon

Seek the Lord and His strength.

People

Seek the Lord and pray before Him.

Deacon

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

People

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

Blessing of the Cup and Rings

As the priest prepares the cup he says the following. . .

Rejoice and exult, O believing Church, Daughter of the King of the universe; rejoice and exult in the Bridegroom who has married you, and has taken you into His bridal chamber, and has given you His precious body and blood for a dowry, and has mixed for you and in you a spiritual drink for all your children.

The priest mixes water and wine in the marriage cup.

Priest

And we also cry with them:

All:

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Priest

Pour forth Thy blessing, O Christ, and bless this cup ☩ that the bridegroom and the bride may be drunk with love and concord.

May He who blessed Abraham the righteous, and who saved Isaac, be with us and amongst us, the God whom the chaste Jacob saw, bless our company with His right hand. The Lord who was with Joseph preserve our goings. The Mighty God whom Moses saw be with us at all times. And may Jesus; Lord of the prophets and the Crown of the apostles, in whom we have believed, keep us, and may the glorious and undivided Trinity be with us from this time forward and forever.

Bless, O Lord, in body and soul, this bridegroom ☩ and this bride ☩, increase their progeny, and make them to prosper with all good things, bless and keep their sponsors who stand in the place of Thy messenger, and make them co-partners in the joy of their brother, bless the ring ☩ which is a sign of the covenant and contract made between them, bless the wine in the cup ☩ which is a token that they are purchased with Thy blood, and bless us all ☩ that we may praise Thee with them, O Lord of all, ☩ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Priest

O Holy God, Holy Almighty, Holy Ever Living One, have mercy upon us.

People

O Holy God, Holy Almighty, Holy Ever Living One, have mercy upon us.

Priest

O Holy God, Holy Almighty, Holy Ever Living One, have mercy upon us.

The priest takes the cup in his hands and says. . .

We flee to the shelter of Thy name, O Lord, to the name of Jesus Christ, the hope of mankind, the nourisher of youth, and the support of old age. Bless these Thy servants, this bridegroom and this bride, the beloved friends who have been parties to the taking of hands, gladden them with Thy grace, and aid their tongues that they may ascribe to Thee all glory and honor, forever.

He takes up the rings and, signing himself, blesses each ring. The priest now signs the cup with each ring, then drops each one into it. The priest now takes the small gold cross, the gift of the groom to the bride, and says. . .

We revere Thy Holy Cross, O Lord, our Savior, by whom salvation was brought to mankind. When Thou wast lifted up, by Thy cross were many wonderful works accomplished and the church is taken in marriage and saved by its power. At the sight of it, devils tremble, and through it they are conquered. For it, the holy martyrs shed their blood, and here through its saving power the troth of the bride and bridegroom is plighted. The faithfulness of Thy servants, O our Lord, is established in Thy cross. They are glad and rejoice forever.

He signs the cup with the cross, then drops it in.

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Priest

Let us pray.

The priest now joins hands of bride and groom with his hand and prays. . .

Priest

O Holy God, who didst form man from the dust and didst fashion woman from his rib and didst join her unto him as a helper, for it seemed good to Thy Majesty that man should not be alone upon the earth, may Thou, the same Lord, stretch out now also Thy hand from Thy Holy dwelling place and unite this Thy servant (N) and this Thy handmaid (N), for by Thee is the husband joined to the wife. Unite them in one mind; wed them into one flesh, granting to them the fruit of the body and the procreation of fair children. For Thine is the majesty and the kingdom and the power and the glory, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

The priest now gives the cup to the bridegroom who drinks about two-thirds of it. The priest then signs the groomsman between the eyes with the cup and gives it to the bride. She drinks what remains and returns it to the priest who now signs the bridesmaid between the eyes. The rings and cross are removed and dried. The groom's ring is given to the bride and vice versa. They then exchange rings placing each on the other's finger and making any pledges or vows they wish. The bridegroom takes the cross and hangs it around the neck of the bride as his first gift to her. The groom removes the veil which she has been wearing, in token of his right as her new husband, and prepares her to receive the crown of her bridehood.

Priest

These two are now become one. May God's name be praised.

There may now be sung a hymn.

Crowning

The deacon leads the people in the following anthem while the bride and bridegroom are led before the priest for the solemn crowning.

Deacon

To Thee I lift up mine eyes, to Thee who dwelleth in the heavens.

People

As the eyes of slaves are fixed on their master's hand.

Deacon

As the eyes of a slave girl are fixed on the hand of her mistress.

People

So our eyes are fixed on the Lord our God, until He take pity on us.

Deacon

Pity us, O Lord, take pity on us for we have had more than our share of scorn.

People

More than our share of jeers from the complacent, of scorn from the proud.

Deacon

He is your Lord, worship Him.

People

The king shall rejoice in Thy strength, O Lord.

Deacon

The King's daughter has risen in glory.

People

And they shall praise Thy name, for it is great.

Deacon

Magnify the Lord our God.

People

I will magnify the King.

Deacon

He who is from everlasting to everlasting keep us as the apple of His eye.

People

The Lord is true in his sayings.

Deacon

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

People

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

During the latter, the bride and groom are led before the priest. The deacon takes the blessed crowns and stands behind them. The priest says the prayer of the crowning.

Priest

Give thanks, O Church, to the Son of the King who has wedded you, and introduced you into His palace; who has given you the blood which flowed from His side to be your dowry, and has clothed you with a splendid mantle of light which does not fade away; who has set on your head a beautiful and glorious crown (*here the deacon crowns the pair*), and has caused your scent like that of pure incense to go forth to all people (*here they are censured*); who has beautified you with blossoms and flowers and with the lilies, and freed you on the hill of Golgotha by the suffering of His cross.

Thy blessing, O Lord, thundereth throughout the earth. Thy praise ascendeth on high, and crowneth the heads of Thy servants, and perfecteth their undertakings. Perfect, O Lord, these Thy servants. Bless them that they may offer Thee glory, honor, praise, and worship at all times, now and forever, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Priest

Let us stand in joy and gladness, cry aloud and say...

All stand

Deacon and People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest

O Heavenly Bridegroom, who didst shed Thy precious blood as a dowry for Thy spouse, we pray to Thee.

Deacon and People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest

O Heavenly Bridegroom, who hath called those above and those below to Thy wedding feast – the Gospel of Thy Kingdom, we pray to Thee.

Deacon and People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest

O Heavenly Bridegroom, whose marriage abideth forever, give concord to Thy worshippers who are joined together by Thy law, and grant them Thy peace.

Deacon and People

Amen.

Priest

O Heavenly Bridegroom, who didst turn the water into wine at Cana, and didst gladden the guests, gladden the hearts of this couple joined in Thy church and grant them Thy love.

Deacon and People

Amen.

Priest

O Heavenly Bridegroom, who didst rejoice in the innocence of children, gladden the lives and fill the house of this bride and this bridegroom with many children, and grant them to prosper.

Deacon and People

Amen

Priest

For an angel of peace and mercy, and for a blessing upon this house, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon and People

Amen

Priest

We dedicate ourselves, and this bridegroom and this bride, the sponsors and the guests, and all the company to Thee, O Christ, our Lord, and our true Bridegroom.

Deacon and People

To Thee, O Lord.

At this point, all are called to take their seats for the reading of lessons after the standard order of the Eucharistic liturgy, which continues through communion, and the prayer of thanksgiving.

Liturgy of the Word

Homily to Bride and Groom

Holy Eucharist

It is customary during the offertory for an usher and bridesmaid or other appropriate persons to bring the bread and wine from the rear of the church to the bridegroom and bride who then present them to an acolyte, deacon or the celebrant.

After the clergy are communicated, the bridegroom and bride shall receive communion together and before all others.

Following the prayer of thanksgiving after communion, the bridegroom and bride are led before the priest for the Great Blessing and Sealing.

The priest shall bless the groom, his right hand on his head.

Priest

You have humbly bent your head before the Lord and His people O bridegroom; may Christ lift up your head and make you to prosper in this world and in His kingdom.

The blessing of the Lord be upon you. Now I will bless you from the Scriptures.

May the heat of the sun and the changes of the moon do you no harm. May your head be always lifted up, so that your enemies may be subdued; may you always be discerning, and never be judged. May Christ order all your doings, keeping you in your going out and your coming in, and enrich all your affairs. May you be prosperous both openly and secretly, and may you ever have a good and gracious name. May your cup be always full like the pearly rivers of the land of God and may your children abound like the overflowing brooks. May your seed increase exceedingly, like the swelling Tigris, and may your name multiply like the Euphrates throughout the nations. May the health of your soul and body be doubled, and your riches be two-fold, both heavenly and earthly. May the shadow of the light-bearing cross keep you by day and by night, and may your house prosper and advance so that you may rejoice therein

always. May your knowledge and wisdom be like glittering gold in the presence of your fellows, and may your steps be guided by the care of the Lord. May your sleep be perfected in rest, so that you may awake in the morning with joy. At mid-day may blessings gather around you, and may you find peace at all times. May the crown of your head and the attire on your body be blessed, and your household, and your bridal chamber. May you go on from strength to strength, and from glory to glory, from one degree to another, and from virtue to virtue. May God increase the honor of your name like that of David and of Solomon. May your children stand before you in joy, and surround your table like the plants of the goodly olive. When you stretch forth your right hand, may the right hand of the Lord be with you, and when you stretch forth your left hand may His help accompany you. May your doings be done in peace, and may the evil one never come near to you by night or by day. May our prayers be granted and our petitions accepted on your behalf, and let the divine care ever accompany you and encompass you as a high wall. May the fruits of your love increase, and their roots be established before all men, and may priests come forth from your stock. The glorious Trinity † grant us every blessing, and may God be glorified in you, and let us all say...

People

Amen and amen.

Then the priest shall bless the bride likewise, his right hand also on her head.

Priest

O God, who blesseth the righteous, bless this our bride who hath been crowned, adorn her inwardly with loveliness, and beautify her outwardly with excellence. Bless the house, which she shall enter as Thou didst the Queen of Sheba, and sanctify the bridal chamber allotted to her. Multiply the treasure of her jewels and ornaments, and give to her husband when he goes to her the blessings, which he awaits. Let her house be free from strife and debate, and let the excellency of her honor and report increase among her companions. Give her joy of heart and enlighten her eyes. Heal all the pains of her body and pardon the sins of her

soul. May she be held up as a good example to brides, and may she be blessed with the words of the priests and the sayings of the deacons. Purify her body with health, and adorn her face with modesty. May her name be good, and may she ever live in rest and tranquility. Look down from heaven, O Most High, and bless Thine handmaiden and her husband. By Thy right hand she was created, may she be kept forevermore by Thy grace. Make ready for her the gifts of righteousness, life, and health out of thy treasury, and grant her requests with full and overflowing measures from the wellsprings of Thy mercy. Let Thy right hand rest upon her, that she may seek refuge under Thy wings, and deliver her from the Evil One and his powers, that she may be an abode for Thy honor. Let the righteous women among Jews and Gentiles rise up before her, and may she be remembered with them. Make her, O Lord, by Thy mercies, a follower of Sarah and bless her children as Thou didst bless Isaac. Grace her as Thou didst Rebecca, and keep her children as Thou didst keep Jacob. Make her as lovely as was Rachel, and her seed as fruitful as of Joseph. Bless her womb as that of Leah, that she may be the mother of many. Let safety dwell in her house and increase the peace in her borders. Let priests come of her children and deacons of her seed. May her husband be glad and her parents rejoice greatly; and let goodly sons be nurtured on her knees, and inherit wealth of houses and fields. May her sons and daughters be prosperous and peaceful. Let Thy handmaiden be blessed O Lord, with the words of benediction, and by the prayers of Thy saints, that she may ascribe praise all the days of her life to the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and let us all cry together and say with her...

People

Amen and amen.

Sealing

The priest shall take up the hand cross and seal the congregation, who shall bow their heads.

Priest

Upon you, O glorious bridegroom, † delectable rose wreathed in the crown of the heavenly bridegroom; and upon you, O beauteous, pure, and virgin bride † adorned with the graces of the church, and upon you, honored friend of the groom, † likened unto John the Baptist; and upon you, lovely and revered bridesmaid, † and upon all this assembly of friends and supporters, † and faithful believers, may the peace, † mercy, † blessing † and grace of our adorable God rest and overflow at all times, now and forever. Amen.

There now follows the Recessional and the Dismissal.

Burial of the Dead

The service for the Burial of the Dead is normally a Eucharist with prayers and readings specific to the occasion. The liturgy prescribed here is somewhat simpler than the regular Eucharistic liturgy. Any parts of the standard Eucharist not given here may be used along with that prescribed.

During the prayers, the deceased person's Christian name is inserted wherever the letter N appears. If the deceased is female, the word "her" is substituted for the italicized word "him" as it appears in the text. For the word "brother", the word "sister" is substituted.

If the service is not to include a Eucharist, all parts of this service shall be used except for the Eucharistic prayers and Communion.

All stand as the Priest leads the casket to the front of the Church while declaring the hope of all believers.

Priest

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

(John 11:25-26)

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

(Job 19:25-27)

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For if we live, we live unto the Lord; and if we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

(Romans 14:7-8)

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

(Revelation 14:13)

The casket is positioned at the front of the congregation in the center with the head towards the altar.

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you

Priest

Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of Thy servant *N.*, and grant *him* an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of Thy saints; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

At the burial of a child, the following may be substituted for the above prayer.

Priest

O God, whose beloved Son didst take little children into His arms and blessed them: Give us grace, we beseech Thee, to entrust this child *N.* to Thy never-failing care and love, and bring us all to Thy heavenly kingdom; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

Psalms

The appointed psalms are recited or sung. Following each psalm, all say the doxology.

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.

One or more of the following psalms is used.

Psalm 42 – As the Hart Panteth After the Water Brooks

Psalm 46 – God is Our Refuge

Psalm 121 – I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Psalm 139 – O LORD, Thou Hast Searched Me

Epistle

For the Epistle, one of the following is used.

Romans 8: 24-39

I Corinthians 15: 20-26, 35-49, 50-58

Revelation 21:1-7

Reader

The epistle is found in the letter (book) of ____, the ____ chapter.

Following the reading...

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel

All stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel, which is brought before the casket.

One of the following is used.

John 5: 24-29

John 10: 11-16

John 11: 21-27

John 14: 1-6

Deacon

God sends forth His voice, and it is a mighty voice, let us attend to the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Priest

The Holy Gospel according to St. ____.

People

Glory be to Christ our Lord.

Following the Gospel..

Priest

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to Christ our Lord.

Here may be sung a hymn.

Sermon

The sermon is preached by the Priest. It may be followed by special words offered by members of the family and friends as determined in consultation with the Priest prior to the service.

The Symbol of Faith (The Creed of Nicea)

All stand.

Priest

Let us love one another that with one mind we may confess One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Trinity, one in being and undivided.

All

We believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. ✎ For us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary, and became man. ↗ For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in fulfillment of 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Priest

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:
וְאַהַבְתָּ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל־לִבְבְּךָ
וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל־מַאֲדֶךָ:
וְאַהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כְּמוֹךָ

Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Elohaynu, Adonai Ekhad. V'ahavta et Adonai Elohekha b'khol l'avkha, uv'khol nafsh'kha, uv'khol m'odekha. V'ahavta l'ray'kha kamokha.

Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is One. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind. And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

All kneel, pause to recollect their sins, and then confess.

All

I confess to Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, before the whole company of Heaven, and to you beloved of God, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed; by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg almighty God to have mercy on me and you my brethren to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Priest stands.

Priest

God Almighty have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All

Amen

Peace

Deacon

Christ is in our midst.

People

He is and always will be.

Deacon

In joy, let us share the peace of the Lord.

All exchange the Kiss of Peace with one another.

Here follows The Liturgy of Communion from the standard Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist beginning with the Congregational Prayers. The Congregational Prayers may be offered freely or designated individuals may offer specific prayers or a special litany may be used.

Following the Communion and Thanks giving...

Commendation

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you

Priest

Let us pray.

Into Thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Thy servant *N*. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech Thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive *him* into the arms of Thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

People

Amen.

Here follow the Blessing, Recessional and Dismissal as provided in the Liturgy.

Following the service of Burial of the Dead, the casket is taken to the place of burial where family, friends and members of the congregation gather for the Committal.

Committal

The coffin is lowered into the grave with all present. A shovel is to be provided for use during the service and earth made available. When the coffin is completely lowered and any equipment used has been removed, the Priest begins.

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you

Priest

Let us pray.

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies, by his Spirit that dwelleth in us.

Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

The Priest takes a shovel full of earth and casts it upon the coffin. Others may do the same during the following.

Priest

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our *brother N*; and we commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless *him* and keep *him*, the Lord make His face to shine upon *him* and be gracious unto *him*, the Lord lift up His countenance upon *him* and give *him* peace.

People

Amen.

The following Psalm is recited by all together.

Psalm 23 – The Lord is My Shepherd

(A Psalm of David.)

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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 mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Dismissal

Priest

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

People

Amen

The Psalter

1— *Blessed is the Man*

1 Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

2— *Why Do the Heathen Rage*

1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,

3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.

9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

3— How are They Increased

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

1 LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me.

2 Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is no help for him in God.* (*Selah*)

3 But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. (*Selah*)

5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.

7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. (*Selah*)

4— Hear Me When I Call

(*To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm of David.*)

1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? (*Selah*)

3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. (*Selah*)

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.

6 *There be* many that say, Who will shew us *any* good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time *that* their corn and their wine increased.

8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

5— Give Ear to My Words

(To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth, A Psalm of David.)

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.

2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

9 For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part *is* very wickedness; their throat *is* an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a shield.

6—Rebuke Me Not

(*To the chief Musician on Neginoth upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.*)

1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?

4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

5 For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

7— O LORD My God

(*Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.*)

1 O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* none to deliver.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:)

5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take *it*; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. (*Selah*)

6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me *to* the judgment *that* thou hast commanded.

7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.

8 The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity *that is* in me.

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

10 My defence *is* of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

15 He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch *which* he made.

16 His mischief shall return upon his own head,
and his violent dealing shall come down upon his
own pate.

17 I will praise the LORD according to his
righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the
LORD most high.

8— O LORD Our Lord

(To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David.)

1 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in
all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the
heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast
thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that
thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy
fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast
ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and
the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the
angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the
works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his
feet:

7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the
field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and*
whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in
all the earth!

9—I Will Praise Thee

(To the chief Musician upon Muthlabben, A Psalm of David.)

1 I will praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.

7 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble *which I suffer* of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. (*Higgaion Selah*)

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD: *that* the nations may know themselves *to be but* men. (*Selah.*)

10—Why Standest Thou

1 Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble?

2 The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: God is not in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments *are* far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for *I shall* never *be* in adversity.

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity.

8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

10 He croucheth, *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see *it*.

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*.

14 Thou hast seen *it*; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*: seek out his wickedness *till* thou find none.

16 The LORD *is* King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

11—In The LORD

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.)

1 In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?

2 For, lo, the wicked bend *their* bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

3 If the foundations be 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 try, the children of men.

5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

12—Help, LORD

(To the chief Musician upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.)

1 Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: *with* flattering lips *and* with a double heart do they speak.

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, *and* the tongue that speaketh proud things:

4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips *are* our own: who *is* lord over us?

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set *him* in safety *from him that* puffeth at him.

6 The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

13—How Long

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.)

1 How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of* death;

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; *and* those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

6 I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

14—The Fool Hath Said

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.)

1 The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is* none that doeth good.

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God.

3 They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.

5 There were they in great fear: for God *is* in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD *is* his refuge.

7 Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

15—Who Shall Abide

(A Psalm of David.)

1 LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 *He that* backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. *He that* sweareth to *his own* hurt, and changeth not.

5 *He that* putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these *things* shall never be moved.

16—*Preserve Me*

(*Michtam of David.*)

1 Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

2 *O my soul*, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness *extendeth* not to thee;

3 *But* to the saints that *are* in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom *is* all my delight.

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that* hasten *after* another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

5 The LORD *is* the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

8 I have set 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 glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

17—Hear The Right

(A Prayer of David.)

1 Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, *that goeth* not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.

3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; thou hast tried me, *and* shalt find nothing; I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not transgress.

4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept *me from* the paths of the destroyer.

5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps slip not.

6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, *and hear* my speech.

7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust *in thee* from those that rise up *against them*.

8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

9 From the wicked that oppress me, *from* my deadly enemies, *who* compass me about.

10 They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;

12 Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, *which is* thy sword:

14 From men *which are* thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, *which have* their portion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid *treasure*: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

18—I Will Love Thee

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,)

1 I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

3 I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down:
and darkness *was* under his feet.

10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he
did fly upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion
round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds of
the skies.

12 At the brightness *that was* before him his thick
clouds passed, hail *stones* and coals of fire.

13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and
the Highest gave his voice; hail *stones* and coals of
fire.

14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;
and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and
the foundations of the world were discovered at thy
rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy
nostrils.

16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me
out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and
from them which hated me: for they were too strong
for me.

18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity:
but the LORD was my stay.

19 He brought me forth also into a large 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
hath 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 judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

23 I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.

28 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

29 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

30 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him.

31 For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God?

32 *It is* God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

33 He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*, and setteth me upon my high places.

34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.

37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.

41 They cried, but *there was* none to save *them: even* unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; *and* thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people *whom* I have not known shall serve me.

44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

45 The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

46 The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

47 *It is* God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

19—The Heavens Declare

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.)

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 *There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.*

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

5 Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.

12 Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

20—The LORD Hear Thee

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.)

1 The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;

3 Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; *(Selah)*

4 Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

21—The King Shall Joy

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.)

1 The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. (*Selah*)

3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

4 He asked life of thee, *and* thou gavest *it* him, *even* length of days for ever and ever.

5 His glory *is* great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

7 For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.

8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

11 For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, *which* they are not able *to perform*.

12 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, *when* thou shalt make ready *thine arrows* upon thy strings against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: *so* will we sing and praise thy power.

22—My God, My God

(To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David.)

1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

3 But thou *art* holy, O *thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But I *am* a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying,*

8 He trusted on the LORD *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

9 But thou *art* he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.

10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou *art* my God from my mother's belly.

11 Be not far from me; for trouble *is* near; for *there is* none to help.

12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong *bulls* of Bashan have beset me round.

13 They gaped upon me *with* their mouths, *as* a ravening and a 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 in the midst of my bowels.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me.

18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

25 My praise *shall be* of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

28 For the kingdom *is* the LORD'S: and he *is* the governor among the nations.

29 All *they that be* fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.

30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done *this*.

23—The Lord is My Shepherd

(A Psalm of David.)

1 The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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 mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

24—The Earth is the LORD's

(A Psalm of David.)

1 The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. (*Selah*)

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. (*Selah*)

25—Unto Thee, O LORD

(*A Psalm of David.*)

1 Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they *have been* ever of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

8 Good and upright *is* the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

10 All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11 For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it *is* great.

12 What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way *that* he shall choose.

13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 The secret of the LORD *is* with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

15 Mine eyes *are* ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I *am* desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

26—Judge Me, O LORD

(A Psalm of David.)

1 Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; *therefore* I shall not slide.

2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

3 For thy lovingkindness *is* before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.

4 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

10 In whose hands *is* mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

27—The LORD is My Light

(A Psalm of David.)

1 The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will I be* confident.

4 One *thing* have I desired 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 enquire in his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 *When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

9 Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

13 *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

28—Unto Thee Will I Cry

(A Psalm of David.)

1 Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, *if* thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

3 Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief *is* in their hearts.

4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.

5 Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

6 Blessed *be* the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

7 The LORD *is* my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my

heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

8 The LORD *is* their strength, and he *is* the saving strength of his anointed.

9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

29—Give Unto the LORD

(A Psalm of David.)

1 Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* 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 breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.

8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of *his* glory.

10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.

11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

30—I Will Extol Thee

(A Psalm and Song at the dedication of the house of David.)

1 I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favour *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, *and* I was troubled.

8 I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.

9 What profit *is there* in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

31—In Thee, O LORD

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.)

1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

3 For thou *art* my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou *art* my strength.

5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.

9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, *yea*, my soul and my belly.

10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.

12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

13 For I have heard the slander of many: fear *was* on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God.

15 My times *are* in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

17 Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, *and* let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

19 *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed *be* the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints: *for* the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

32—Blessed is He

(A Psalm of David, Maschil.)

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

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit *there is* no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.

(Selah)

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. (Selah)

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7 Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. (Selah)

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 Be ye not as the horse, *or* as the mule, *which* have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.

33—Rejoice in the LORD

1 Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: *for* praise is comely for the upright.

2 Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth 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 spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12 Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

34—I Will Bless the LORD

(A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.)

1 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not 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 encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

8 O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good *thing*.

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.

16 The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

19 Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

35—Plead My Cause

(A Psalm of David.)

1 Plead *my cause*, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

3 Draw out also the spear, and stop *the way* against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I *am* thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

5 Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase *them*.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.

7 For without cause have they hid for me their net *in a pit*, *which* without cause they have digged for my soul.

8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

11 False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good *to* the spoiling of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though *he had been* my friend *or* brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother.

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: *yea*, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it not*; they did tear *me*, and ceased not:

16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: *neither* let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

20 For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against *them that are* quiet in the land.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, *and* said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen *it*.

22 *This* thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, *even* unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, *Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.*

26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify *themselves* against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness *and* of thy praise all the day long.

36—*The Transgression of the Wicked*

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD.)

1 The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, *that there is no fear of God before his eyes.*

2 For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

3 The words of his mouth *are* iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, *and* to do good.

4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way *that is* not good; he abhorreth not evil.

5 Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens; *and* thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness *is* like the great mountains; thy judgments *are* a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

7 How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

9 For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

37—Fret Not Thyself

(A Psalm of David.)

1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; *so* shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall* not *be*: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall* not *be*.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

13 The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, *and* to slay such as be of upright conversation.

15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

16 A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked.

17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

22 For *such as be* blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and *they that be* cursed of him shall be cut off.

23 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand.

25 I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

26 *He is* ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed *is* blessed.

27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

28 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

31 The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.

33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see *it*.

35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he *was* not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

37 Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of *that* man *is* peace.

38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble.

40 And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

38—O LORD, Rebuke Me Not

(A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.)

1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

3 *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither *is there any* rest in my bones because of my sin.

4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink *and* are corrupt because of my foolishness.

6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome *disease*: and *there is* no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire *is* before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.

12 They also that seek after my life lay snares *for me*: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

13 But I, as a deaf *man*, heard not; and *I was* as a dumb man *that* openeth not his mouth.

14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth *are* no reproofs.

15 For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, *Hear me*, lest *otherwise* they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify *themselves* against me.

17 For I *am* ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.

18 For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies *are* lively, *and* they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

20 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow *the thing that good is*.

21 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.

22 Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

39—I Said, I Will Take Heed

(To the chief Musician, even to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.)

1 I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, *even* from good; and my sorrow was stirred.

3 My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: *then* spake I with my tongue,

4 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it *is; that* I may know how frail I *am*.

5 Behold, thou hast made my days *as* an handbreadth; and mine age *is* as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state *is* altogether vanity. (*Selah*)

6 Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope *is* in thee.

8 Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst *it*.

10 Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man *is* vanity. (*Selah*)

12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I *am* a stranger with thee, *and* a sojourner, as all my fathers *were*.

13 O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

40—I Waited Patiently

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.)

1 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

4 Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5 Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more than can be numbered.

6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me,

8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.

9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

17 But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

41—Blessed is He

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.)

1 Blessed *is* he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

2 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; *and* he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?

6 And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; *when* he goeth abroad, he telleth *it*.

7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

8 An evil disease, *say they*, cleaveth fast unto him: and *now* that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me.

10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

11 By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.

13 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

42—As the Hart Panteth

(To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah.)

1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where *is* thy God?

4 When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him *for* the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 *Yet* the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

43— Judge Me, O God

1 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou *art* the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I

shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

44—We Have Heard

(To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil.)

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, *what* work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 *How* thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; *how* thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. *(Selah)*

9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 Thou hast given us like sheep *appointed* for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

12 Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase *thy wealth* by their price.

13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.

15 My confusion *is* continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way;

19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

21 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast *us* not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, *and* forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

45—My Heart

(To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves.)

1 My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; *whereby* the people fall under thee.

6 Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters *were* among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he *is* thy Lord; and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift; *even* the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.

13 The king's daughter *is* all glorious within: her clothing *is* of wrought gold.

14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

46—God is Our Refuge

(To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth.)

1 God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. *(Selah)*

4 *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High.

5 God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that* right early.

6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

7 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. (*Selah*)

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. (*Selah*)

47—O Clap Your Hands

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.)

1 O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

2 For the LORD most high *is* terrible; *he is* a great King over all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. (*Selah*)

5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

7 For God *is* the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

9 The princes of the people are gathered together, *even* the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth *belong* unto God: he is greatly exalted.

48—Great is the LORD

(A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah.)

1 Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness.

2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

4 For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

5 They saw *it*, *and* so they marvelled; they were troubled, *and* hasted away.

6 Fear took hold upon them there, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail.

7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. *(Selah)*

9 We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

10 According to thy name, O God, so *is* thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell *it* to the generation following.

14 For this God *is* our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide *even* unto death.

49—Hear This

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.)

1 Hear this, all *ye* people; give ear, all *ye* inhabitants of the world:

2 Both low and high, rich and poor, together.

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart *shall be* of understanding.

4 I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, *when* the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

7 None *of them* can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

8 For the redemption of their soul *is* precious, and it ceaseth for ever:

9 That he should still live for ever, *and* not see corruption.

10 For he seeth *that* wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

11 Their inward thought *is*, *that* their houses *shall continue* for ever, *and* their dwelling places to all generations; they call *their* lands after their own names.

12 Nevertheless man *being* in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts *that* perish.

13 This their way *is* their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. (*Selah*)

14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.

15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. (*Selah*)

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and *men* will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.

19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

20 Man *that is* in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts *that* perish.

50—The Mighty God

(*A Psalm of Asaph.*)

1 The mighty God, *even* the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness:
for God *is* judge himself. (*Selah*)

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel,
and I will testify against thee: I *am* God, *even* thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy
burnt offerings, *to have been* continually before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, *nor* he
goats out of thy folds.

10 For every beast of the forest *is* mine, *and* the
cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the
wild beasts of the field *are* mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the
world *is* mine, and the fulness thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of
goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy
vows unto the most High:

15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will
deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou
to do to declare my statutes, or *that* thou shouldst
take my covenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my
words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou
consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with
adulterers.

19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue
frameth deceit.

20 Thou sittest *and* speakest against thy brother;
thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

21 These *things* hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether *such an one* as thyself: *but* I will reprove thee, and set *them* in order before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear *you* in pieces, and *there be* none to deliver.

23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth *his* conversation *aright* will I shew the salvation of God.

51—Have Mercy

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.)

1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me.

4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

52—Why Boastest Thou Thyself

(To the chief Musician, Maschil, A Psalm of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech.)

1 Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God *endureth* continually.

2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good; *and* lying rather than to speak righteousness. (*Selah*)

4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O *thou* deceitful tongue.

5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of *thy* dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. (*Selah*)

6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:

7 Lo, *this is* the man *that* made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, *and* strengthened himself in his wickedness.

8 But I *am* like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done *it*: and I will wait on thy name; for *it is* good before thy saints.

53—The Fool Hath Said

(*To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, A Psalm of David.*)

1 The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: *there is* none that doeth good.

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

5 There were they in great fear, *where* no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth *against* thee: thou hast put *them* to shame, because God hath despised them.

6 Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

54—Save Me, O God

(To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David, when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?)

1 Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. *(Selah)*

4 Behold, God *is* mine helper: the Lord *is* with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for *it is* good.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen *his desire* upon mine enemies.

55—Give Ear to My Prayer

(To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David.)

1 Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! *for then* would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, *then* would I wander far off, *and* remain in the wilderness. (*Selah*)

8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm *and* tempest.

9 Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow *are* in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness *is* in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

12 For *it was* not an enemy *that* reproached me; then I could have borne *it*: neither *was it* he that hated me *that* did magnify *himself* against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

13 But *it was* thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

14 We took sweet counsel together, *and* walked unto the house of God in company.

15 Let death seize upon them, *and* let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness *is* in their dwellings, *and* among them.

16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me: for there were many with me.

19 God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. (*Selah*) Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

20 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.

21 *The words* of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war *was* in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet *were* they drawn swords.

22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

56—Be Merciful Unto Me

(*To the chief Musician upon Jonathelemrechokim, Michtam of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath.*)

1 Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.

2 Mine enemies would daily swallow *me* up: for *they be* many that fight against me, O thou most High.

3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts *are* against me for evil.

6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in *thine* anger cast down the people, O God.

8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: *are they* not in thy book?

9 When I cry *unto thee*, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God *is* for me.

10 In God will I praise *his* word: in the LORD will I praise *his* word.

11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12 Thy vows *are* upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: *wilt* not *thou deliver* my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

57—Be Merciful Unto Me

(To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.)

1 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth *all things* for me.

3 He shall send from heaven, and save me *from* the reproach of him that would swallow me up. *(Selah)* God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

4 My soul *is* among lions: *and* I lie *even* among them that are set on fire, *even* the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen *themselves*.
(*Selah*)

7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

58—Do Ye Indeed Speak

(*To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David.*)

1 Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

4 Their poison *is* like the poison of a serpent: *they are* like the deaf adder *that* stoppeth her ear;

5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually: *when* he bendeth *his bow to shoot his* arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

8 As a snail *which* melteth, let *every one of them* pass away: *like* the untimely birth of a woman, *that* they may not see the sun.

9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in *his* wrath.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

59—Deliver Me

(To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.)

1 Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not *for* my transgression, nor *for* my sin, O LORD.

4 They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault: awake to help me, and behold.

5 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. *(Selah)*

6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords *are* in their lips: for who, *say they*, doth hear?

8 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

9 *Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence.*

10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see *my desire* upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 *For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak.*

13 Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them*, that they *may not be*: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. (*Selah*)

14 And at evening let them return; *and* let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

15 Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God *is* my defence, *and* the God of my mercy.

60—O God

(To the chief Musician upon Shushaneduth, Michtam of David, to teach; when he strove with Aramnaharaim and with Aramzobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of salt twelve thousand.)

1 O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.

2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. (*Selah*)

5 That thy beloved may be delivered; save *with* thy right hand, and hear me.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;

8 Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me *into* the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

10 *Wilt* not thou, O God, *which* hadst cast us off? and *thou*, O God, *which* didst not go out with our armies?

11 Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.

12 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

61—Hear My Cry

(*To the chief Musician upon Neginah, A Psalm of David.*)

1 Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that is* higher than I.

3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy.

4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. (*Selah*)

5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.

6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life: *and* his years as many generations.

7 He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him.

8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

62—Truly My Soul Waiteth

(*To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.*)

1 Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him *cometh* my salvation.

2 He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *he is* my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall *shall ye be, and as* a tottering fence.

4 They only consult to cast *him* down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. (*Selah*)

5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation *is* from him.

6 He only *is* my rock and my salvation: *he is* my defence; I shall not be moved.

7 In God *is* my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, *and* my refuge, *is* in God.

8 Trust in him at all times; *ye* people, pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us. (*Selah*)

9 Surely men of low degree *are* vanity, *and* men of high degree *are* a lie: to be laid in the balance, they *are* altogether *lighter* than vanity.

10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart *upon them*.

11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power *belongeth* unto God.

12 Also unto thee, O Lord, *belongeth* mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

63—O God

(A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.)

1 O God, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

2 To see thy power and thy glory, so *as* I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

3 Because thy lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as *with* marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise *thee* with joyful lips:

6 When I remember thee upon my bed, *and* meditate on thee in the *night* watches.

7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

8 My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But those *that* seek my soul, to destroy *it*, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

10 They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.

11 But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

64—Hear My Voice

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.)

1 Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

3 Who whet their tongue like a sword, *and bend their bows to shoot* their arrows, *even bitter words*:

4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves *in* an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?

6 They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward *thought* of every one of *them*, and the heart, *is deep*.

7 But God shall shoot at them *with* an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.

8 So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.

9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

65—Praise Waiteth for Thee

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm and Song of David.)

1 Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 Iniquities prevail against me: *as for* our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

4 Blessed is *the man whom* thou choosest, and causest to approach *unto thee, that* he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, *even* of thy holy temple.

5 *By* terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; *who art* the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off *upon* the sea:

6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; *being* girded with power:

7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, *which* is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

12 They drop *upon* the pastures of the wilderness:
and the little hills rejoice on every side.

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys
also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy,
they also sing.

66—*Make a Joyful Noise*

(To the chief Musician, A Song or Psalm.)

1 Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

2 Sing forth the honour of his name: make his
praise glorious.

3 Say unto God, How terrible *art thou* in thy
works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine
enemies submit themselves unto thee.

4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing
unto thee; they shall sing *to* thy name. *(Selah)*

5 Come and see the works of God: *he is terrible in*
his doing toward the children of men.

6 He turned the sea into dry *land*: they went
through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

7 He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold
the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

(Selah)

8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his
praise to be heard:

9 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not
our feet to be moved.

10 For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast
tried us, as silver is tried.

11 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst
affliction upon our loins.

12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water: but thou
broughtest us out into a wealthy *place*.

13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,

14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. (*Selah*)

16 Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:

19 *But* verily God hath heard *me*; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed *be* God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

67—God be Merciful

(*To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm or Song.*)

1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us; *and* cause his face to shine upon us; (*Selah*)

2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. (*Selah*)

5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

6 *Then* shall the earth yield her increase; *and* God, *even* our own God, shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

68—Let God Arise

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David.)

1 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 As smoke is driven away, so drive *them* away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *is* God in his holy habitation.

6 God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; *(Selah)*

8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: *even* Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word: great *was* the company of those that published *it*.

12 Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

13 Though ye have lien among the pots, *yet shall ye be as* the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was *white* as snow in Salmon.

15 The hill of God *is as* the hill of Bashan; an high hill *as* the hill of Bashan.

16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? *this is* the hill *which* God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* for ever.

17 The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, *even* thousands of angels: the Lord *is* among them, *as in* Sinai, in the holy *place*.

18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, *for* the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell *among them*.

19 Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with* benefits, *even* the God of our salvation. (*Selah*)

20 *He that is* our God *is* the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord *belong* the issues from death.

21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, *and* the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring *my people* again from the depths of the sea:

23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of *thine* enemies, *and* the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

24 They have seen thy goings, O God; *even* the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

25 The singers went before, the players on instruments *followed* after; among *them were* the damsels playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations, *even* the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

27 There *is* little Benjamin *with* their ruler, the princes of Judah *and* their council, the princes of Zebulun, *and* the princes of Naphtali.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, *till every one* submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people *that* delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; (*Selah*)

33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, *which were* of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, *and that* a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency *is* over Israel, and his strength *is* in the clouds.

35 O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel *is* he that giveth strength and power unto *his* people. Blessed *be* God.

69—Save Me

(*To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, A Psalm of David.*)

1 Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto *my* soul.

2 I sink in deep mire, where *there is* no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, *being* mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored *that* which I took not away.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.

11 I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I *was* the song of the drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer *is* unto thee, O LORD, *in* an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

15 Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

16 Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness *is* good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

17 And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

18 Draw nigh unto my soul, *and* redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

19 Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries *are* all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked *for some* to take pity, but *there was* none; and for comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 Let their table become a snare before them: and *that which should have been for their welfare, let it become* a trap.

23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

25 Let their habitation be desolate; *and* let none dwell in their tents.

26 For they persecute *him* whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.

27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.

28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

29 But I *am* poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

31 *This* also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

32 The humble shall see *this*, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

34 Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.

35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

70—Make Haste, O God

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.)

1 *Make haste*, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD.

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

5 But I *am* poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

71—In Thee, O LORD

1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou *art* my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD: *thou art* my trust from my youth.

6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise *shall be* continually of thee.

7 I am as a wonder unto many; but thou *art* my strong refuge.

8 Let my mouth be filled *with* thy praise *and with* thy honour all the day.

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for *there is* none to deliver *him*.

12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

13 Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof*.

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come.

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done great things: O God, who *is* like unto thee!

20 *Thou*, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

72—Give the King Thy Judgments

(A Psalm for Solomon.)

1 Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

4 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers *that* water the earth.

7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper.

13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; *and* daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and *they* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

17 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and *men* shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

18 Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

19 And blessed *be* his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory; Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

73—Truly God is Good

(A Psalm of Asaph.)

1 Truly God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are of a clean heart.

2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

3 For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For *there are* no bands in their death: but their strength *is* firm.

5 They *are* not in trouble *as other* men; neither are they plagued like *other* men.

6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them *as* a garment.

7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily.

9 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them.

11 And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches.

13 Verily I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.

16 When I thought to know this, it *was* too painful for me;

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I their end.

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when *one* awaketh; *so*, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

22 So foolish *was* I, and ignorant: I was *as* a beast before thee.

23 Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire beside thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: *but God is* the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.

28 But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

74—O God, Why

(Maschil of Asaph.)

1 O God, why hast thou cast *us* off for ever? *why* doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation, *which* thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; *even all that* the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns *for* signs.

5 *A man* was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

6 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.

7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled *by casting down* the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.

8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

9 We see not our signs: *there is* no more any prophet: neither *is there* among us any that knoweth how long.

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck *it* out of thy bosom.

12 For God *is* my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, *and* gavest him *to be* meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers.

16 The day *is* thine, the night also *is* thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

18 Remember this, *that* the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and *that* the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude *of the wicked*: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.

75—Unto Thee, O God

(To the chief Musician, Altaschith, A Psalm or Song of Asaph.)

1 Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto thee* do we give thanks: for *that* thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.

2 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. *(Selah)*

4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak *not with* a stiff neck.

6 For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

7 But God *is* the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

8 For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, *and* drink *them*.

9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; *but* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

76—In Judah is God Known

(To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm or Song of Asaph.)

1 In Judah is God known: his name *is* great in Israel.

2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.

3 There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. *(Selah)*

4 Thou *art* more glorious *and* excellent than the mountains of prey.

5 The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

7 Thou, *even* thou, *art* to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,

9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. *(Selah)*

10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes: *he is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

77—I Cried Unto God

(To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of Asaph.)

1 I cried unto God with my voice, *even* unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. *(Selah)*

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

5 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth *his* promise fail for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? *(Selah)*

10 And I said, This *is* my infirmity: *but I will remember* the years of the right hand of the most High.

11 I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary: who *is so* great a God as *our* God?

14 Thou *art* the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

15 Thou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. (*Selah*)

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: *thine* arrows also went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder *was* in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

19 Thy way *is* in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

78—Give Ear, O My People

(*Maschil of Asaph.*)

1 Give ear, O my people, *to* my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide *them* from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

6 That the generation to come might know *them*, *even* the children *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children:

7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation *that* set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

9 The children of Ephraim, *being* armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;

11 And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.

12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan.

13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.

14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as *out of* the great depths.

16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.

18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

19 Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the LORD heard *this*, and was wroth:
so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also
came up against Israel;

22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted
not in his salvation:

23 Though he had commanded the clouds from
above, and opened the doors of heaven,

24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat,
and had given them of the corn of heaven.

25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to
the full.

26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven:
and by his power he brought in the south wind.

27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and
feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:

28 And he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp,
round about their habitations.

29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he
gave them their own desire;

30 They were not estranged from their lust. But
while their meat *was* yet in their mouths,

31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew
the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen *men* of
Israel.

32 For all this they sinned still, and believed not
for his wondrous works.

33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity,
and their years in trouble.

34 When he slew them, then they sought him: and
they returned and enquired early after God.

35 And they remembered that God *was* their rock,
and the high God their redeemer.

36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.

37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.

38 But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

39 For he remembered that they *were but* flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, *and* grieve him in the desert!

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

42 They remembered not his hand, *nor* the day when he delivered them from the enemy.

43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan:

44 And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink.

45 He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust.

47 He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with frost.

48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels *among them*.

50 He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;

51 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of *their* strength in the tabernacles of Ham:

52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, *even to this mountain, which* his right hand had purchased.

55 He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:

57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

59 When God heard *this*, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent *which* he placed among men;

61 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.

64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, *and* like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

69 And he built his sanctuary like high *palaces*, like the earth which he hath established for ever.

70 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

71 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

79—O God

(A Psalm of Asaph.)

1 O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given *to be* meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and *there was* none to bury *them*.

4 We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

5 How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever?
shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.

8 O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

10 Wherefore should the heathen say, *Where is their God?* let him be known among the heathen in our sight *by* the revenging of the blood of thy servants *which is* shed.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die;

12 And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

80—Give Ear

(To the chief Musician upon Shoshannimeduth, A Psalm of Asaph.)

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth.

2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come *and* save us.

3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.

6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* the goodly cedars.

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

12 Why hast thou *then* broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch *that* thou madest strong for thyself.

16 *It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man *whom* thou madest strong for thyself.

18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

81—Sing Aloud Unto God

(To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of Asaph.)

1 Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

4 For this *was* a statute for Israel, *and* a law of the God of Jacob.

5 This he ordained in Joseph *for* a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: *where* I heard a language *that* I understood not.

6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.

7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. *(Selah)*

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

10 I *am* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: *and* they walked in their own counsels.

13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, *and* Israel had walked in my ways!

14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

15 The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.

16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

82—God Standeth

(A Psalm of Asaph.)

1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? *(Selah)*

3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

6 I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the most High.

7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

83—Keep Not Thou Silence

(A Song or Psalm of Asaph.)

1 Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:

6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8 Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. (*Selah*)

9 Do unto them as *unto* the Midianites; as *to* Sisera, as *to* Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

10 *Which* perished at Endor: they became *as* dung for the earth.

11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

13 O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.

14 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;

15 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.

16 Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.

17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:

18 That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

84—How Amiable

(To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.)

1 How amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. *(Selah)*

5 Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways of *them*.

6 *Who* passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

7 They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. (*Selah*)

9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

85—LORD, Thou Hast Been

(*To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.*)

1 LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. (*Selah*)

3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine anger.

4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

9 Surely his salvation *is* nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*.

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 Yea, the LORD shall give *that which is* good; and our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set *us* in the way of his steps.

86—Bow Down Thine Ear

(A Prayer of David.)

1 Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I *am* poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul; for I *am* holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

8 Among the gods *there is* none like unto thee, O Lord; neither *are there any works* like unto thy works.

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

10 For thou *art* great, and doest wondrous things:
thou *art* God alone.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy
truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my
heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

13 For great *is* thy mercy toward me: and thou
hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the
assemblies of violent *men* have sought after my soul;
and have not set thee before them.

15 But thou, O Lord, *art* a God full of compassion,
and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy
and truth.

16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give
thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of
thine handmaid.

17 Shew me a token for good; that they which hate
me may see *it*, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD,
hast holpen me, and comforted me.

87—His Foundation

(A Psalm or Song for the sons of Korah.)

1 His foundation *is* in the holy mountains.

2 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all
the dwellings of Jacob.

3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of
God. (*Selah*)

4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to
them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with
Ethiopia; this *man* was born there.

5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

6 The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, *that this man* was born there. (*Selah*)

7 As well the singers as the players on instruments *shall be there*: all my springs *are* in thee.

88—O LORD God

(A Song or Psalm for the sons of Korah, to the chief Musician upon Mahalath Leannoth, Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.)

1 O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day *and* night before thee:

2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man *that hath* no strength:

5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.

6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted *me* with all thy waves. (*Selah*)

8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: *I am* shut up, and I cannot come forth.

9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise *and* praise thee (*Selah*)

11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? *or* thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul? *why* hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I *am* afflicted and ready to die from *my* youth up: *while* I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.

17 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.

18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into darkness.

89—I Will Sing

(Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.)

1 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,

4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. *(Selah)*

5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? *who* among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all *them that are* about him.

8 O LORD God of hosts, *who is* a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.

11 The heavens *are* thine, the earth also *is* thine: *as for* the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

12 The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

13 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, *and* high is thy right hand.

14 Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

15 Blessed *is* the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

17 For thou *art* the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

18 For the LORD *is* our defence; and the Holy One of Israel *is* our king.

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one,
and saidst, I have laid help upon *one that is mighty*; I
have exalted *one* chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; with my holy
oil have I anointed him:

21 With whom my hand shall be established: mine
arm also shall strengthen him.

22 The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the
son of wickedness afflict him.

23 And I will beat down his foes before his face,
and plague them that hate him.

24 But my faithfulness and my mercy *shall be* with
him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right
hand in the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou *art* my father, my
God, and the rock of my salvation.

27 Also I will make him *my* firstborn, higher than
the kings of the earth.

28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and
my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, and
his throne as the days of heaven.

30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in
my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my
commandments;

32 Then will I visit their transgression with the
rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not
utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to
fail.

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.

36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. (*Selah*)

38 But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown *by casting it to the ground*.

40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.

41 All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.

42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

44 Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.

45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. (*Selah*)

46 How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

48 What man *is he that* liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? (*Selah*)

49 Lord, where *are* thy former lovingkindnesses, *which* thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants; *how* I do bear in my bosom *the reproach* of all the mighty people;

51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

52 Blessed *be* the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

90—Lord, Thou Hast Been

(*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, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.

5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are *as* a sleep: in the morning *they are* like grass *which* groweth up.

6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale *that is told*.

10 The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, *so is* thy wrath.

12 So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, *and* the years *wherein* we have seen evil.

16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

17 And let the beauty 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.

91—He That Dwelleth

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;

6 *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness;
nor for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation;

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

92—*It Is a Good Thing*

(A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day.)

1 *It is a good thing* to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

2 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.

4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

5 O LORD, how great are thy works! *and* thy thoughts are very deep.

6 A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; *it is* that they shall be destroyed for ever:

8 But thou, LORD, *art most* high for evermore.

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

11 Mine eye also shall see *my desire* on mine enemies, *and* mine ears shall hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

15 To shew that the LORD *is* upright: *he is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

93—The LORD Reigneth

1 The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, *wherewith* he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne *is* established 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 waves.

4 The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

94—O LORD God

1 O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.

2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 *How long* shall they utter *and* speak hard things? *and* all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.

6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard *it*.

8 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and *ye* fools, when will ye be wise?

9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, *shall not he know?*

11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they *are* vanity.

12 Blessed *is* the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? *or* who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

17 Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

18 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?

21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge.

23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; *yea*, the LORD our God shall cut them off.

95—O Come

1 O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

3 For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills *is* his also.

5 The sea *is* his, and he made it: and 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. To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, *and as in* the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and said, *It is* a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

96—O Sing

1 O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

4 For the LORD *is* great, and greatly to be praised: he *is* to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

6 Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.

7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

8 Give unto the LORD the glory *due unto* his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

10 Say among the heathen *that* the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

13 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

97— *The LORD Reigneth*

1 The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad *thereof*.

2 Clouds and darkness *are* round about him: righteousness and judgment *are* the habitation of his throne.

3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

4 His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all *ye* gods.

8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

9 For thou, LORD, *art* high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

98—O Sing

(A Psalm.)

1 O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

2 The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

8 Let the floods clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together

9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

99— The LORD Reigneth

1 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

2 The LORD *is* great in Zion; and he *is* high above all the people.

3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for it is* holy.

4 The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; *for he is holy.*

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.

8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God *is* holy.

100—Make a Joyful Noise

(A Psalm of praise.)

1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the LORD *he is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

5 For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

101—I Will Sing

(A Psalm of David.)

1 I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; *it* shall not cleave to me.

4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked *person*.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

6 Mine eyes *shall be* upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

102—Hear My Prayer

(A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.)

1 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call answer me speedily.

3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.

4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.

6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; *and* they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,

10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

11 My days *are* like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

23 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years *are* throughout all generations.

25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27 But thou *art* the same, and thy years shall have no end.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

103—Bless the LORD

(A Psalm of David.)

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *ble*ss his holy name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

8 The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

13 Like as a father pitieth *his* children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we *are* dust.

15 *As for* man, his days *are* as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

21 Bless ye the LORD, all *ye* his hosts; *ye* ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

22 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

104—Bless the LORD

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

2 Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with* a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

5 *Who* laid the foundations of the earth, *that* it should not be removed for ever.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as *with* a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys, *which* run among the hills.

11 They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, *which* sing among the branches.

13 He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

15 And wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make *his* face to shine, and bread *which* strengtheneth man's heart.

16 The trees of the LORD are full *of sap*; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

17 Where the birds make their nests: *as for* the stork, the fir trees *are* her house.

18 The high hills *are* a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.

19 He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep *forth*.

21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.

24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

25 *So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.*

26 *There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.*

27 *These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.*

28 *That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.*

29 *Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.*

30 *Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.*

31 *The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.*

32 *He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.*

33 *I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.*

34 *My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.*

35 *Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.*

105—O Give Thanks

1 *O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.*

2 *Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.*

3 *Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.*

4 Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He *is* the LORD our God: his judgments *are* in all the earth.

8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations.

9 Which *covenant* he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;

10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant:

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:

12 When they were *but* a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it.

13 When they went from one nation to another, from *one* kingdom to another people;

14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes;

15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, *even* Joseph, *who* was sold for a servant:

18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:

19 Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.

20 The king sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:

22 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.

23 Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24 And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant; *and* Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.

29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.

31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, *and* lice in all their coasts.

32 He gave them hail for rain, *and* flaming fire in their land.

33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their coasts.

34 He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillers, and that without number,

35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength.

37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and *there was* not one feeble *person* among their tribes.

38 Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

39 He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.

40 *The people* asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places *like* a river.

42 For he remembered his holy promise, *and* Abraham his servant.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy, *and* his chosen with gladness:

44 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people;

45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.

106—Praise Ye the LORD

1 Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? *who* can shew forth all his praise?

3 Blessed *are* they that keep judgment, *and* he that doeth righteousness at all times.

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favour *that thou bearest unto* thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked *him* at the sea, *even* at the Red sea.

8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated *them*, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

12 Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

13 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:

14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses also in the camp, *and* Aaron the saint of the LORD.

17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.

18 And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

21 They forgot God their saviour, which 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 that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy *them*.

24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word:

25 But murmured in their tents, *and* hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and *so* the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

32 They angered *him* also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them:

35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.

37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,

38 And shed innocent blood, *even* the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked *him* with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry:

45 And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.

46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, *and* to triumph in thy praise.

48 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.

107—O Give Thanks

1 O give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses.

7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

8 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *being* bound in affliction and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:

12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and *there was* none to help.

13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

15 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saveth them out of their distresses.

20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.

21 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

31 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground;

34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

40 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, *where there is no way*.

41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh *him* families like a flock.

42 The righteous shall see *it*, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

43 Whoso *is* wise, and will observe these *things*, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

108—O God

(A Song or Psalm of David.)

1 O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.

3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy *is* great above the heavens: and thy truth *reacheth* unto the clouds.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;

6 That thy beloved may be delivered: save *with* thy right hand, and answer me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead *is* mine; Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;

9 Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

11 *Wilt* not thou, O God, *who* hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12 Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

109—Hold Not Thy Peace

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.)

1 Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise;

2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause.

4 For my love they are my adversaries: but I *give myself unto prayer*.

5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

6 Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.

8 Let his days be few; *and* let another take his office.

9 Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek *their bread* also out of their desolate places.

11 Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.

13 Let his posterity be cut off; *and* in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

15 Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

16 Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

17 As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be unto him as the garment *which* covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

20 *Let this be* the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

21 But do thou for me, O GOD the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy *is* good, deliver thou me.

22 For I *am* poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness.

25 I became also a reproach unto them: *when* they looked upon me they shook their heads.

26 Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy:

27 That they may know that this *is* thy hand; *that* thou, LORD, hast done it.

28 Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice.

29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save *him* from those that condemn his soul.

110—The LORD Said Unto My Lord

(A Psalm of David.)

1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill *the places* with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

111—Praise Ye the LORD

1 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.

2 The works of the LORD *are* great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work *is* honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands *are* verity and judgment; all his commandments *are* sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *and are* done in truth and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend *is* his name.

10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.

112—Praise Ye the LORD

1 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed *is* the man *that* feareth the LORD, *that* delighteth greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: *he is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

8 His heart *is* established, he shall not be afraid, until he see *his desire* upon his enemies.

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The wicked shall see *it*, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

113—Praise Ye the LORD

1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

2 Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name *is* to be praised.

4 The LORD *is* high above all nations, *and* his glory above the heavens.

5 Who *is* like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high,

6 Who humbleth *himself* to behold *the things that are* in heaven, and in the earth!

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

8 That he may set *him* with princes, *even* with the princes of his people.

9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, *and to be* a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

114—When Israel Went Out

1 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;

2 Judah was his sanctuary, *and* Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw *it*, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *and* the little hills like lambs.

5 What *ailed* thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, *that* thou wast driven back?

6 Ye mountains, *that* ye skipped like rams; *and* ye little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

8 Which turned the rock *into* a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

115—Not Unto Us

1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where *is* now their God?

3 But our God *is* in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

4 Their idols *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:

7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them are like unto them; *so is* every one that trusteth in them.

9 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.

11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.

12 The LORD hath 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 them that fear the LORD, *both* small and great.

14 The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

15 Ye *are* blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.

18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

116—*I Love the LORD*

1 I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice
and my supplications.

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
therefore will I call upon *him* as long as I live.

3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the
pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and
sorrow.

4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O
LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious *is* the LORD, and righteous; yea, our
God *is* merciful.

6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought
low, and he helped me.

7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD
hath dealt bountifully with thee.

8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death,
mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the
living.

10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was
greatly afflicted:

11 I said in my haste, All men *are* liars.

12 What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his
benefits toward me?

13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon
the name of the LORD.

14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the
presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of
his saints.

16 O LORD, truly I *am* thy servant; I *am* thy servant, *and* the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people,

19 In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

117—O Praise the LORD

1 O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

118—O Give Thanks

1 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

4 Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

5 I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, *and set me* in a large place.

6 The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that hate me.

8 *It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

9 *It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.

11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

12 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

14 The LORD *is* my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will praise the LORD:

20 This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

22 The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner.

23 This is the LORD'S doing; *it is* marvellous in our eyes.

24 This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

26 Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

27 God *is* the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee: *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.

29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

119—Blessed are the Undeiled

℟—Aleph

1 Blessed *are* the undeiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

⌒—Beth

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?
by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let
me not wander from thy commandments.

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might
not sin against thee.

12 Blessed *art* thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments
of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as
much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect
unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not
forget thy word.

⌒—Gimel

17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may
live, and keep thy word.

18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of thy law.

19 I *am* a stranger in the earth: hide not thy
commandments from me.

20 My soul breaketh for the longing *that it hath*
unto thy judgments at all times.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud *that are* cursed,
which do err from thy commandments.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I
have kept thy testimonies.

23 Princes also did sit *and* speak against me: *but*
thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

24 Thy testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my counsellors.

└─Daleth

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid *before me*.

31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.

32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

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33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it *unto* the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy way.

38 Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who *is* devoted to thy fear.

39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments *are* good.

40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

י—Vav

41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, *even* thy salvation, according to thy word.

42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

י—Zayin

49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

50 This *is* my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: *yet* have I not declined from thy law.

52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.

53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.

55 I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law.

56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

Π—Heth

57 *Thou art* my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.

58 I intreated thy favour with *my* whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten thy law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

63 I *am* a companion of all *them* that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

Τ—Teth

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

68 Thou *art* good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have forged a lie against me: *but* I will keep thy precepts with *my* whole heart.

70 Their heart is as fat as grease; *but* I delight in thy law.

71 *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

72 The law of thy mouth *is* better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

י—Yod

73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments *are* right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law *is* my delight.

78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: *but* I will meditate in thy precepts.

79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.

80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

כ—Caph

81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation: *but* I hope in thy word.

82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; *yet* do I not forget thy statutes.

84 How many *are* the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

85 The proud have digged pits for me, which *are* not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments *are* faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.

88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

↳—Lamed

89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

90 Thy faithfulness *is* unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all *are* thy servants.

92 Unless thy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I *am* thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: *but* I will consider thy testimonies.

96 OI have seen an end of all perfection: *but* thy commandment *is* exceeding broad.

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97 O how love I thy law! it *is* my meditation all the day.

98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they *are* ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are* my meditation.

100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

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105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

106 I have sworn, and I will perform *it*, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

109 My soul *is* continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, *even unto* the end.

◊—Samek

113 I hate *vain* thoughts: but thy law do I love.

114 Thou *art* my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

115 Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit *is* falsehood.

119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

◊—Ayin

121 I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

125 I *am* thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

126 *It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.*

127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I esteem all *thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.*

᠑—Pe

129 Thy testimonies *are* wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

133 Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

᠑—Tsaddi

137 Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, and upright *are* thy judgments.

138 Thy testimonies *that* thou hast commanded *are* righteous and very faithful.

139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

140 Thy word *is* very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

141 I *am* small and despised: *yet* do not I forget thy precepts.

142 Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and thy law *is* the truth.

143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: *yet* thy commandments *are* my delights.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies *is* everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

פ—Koph

145 I cried with *my* whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.

146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.

148 Mine eyes prevent the *night* watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.

150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.

151 Thou *art* near, O LORD; and all thy commandments *are* truth.

152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

ר—Resh

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

155 Salvation *is* far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

156 Great *are* thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.

157 Many *are* my persecutors and mine enemies; *yet* do I not decline from thy testimonies.

158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.

159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

160 Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.

𐤃—Shin

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

163 I hate and abhor lying: *but* thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

166 LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways *are* before thee.

⚔—Tav

169 Let my cry come near 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 shall utter praise, when thou hast
taught me thy statutes.

172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy
commandments *are* righteousness.

173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy
precepts.

174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and
thy law *is* my delight.

175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and
let thy judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy
servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

120—In My Distress

(A Song of degrees.)

1 In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he
heard me.

2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, *and*
from a deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be
done unto thee, thou false tongue?

4 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of
juniper.

5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, *that* I dwell
in the tents of Kedar!

6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth
peace.

7 I *am* for peace: but when I speak, they *are* for war.

121—I Will Lift Up

(A Song of degrees.)

1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

2 My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

122—I Was Glad

(A Song of degrees of David.)

1 I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

5 For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls, *and* prosperity within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace *be* within thee.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

123—Unto Thee

(A Song of degrees.)

1 Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, *and* with the contempt of the proud.

124—If it Had Not Been

(A Song of degrees of David.)

1 If *it had not been* the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say;

2 If *it had not been* the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

3 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

6 Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath not given us *as* a prey to their teeth.

7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

8 Our help *is* in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

125—They That Trust

(A Song of degrees.)

1 They that trust in the LORD *shall be* as mount Zion, *which* cannot be removed, *but* abideth for ever.

2 As the mountains *are* round about Jerusalem, so the LORD *is* round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

4 Do good, O LORD, unto *those that be* good, and to *them that are* upright in their hearts.

5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: *but* peace *shall be* upon Israel.

126—When the LORD

(A Song of degrees.)

1 When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

3 The LORD hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.

4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

127—Except the LORD

(*A Song of degrees for Solomon.*)

1 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain.

2 *It is* vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: *for* so he giveth his beloved sleep.

3 Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is* his reward.

4 As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth.

5 Happy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

128—Blessed is Every One

(*A Song of degrees.*)

1 Blessed *is* every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy *shalt* thou *be*, and *it shall be* well with thee.

3 Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.

5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, *and* peace upon Israel.

129—Many a Time

(A Song of degrees.)

1 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say:

2 Many a time 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 hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

6 Let them be as the grass *upon* the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:

7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

8 Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD *be* upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.

130—Out of the Depths

(A Song of degrees.)

1 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.

2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But *there is* forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

6 My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: *I say, more than they that watch for the morning.*

7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD *there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.*

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

131—LORD, My Heart

(A Song of degrees of David.)

1 LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul *is* even as a weaned child.

3 Let Israel hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever.

132—LORD, remember David

(A Song of degrees.)

1 LORD, remember David, *and* all his afflictions:

2 How he sware unto the LORD, *and* vowed unto the mighty *God* of Jacob;

3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, *or* slumber to mine eyelids,

5 Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty *God* of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

10 For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11 The LORD hath sworn *in* truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired *it* for his habitation.

14 This *is* my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

17 There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

18 His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

133—Behold, How Good

(A Song of degrees of David.)

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3 As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore.

134—Behold, Bless Ye the LORD

(A Song of degrees.)

1 Behold, bless ye the LORD, all *ye* servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands *in* the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

3 The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

135—Praise Ye the LORD

1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise *him*, O ye servants of the LORD.

2 Ye 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 praises unto his name; for *it is* pleasant.

4 For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, *and* Israel for his peculiar treasure.

5 For I know that the LORD *is* great, and *that* our Lord *is* above all gods.

6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, *that* did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

7 He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries.

8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast.

9 *Who* sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

10 Who smote great 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 *for* an heritage, an heritage unto Israel his people.

13 Thy name, O LORD, *endureth* for ever; *and* thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.

14 For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

15 The idols of the heathen *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

16 They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;

17 They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there *any* breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them are like unto them: *so is* every one that trusteth in them.

19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron:

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

136—O Give Thanks

1 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

4 To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

7 To him that made great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

11 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

16 To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

17 To him which smote great kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

18 And slew famous kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

19 Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

20 And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

21 And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

22 *Even* an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

25 Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

137—By the Rivers

1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us

required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strange land?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget *her cunning*.

6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

7 Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, *Rase it, rase it, even* to the foundation thereof.

8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy *shall he be*, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

9 Happy *shall he be*, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

138—I Will Praise Thee

(A Psalm of David.)

1 I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

3 In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, *and* strengthenedst me *with* strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great *is* the glory of the LORD.

6 Though the LORD *be* high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

139—O LORD

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.)

1 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me*.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my ways.

4 For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

6 *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it.

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.

9 *If* I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light *are both alike to thee.*

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

18 *If* I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

20 For they speak against thee wickedly, *and* thine enemies take *thy name* in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine 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.

140—*Deliver Me*

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.)

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

2 Which imagine mischiefs in *their* heart; continually are they gathered together *for* war.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison *is* under their lips. (*Selah*)

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.

5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. (*Selah*)

6 I said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; *lest* they exalt themselves. (*Selah*)

9 *As for* the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

10 Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow *him*.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor.

13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

141—LORD, I cry

(A Psalm of David.)

1 LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as* incense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

5 Let the righteous smite me; *it shall be* a kindness: and let him reprove me; *it shall be* an excellent oil, *which* shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also *shall be* in their calamities.

6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* upon the earth.

8 But mine eyes *are* unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snares *which* they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

142—I Cried

(Maschil of David; A Prayer when he was in the cave.)

1 I cried unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there was* no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my refuge *and* my portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

143—Hear My Prayer

(A Psalm of David.)

1 Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a thirsty land. (*Selah*)

7 Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou *art* my God: thy spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I *am* thy servant.

144—Blessed Be

(A Psalm of David.)

1 Blessed *be* the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, *and* my fingers to fight:

2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

3 LORD, what *is* man, that thou takest knowledge of him! *or* the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

4 Man is like to vanity: his days *are* as a shadow that passeth away.

5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.

9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

10 *It is he* that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood:

12 That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth; *that* our daughters *may be* as corner stones, polished *after* the similitude of a palace:

13 *That* our garners *may be* full, affording all manner of store: *that* our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

14 *That* our oxen *may be* strong to labour; *that there be* no breaking in, nor going out; *that there be* no complaining in our streets.

15 Happy *is that* people, that is in such a case: *yea,* happy *is that* people, whose God *is* the LORD.

145—I Will Extol Thee

(David's Psalm of praise.)

1 I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will 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 praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

5 I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

6 And *men* shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 The LORD *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9 The LORD *is* good to all: and his tender mercies *are* over all his works.

10 All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee.

11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

13 Thy kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.

14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all *those that be* bowed down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

17 The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

18 The LORD *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

146—Praise Ye the LORD

1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

2 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

3 Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help.

4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

5 Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God:

6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*: which keepeth truth for ever:

7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:

8 The LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:

9 The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

10 The LORD shall reign for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

147—Praise Ye the LORD

1 Praise ye the LORD: for *it is* good to sing praises unto our God; for *it is* pleasant; *and* praise is comely.

2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.

5 Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: his understanding *is* infinite.

6 The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

9 He giveth to the beast his food, *and* to the young ravens which cry.

10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 He maketh peace *in* thy borders, *and* filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his commandment *upon* earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his judgments*, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

148—Praise Ye the LORD

1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that *be* above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory *is* above the earth and heaven.

14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; *even* of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

149—Praise Ye the LORD

1 Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise in the congregation of saints.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

6 *Let* the high *praises* of God *be* in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;

7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, *and* punishments upon the people;

8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

150—Praise Ye the LORD

1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD