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THE

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PREFACE.

During the last few years great care has been successfully bestowed upon the pointing of the Psalter, so as to ensure an intelligent musical rendering of each clause of the separate verses; but, as far as I am aware, no attempt has been made to exhibit the general structure of the Psalms in such a manner as to suggest the variety of musical treatment which is required in different Psalms and in different parts of the same Psalms for their true interpretation. The present arrangement, which has been made and tested during the last six years of my work at Peterborough, is an endeavour to obtain this object, or at least to indicate what must be aimed at, as far as I can judge, in order that the chanting of the Psalms may contribute in the highest degree to the edifying of the Choir and of the Congregation.

It is evident upon the least reflection that no one uniform method of chanting can be applicable to the whole Psalter. Sometimes the verses are separately complete; sometimes they are arranged in couplets, sometimes in triplets; sometimes they are grouped in unequal but corresponding masses. In most cases the verses consist of two members, but not unfrequently they consist of three or four. If therefore the Psalms are sung antiphonally on one method in single verses, or in pairs of verses, or in half verses, the sense must constantly be sacrificed; and the Music instead of illuminating the thought will fatally obscure it.

Thus, for example, the second Psalm consists of four triplets, which offer remarkable internal correspondences. The teaching of the
Psalm is wholly destroyed if the separate unity of these four stanzas is not clearly marked in chanting. There are cases again when the form of the composition is changed in its course. Thus in the nineteenth Psalm there is an abrupt transition from a triple to a double structure. The glory of God in the heavens is portrayed in two stanzas of three verses each: His glory in the Law, and man's consequent prayer, in two stanzas of four verses each. The simplest music which accentuates this form of composition necessarily directs the attention of the hearer to the progress of thought with which it corresponds. If no clear change of rendering meets the change of structure, the idea probably remains hidden. In the twenty-fourth Psalm, to take an illustration of a different kind, the question and answer in vv. 8, 10 ought clearly to be separated. There are also obvious changes of feeling, from confidence to prayer, from prayer to thanksgiving, and even alternations of feeling in the same Psalm, which call for musical recognition.

I have striven therefore, after long and repeated study, to mark the main divisions of the Psalms, and by very brief marginal notes to characterize them. The sharpest divisions are distinguished by a space and a dash (e.g. Ps. ii); divisions more or less clear by a broader or narrower space (e.g. Ps. i and Ps. iii). In making them I have carefully weighed conflicting views. In some cases variations in my own judgment from time to time shew that the conclusion reached is uncertain; but in the majority of Psalms the same outline of structure is recognised by a general consent of commentators, and cannot fail to approve itself to the reader.

1 In this edition the marginal notes are placed between the verses of the text and thus take the place of the broader spaces {1881}. 
It happens sometimes that the conjunctions which have been introduced in the Prayer-book Version mar the sequence of thought (i, 7, 'But the Lord' in place of 'For the Lord'; viii, 3, 'For I will' in place of 'When I'). These inaccuracies have necessarily been disregarded.

One important feature of many Psalms in relation to their musical rendering is the recurrence of 'refrains.' These are sometimes simple (Pss. viii, xlii f, xlix, lii, lxii, lxvii, lxxx, lxxvii, xcix, cxv, cxvi, cxxvi), sometimes double (Pss. xxiv, lix, cvii), and sometimes complicated (cxviii). In all cases they require to be marked in some way so as to bring out plainly the character of the composition. In respect to these again the irregular freedom of the English version injures in several cases the perfect symmetry of the original. Thus in Ps. xlix. 12, the additional clause taken from v. 13 destroys the perfect correspondence with v. 20; in cxvi, 13 (parallel to 16a), the words unto the Lord are omitted without authority, and now has the same claim to appear in v. 16 as in v. 13; in xlii, 6, 14, xliii, 5, there are three distinct renderings of one phrase (see also lix, 6, 14; cxviii, 1, 29; 10 ff. &c.).

The Gloria at the close of each Psalm must be regarded as one uniform refrain. In many cases (e.g. Pss. lxxviii, cxlii f.) it ought to be rendered by a distinct chant, that so the voice of praise may be clearly heard after the saddest utterances. Sometimes it can be made in this way to bind together a group of Psalms in a greater unity. Sometimes (as in Ps. cxix) it will mark by its measured recurrence successive breaks in the development of one idea.

In this connexion it may be noticed that the first four of the five Books into which the Hebrew Psalter is divided are closed by a special Doxology (Ps. xli, 13; lxxii, 18 f; lxxix, 50b; cvi, 46). These Doxologies form no part of the
Psalms to which they are appended, and should be treated distinctly. As they stand at present, the Doxology in Ps. xli wholly mars the structure of the Psalm; and that in Ps. lxxxix mars the sense. The last Psalm is a grand Doxology to the whole Psalter.

The 'refrains' and doxologies are printed in italics.

It has not seemed desirable to introduce into the text the enigmatic word Selah. The term indeed appears to mark some change in the original musical accompaniment,—perhaps a passage for the instruments alone,—but its interpretation is most uncertain, and an examination of the passages in which it occurs leads to no positive result as to its general import. It is found at the close of the following verses in the Psalter, according to the numbering of the Prayer Book:

Ps. iii, 2, 4, 8.  Ps. lix, 5, 13.
   " iv, 2, 4.         " lx, 4.
   " ix, 16 (Higgaion Selah), 20. " lxii, 4, 8.
   " xxi, 3.            " lxvi, 3, 6, 13.
   " xxiv, 6, 10.       " lxvii, 1, 4.
   " xxxii, 4, 6, 8.    " lxviii, 7, 19, 32.
   " xxxix, 6, 12.      " lxv, 4.
   " xlvi, 3, 7, 12.    " lxxvii, 3, 9, 15.
   " xlvii, 4.          " lxxxi, 8.
   " xlvi, 7.           " lxxxii, 2.
   " xlix, 13, 15.      " lxxxiii, 8.
   " li, 6.             " lxxxiv, 4, 8.
   " lii, 4, 6.         " lxxv, 2.
   " liv, 3.            " lxxxvii, 2, 6.
   " lv, 7 (so after down).  " lxxviii, 6, 10.
   " lvii, 3, 6.        " lxxxix, 4, 37, 44, 46.
   " lviii, 5, 8.       " cxxi, 3, 5, 8.
   " lxxii, 6.          " cxliii, 6.

In the Psalter of 1549 (printed by H. Powell for E. Whitchurch) the first Sela is printed with the comprehensive note: 'Sela is as much to say as always, continually, for euer, forsoith, verely, a lifting up of the voice, or to make a pause, and earnestly to consynder and to ponder
the sentence.’ It occurs again xxi, 2; xxxii, 6, 8; xxxix, 6 (mg.) 12; xlv, 9 (mg.); xlvi, 3, 11; xlvii, 4; xlviii, 7; xlix, 13, 15 (mg.) &c. The occurrence, it will be seen, is quite irregular, but it would justify the introduction of the term systematically if it were otherwise desired. It should however be added that I have not observed the term in any other early Psalter (e.g. Grafton 1549, Worcester 1549, Whitchurch 1552 (?), Jugge and Cawood 1560, Barker 1590).

The verse-division of the Psalms in the Prayer Book offers many difficulties in the way of their musical rendering. This differs considerably from the division in the Hebrew text, which is followed in the Bible Version. Where the Prayer Book division seriously obscured the structure of the Psalms, I have ventured to alter it (e.g. i, 3 f; iv, 6 f; v, 9 f; vii, 9 f; xvi, 4 f; xix, 14 f; xlviii, 2; lxiii, 1 f; lxxi, 1, 9; lxxviii, 38 f; xcii, 7; xcvi, 13, 16; cxxxix, 1).

In other cases I have not thought it well to disturb the existing arrangement (e.g. x, 9 f; xi, 4 f; xv, 5 ff; xviii, 1, 43; xxii, 29 f; xxvii, 6 f, 10 f; xxviii, 14 f; xxx, 6, 9 f; xxxi, 2 f; xxxix, 13 f; xlv, 21; xciii, 1 f; cv, 34; cxx, 3), though it might have been better to restore the division of lxiii, 12, and to conform cviii, 8, 9 to the parallel lx, 7, 8.

The version has other faults of this kind which lie beyond any immediate remedy. The translation of Ps. xcvii, for example, offers a striking instance of the destruction of that symmetry of composition which it is one of the natural aims of music to interpret. In v. 1 the introduction of the false duplicate rendering bring young rams unto the Lord, destroys the perfect correspondence between the first two and the last two verses, with the fourfold repetition of the sacred Name. Again in v. 3 the rendering, it is the Lord that commandeth the waters,
for the voice of the Lord is upon the waters; entirely hides the first enunciation of the subject; and the transference of the third member of the verse (it is the Lord that ruleth the sea) to the beginning of v. 4 is ruinous to the symmetry of both verses (see also xiv, 11, and lxi, 7, 8).

The Prayer-book Psalter is indeed practically a 'survival' of our first English Bible. It is described in the Preface as following 'the translation of the great English Bible, set forth and used in the time of King Henry the Eighth and Edward the Sixth.' More exactly, it is, I believe, a reproduction, not critically precise, of the last revision of this Bible (Nov. 1540). The 'Great Bible' (1539-1540) was a revision by Coverdale of Matthew's Bible (1537), in which the Psalter was taken from Coverdale's own translation of 1535. The merits of this version, which render it 'smoother and more easy to sing,' caused it to be retained in 1662, when the other portions of Scripture used in Divine service were generally directed to be taken from the Revision of King James. These merits belong to all the work of Coverdale, an exquisite rhythm, a graceful freedom of rendering, and an endeavour to represent the spirit as well as the letter of the original. But at the same time the translation, which was very powerfully influenced by the Zurich German Bible, by the Latin Version of Münster, and by the Vulgate, is disfigured by many inaccuracies, and by some interpolations from the current and familiar Latin Vulgate.

In all the editions of the Great Bible which I have examined, these interpolations from the Latin are distinctly marked by difference of type or by brackets according to Coverdale's ex-

1 The strange typographical error in Ps. lxviii, 4, yea for yah (Fa, April 1540), is corrected.
pressed purpose. They are also partially distinguished in the earliest Psalters\textsuperscript{1} 'pointed for use in Churches' (Powell for Whitchurch, Grafton [August], and Worcester [September] 1549). But the round brackets which are used to distinguish them are used even in the same verses (e.g. Ps. ii, 12) for a different purpose, and nearly a fourth, including the great interpolation in Ps. xiv (vv. 7—9), are not marked at all. In the edition of 1564 by Jugge and Cawood many more are neglected. In the edition of Barker, 1590, a few only are marked (e.g. xiv, 2, 9; xviii, 49; xii, 1, 16, &c.) These facts shew how little critical care was used in preparing the Psalter for use in Churches; but it is clear that it would be in accordance with the purpose of those who first printed it in this form to distinguish all the additions to the Hebrew text\textsuperscript{2}.

The following is a list of the phrases which are marked in the Great Bible of April, 1540:

Ps. i, 5, from the face of the earth.
Ps. ii, 11, unto him.
Ps. xii, right.
Ps. iii, 2, (in) his (God).
Ps. iv, 8, and oil.
Ps. vii, 12, strong and patient.
Ps. xiii, 1, the poor.
Ps. xiii, 6, yea, I will... Highest.
Ps. xiv, 2, no not one.
Ps. 5—7, Their throat... their eyes.
Ps. 9, even where no fear was.
Ps. xviii, 6, holy.
Ps. 49, cruel.
Ps. xix, 12, my (secret faults).
Ps. xix, 14, alway.
Ps. xx, 9, upon thee.
Ps. xxi, 1, look upon me.
Ps. 16, many (dogs).
Ps. 31, my (seed).
Ps. 32, the heavens.
Ps. xxiii, 6, thy (loving-kindness).
Ps. xxiv, 4, his neighbour.
Ps. xxviii, 3, neither destroy me.
Ps. xxix, 1, bring young rams unto the Lord.
Ps. xxx, 7, from me.
Ps. xxxiii, 2, unto him.
Ps. 10, and casteth... princes.
Ps. xxxvi, 12, all.

\textsuperscript{1} The Psalter of 1548 (printed by R. Car) is Coverdale's Version with very slight variations: e.g. Ps. ii, 1.

\textsuperscript{2} As an example of the strange carelessness which prevailed, it may be mentioned that Ps. xxxvii, 29 is printed The righteous shall be punished in Grafton, Worcester (1549), Whitchurch (1552?), Jugge and Cawood (1564), Barker (1590).
It is not easy to see on what principle these additions were taken; for there are many other interpolations of the Vulgate Latin which are unnoticed though they have equal claims to recognition: e.g. Pss. v, 6, 10, 12; vii, 2; xviii, 35; xliv, 26; xlvi, 4; xlviii, 11; lii, 6; lxvi, 3; lxviii, 32; cvii, 2; cxvii, 28; cxxxviii, 1; cxlv, 13.

The Latin titles of the Psalms are, it may be added, the first words of the “Vulgate” version. This version having been made from the Greek (LXX) and not from the Hebrew, differs widely in many places from the original, so that the headings offer some remarkable variations from the English version, e.g. Pss. xxxvi, lxii, lxxiii, lxxx, lxxxiii. The common heading of Ps. cix (Deus laudum) is a mere error which I have ventured to correct.

This is not the place to enter further in detail into the mistakes of the Prayer-book Psalter. It is not perhaps too much to hope that the unquestionable errors of rendering and form may be dealt with by competent authority at no distant period. The question was prepared for
Convocation in 1689, and it was proposed by the Commissioners 'to leave wholly to Convocation 'to consider and determine whether the amendment of the reading Psalms (as they are called) 'made by the Bishop of St Asaph [Lloyd] and 'Dr Kidder or that of the Bible [1611] shall be 'inserted in the Prayer-book'.

If such a revision were undertaken, it should be guided by the spirit of Coverdale. The precise and literal exactness which is required in a version of Scripture for study is not required in a version for use in public service. For such a purpose the main object must be to secure a plain and rhythmical expression of the sense of the original, even at the sacrifice of the letter; and any one who will compare the Prayer-book Psalter with the original will be able to convince himself that the changes which are needed to remove distinct mistakes could be made without injury to its general character.

But even as it is the present text of the Prayer-book Psalter preserves in the main the great features of the structure of the Psalms which Music has to illustrate. In this respect any musician who may accept the general principles of the present arrangement will determine for himself how they can best be carried out in the particular circumstances with which he has to deal. Every effect necessary to give a true musical interpretation of the Psalms can be secured by the simplest means, by the free change of the melody, by the separate use of boys' and men's voices, by the introduction of unison and 'full' passages. And actual experience has shewn that such variations are neither laborious nor distracting. On the contrary, the light which is thrown by the music upon the text gives the

1 Cardwell, Hist. of Conferences, p. 437.
2 'The alternation between boys' and women's voices, when the Choir combines male and female singers, has a very striking effect.' R. B.-B.
words a new force and life; and the chanting becomes a true commentary upon the words, kindling a deeper devotion by a finer intelligence.

The experience of six years' work at Peterborough, where I have had the sympathetic help of all our musical staff, and especially of our organist Dr Hadyn Keeton, in embodying the ideas which have been expressed, may justify me in giving a few examples of renderings of Psalms which have been found to be effective. These will indicate a method capable of large modifications.

Ps. ii, A triple chant taken by Dec. and Cant. in succession, with a corresponding double chant for the Gloria.

,, vi, 1—3. Alternate D. and C.
4—7. In pairs, D. and C.
,, xv, 1. Men unison.
2. Boys unison.
3—6. Alternate D. and C.
7. Full unison.
,, xxiv, 1, 2. Full.
3. Men unison.
4. Boys unison.
5. Full.
8a. Boys unison.
8b. Men unison.
9. 
10a. Boys unison.
10b. Full unison.
,, lxvii, 1, 2; 6, 7. Alternate D. and C.
3. Full unison.
4. Full harmony.
,, lxxxii, 1, 8. Full unison.
5—7. Cant.
,, cxxv, 1. Boys unison.
2. Men unison.
3. Full unison.
4. 5. Alternate D. and C.
6. Full harmony.
7. Full unison.
8—11. Alternate D. and C.
Ps. c, 1, 2. Boys unison.
3, 4. Men unison.
Gloria (same chant):
Full harmony.
,, cxxxiv, 1—3. Men unison.
4. Boys unison.
,, cxxxvi, 1—3. Full unison.
4—18. In triplets D. and C.
19—22. Alternate D. and C.
23—25. Triplet.
26, 27. Full unison. The refrain, throughout in unison, and in the triplets boys, men, full, in succession.
,, cxxxvii, 1—3. Men unison.
Gloria: Change.
,, cxlvi, 1—3, 4—6. Triple chant: D. and C.
7b. Boys Cant. 
8b. Men Cant. 
10. Full unison.
,, cl, 1, 2. Full harmony.
3a. Boys unison.
3b. Men 
4a. Boys 
4b. Men 
5a. Boys 
5b. Men 
In some cases a short phrase on the Organ has an admirable effect in preparing for the change of chant (e.g. Ps. cxxxvii, 6) : in others an abrupt change is more full of meaning.

Many Psalms invite a more elaborate treatment (e.g. xviii, lxviii, cvi, cxxxii), and for a most instructive model I may refer to Dr Naylor's arrangement of Ps. lxxviii.

I need scarcely say that I could not have adequately tested the present arrangement of the Psalms without the hearty co-operation of our successive Precentors, the Rev. C. Daymond, Rev. W. F. Wilkinson, Rev. T. H. Vines, and Rev. S. Phillips, and from first to last of Dr H. Keeton, to whom I offer my warmest thanks. But above all I must acknowledge my debt to the Rev. R. Brown Borthwick, Vicar of All Saints, Scarborough, without whose advice and encouragement I should not have ventured to print the Psalter. While we were occupied with tentative 'paragraph' chanting at Peterborough, Mr Brown Borthwick sent me an account of a musical rendering of Ps. lxxviii by Dr Naylor, the organist of All Saints, which though far more elaborate in treatment was in principle identical with our own. This independent and striking confirmation of the method which I desired to see carried out, led to further communications with Mr Brown Borthwick, which shewed that he had formed the plan of a Psalter similar in its essential features to this, which has been completed with the assistance of his constant counsel. I should be unwilling to make Mr Brown Borthwick responsible for all the details in the execution of the plan, but I should be no less unwilling that he should not fully share any credit which may attach to the general conception; and every sheet has had the advantage of his criticism.

The pointing is, with few exceptions, taken
by the permission of the Syndics of the Cambridge University Press from 'the Pointed Prayer Book,' with the addition of an asterisk to mark one feature in the composition of some Psalms which is generally overlooked. Most of the verses of the Psalms consist, as has been already remarked, of two parallel members, and these are almost always correctly divided by the central 'point' (yet see xv. 2); but a considerable number of verses consist of three (see e.g. lxxvii, 16—19) or of four members. These structural breaks are generally marked by an asterisk; but in some cases the translation did not allow this method of notation (e.g. xxii. 14). A short pause in the recitation before the asterisk will sufficiently indicate the form of the composition.

If the book contributes in any degree to suggest new modes of interpreting the Psalms in our public worship, the labour which has been spent upon it will not have been in vain. In our Cathedrals and great Churches the Psalms are the centre of the service. They furnish splendid opportunities for the consecration of the highest gifts of musical genius and musical skill; and no nobler task can be given to the religious artist than to interpret them in a universal language. This is his proper office. The student of Theology can only offer him some clue to their structure and to their characteristic lessons in the hope that it may be of service to him as he comes to offer his own gift in Divine worship.

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The Canticles and Hymns.

At Morning Prayer.

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO.

PSALM xcvi.

A call to worship.

1 COME, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

The greatness of God.

3 For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands prepared the dry land.

A renewed call.

6 O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
Warnings against neglect.

8 To-day if ye will hear his voice harden not your hearts; 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 works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said; It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways.

11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath; that they should not enter into my rest.

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

ANTHEMS.

(To be used on Easter Day instead of the Venite.)

Christ the true Passover.

CHRIST our passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast;
2 Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 Cor. v. 7.

In Christ Death and Life.

3 CHRIST being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.
4 For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
5 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin; but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. vi. 9.
In Christ the Resurrection.

6 Christ is risen from the dead; and become the first-fruits of them that slept.
7 For since by man came death; by man also the resurrection of the dead.
8 For as in Adam all die; even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1 Cor. xv. 20.

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

HYMN.

(To be used on the 20th of June instead of the Venite.)

God's gracious care of men.

O Lord our Governor; how excellent is thy Name in all the world! Psalm viii. 1.

2 Lord, what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him; or the son of man, that thou so regardest him? Psalm cxiv. 3.

3 The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works; that they ought to be had in remembrance. Psalm cxi. 4.

4 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness; and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men! Psalm cvii. 8.

Prayers for the Queen.

5 Behold, O God our defender; and look upon the face of thine Anointed. Psalm lxxxiv. 9.

6 O hold thou up her goings in thy paths; that her footsteps slip not. Psalm xvii. 5.

7 Grant the Queen a long life; and make her glad with the joy of thy countenance. Psalms lxi. 6 and xxi. 6.

8 Let her dwell before thee for ever; O prepare
thy loving mercy and faithfulness that they may pre-serve her. *Psalm lxi. 7.

9 In her time let the righteous flourish and let peace be in all our borders. *Psalms lxxii. 7 and cxlvii. 14.

10 As for her enemies, clóthe them with shame but upon hersélf let her crown flourish. *Psalm cxxxii. 19.

Thanksgiving to God.

11 Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel: which only doeth wondrous things. *Psalm lxxii. 18.

12 And blessed be the Name of his Majesty for ever: and all the earth shall be filled with his Majesty. Amen, Amen. *Psalm lxxii. 19.

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

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

The praise of God on earth and in heaven.

We praise thee O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

2 All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

3 To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers there-in.

4 To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: con-tinually do cry,

5 Holy Holy Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

6 Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy Glory.

7 The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

8 The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

9 The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.
A confession of Faith.

10 The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;
11 The Father of an infinite Majesty;
12 Thine honourable true and only Son;
13 Also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
14 Thou art the King of Glory O — — Christ.
15 Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
16 When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man thou didst not abhor the Virgin’s womb.
17 When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
18 Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the Glory of the Father.
19 We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

Prayer resting on trust.

20 We therefore pray thee help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
21 Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.
22 O Lord save thy people and bless thine heritage.
23 Govern them and lift them up for ever.

24 Day by day we magnify thee;
25 And we worship thy Name ever world without end.

26 Vouchsafe O Lord to keep us this day without sin.
27 O Lord have mercy on us have mercy on us.
28 O Lord let thy mercy lighten on us as our trust is in thee.
29 O Lord in thee have I trusted let me never be confounded.
BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA.

Call to universal praise

O ALL ye Works of the Lord | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.

from the unseen powers in Heaven above;

2 O ye Angels of the Lord | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.
3 O ye Heavens | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.
4 O ye Waters that be above the Firmament | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.
5 O all ye Powers of the Lord | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.

from the visible powers of the Sky;

6 O ye Sun and Moon | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.
7 O ye Stars of Heaven | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.
8 O ye Showers and Dew | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.
9 O ye Winds of God | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.
10 O ye Fire and Heat | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.
11 O ye Winter and Summer | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.
12 O ye Dews and Frosts | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.
13 O ye Frost and Cold | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.
14 O ye Ice and Snow | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.
15 O ye Nights and Days | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.
16 O ye Light and Darkness | bless ye the | Lord praise him, and | magnify him for | ever.
17 O ye Lightnings and Clouds | bless | ye the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

from Earth and the manifold Creatures of the earth:

18 O let the Earth | bless the | Lord | yea let it praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

19 O ye Mountains and Hills | bless | ye the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

20 O all ye Green Things upon the Earth | bless | ye the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

21 O ye Wells | bless | ye the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

22 O ye Seas and Floods | bless | ye the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

23 O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters | bless | ye the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

24 O all ye Fowls of the Air | bless | ye the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

25 O all ye Beasts and Cattle | bless | ye the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

from Men in their various estates.

26 O ye Children of Mén | bless | ye the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

27 O let Israel | bless the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

28 O ye Priests of the Lord | bless | ye the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

29 O ye Servants of the Lord | bless | ye the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

30 O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous | bless | ye the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

31 O ye holy and humble Men of heart | bless | ye the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

32 O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael | bless | ye the | Lord | praise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son | and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, * is now, and | ever | shall be | world without | end. | A-men.
BENEDICTUS.
S. LUKE i. 68.

The fulfilment of old prophecy.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
2 And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us:
in the house of his servant David;

3 As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began;
4 That we should be saved from our enemies:
and from the hands of all that hate us;

5 To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers:
and to remember his holy Covenant;

6 To perform the oath which he sware to our father Abraham:
that he would give us;

7 That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies:
might serve him without fear;
8 In holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.

The work of the new Elijah.

9 And thou Child shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
10 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people:
for the remission of their sins,

11 Through the tender mercy of our God:
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
12 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
JUBILATE DEO.

PSALM c.

A twofold call and ground for worship.

O BE joyful in the Lord | all ye | lands | serve the Lord with gladness * and come before his | presence | with a | song.

2 Be ye sure 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.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving * and into his | courts with | praise | be thankful unto him, and | speak good | of his | Name.

4 For the Lord is gracious * his mercy is | everlasting | and his truth endureth from generation * to | generation.

Glory be to the Father, | and • to the | Son | and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

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

QUICUNQUE VULT.

WHOSOEVER will be | saved | before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic | Faith.

2 Which Faith except every one do keep whole and undetiled | without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

A confession of faith in the Holy Trinity.

3 And the Catholic Faith is | this | that we worship one God in Trinity, * and Trinity in | Unity;

4 Neither confounding the | Persons | nor dividing the | Substance.

5 For there is one Person of the Father, * another of the | Son | and another of the Holy | Ghost.
6 But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one: the Glory equal, * the Majesty co-e-ternal.

7 Such as the Father is, * such is the Son: and such is the Holy Ghost.

8 The Father uncreate, * the Son uncre-ate: and the Holy Ghost uncre-ate.


11 And yet they are not three e-ter-nals: but one e-ter-nal.

12 As also there are not three incomprehensibles, * nor three uncre-a-ted: but one uncreated, * and one incompre-hensible.

13 So likewise the Father is Almighty, * the Son Al-might-y: and the Holy Ghost Al-mighty.

14 And yet they are not three Al-might-ies: but one Al-mighty.

15 So the Father is God, * the Son is God: and the Holy Ghost is God.

16 And yet they are not three Gods: but one God.

17 So likewise the Father is Lord, * the Son Lord: and the Holy Ghost Lord.

18 And yet not three Lords: but one Lord.

19 For like as we are compelled by the Christian veri-ty: to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord;

20 So are we forbidden by the Catholick Re-ligion: to say, There be three Gods, * or three Lords.

21 The Father is made of none: neither created nor be-gotten.

22 The Son is of the Father a-lone: not made, nor created * but be-gotten.

23 The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son: neither made, nor created, nor begotten * but pro-ceeding.

24 So there is one Father, not three Fathers * one Son, not three Sons: one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.
25. And in this Trinity none is afore or after: other: none is greater or less than another.
26. But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together: and co-equal.
27. So that in all things, as is aforesaid: the Unity in Trinity* and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

28. He therefore that will be saved: must thus think of the Trinity.
29. Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation: that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A confession of faith in the Incarnation.

30. For the right Faith is: that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;
31. God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds: and Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;
32. Perfect God, and perfect Man: of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.
33. Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead: and inferior to the Father, as touching his Manhood.
34. Who although he be God and Man: yet he is not two, but one Christ.
35. One; not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh: but by taking of the Manhood into God;
36. One altogether: not by confusion of substance: but by unity of Person.
37. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one: so God and Man is one Christ;
38. Who suffered for our salvation: descended into hell,* rose again the third day from the dead.
39. He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the Father God Almighty: from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
40. At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies: and shall give account for their own works.
41 And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

42 This is the Catholic Faith: which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

Glory be to the Father, * and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning * is now, and ever shall be: world without end * Amen.
At Evening Prayer.

MAGNIFICAT.

S. Luke i. 46.

Thanksgiving for God's special grace.

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

2 For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaid: 3 For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

5 And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

His judgments and faithfulness.

6 He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

8 He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

9 He remembering his mercy hath hólpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abrahaem and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
CANTATE DOMINO.

PSALM xcvi.

God's victory for His people.

O SING unto the Lord a new song, * for he hath
dóne | marvellous | things ; 2 with his own right
hand, and with his holy arm, háth he | gotten - him-
sel the | victory.
3 The Lord declared | his sal-|vation : his right-
ousness hath he openly shewed in the | sight | of the |
heathen.
4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth, * tó-
ward the | house of | Israel : and all the ends of the
world * have seen the sal-|vation | of our | God.

Let men and

5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lórd | all ye |
lands ; sing, re-|joice and | give | thanks.
6 Praise the Lórd up-|on the | harp ; sing to the
hárp with a | psalm of | thanks-|giving.
7 With trúmpets | also and | shawms : O shew
yourselves j oxyful be-|fore the | Lord the | King.

nature praise Him for His judgment.

8 Let the sea make a noise, * and all that | there-
in | is : the round world, and | they that | dwell
there-in.
9 Let the floods clap their hands, * and let the hills
be joyful togethér be-|fore the | Lord : fór he | cometh
* to | judge the | earth.
10 With righteousness shall he | judge the | world :
and the | people | with | equity.

Glory be to the Fáther, and | to the | Son ; and | to
the | Holy | Ghost ;
As it was in the beginning * is now, and | ever | shall
be : world without | end. | A-men.
NUNC DIMITTIS.

S. LUKE ii. 29.

Perfect rest in the sight of

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

God's universal purpose of love.

3 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

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

DEUS MISEREATUR.

PSALM lxvii.

Prayer and praise for blessings future and past.

God be merciful unto us and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance and be merciful unto us:

2 That thy way may be known upon earth: thy salvation among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God: yea let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejoice, and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteousely: and govern the nations up on earth.
The Psalms of David.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM I. *Beatus vir, qui non abiit.*

The blessedness of the righteous

BLESSÉD is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, * nor stóod in the | way of | sinners : and hath not sátt in the | seat | of the | scornful.

2 But his delight is in the láw | of the | Lord : and in his law will he éxercise him-|self | day and | night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the waterside, * that will bring forth his frúit in | due | season : His leaf also shall not wither; and look, whatsoéver he | doeth | it shall | prosper.

contrasted with the fate of the ungodly.

5 As for the ungodly, it is not | so with | them : but they are like the chaff, * which the wind scattereth away from the | face | of the | earth.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stánd | in the | judgement : neither the sinners in the cóngrego-

ation | of the | righteous.

7 But the Lord knoweth the wáy | of the | right-

eous : and the wáy | of | the un-|godly | shall | perish.
PSALM II. Quare fremuerunt gentes?

The rebellion of the nations.

WHY do the heathen so furiously rage to-gether: and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth stand up, * and the rulers take counsel to-gether: against the Lord, and his anointed.

3 "Let us break their bonds a-sunder: and cast away their cords from us."

The answer of Jehovah.

4 He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in de-ri-sion.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath: and vex them in his sore dis-pleasure.

6 "Yet have I set my King: upon my holy hill of Sion."

The commission of the Divine King.

7 I will preach the law, * whereof the Lord hath said unto me: Thou art my Son, * this day have I be-gotten thee.

8 Desire of me, * and I shall give thee the heathen for thine he-ritance: and the utmost parts of the earth for thy pos-session.

9 Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron: and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

The counsel of submission.

10 Be wise now therefor, O ye kings: be learned, yé that are judges of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord in fear: and rejoice unto him with reverence.

12 Kiss the Son lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way: if his wrath be kindled, yea but a little, * blessed are all they that put their trust in him.
PSALM III. *Domine, quid multiplicati?*

Many enemies.

1 **L**ORD, how are they increased that trouble me: many are they that rise against me.

2 Many one there be that say of my soul: There is no help for him in his God.

One defender.

3 But thou O Lord, art my defender: thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.

4 I did call upon the Lord with my voice: and he heard me out of his holy hill.

Sure trust.

5 I laid me down and slept: *and rose up again:* for the Lord sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people: that have set themselves against me round about.

Righteous judgment.

7 Up Lord, and help me: O my God: for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone: *thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.*

8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: and thy blessing is upon thy people.

PSALM IV. *Cum invocarem.*

Hear me when I call, O God: of my righteousness: thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble: *have mercy upon me and hearken unto my prayer.*

The success of the ungodly an occasion for warning

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour: and have such pleasure in vanity and seek after leasing?

3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to
himself the man | that is | godly | when I call upon
the | Lord, | he will | hear me.

4 Stand in | awe, and | sin not | commune with
your own heart, and in your | chamber, | and be | still.

5 Offer the sacrifice | of | righteousness | * and put
your | trust | in the | Lord.

and trust.

6 There be many that say, | * Who will shew us |
any | good | Lord, lift thou up the light of thy |
countenance | on us.

7 Thou hast put gladness | in my | heart | since the
time that their corn, and | wine, and | oil, increased.

9 I will lay me down in peace, and | take my | rest | for it is thou Lord only that | makest me | dwell in |
safety.

PSALM V. Verba mea auribus.

PONDER my | words, O | Lord | consider | my |
meditation.

2 O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my |
King, | and my | God | for unto thee | will I | make |
my | prayer.

The true worshipper.

3 My voice shalt thou hear | times, O | Lord | early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto |
thee, | and will | look | up.

4 For thou art the God that hast no | pleasure | in |
wickedness | neither shall any | evil | dwell with |
thee.

5 Such as be foolish shall not stand | in thy | sight | for thou hast all | them that | work | vanity.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that | speak | leasing | the Lord will abhor both the blood-thirsty | and deceitful | man.

7 But as for me I will come into thine house, even |
upon the multitude | of thy | mercy | and in thy fear |
will I worship | toward | thy | holy | temple.
His prayer for righteous judgment.

8 Lead me O Lord in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies: make thy way plain before my face.
9 For there is no faithfulness in his mouth; * their inward parts are very wickedness: 10 Their throat is an open sepulchre; * they flatter with their tongue.
11 Destroy thou them O God; * let them perish through their own imaginations: cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness; * for they have rebelled against thee.
12 And let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice: they shall ever be giving of thanks because thou defendest them; * they that love thy Name shall be joyful in thee;
13 For thou Lord wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous: and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him as with a shield.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM VI. Domine, ne in furore.

Prayer in affliction.

O LORD rebuke me not in thine indignation neither chasten me in thy displeasure.
2 Have mercy upon me O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord heal me, for my bones are vexed.
3 My soul also is sore troubled: but Lord how long wilt thou punish me?

Prayer yet more urgent.

4 Turn thee O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for thy mercy's sake.
5 For in death no man remembereth thee: and who will give thee thanks in the pit?
6 I am weary of my groaning; * every night wash I my bed: and water my couch with my tears.
7 My beauty is gone for very trouble: and worn away be cause of all mine enemies.
Thanksgiving for prayer heard.

8 Away from me, all yé that work vanity: for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.
9 The Lord hath heard my petition: the Lord will receive my prayer.
10 All mine enemies shall be confounded and sore vexed: they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

PSALM VII. Domine, Deus meus.

The appeal of the innocent to God.

O LORD my God, in thee have I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me;
2 Lest he devour my soul like a lion and tear it in pieces: while there is none to help.
3 O Lord my God, if I have done any such thing or if there be any wickedness in my hands;
4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly with me: yea I have delivered him that without any cause is mine enemy;
5 Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take me: yea let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust.

Prayer for judgment.

6 Stand up O Lord in thy wrath, and lift up thyself, because of the indignation of mine enemies: arise up for me in the judgement that thou hast commanded.
7 And so shall the congregation of the people come about thee: for their sakes therefore lift up thyself again.
8 The Lord shall judge the people: give sentence with me, O Lord: according to my righteousness, and according to the innocency that is in me.
9 O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end: but guide thou the just: for the righteous God tryeth the very hearts and reins.
Psalm VIII.

The glory of God through the weak.

O Lord our Governor: how excellent is thy Name in all the world!
Thou hast set thy glory above the heavens!
Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies: that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger.

Man made king

For I will consider thy heavens, even the works 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?
Thou madest him lower than the angels: to crown him with glory and worship.
over the world.

6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands: and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

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

8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea: and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

The glory of God.

9 O Lord our Governor: how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

Morning Prayer.

PSALM IX. Confitebor tibi.

Thanksgiving to God

1 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord with my whole heart: I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: yea my songs will I make of thy Name, O thou most Highest.

the righteous Judge;

3 While mine enemies are driven back: they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right: and my cause: thou art set in the throne that judgest right.

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

6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: even as the cities which thou hast destroyed; * their memory is perished with them.

7 But the Lord shall endure for ever: he hath also prepared his seat for judgement.
8 For he shall judge the world in righteousness: and minister true judgment unto the people.
9 The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed: even a refuge in due time of trouble.
10 And they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee: for thou Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee.

Whose praise shall be heard in Sion

11 O praise the Lord which dwelleth in Sion: shew the people of his doings.
12 For when he maketh inquisition for blood he remembereth them: and forgettest not the complaint of the poor.

13 Have mercy upon me O Lord; consider the trouble which I suffer of them that hate me: thou that liftest me up from the gates of death.
14 That I may shew all thy praises within the ports of the daughter of Sion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

When the heathen are cast down.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the same net which they hid privily is their foot taken.
16 The Lord is known to execute judgement: the ungodly is trapped in the work of his own hands.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell: and all the people that forget God.
18 For the poor shall not alway be forgotten: the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever.

19 Up Lord, and let not man have the upper hand: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.
20 Put them in fear, O Lord: that the heathen may know themselves to be but men.
PSALM X.  *Ut quid, Domine?*

WHY standest thou so far off, O Lord: and hidest thy face in the needful time of trouble?

2 The ungodly for his own lust doth persee-cute the poor; let them be taken in the crafty williness that they have im-agined.

The oppression of the poor.

3 For the ungodly hath made boast of his own heart's desirè; and speaketh good of the covetous, whom God ab-horreth.

4 The ungodly is so proud that he cäreth not for God: neither is God in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are alway grievous: thy judgements are far above out of his sight, *and thércfore de-sieth he all his enemies.*

6 For he hath said in his heart, "Tush, I shall never be cast down: there shall no harm happen unto me."

7 His mouth is full of cursing deceit and fraud; under his tongue is un-godli-ness and vanity.

8 He sitteth lurking in the thievish corners of the streets: and privily in his lurking dens doth he murder the innocent; *his eyes are set a-against the poor.*

9 For he lieth waiting secretly, *even as a lion lurketh he in his den: that he may ravish the poor.*

10 He doth ravish the poor: when he getteth him into his net.

11 He falleth down and humbleth him-self: that the congregation of the poor may fall into the hands of his captains.

12 He hath said in his heart, "Tush, God hath for-gotten: he hideth away his face, and he will never see it."

An appeal to God for help

13 Arise O Lord God, and lift up thine hand: for-get not the poor.
14 Wherefore should the wicked blaspheme God: while he doth say in his heart, Tush, thou God carest not for it.
15 Sûrely thou hast seen it: for thou beholdest ungodliness and wrong.
16 That thou mayest take the matter into thine hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; for thou art the helper of the friendless.
17 Break thou the power of the ungodly and malicious: take away his ungodliness and thou shalt find none.

which is heard.

18 The Lord is King for ever and ever: and the heathen are perished out of the land.
19 Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the poor: thou preparest their heart, and thine ear hearkeneth thereunto;
20 To help the fatherless and poor unto their right: that the man of the earth be not more exalted against them.

PSALM XI. In Domino confido.

The counsel of fear.

1 In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye then to my soul that "she should flee as a bird unto the hill?"
2 "For lo the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver: that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart."
3 "For the foundations will be cast down: and what hath the righteous done?"

The answer of faith.

4 The Lord is in his holy temple: the Lord's seat is in heaven.
5 His eyes consider the poor: and his eyelids try the children of men.
6 The Lord knoweth the righteous: but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness doth his soul abhor.
7 Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, | storm and | tempest : this shall | be their | portion • to | drink.

8 For the righteous Lord | loveth | righteousness : his countenance will be- | hold the | thing • that is | just.

**Evening Prayer.**

**PSALM XII. *Salvum me fac.***

The power and pride of the ungodly.

HELP me Lord, for there is not one | godly • man | left : for the faithful are minished from a- | mong the | children • of | men.

2 They talk of vanity every one | with his | neigh- | bour : they do but flatter with their lips, and dis- | semble | in their | double | heart.

3 The Lord shall root out all de- | ceitful | lips • and the tóngle that | speaketh | proud | things ;

4 Which have said, "With our tóngle will | we pre- | vail : we are they that ought to speak, who is | Lord | over | us?"

The promise

5 "Now for the comfortless troubles' sake | of the | needy • and because of the deep | sighing | of the | poor,

6 "I will úp," | saith the | Lord : "and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, | and will | set him • at | rest."

which cannot fail.

7 The words of the Lord are | pure | words • even as the silver which from the earth is tried • and purified | seven • times • in the | fire.

8 Thou shalt keep | them, O | Lord : thou shalt preserve him from | this • genera- | tion • for | ever.

9 The ungodly walk on | every | side : when they are exalted, the children of | men are | put • to re- | buke.
PSALM XIII.  *Usque quo, Domine?*

Complaint.

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

2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart: how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

Prayer.

3 Consider and hear me O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes that I sleep not in death.

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

Trust.

5 But my trust is in thy mercy: and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

6 I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me: yea I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

PSALM XIV.  *Dixit insipiens.*

The spirit of folly.

The fool hath said in his heart: There is no God.

2 They are corrupt and become abominable in their doings: there is none that doeth good, no not one.

God's sentence.

3 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men: to see if there were any that would understand, *and* seek after God.

4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable: there is none that doeth good, no not one.
5 Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they deceitfully disposed; the poison of asps is under their lips.

6 Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; their feet are swift to shed blood.

7 Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways, and the way of peace have they not known; there is no fear of God before their eyes.

8 "Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief; eating up my people as it were bread, and call not up on the Lord?"

Its issue.

9 There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was; for God is in the generation of the righteous.

10 As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor; because he putteth his trust in the Lord.

11 Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion? When the Lord turneth the captivity of his people, * then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XV. Domine, quis habitabit?

The portraiture of the righteous

LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle; or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

2 Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life; and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

in detail.

3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, * nor done evil to his neighbour; and hath not slandered his neighbour.
4 He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes: and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.
5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him, not: though it were to his own hindrance.
6 He that hath not given his money upon usury, nor taken reward against the innocent.
7 Whoso doeth these things: shall never fall.

PSALM XVI. Conserva me, Domine.

God is man's highest good.

RESERVE me O God: for in thee have I put my trust.
2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord: Thou art my God, my goods are nothing: unto thee.
3 All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth: and upon such as excel in virtue.
4 But they that run after another god shall have great trouble: 5 Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer: * neither make mention of their names with-in my lips.
6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou shalt main-tain my lot.
7 The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground: yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Thankfulness and trust of the believer.

8 I will thank the Lord for giving me warning: my reins also chasten me in the night-season.
9 I have set God always before me: for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.
10 Wherefore my heart was glad and my glory rejoiced: my flesh also shall rest in hope.
11 For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell: neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.
8. There went a smoke out in his presence: and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it.

9. He bowed the heavens also and came down: and it was dark under his feet.

10. He rode upon the cherubims, and did fly: he came flying upon the wings of the wind.

11. He made darkness his secret place: his pavilion round about him with dark water, and thick clouds to cover him.

12. At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed: hail-stones, and coals of fire.

13. The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder: hail-stones, and coals of fire.

14. He sent out his arrows and scattered them: he cast forth lightnings, and destroied them.

15. The springs of waters were seen: and the foundations of the round world were discovered at thy chiding, O Lord: at the blasting of the breath of thy displeasure.

Divine help.

16. He shall send down from on high to fetch me: and shall take me out of many waters.

17. He shall deliver me from my strongest enemy, and from them which hate me: for they are too mighty for me.

18. They prevented me in the day of my trouble: but the Lord was my upholder.

19. He brought me forth also into a place of liberty: he brought me forth, even because he had a favour unto me.

Man's preparation.

20. The Lord shall reward me after my righteouns dealing: according to the cleanness of my hands shall he recompense me.

21. Because I have kept the ways of the Lord: and have not forsaken my God, as the wicked doth.

22. For I have an eye unto all his laws: and will not cast out his commandments from me.
23 I was also uncorrupt before him: and eschewed mine own wickedness.

24 Therefore shall the Lord reward me after my righteousness; dealing: and according unto the cleanness of my hands, in his eyesight.

The law of God’s action.

25 With the holy thou shalt be holy: and with a perfect man thou shalt be perfect.

26 With the clean thou shalt be clean: and with the froward thou shalt learn frowardness.

27 For thou shalt save the people that are in adversity; and shalt bring down the high looks of the proud.

28 Thou also shalt light my candle: the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light.

29 For in thee I shall discourses host of men: and with the help of my God I shall leap over the wall.

30 The way of God is an undeviled way: the word of the Lord also is tried in the fire; * he is the defender of all them that put their trust in him.

Strength and victory through God.

31 For who is God, but the Lord: or who hath any strength, except our God?

32 It is God that girdeth me with strength of war: and maketh my way perfect.

33 He maketh my feet like harts’ feet: and setteth me up on high.

34 He teacheth mine hands to fight: and mine arms shall break even a bow of steel.

35 Thou hast given me the defence of thy salvation: thy right hand also shall hold me up, * and thy loving correction shall make me great.

36 Thou shalt make room enough under me: for to go: that my footsteps shall not slide.

37 I will follow upon mine enemies and overtake them: neither will I turn again till I have destroyed them.

38 I will smite them, that they shall not be able to stand: but fall under my feet.
39 Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me.

40 Thou hast made mine enemies also to turn their backs upon me: and I shall destroy them that hate me.

41 They shall cry, but there shall be none to help them: yea even unto the Lord shall they cry, but he shall not hear them.

42 I will beat them as small as the dust before the wind: I will cast them out as the clay in the streets.

43 Thou shalt deliver me from the strivings of the people: and thou shalt make me the head of the heathen.

44 A people whom I have not known shall serve me.

45 As soon as they hear of me, they shall o bey me: but the strange children shall resemble with me.

46 The strange children shall fail: and be afraid out of their prisons.

Thanksgiving in the retrospect and prospect of life.

47 The Lord liveth, and blessed be my strong helper: and praised be the God of my salvation.

48 Even the God that seeth that I be avenged: and subdueth the people unto me.

49 It is he that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, * and setteth me up above mine adversaries: thou shalt rid me from the wicked man.

50 For this cause will I give thanks unto thee O Lord, among the Gentiles: and sing praises unto thy Name.

51 Great prosperity giveth he unto his King: and sheweth loving-kindness unto David his Anointed, * and unto his seed for ever more.
Morning Prayer.

PSALM XIX. Caeli enarrant.

The glory of God in the heavens (Nature).

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy-work.

2 One day tells an other; and one night certifieth an other.

3 There is neither speech nor language: but their voices are heard among them.

4 Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words into the ends of the world.

5 In them hath he set a tabernacle: for the sun which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven; and runneth about unto the end of it: it returneth again, that it may take up its journey.

The glory of God in the Law (Revelation).

7 The law of the Lord is a sure law, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is pure and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure and giveth light unto the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endureth for ever: the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

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

Prayer for guidance.

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

12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me: so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

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

PSALM XX. Exaudiat te Dominus.

The people's prayer.

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 Sion;
3 Remember all thy offerings: and accept thy burnt sacrifice;
4 Grant thee thy heart's desire: and fill thy mind.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation: * and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God: the Lord perform all thy petitions.

The ruler's trust.

6 Now know I that the Lord helpeth his Anointed, * and will hear him from his holy heaven: even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.
7 Some put their 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 and hear us O King of heaven: when we call upon thee.

PSALM XXI. Domine, in virtute tua.

The prosperity of the King.

The King shall rejoice in thy strength, O Lord: exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation.
2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire: and hast not denied him the request of his lips.

3 For thou shalt prevent him with the blessings of goodness: and shalt set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

4 He asked of thee, and thou gavest him a long life: even for ever and ever.

5 His honour is great in thy salvation: glory and great worship shalt thou lay upon him.

6 For thou shalt give him everlasting felicity: and make him glad with the joy of thy countenance.

7 And why? because the King putteth his trust in the Lord: and in the mercy of the most Highest he shall not miscarry.

His future success.

8 All thine enemies shall feel thy hand: thy right hand shall find out them that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them like a fiery oven in time of thy wrath: the Lord shall destroy them in his displeasure, and the fire shall consume them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou root out of the earth: and their seed from among the children of men.

11 For they intended mischief against thee: and imagined such a device as they are not able to perform.

12 Therefore shalt thou put them to flight: and the strings of thy bow shalt thou make ready against the face of them.

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

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XXII. Deus, Deus meus.

The cry of the forsaken.

My God my God look upon me: why hast thou forsaken me: and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
2 O my God I cry in the day-time, but thou | hear-est | not: and in the night-season | also I | take no | rest.

3 And thou con-tinuest | holy: O thou | worship | of | Isra-el.

4 Our fathers | hoped-in | thee: they trusted in thee, and thou | didst de-liver | them.

5 They called upon thee | and were | holpen: they put their trust in thee | and were | not con-founded.

6 But as for me, I am a worm, and | no | man: a very scorn of men and the | outcast | of the | people.

7 All they that see me laugh | me to | scorn: they shoot out their lips, and | shake their | heads, | saying,

8 He trusted in God, that he would de-liver | him: let him de-liver | him, | if he | will | have him.

Affliction issuing in prayer.

9 But thou art he that took me out of my | mother's | womb: thou wast my hope, when I hanged yé | up-on | my | mother's | breasts.

10 I have been left unto thee ever since | I was | born: thou art my God even | from my | mother's | womb.

11 O go not from me, for trouble is | hard at | hand: and | there is | none to | help me.

12 Many oxen are | come a-bout me: fat bulls of Basan close me | in on | every | side.

13 They gape upon me | with their | mouths: as it were a ramping | and a | roaring | lion.

14 I am poured out like water, * and all my bones are | out of | joint: my heart also in the midst of my body is | even | like | melting | wax.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, * and my tongue claveth | to my | gums: and thou shalt bring me | into | the | dust of | death.

16 For many dogs are | come a-bout me | and the council of the wicked | layeth | siege a-gainst me.

17 They pierced my hands and my feet; * I may tell | all my | bones: they stand | staring | and | looking | up-on me.

18 They part my garments | a-mong them: and cast | lots up-on me | my | vesture.
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19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord; thou art my succour, 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; thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

Praise of God for His mercy.

22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren, in the midst of the congregation, will I praise thee.
23 O praise the Lord, ye that fear him; magnify him all ye of the seed of Jacob, * and fear him all ye seed of Israel;
24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor; he hath not hid his face from him, * but when he called unto him he heard him.
25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation; my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
26 The poor shall eat, and be satisfied; they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; * your heart shall live for ever.

Acknowledgment of His sovereignty.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord; and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
28 For the kingdom is the Lord's; and he is the Governor; or among the people.
29 All such as be fat upon earth have eaten, and worshipped.
30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him; and no man hath quickened his own soul.
31 My seed shall serve him; they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
32 They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness; unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.
PSALM XXIII.  *Dominus regit me.*

The Lord the true Shepherd,

1. The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

2. He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

Guide and

3. He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth 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 comfort me.

Sustainer.

5. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil: and my cup shall be full.

6. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XXIV.  *Domini est terra.*

The Sovereignty of the Lord.

1. The earth is the Lord’s: and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2. For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

His true worshippers.

3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in his holy place?

4. "Even he that hath clean hands and a pure heart: and that hath not lifted up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour."
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 | even of them that | seek thy | face, O | Jacob."

His welcome to His sanctuary.

7 "Lift up your heads O ye gates, * and be ye lift
up ye ever-lasting | doors | and the King of | glory | shall come | in."

8 "Whó is the | King of | glory?" ;
"It is the Lord strong and mighty, * even the | Lord | mighty • in | battle."

9 "Lift up your heads O ye gates, * and be ye lift
up ye ever-lasting | doors | and the King of | glory | shall come | in."

10 "Whó is the | King of | glory?" ;
"Even the Lord of hosts, * | he • is the | King of | glory."

PSALM XXV. Ad te, Domine, levavi.

Unto thee O Lord will I lift up my soul; * my
God I have put my | trust in | thee : O let
me not be confounded, * neither let mine enemies |
triumph | over | me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall | not • be 
a- | shamed : but such as transgress without a cause |
shall be | put • to con | fusion.

Prayer for personal guidance and forgiveness.

3 Shew me thy | ways, O | Lord : and | teach | me 
thy | paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy | truth, and | learn me : for 
thou art the God of my salvation; * in thee hath been 
my | hope | all the • day | long.

5 Call to remembrance O Lord, thy | tender | mer-
cies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which | have been | ever • of | old.
6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord; therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement; and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth; unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies.

10 For thy Name's sake, O Lord, be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.

11 What man is he, that feareth the Lord? he shall teach in the way that he shall choose.

12 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the land.

13 The secret of the Lord is among them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

14 Mine eyes are ever looking unto thee, O Lord; for thou shalt pluck my feet out of the net.

Prayer for forgiveness.

15 Turn thee unto me and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate, and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversi-ty and misery; and for-give me all my sin.

18 Consider mine enemies how many they are; and they bear a tyranny; hate a-against me.

19 O keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.

20 Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me; for my hope hath been in thee.

21 Deliver Israel, O God; out of all his troubles.

PSALM XXVI. Judica me, Domine.

The pleadings of a righteous soul.

BE thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently; my trust hath been also in the Lord; therefore shall I not fall.
2 Examine me O Lord, and prove me: try out my reins and my heart.

3 For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes: and I will walk in thy truth.

4 I have not dwelt with vain persons: neither will I have fellowship with deceitful.

5 I have hated the congregation of the wicked: and will not sit among the ungodly.

6 I will wash mine hands in innocency: O Lord: and so will I go to thine altar;

7 That I may shew the voice of thanks-giving: 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 O shut not up my soul with the sinners: nor my life with the blood-thirsty;

10 In whose hands is wickedness: and their right hand is full of gifts.

11 But as for me, I will walk innocently: O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.

12 My foot standeth right: I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XXVII. Dominus illuminatio.

Confidence.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear: the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then 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 of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid: and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house
of the Lord all the days of my life; * to behold the fair
beauty of the Lord, | and to | visit his | temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me | in
his | tabernacle: yea in the secret place of his dwell-
ing shall he hide me, * and set me up up-| on a | rock
of | stone.

6 And now shall he lift | up mine | head: above
mine | enemies | round a-| bout me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation
with | great | gladness: I will sing, and speak |
praises | unto the | Lord.

Prayer.

8 Hearken unto my voice O Lord, when I cry |
unto | thee: | have mercy up-| on | me, and | hear me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek | ye my | face:
Thy face, | Lord, | will I | seek.

10 O hide not thou thy | face from | me: nor cast
thy servant a-| way | in dis-| pleasure.

11 Thou hast | been my | succour: | leave me not
neither forsake me, O | God of | my sal-| vation.

12 When my father and my | mother | for-| sake me:
the | Lord | taketh me | up.

13 Teach me thy | way, O | Lord: and lead me
in the right way, be-| cause | of mine | enemies.

14 Deliver me not over into the will | of mine |
adversaries: for there are false witnesses risen up
against me, and | such as | speak | wrong.

Renewed confidence.

15 I should utterly have | fainted: but that I
believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the |
land | of the | living.

16 O tarry thou the | Lord's | leisure: be strong
and he shall comfort thine heart: * and put thou thy |
trust | in the | Lord.

PSALM XXVIII. Ad te, Domine.

Prayer.

Unto thee will I cry, O | Lord my | strength: |
think no scorn of me; * lest if thou make as
though thou hearest not, I become like them that go |
down | into the | pit.
Hear the voice of my humble petitions, when
I cry unto thee: when I hold up my hands towards
the mercy-seat of thy holy temple.
O pluck me not away, neither destroy me with
the ungodly and wicked doers: which speak
friendly to their neighbours, but imagine mischief
in their hearts.
Reward them according to their deeds: and
according to the wickedness of their own inventions.
Recompense them after the work of their hands: pay them
that they have served.
For they regard not in their mind the works
of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands: therefore shall he break them down, and not build them up.

Thanksgiving for prayer answered.

Praised be the Lord: for he hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.
The Lord is my strength and my shield: my
heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him.
The Lord is my strength: and he is the wholesome defence of his Anointed.
O save thy people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance: feed them and set them up for ever.

PSALM XXIX. Afferte Domino.
Praise the Lord.

Bring unto the Lord O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord: ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.
Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name: worship the Lord with holy worship.

The majesty of the Lord in the storm.

It is the Lord that commandeth the waters: it is the glorious God, that maketh the thunder.
It is the Lord that ruleth the sea, the voice of
the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

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 also and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; * the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; yea the Lord shaketh the wilder- ness of Cades.

8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, * and discovereth the thick bushes; in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

The Lord is King.

9 The Lord sitteth above the water-flood: and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

10 The Lord shall give strength unto his people: the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XXX. Exaltabo te, Domine.

Thanksgiving.

I WILL magnify thee O Lord, for thou hast set me up: and not made my foes to triumph over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee: and thou hast healed me.

3 Thou Lord hast brought my soul out of hell: thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

Ground of praise.

4 Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his: and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life: heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
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Changes of life.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed: thou Lord of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.

7 Thou didst turn thy face from me: and I was troubled.

8 Then cried I unto thee, O Lord: and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

9 "What profit is there in my blood: when I go down to the pit?"

10 "Shall the dust give thanks unto thee: or shall it declare thy truth?"

11 "Hear O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper."

Deliverance.

12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy: thou hast put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness.

13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing: O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

PSALM XXXI. In te, Domine, speravi.

Prayer in trust.

1 In thee O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me: make haste to deliver me.

3 And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that thou mayest save me.

4 For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.

6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit: for thou hast redeemed me O Lord, thou God of truth.
7 I have hated them that hóld of super-stitious vanities: and my trúst hath been in the Lord.

8 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in ad-versities.

9 Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: but hast set my féeet in a large room.

Picture of distress.

10 Have mercy upon me O Lord, for I am in trouble: and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yéa, my soul and my body.

11 For my life is wáxen old with heaviness: and my years with mourning.

12 My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity: and my bones are con-sumed.

13 I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours: and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see me without con-veyed them-selves from me.

14 I am clean forgotten, as a dead man: out of my mind: I am become like a broken vessel.

15 For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude: and fear is on every side, while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.

Confession and prayer.

16 But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord: I have said, "Thou art my God."

17 My time is in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies: and from them that persecute me.

18 Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance: and save me for thy mercy's sake.

19 Let me not be confounded O Lord, for I have called upon thee: let the ungodly be put to confusion, and be put to silence in the grave.

20 Let the lying lips be put to silence: which cruelly disdainfully and despítefully speak against the righteous.
Thanksgiving.

21 O how plentiful is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee: and that thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in thee, even before the sons of men!

22 Thou shalt hide them privily by thine own presence from the provoking of all men: thou shalt keep them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.

23 Thanks be to the Lord: for he hath shewed me marvellous great kindness in a strong city.

24 And when I made haste, I said: "I am cast out of the sight of thine eyes."

25 Nevertheless, thou heardest the voice of my prayer: when I cried unto thee.

The Lord recompenseth.

26 O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful, and plentifully wardeth the proud doer.

27 Be strong, and he shall establish your heart: all ye that put your trust in the Lord.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XXXII. Beati, quorum.

The blessedness and condition of forgiveness.

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 For while I held my tongue: my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

4 For thy hand is heavy upon me: day and night: and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

5 I will acknowledge my sin unto thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

6 I said I will confess my sins unto the Lord: and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.
Rest in the Lord.

7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found; but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

8 Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

9 I will inform thee and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go: and I will guide thee with mine eye.

10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding: whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

11 Great plagues remain for the ungodly: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

12 Be glad O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord: and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

PSALM XXXIII. Exultate, justi.

Praise the Lord.

ReJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it cometh well the just to be thankful.

2 Praise the Lord with harp: sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto the Lord a new song: sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

His truth and righteousness.

4 For the word of the Lord is true: and all his works are faithful.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgement: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

His creative power.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it
were up\-|on an | heap | and layeth up the deep, as | in a | treasure\-|house.

8 Let all the earth \-|fear the | Lord \-|stand in awe of him, all ye that | dwell \-|in the \-|world.

9 For he spake, and \-|it was \-|done \-|he commanded, \-|and it \-|stood \-|fast.

His government of men:

10 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the \-|heathen to \-|nought \-|and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth \-|out the \-|counsels of \-|princes.

11 The counsel of the Lord shall endure for \-|ever \-|and the thoughts of his heart from generation to \-|generation.

12 Blessed are the people whose God is the \-|Lord \-|Je\-|hovah \-|and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him to \-|be \-|his in\-|heritance.

13 The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the \-|children of \-|men \-|from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all \-|them that \-|dwell \-|on the \-|earth.

14 He fashioneth all the \-|hearts \-|of \-|them \-|and \-|under\-|standeth \-|all their \-|works.

15 There is no king that can be saved by the multitude \-|of an \-|host \-|and neither is any mighty man delivered by \-|muscle \-|strength.

16 A horse is counted but a vain thing to \-|save a \-|man \-|and neither shall he deliver any man \-|by his \-|great \-|strength.

17 Behold the eye of the Lord is upon \-|them that \-|fear him \-|and upon them that put their \-|trust \-|in his \-|mercy;

18 To deliver their \-|soul from \-|death \-|and to feed them \-|in the \-|time of \-|death.

Confidence in Him.

19 Our soul hath patiently tarried \-|for the | Lord \-|for he is our \-|help, \-|and our \-|shield.

20 For our heart shall rejoice in \-|him \-|because we have hoped \-|in his \-|holy \-|Name.

21 Let thy merciful kindness O Lord, \-|be upon \-|us \-|like as we do \-|put our \-|trust in \-|thee.
PSALM XXXIV. BENEDICAM DOMINO.

PRIASE THE LORD.

1. Will always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3. O praise the Lord with me: and let us magnify his Name together.

HE IS A SURE HELP.

4. I sought the Lord, and he heard me: yea he delivered me out of all my fear.

5. They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.


7. The angel of the Lord tarryeth round about them that fear him: and de•livereth them.

MAKE TRIAL OF HIS GRACE.

8. O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9. O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints: for they that fear him lack nothing.

10. The lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing: that is good.

11. Come ye children and hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12. What man is he that lusteth to live: and would fain see good days?

13. Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

14. Eschew evil, and do good: seek peace, and en•sue it.

HE WILL DELIVER AND JUDGE.

15. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous: and his ears are open unto their prayers.

16. The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil: to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart: and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

19 Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.

21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XXXV. Judica, Domine.

The Psalmist pleads against his enemies.

1 Lead thou my cause O Lord with them that strive with me: and fight thou against them that fight against me.

2 Lay hand upon the shield and buckler: and stand up to help me.

3 Bring forth 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 imagine mischief for me.

5 Let them be as the dust before the wind: and the angel of the Lord scattering them.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the Lord persecute them.

7 For they have privily laid their net to destroy me without a cause: yea even without a cause have they made a pit for my soul.

8 Let a sudden destruction come upon him unawares: and his net that he hath laid privily catch himself: that he may fall into his own mischief.
9 And my soul, be joyful; in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his salvation.
10 All my bones shall say, ‘Lord who is like unto thee, * who deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him; yea, the poor and him that is in misery from him that spoileth him?’

Their cruel ingratitude.

11 False witnesses did arise: they laid to my charge things that I knew not.
12 They rewarded me evil for good: to the great discomfort of my soul.
13 Nevertheless when they were sick I put on sackcloth, * and humbled my soul with fasting: and my prayer shall turn into mine own bosom.
14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend, or my brother: I went heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.
15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the very abjects came together against me unawares, * making mouths at me, and ceased not.
16 With the flatterers were busy mockers: who gnashed up on me with their teeth.

17 Lord how long wilt thou look upon this: O deliver my soul from the calamities which they bring on me, * and my darling from the lions.
18 So will I give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

Prayer for judgment leading to thanksgiving.

19 O let not them that are mine enemies triumph over me ungodly: neither let them wink with their eyes that hate me without a cause.
20 And why? their communing is not for peace: but they imagine deceitful words against them that are quiet in the land.
21 They gaped upon me with their mouths, and said: ‘Fie on thee, fie on thee we saw it with our eyes.”
22 This thou hast seen, O Lord: hold not thy tongue then, * go not far from me, O Lord.

23 Awake and stand up to judge my quarrel: avenge thou my cause, my God, and my Lord.

24 Judge me O Lord my God according to thy righteousness: and let them not triumph over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, "There, there, so would we have it": neither let them say, "We have devoured him."

26 Let them be put to confusion and shame together: that rejoice at my trouble: let them be clothed with rebuke and dishonour, that boast themselves against me.

27 Let them be glad and rejoice that favour my righteousness: dealing yea let them say alway, "Blessed be the Lord * who hath pleasure in the prosperous of his servant."

28 And as for my tongue, it shall be talking of thy righteousness: and of thy praise all the day long.

PSALM XXXVI. Dixit injustus.

The recklessness of the wicked.

My heart sheweth me the wickedness of the ungodly: that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For he flattereth himself in his own sight: until his abominable sin be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are unrighteous and full of deceit: he hath left off to behave himself wisely, and to do good.

4 He imagineth mischief upon his bed, * and hath set himself in no good way: neither doth he abhor any thing that is evil.

The unfailing goodness of God.

5 Thy mercy O Lord reacheth unto the heavens: and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains: thy judgments are like the great deep.
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7 Thou Lord shalt save both man and beast; * How excellent is thy | mercy, O | God: and the children of men shall put their trust under the | shadow | of thy | wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness | of thy | house: and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures as | out | of the | river.

9 For with thee is the | well of | life: and in thy light | shall we | see | light.

Prayer in confidence.

10 O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto | them that | know thee: and thy righteousness unto them | that are | true of | heart.

11 O let not the foot of pride | come a-against me: and let not the hand of the un-godly | cast me | down.

12 There are they fallen, all that | work | wickedness: they are cast down and shall | not be | able to | stand.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XXXVII. Noli aemulari.

The just retribution of God.

RET not thyself because of | the un-godly: neither be thou envious a-against the | evil-doers.

2 For they shall soon be cut down | like the | grass: and be withered even | as the | green | herb.

Patience has its reward.

3 Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be | doing | good: dwell in the land, and vérily | thou | shalt be | fed.

4 Delight thou | in the | Lord: and he shall give | thee thy | heart’s de-sire.

5 Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy | trust in | him: and | he shall | bring it to | pass.

6 He shall make thy righteousness as clear | as the | light: and thy just | dealing | as the | noon-day.
Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him; but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, * against the man that doeth evil.

Leave off from wrath and let go displeasure! fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

Wicked doers shall be rooted out; and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone; thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be a way.

But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth; and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.

The strength of the wicked is weakness.

The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just; and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

The Lord shall laugh him to scorn; for he hath seen that his day is coming.

The ungodly have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow; to cast down the poor and needy, * and to slay such as are of a right conversation.

Their sword shall go through their heart; and their bow shall be broken.

A small thing that the righteous hath is better than great riches of the ungodly.

For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken; and the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

The Lord knoweth the days of the godly; and their inheritance shall endure for ever.

They shall not be confounded in the perilous time; and in the days of dearth they shall have enough.

As for the ungodly they shall perish; * and the enemies of the Lord shall consume as the fat of lambs; yea even as the smoke, shall they consume a way.

The sure reward of the righteous.

The ungodly borroweth, and payeth; but the righteous is merciful, and liberal.
22 Such as are blessed of God shall possess the land: and they that are cursed of him shall be rooted out.

23 The Lord ordereth a good man's going: and maketh his way acceptable to himself.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be cast away: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

25 I have been young, and now am old: and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread.

26 The righteous is ever merciful, and lends: and his seed is blessed.

27 Flee from evil, and do the thing that is good: and dwell for evermore.

28 For the Lord loveth the thing that is right: he forsaiketh not his that be godly, but they are preserved for ever.

29 The unrighteous shall be punished: as for the seed of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out.

30 The righteous shall inherit the land: and dwell there in for ever.

Counsels of wisdom for life.

31 The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom: and his tongue will be talking of judgment.

32 The law of his God is in his heart: and his goings shall not slide.

33 The ungodly seeth the righteous: and seeketh occasion to slay him.

34 The Lord will not leave him in his hand: nor condemn him when he is judged.

35 Hope thou in the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall promote thee that thou shalt possess the land: when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.

36 I myself have seen the ungodly in great power: and flourishing like a green bay-tree.

37 I went by, and lo, he was gone: I sought him, but his place could no where be found.

38 Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right: for that shall bring a man peace at the last.
39 As for the transgressors, they shall perish together: and the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out at the last.

40 But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord: he is also their strength in the time of trouble.

41 And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them: he shall deliver them from the ungodly and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XXXVIII. Domine, ne in furore.

Prayer in anguish.

Put me not to rebuke O Lord, in thine anger: neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me: and thy hand presseth me sore.

Affliction of body.

3 There is no health in my flesh because of thy displeasure: neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

4 For my wickednesses are gone over my head: and are like a sore burden too heavy for me to bear.

5 My wounds stink, and are corrupt through my foolishness.

6 I am brought into so great trouble and misery: that I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a sore disease: and there is no whole part in my body.

8 I am feeble, and sore smitten: I have roared for the very disease and quietness of my heart.

9 Lord thou knowest all my desire: and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me: and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.
Afflictions from men.

11 My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking up on my trouble: and my kinsmen stood afar off.

12 They also that sought after my life laid snares for me: and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

13 As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not: and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

14 I became even as a man that heareth not: and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

God is the only refuge.

15 For in thee O Lord, have I put my trust: thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

16 I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me: for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly against me.

17 And I truly am set in the plague: and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

18 For I will confess my wickedness: and be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies live: and are mighty: and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

20 They also that reward evil for good are against me: because I follow the thing that is good.

21 Forsake me not, O Lord my God: be not far from me.

22 Haste thee to help me: O Lord God my salvation.

PSALM XXXIX. Dixi, Custodem.

The trial of faith.

I said, I will take heed to my ways: that I offend not in my tongue.
2 I will keep my mouth as it were | with a | bridle: while the un-|godly is | in my | sight.
3 I held my tongue, and | spake | nothing: I kept silence yea even from good words; but it was | pain and | grief to | me.
4 My heart was hot within me, * and while I was thus musing the | fire | kindled: and at the last I | spake | with my | tongue;

The petition of man in his frailty.

5 Lord, let me know mine end, * and the number | of my | days: that I may be certified how | long I | have to | live.
6 Behold thou hast made my days as it were a | span | long: and mine age is even as nothing in re-|spect of thee; * and verily every man living is | alto-|gether | vanity.
7 For man walketh in a vain shadow, * and dis-quieteth him-|self in | vain: he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell | who shall | gather | them.

God can give rest after chastening.

8 And now Lord, what | is my | hope | truly my | hope is | even in | thee.
9 Deliver me from all | mine of-|fences: and make me not a re-|buke | unto the | foolish.
10 I became dumb, and opened | not my | mouth: for | it was | thy | doing.
11 Take thy plague a-|way from | me: I am even consumed by the means | of thy | heavy | hand.
12 When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, * thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth | fretting a | garment: every man | therefore | is but | vanity.

Spare, Lord!

13 Hear my prayer O Lord, * and with thine ears con-|sider my | calling: hold not thy | peace | at my | tears.
14 For | I am a | stranger with | thee: and a so-|journer, as | all my | fathers | were.
15 O spare me a little, that I may re-|cover my | strength: before I go hence, and | be no | more | seen.
6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself,* and when he cometh forth he telleth it.

7 All mine enemies whisper together against me: even against me do they imagine this evil.

8 "Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him: and now that he lieth, let him rise up no more."

9 Yea even mine own familiar friend, whom I trusted: who did also eat of my bread, hath laid great wait for me.

Confidence in present affliction.

10 But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord: raise thou me up again, and I shall recover them.

11 By this I know thou favourest me: that mine enemy doth not triumph against me.

12 And when I am in my health, thou upholdest me: and shalt set me before thy face for ever.

13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: world without end. Amen.

PSALM XLII. Quemadmodum.

An exile recals in sorrow the worship of old time.

LIKE as the hart de-sireth the waterbrooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, yea even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my meat: day and night: while they daily say unto me, "Where is now thy God?"

4 Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself: for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God:

5 In the voice of praise and Thanks-giving among such as keep holy-day.

6 Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?
7 Put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

His prayer from a strange land.

8 My God, my soul is vexed within me; therefore will I remember thee concerning the land of Jordan, * and the hill of Hermon.

9 One deep calleth another, because of the noise of the pipes; all thy waves and storms are gone over me.

10 The Lord hath granted his loving-kindness in the daytime; and in the night-season did I sing of him, * and made my prayer unto the God of my life.

11 I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forsaken me? why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

12 My bones are smitten asunder; as with a sword; while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;

13 Namely while they say daily unto me; "Wherewithal is now thy God?"

14 Why art thou sore vexed, O my soul; and why art thou so disquieted within me?

15 O put thy trust in God; for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLIII. Judica me, Deus.

The exile's prayer for restoration to the city and temple of God.

GIVE sentence with me O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people; O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee; and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me; and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

4 And that I may go unto the altar of God, * even unto the God of my joy and gladness; and upon
the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

5 Why art thou so heavy, O my soul; and why art thou so disquieted within me?

6 O put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XLIV. Deus, auribus.

The past mercies of God to Israel.

WE have heard with our ears O God, * our fathers have * told us * what thou hast done * in their time of old;

2 How thou hast driven out the heathen with thy hand, and planted them in: how thou hast destroyed the nations, and cast them out.

3 For they gat not the land in possession through their own sword: neither was it their own arm that helped them;

4 But thy right hand and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance: because thou hadst a favour unto them.

The people’s trust in Him.

5 Thou art my King, O God: send help unto Jacob.

6 Through thee will we over-throw our enemies: and in thy Name will we tread them under, that rise up against us.

7 For I will not trust in my bow: it is not my sword that shall help me;

8 But it is thou that savest us from our enemies: and pourest them to confusion that hate us.

9 We make our boast of God all day long: and will praise thy Name for ever.

Prayer in present national distress.

10 But now thou art far off, and pourest us to confusion: and goest not forth with our armies.
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11 Thou makest us to turn our backs up-|on our | enemies † so that they which | hate us | spoil our | goods.
12 Thou lettest us be éaten | up like | sheep † and | hast scat-tered | us a-|mong the | heathen.
13 Thou sel-est thy | people for | nought † and | takest no | money | for them.
14 Thou makest us to be rebúked | of our | neigh- | bours † to be laughed to scorn, and had in derision of | them | that are | round a-|bout us.
15 Thou makest us to be a by-word a-|mong the | heathen ; and that the peóple | shake their | heads | at | us.
16 My confusión is | daily be-|fore me † and the | sháme of my | face hath | covered | me;
17 For the voice of the slánderer | and blas- | phémer † for the | enemy | and a-|venger,

Faith unshaken by reverses.

18 And though all this be come upon us, ýét do we | not for-|get thee † nor beháve ourselves | frowardly | in thy | covenant.
19 Our heart is not | turned | back ; néither our | steps gone | out of thy | way ;
20 No, not when thou hast smitten us into the | place of | dragons ; and covered us | with the | shadow of | death.
21 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, * and | holden up our hands to any | strange | god ; shall not | God search it out? * for he knoweth the very | secrets | of the | heart.
22 For thy sake also are we killed | all · the day | long ; and are counted as sheep ap-|pointed | to be | slain.

Call for help.

23 Up Lord, why | sleepest | thou ; awake, and bé | not | absent from | us for | ever.
24 Wherefore hidest | thou thy | face † and forgétt- | est our | miser-|y and | trouble?
25 For our soul is brought low, éven | unto the | dust | our béllý | cleveneth | unto the | ground.
26 A-|rise, and | help us ; and deliver us | for thy | mercy's | sake.
PSALM XLV. *Erectavit cor meum.*

The beauty of the Divine King.

My heart is inditing of a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.

2 My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

3 Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.

His strength in war.

4 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, 0 thou most Mighty: according to thy worship and renown.

5 Good luck have thou with thine honour: ride on, because of the word of truth of meekness and righteousness: and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

6 Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued unto thee: even in the midst among the King's enemies.

His righteous sovereignty.

7 Thy seat O God, endureth for ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

8 Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity: wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

His state.

9 All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia: out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

10 Kings' daughters were among thy honour-able women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colours.

The devotion and

11 Hearken O daughter and consider, incline thine ear: forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.
12 So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty: for he is thy Lord God, and worship thou him.

13 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift: like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee.

the coming of His Bride.

14 The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

15 She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work: the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee.

16 With joy and gladness shall they be brought: and shall enter into the King's palace.

The blessing on their union.

17 Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children: whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.

18 I will remember thy Name from one generation to another: therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

PSALM XLVI. Deus noster refugium.

God is our hope.

GÔD is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

He will guard and gladden His Holy city,

4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she
nót | be re---moved: God shall | help her, and | that right | early.
6 The heathen make much ado and the | kingdoms are | moved: but God hath shewed his voice, and the | earth shall | melt a---way.
7 The Lord of | hosts is | with us: the God of | Jacob | is our | refuge.

and establish a kingdom of peace.
8 O come hither and behold the works | of the | Lord: what destruction he hath | brought up---on the | earth.
9 He maketh wars to cease in | all the | world: he breaketh the bow and knappeth the spear in sunder, * and burneth the | chariots | in the | fire.
10 Be still then, and know that | I am | God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be ex---alted | in the | earth.
11 The Lord of | hosts is | with us: the God of | Jacob | is our | refuge.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XLVII. Omnes gentes, plaudite.

Praise God for His conquering Majesty.

O CLAP your hands together, | all ye | people: O sing unto God | with the | voice of | melody.
2 For the Lord is high, and | to be | feared: he is the great | King upon | all the | earth.
3 He shall subdue the people | under | us: and the | nations | under our | feet.
4 He shall choose out an | heritage | for us: even the worship of | Jacob, | whom he | loved.

He has triumphed.

5 God is gone up with a | merry | noise: and the Lord with the | sound | of the | trump.

Praise God for his universal sovereignty.

6 O sing praises, sing praises | unto our | God: O sing praises, sing | praises | unto our | King.

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For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat.

9 The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham: for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

PSALM XLVIII. Magnus Dominus,

Sion the city of God.

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

2 The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth: upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King.

God is well known in her palaces: a sure refuge.

He has protected her;

3 For lo the kings of the earth are gathered, and gone by together.

4 They marvelled to see such things: they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

5 Fear came there upon them, and sorrow: as upon a woman in her travail.

6 Thou shalt break the ships of the sea through: the east wind.

7 Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God upholds the same for ever.

and will protect her.

8 We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.

9 O God according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

10 Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughter of Judah be glad: because of thy judgments.
Walk about Sion, and go round about her: and tell the towers thereof.

Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses: that ye may tell them that come after.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he shall be our guide unto death.

PSALM XLIX. Audite haec, omnes.

A great lesson to be learnt.

O HEAR ye this, all ye people: ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world.

2 High and low, rich and poor: one — with another.

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom: and my heart shall muse of understanding.

4 I will incline mine ear to the parable: and shew my dark speech upon the harp.

The riddle of prosperity.

5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness: and when the wickedness of my heels compasseth me round about?

6 There be some that put their trust in their goods: and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.

7 But no man may deliver his brother: nor make agreement unto God for him;

8 For it cost more to redeem their souls: so that he must let that alone for ever;

9 Yea though he live long: and see not the grave.

10 For he seeth that wise men also die: and perish together: as well as the ignorant and foolish, and leave their riches for other.

11 And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever: and that their dwelling-places shall endure from one generation to another: * and call the lands after their own names.

12 Nevertheless, man will not abide in honour: seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that perish: this is the way of them.
The answer to them in the end.

13 This is their foolishness: and their posterity praise their saying.
14 They lie in the hell like sheep, * death gnaweth upon them, * and the righteous shall have domination over them: in the morning: their beauty shall consume in the sepulchre: out of their dwelling.
15 But God hath delivered my soul from the place of hell: for he shall receive me.
16 Be not thou afraid, though one be made rich: or if the glory of his house be increased;
17 For he shall carry nothing away with him: when he dieth: neither shall his pomp follow him.
18 For while he lived, he counted himself an happy man: and so long as thou dost well unto thyself, men will speak good of thee.
19 He shall follow the generation of his fathers: and shall never see light.
20 Man being in honour hath not understanding: but is compared unto the beasts that perish.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM L. Deus deorum.

The appearance of God for judgment.

THE Lord, even the most mighty: God, hath spoken: and called the world, * from the rising up of the sun, unto the going down thereof.
2 Out of Sion hath God peered: in perfect beauty.
3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: there shall go before him a consuming fire, * and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
4 He shall call the heaven from above: and the earth, that he may judge his people.
5 "Gather my saints together: unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice."
6 And the heaven shall declare his righteousness: for God is Judge himself.
Psalm L

His sentence on the people for false worship.

7 "Hear O my people and | I will | speak : I myself will testify against thee O Israel; * for I am God, | even | thy | God.
8 "I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices, | or for thy | burnt-offerings : because they | were not | always before me.
9 "I will take no bullock | out of thine | house : | nor | he-goat | out of thy | folds.
10 "For all the beasts of the | forest are | mine : and so are the cattle upon a | thousand | hills.
11 "I know all the fowls upon the | mountains : and the wild beasts of the | field are | in my sight.
12 "If I be hungry I | will not | tell thee : for the whole world is mine, and | all that | is there-in.
13 "Thinkest thou that I will | eat bulls' flesh : and | drink the | blood of | goats?
14 "Offer unto God | thanks-giving : and pay thy vows | unto the | most | Highest.
15 "And call upon me in the | time of | trouble : so will I hear thee, and | thou shalt praise me."

On the unrighteous for breaking the moral law.

16 But unto the ungodly | said | God : "Why dost thou preach my laws, * and taketh my | covenant | in thy | mouth;
17 "Whereas thou hastest to | be re-formed : and hast | cast my | words behind thee?
18 "When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst | unto | him : and hast been party-taker | with the adulterers.
19 "Thou hast let thy | mouth speak | wickedness : and with thy tongue thou hast | set | forth deceit.
20 "Thou satest, and spakest against thy | brother : yea and hast slandered thine | own | mother's | son.
21 "These things hast thou done, and I held my tongue, * and thou thoughtest wickedly that I am even such a one | as thy-self : but I will reprove thee, and set before thee the | things that | thou hast done.
The sum.

22 "O consider this, ye that for-get God: lest I pluck you away, and there be none to de-liver you.

23 "Whoso offereth me thanks and praise, he honoureth me: and to him that ordereth his con-versation right will I shew the sal-vation of God."

PSALM LI. Miserere mei, Deus.

Confession and prayer for forgiveness and restoration.

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AVE mercy upon me O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do a- way mine of-fences.

2 Wash me throughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I ac-knowledge my faults: and my sin is ever be-fore me.

4 Against thee only have I sinned: * and done this evil: in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified in thy sa-ying: * and clear when thou art judged.

5 Behold I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother con-ceived me.

6 But lo, thou requiriest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to un-der-stand wisdom secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may re-joice.

9 Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my mis-deeds.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit in me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12 O give me the comfort of thy help again: and establish me with thy free Spirit.

13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be con-verted unto thee.
The return of thankful service.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness O God, * thou that art the God | of my | health : and my tongue shall | sing | of thy | righteousness.

15 Thou shalt open my | lips, O | Lord : and my | mouth shall | shew thy | praise.

16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I | give it | thee : but thou delightest | not in | burnt-| offerings.

17 The sacrifice of God is a | troubled | spirit : a broken and contrite heart O God, | shalt thou | not de- | spise.

Prayer for Sion.

18 O be favourable and gracious | unto | Sion : build thou the | walls | of Je- | rusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings | and ob-| lations : then shall they offer young | bullocks up- | on thine | altar.

PSALM LII. Quid gloriari?

Rebuke of the wicked.

WHY boastest thou thyself, thou tyrant, that thou canst | do | mischief : 2 whereas the goodness of God end- | dureth | yet | daily?

3 Thy tongue im- | agineth | wickedness : and with lies thou cuttest | like a | sharp | razor.

4 Thou hast loved unrighteousness | more than | goodness : and to talk of | lies | more than | right-| eousness.

5 Thou hast loved to speak all words that | may do | hurt : O | thou | false | tongue.

God's judgment.

6 Therefore shall God destroy thee for | ever : he shall take thee and pluck thee out of thy dwelling, * and root thee out of the | land | of the | living.

The awe and the trust of the righteous.

7 The righteous also shall see | this, and | fear : and shall | laugh | him to | scorn ;
8 "Lo, this is the man * that took not God | for
his | strength ; but trusted unto the multitude of his
riches, * and strengthened him-|self | in his | wick-
edness."

9 As for me, I am like a green olive-tree in the |
house of | God ; my trust is in the tender mercy of |
God for | ever and | ever.

10 I will always give thanks unto thee for that |
thou hast | done ; and I will hope in thy Name for |
thy | saints | like it | well.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LIII. Dixit insipiens. (Compare Ps. xiv.)

The spirit of folly.

The foolish body hath said | in his | heart :
Thére | is | no | God.

2 Corrupt are they, and become abominable | in |
their | wickedness ; thére is | none that | doeth |
good.

God's sentence.

3 God looked down from heaven upon the | children |
of | men ; to see if there were any, that would under-
stand, * and | seek | after | God.

4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are |
altogether be-|come ab-|ominable ; there is also none |
that doeth | good, | no not | one.

5 "Are not they without understanding that |
work | wickedness ; eating up my people as if they |
would eat bread? * they have not | called up-|on | 
God."

Its issue.

6 They were afraid where | no fear | was ; for God |
hath broken the bones of him that besieged thee; * |
thou hast put them to confusion, because God | hath |
de-|spised | them.

7 Oh that the salvation were given unto Israel |
out of | Sion ; Oh that the Lord would deliver his |
people | out of captivity!

8 Then should | Jacob re-|joice ; and | Israel should |
be | right | glad.
PSALM LIV.  *Deus, in nomine.*

Prayer in peril.

SAVE me O Gód, for thy Name's sake: and a-venge me in thy strength.

2 Hearer prayer, O God: and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up a-gainst me: and tyrants which have not God before their eyes; seek after my soul.

Confidence.

4 Behold, Gód is my helper: the Lord is with them: that up-hold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: destroy thou them: in thy truth.

Gratitude.

6 An offering of a free heart will I give thee: and praise thy Name, O Lord: because it is so comfortable.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

PSALM LV.  *Exaudi, Deus.*

Prayer in peril.

HÉAR my prayer, O God: and hide not thyself from my petition.

2 Take heed unto me, and hear me: how I mourn in my prayer: and am vexed.

3 The enemy crieth so: and the ungodly cometh on so: fast: for they are minded to do me some mischief; *so maliciously: are they set a-gainst me.*

4 My heart is disquieted within me: and the fear of death is fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me: and an horrible dread hath over-whelmed me.

6 And I said, O that I had wings like a dove: for then would I flee a-way, and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I get me a-way far off: and remain in the wilderness.
8 I would make haste to escape; because of the stormy wind and tempest.

Punishment invoked on treacherous enemies.

9 Destroy their tongues O Lord, and divide them; for I have spied unrighteousness and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about within the walls thereof; mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is therein: deceit and guile go not out of their streets.

12 For it is not an open enemy that hath done me this dishonour; for then I could have borne it.

13 Neither was it mine adversary that did magnify himself against me; for then peradventure I would have hid myself from him.

14 But it was even thou, my companion: my guide, and mine own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together; and walked in the house of God as friends.

16 Let death come hastily upon them, and let them go down quickly into hell; for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

The confidence of him who trusts in God.

17 As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me.

18 In the evening and morning and at noon-day will I pray, and that instantly; and he shall hear my voice.

19 It is he that hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me; for there were many with me.

20 Yea even God that endureth for ever shall hear me, and bring them down; for they will not turn, nor fear God.

21 He laid his hands upon such as be at peace with him; and he brake his covenant.

22 The words of his mouth were softer than butter, having war in his heart; his words were smoother than oil; and yet be they very swords.
23 O cast thy burden upon the Lord, * and he shall | nourish | thee: and shall not suffer the | righteous to | fall for | ever.

24 And | as for | them: thou O God shalt bring them into the | pit | of de-structon.

25 The blood-thirsty and deceitful men shall not live | out | half their | days: nevertheless, my trust shall | be in | thee, O | Lord.

**Morning Prayer.**

**PSALM LVI. Miserere mei, Deus.**

Prayer amidst enemies.

Be merciful unto me O God, for man goeth a-bout to de-stroy me: he is daily | fighting, and | troubling | me.

2 Mine enemies are daily in hand to | swallow me | up: for they be many that fight against | me, O | thou most | Highest.

Trust.

3 Nevertheless, though I am | sometime a-fraid: yet put | I my | trust in | thee.

4 I will praise God, be-cause of his | word: I have put my trust in God, * and will not fear what | flesh can | do unto | me.

Persecution.

5 They daily mis-take my | words: all that they imagine | is to | do me | evil.

6 They hold all together, and | keep themselves | close: and mark my steps, * when they lay | wait | for my | soul.

7 Shall they escape | for their | wickedness: thou O God in thy dis-pleasure shalt | cast them | down.

8 Thou tellest my flittings; * put my tears | into thy | bottle: are not these things | noted | in thy | book?

Trust.

9 Whosoever I call upon thee, then shall mine enemies be | put to | flight: this I know; for | God is | on my | side.

10 In God's word will | I re-joice: in the Lord's word | will I | comfort | me.
11 Yea in God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Thanksgiving for deliverance.

12 Unto thee O God, will I pay my vows: unto thee will I give thanks.
13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death and my feet from falling; that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

PSALM LVII. Miserere mei, Deus.

Prayer in danger.

Be merciful unto me O God, be merciful unto me, * for my soul trusteth in thee: and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, * until this tyranny be overpast.
2 I will call unto the most high God; even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.
3 He shall send from heaven: and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.
4 God shall send forth his mercy and truth: my soul is among lions.
5 And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire: whose teeth are spears and arrows, * and their tongue a sharp sword.
6 Set up thyself O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth.

Thanksgiving for deliverance.

7 They have laid a net for my feet, * and pressed down my soul: they have digged a pit before me, * and are fallen into the midst of it them and myself I will sing, and give praise.
9 Awake up my glory; awake, lute and harp: I myself will awake right early.
10 I will give thanks unto thee O Lord, among the people: and I will sing unto thee among the nations.
11 For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens: and thy truth unto the clouds.
12 Set up thyself O God, above the heavens and thy glory above all the earth.

PSALM LVIII. Si vere utique.

Complaint against unrighteousness.

Are your minds set upon righteousness, O ye congregation: and do ye judge the thing that is right, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, ye imagine mischief in your heart upon the earth: and your hands deal with wickedness.

Character of the wicked.

3 The ungodly are froward, even from their mother's womb: as soon as they are born, they go astray, and speak lies.

4 They are as venomous as the poison of a serpent: even like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ears;

5 Which refuseth to hear the voice of the charmer: charm he never so wisely.

Their destruction invoked,

6 Break their teeth O God in their mouths: smite the jawbones of the lions, O Lord.

Let them fall away like water that runneth apace: and when they shoot their arrows let them be rooted out.

7 Let them consume away like a snail, and be like the untimely fruit of a woman: and let them not see the sun.

8 Or ever your pots be made hot with thorns: so let indignation vex him, even as a thing that is raw.

for the satisfaction of the righteous.

9 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his footsteps in the blood of the ungodly.

10 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: doubtless there is a God that judgeth the earth.
Evening Prayer.

PSALM LIX. *Eripe me de inimicis.*

Prayer against the malice and power of enemies.

1 Deliver me from mine enemies, O God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 O deliver me from the wicked doers: and save me from the blood-thirsty men.

3 For lo, they lie waiting for my soul: the mighty men are gathered against me, without any offence or fault of me, O Lord.

4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault: arise thou therefore to help me, and behold.

5 Stand up O Lord God of hosts, thou God of Israel * to visit all the heathen: and be not merciful unto them that offend of malicious wickedness.

6 They go to and fro in the evening: they grin like a dog, and run about through the city.

7 Behold they speak with their mouth: and swords are in their lips: for who doth hear?

Trust.

8 But thou O Lord shalt have them in desision: and thou shalt laugh all the heathen to scorn.

9 My strength will I ascribe unto thee: for thou art the God of my refuge.

Prayer repeated in faith.

10 God sheweth me his goodness plenteously: and God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget it: but scatter them abroad among the people, and put them down, O Lord, our defence.

12 For the sin of their mouth and for the words of their lips, they shall be taken in their pride: and why? their preaching is of cursing and lies.

13 Consume them in thy wrath, consume them that they may perish: and know that it is God that ruleth in Jacob, and unto the ends of the world.
14 And in the evening they will return; grim like a dog, and will go about the city.
15 They will run here and there for meat; and grudge if they be not satisfied.

Thanksgiving.
16 As for me, I will sing of thy power and will praise thy mercy betimes 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 thou O God art my refuge, and my merciful God.

PSALM LX. Deus, repulisti nos.

Desolation with the remembrance of past deliverance.

O GOD thou hast cast us out, and scattered us abroad; thou hast also been displeased; O turn thee unto us again.
2 Thou hast moved the land, and divided it; heal the sore thereof, for it shaketh.
3 Thou hast shewed thy people heavy things; thou hast given us a drink of deadly wine.
4 Thou hast given a token for; such as fear thee; that they may triumph because of the truth.
5 Therefore were thy beloved delivered; help me with thy right hand, and hear me.

An ancient hymn of triumph.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness, “I will rejoice, and divide Sichem; and mete out the valley of Succoth.
7 “Gilead is mine, and Ma-nasses is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of my head; * Judah is my law-giver;
8 “Moab is my wash-pot; * over Edom will I cast out my shoe; Philistia, be thou glad of me.”

Prayer in present need.

9 Who will lead me into the strong city whom will bring me into Edom?
10 Hast not thou cast us out, O God; wilt not thou O God, go out with our hosts?
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11 O be thou our help in trouble: for vain is the help of man.
12 Through God will we do great acts: for it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm LXI. Exaudi, Deus.

Prayer for safety,

Hear my crying, O God: give ear unto my prayer.
2 From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee: when my heart is in heaviness.
3 O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I: for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.
4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever: and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

resting on past help.

5 For thou O Lord hast heard my desires: and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.
6 Thou shalt grant the King a long life: that his years may endure throughout all generations.
7 He shall dwell before God for ever: O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may serve him.
8 So will I alway sing praise unto thy Name: that I may daily perform my vows.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm LXII. Nonne Deo?

Trust in God in spite of enemies.

My soul truly waiteth still upon God: for of him cometh my salvation.
2 He verily is my strength and my salvation: he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.
3 How long will ye imagine mischief against every man: ye shall be slain all the sort of you; yea as a tottering wall shall ye be, and like a broken hedge.

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4 Their device is only how to put him out whom God will exalt: their delight is in lies; they give good words with their mouth, but curse with their heart.

Trust in God from experience.

5 Nevertheless my soul, wait thou still upon God: for my hope is in him.
6 He truly is my strength and my salvation: he is my defense, so that I shall not fall.
7 In God is my health, and my glory: the rock of my might, and in God is my trust.
8 O put your trust in him alway, ye people: pour out your hearts before him: for God is our hope.

Man's power fails before God's judgment.

9 As for the children of men, they are but vanity: the children of men are deceitful upon the weights, they are altogether lighter than vanity itself.
10 O trust not in wrong and robbery, give not yourselves unto vanity: if riches increase, set not your heart up on them.
11 God spake once, and twice I have also heard the same: that power belongeth unto God;
12 And that thou, Lord, art merciful: for thou rewardest every man according to his work.

PSALM LXIII. Deus, Deus meus.

The soul's desire for God.

O GOD, thou art my God, early will I seek thee:
2 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee: in a barren and a dry land where no water is.
3 Thus have I looked for thee in holiness: that I might hold thy power and glory.

Blessedness of fellowship with Him.

4 For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself: my lips shall praise thee.
5 As long as I live will I magnify thee: on this manner: and lift up my hands in thy Name.
6 My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with | marrow and | fatness: when my mouth praises thee | with | joyful | lips.

7 Have I not remembered thee | in my | bed: and | thought upon thee | when | I was | waking?

8 Because thou hast | been my | helper: therefore | under the shadow of thy | wings will | I re- | joyce.

9 My soul | hangeth up- | on thee: thy right hand | hath up- | holden | me.

His sure judgment.

10 These also that seek the hurt | of my | soul: | they shall | go | under the | earth.

11 Let them fall upon the edge | of the | sword: | that they may | be a | portion for | foxes.

12 But the King shall rejoice in God; * all they also that swear by him shall | be com- | mended: for the mouth of them that speak | lies | shall be | stopped.

PSALM LXIV. -Exaudi, Deus.

Prayer against enemies.

H E A R my voice O God, | in my | prayer: pre- | serve my life from | fear | of the | enemy.

2 Hide me from the gathering together | of the | froward | and from the insur- | section of | wicked | doers;

3 Who have whet their tongue | like a | sword: | and shoot out their arrows, | even | bitter | words;

4 That they may privily shoot at him | that is | perfect: | suddenly do they | hit him, | and | fear not.

5 They encourage them- | selves in | mischief | and | commune among themselves how they may lay snares, * and say, that | no man | shall | see them.

6 They imagine wickedness and | practise | it: that they keep secret among themselves, every man in the | deep | of his | heart.

Judgment executed upon them.

7 But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a | swift | arrow: that | they | shall be | wounded.

8 Yea, their own tongues shall | make them | fall:
insomuch that whoso seeth them shall | laugh | them
to | scorn.

9 And all men that see it shall say, * This hath | God | done: for they shall perceive that | it is | his | work.

10 The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and put
his | trust in | him: and all they that are true of | heart | shall be | glad.

**Evening Prayer.**

**PSALM LXV. TE DECET HYMNUS.**

Thanksgiving to God for personal mercy;

THOU O God, art | praised in | Sion: and unto
thee shall the vow be performed | in Je-| rusalem.

2 Thou that | hearest the | prayer: unto thee
shall | all flesh | come.

3 My misdeeds pre-| vail a-| gainst me: O be thou | merciful | unto our | sins.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and
receivest | unto | thee: he shall dwell in thy court, * and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, * even | of thy | holy | temple.

for His government of the world;

5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy right-| eousness, * O God of | our sal-| vation: thou that art
the hope of all the ends of the earth, * and of them
that remain in the | broad | sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth | fast the | moun-| tains: and is | girded a-| bout with | power.

7 Who stilleth the raging | of the | sea: and the
noise of his waves, and the | madness | of the | people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the
earth shall be afraid | at thy | tokens: thou that
makest the outgoings of the morning and | evening to | praise | thee.

for the fruitful seasons.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and | blessest | it: thou |
makest it | very | plenteous.
i. The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

ii. Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof: thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

iii. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy clouds drop fatness.

iv. They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness: and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

v. The folds shall be full of sheep: the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

PSALM LXVI. Jubilate Deo.

Call to universal praise of God;

O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name, make his praise to be glorious.

2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.

3 For all the world shall worship thee: sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

for His wonders;

4 O come hither, and behold the works of God: how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

5 He turned the sea into dry land: so that they went through the water on foot: there did we rejoice thereof.

6 He ruleth with his power for ever: his eyes behold the people: and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.

for His discipline.

7 O praise our God, ye people: and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holdest our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to slip.
9 For thou O God, hast proved us: thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
10 Thou broughtest us into the snare and laidest trouble upon our loins.
11 Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads: we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

Personal acknowledgment of His goodness.

12 I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings: and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.
13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams: I will offer bullocks and goats.

14 O come hither and hearken, all ye that fear God: and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.
15 I called unto him with my mouth: and gave him praises with my tongue.
16 If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart: the Lord will not hear me.
17 But God hath heard me: and considered the voice of my prayer.
18 Praised be God who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned his mercy from me.

PSALM LXVII. Deus misereatur.

Prayer and praise for blessings future and past.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

2 That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
5 Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
7 God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXVIII. Exurgat Deus.

The praise of God the Ruler of the world.

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away: and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God: let them also be merry and joyful.

4 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name: magnify him that rideth upon the heavens as it were upon an horse; * praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 He is a Father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows: even God in his holy habitation.

6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, * and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity: but letteth the rúnagates continue in scarcity.

His care for His people in the wilderness;

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before the people: when thou wentest through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, * and the heavens dropped at the presence of God: even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.
9 Thou O God sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance: and refreshed it when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation shall dwell therein: for thou O God hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor,
in the conquest of Canaan;

11 The Lord gave the word: great was the company of the preachers.

12 Kings with their armies did flee, and were discomfited: and they of the household divided the spoil.

13 Though ye have lien among the pots, * yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove: that is covered with silver wings, * * and her feathers like gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings for their sake: then were they as white as snow in Salmon.
in the entrance into Sion.

15 As the hill of Basan, so is God’s hill: even an high hill, as the hill of Basan.

16 Why hop ye so ye high hills? * this is God’s hill, in the which it pleaseth him to dwell: yea the Lord will abide in it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: and the Lord is among them, as in the holy place of Sinai.

18 Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, * and received gifts for men: yea even for thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Praise of God the Conqueror.

19 Praised be the Lord daily: even the God who helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.

20 He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation: God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall wound the head of his enemies:
and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on | still |
in his | wickedness.

22 The Lord hath said, "I will bring my people again, as I | did from | Basan: mine own will I bring again, as I did sometime from the | deep | of the | sea.

23 "That thy foot may be dipped in the blood | of thine | enemies: and that the tongue of thy dogs may be | red | through the | same."

The entrance of God into the sanctuary.

24 It is well seen O God, | how thou | goest: how thou my God and King, | goest | in the | sanctuary.

25 The singers go before, the minstrels follow | after: in the midst are the damsels | playing | with the | timbrels.

26 Give thanks O Israel unto God the Lord in the | congregations | from the | ground | of the | heart.

27 There is little Benjamin their ruler, * and the princes of | Judah their | counsel: the princes of Zabulon, | and the | princes of | Nephthali.

The future glory of Israel.

28 Thy God hath sent forth | strength for | thee: establish the thing O God, that | thou hast | wrought in | us,

29 For thy temple's sake | at Jerusalem: so shall kings bring | presents | unto | thee.

30 When the company of the spear-men, and multitude of the mighty are scattered abroad among the beasts of the people, * so that they humbly bring | pieces of | silver: and when he hath scattered the people | that desolate | land in | war;

31 Then shall the princes come | out of | Egypt: the Morians' land shall soon stretch out her | hands | unto | God.

The universal dominion of God in the future.

32 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms | of the | earth: O sing | praises | unto the | Lord:
33 Who sitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning: lo he doth send out his voice, yea, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel: his worship, and strength is in the clouds.
35 O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places: even the God of Israel; * he will give strength and power unto his people; * blessed be God.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXIX. Salvum me fac.

A lamentation in sore distress,

SAVE me, O God: for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.
2 I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is: I am come into deep waters, * so that the floods run over me.
3 I am weary of crying, my throat is dry: my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.
4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head: they that are mine enemies and would destroy me, guiltless, are mighty.
5 I paid them the things that I never took: God thou knowest my simplicity, * and my faults are not hid from thee.
6 Let not them that trust in thee O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause: let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, * O Lord God of Israel.

due to zeal for righteousness.

7 And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof: shame hath covered my face.
8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren: even an alien unto my mother’s children.
9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me: and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.
10 I wept, and chastened my self with fasting: and that was turned to my reproof.
11 I put on a sackcloth also: and they testified upon me.
12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and the drunkards make songs upon me.

Prayer in this extremity,
13 But Lord I make my prayer unto thee: in an acceptable time.
14 Hear me O God in the multitude of thy mercy: even in the truth of thy salvation.
15 Take me out of the mire, that I sink not: O let me be delivered from them that hate me and out of the deep waters.
16 Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up: and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.
17 Hear me O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable: turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.
18 And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble: O haste thee, and hear me.
19 Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it: O deliver me, because of mine enemies.
20 Thou hast known my reproach, my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all in thy sight.
21 Thy rebuke hath broken my heart; I am full of heaviness: I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me.
22 They gave me gall to eat: and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

and denunciation of enemies.

23 Let their table be made a snare to take themselves withal: and let the things that should have been for their wealth be unto them an occasion of falling.
24 Let their eyes be blinded, that they see not: and ever bow thou down their backs.
25 Pour out thine indignation upon them: and let thy wrathful displeasure take hold of them.
26 Let their habitation be void: and no man to dwell in their tents.
27 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten: and they talk how they may vex them whom thou hast wounded.

28 Let them fall from one wickedness to another: and not come into thy righteousness.

29 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living: and not be among the righteous.

Thanksgiving.

30 As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness; thy help, O God, shall lift me up.

31 I will praise the Name of God with a song: and magnify it with thanks-giving.

32 This also shall please the Lord: better than a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

33 The humble shall consider this, and be glad: seek ye after God, and your soul shall live.

34 For the Lord heareth the poor: and despiseth not his prisoners.

35 Let heaven and earth praise him: the sea, and all that moveth therein.

36 For God will save Sion, * and build the cities of Judah: that men may dwell there, and have it in possession.

37 The posterity also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his Name shall dwell there-in.

PSALM LXX. Deus in adjutorium.

(Compare Ps. xl. 16—21.)

Prayer in distress.

HASTE thee 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 wish me evil.

3 Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame: that cry over me, "There, there."

4 But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee: and let all such as delight in thy salvation say alway, * "The Lord be praised."
5 As for me, I am poor and in misery: haste thee unto me, O God.
6 Thou art my helper, and my redeemer: O Lord, make no long tarrying.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXXI. In te, Domine, speravi.

Prayer of personal trust,

IN thee O Lord have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

But rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

2 Be thou my strong hold, whereunto I may alway resort: thou hast promised to help me, * for thou art my house of defence, and my castle.

3 Deliver me O my God out of the hand of the ungodly: out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

4 For thou O Lord God art the thing that I long for: thou art my hope, even from my youth.

5 Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb; * my praise shall be always of thee.

in distress and persecution.

6 I am become as it were a monster unto many: but my sure trust is in thee.

7 O let my mouth be filled with thy praise: that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

8 Cast me not away in the time of age: forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

9 For mine enemies speak against me: and they that lay wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying

"God hath forsaken him: persecute him and take him, for there is none to deliver him."

10 Go not far from me, O God: my God, haste thee to help me.
PSALM LXXI. DAY 14.

Confidence.

11 Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul: let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me evil.
12 As for me, I will patiently abide alway: and will praise thee more and more.
13 My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation: for I know no end thereof.
14 I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God: and will make mention of thy righteousness only.
15 Thou O God hast taught me from my youth up until now: therefore will I tell of thy wonderful works.
16 Forsake me not O God in mine old age, when I am gray-headed: until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, * and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.

Divine discipline.

17 Thy righteousness O God, is very high: and great things are they that thou hast done; * O God, who is like unto thee?
18 O what great troubles and adversities hast thou shewed me! * and yet didst thou turn and refresh me: yea and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.
19 Thou hast brought me to great honour: and comforted me on every side.

Thanksgiving.

20 Therefore will I praise thee and thy faithfulness O God, * playing upon an instrument of musick: unto thee will I sing upon the harp, * O thou Holy One of Israel.
21 My lips will be fain when I sing unto thee: and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.
22 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me evil.
PSALM LXXII. *Deus, judicium.*

The character of the Divine Kingdom

Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right: and defend the poor.
3 The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right: defend the children of the poor, *and* punish the wrong: doer.

everlasting:

5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth: from one generation to another.
6 He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool: even as the drops that water the earth.
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish: yea and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

universal:

8 His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other: and from the flood unto the world's end.
9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him: his enemies shall lick the dust.
10 The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents: the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.
11 All kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall do him service.

based on mercy and righteousness:

12 For he shall deliver the poor: when he crieth: the needy also, and him that hath no helper.
13 He shall be favourable to the simple and needy: and shall preserve the souls of the poor.
14 He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong: and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
15 He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia: prayer shall be made ever unto him, "and daily shall he be praised.

crowned with outward and inward blessings.

16 There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills: his fruit shall shake like Libanus, "and shall be green in the city like grass upon the earth.

17 His Name shall endure for ever; "his Name shall remain under the sun among the generations: which shall be blessed through him; "and all the heathen shall praise him.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel: which only doeth wondrous things;

19 And blessed be the Name of his Majesty for ever: and all the earth shall be filled with his Majesty.

Amen, A-men.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXXIII. Quam bonus Israel!

TRULY God is loving unto Israel: even unto such as are of a clean heart.

2 Nevertheless my feet were almost gone: my treadings had well-nigh slipt.

The mystery of prosperous wickedness.

3 And why? I was grieved at the wicked: I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

4 For they are in no peril of death: but are lusty and strong.

5 They come in no misfortune like other folk: neither are they plagued like other men.

6 And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride: and overwhelmed with cruelty.

7 Their eyes swell with fatness: and they do even what they lust.

8 They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy: their talking is against the most High.
9 For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven: and their tongue goeth through the world.

10 Therefore fall the people unto them: and thereout suck they no small advantage.

11 "Tush" say they, "how should God perceive it? is there knowledge in the most High?"

12 Lo these are the ungodly, these prosper in the world, and these have riches in pos-session: and I said, "Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed mine hands in innocency."

13 All the day long have I been punished: and chastened every morning.

14 Yea and I had almost said even as they: but lo, then I should have condemned the genera-tion of thy children.

The solution.

15 Then thought I to understand this: but it was too hard for me,

16 Until I went into the sanctuary of God: then understood I the end of these men;

17 Namely how thou dost set them in slippery places: and castest them down, and destroyest them.

18 Oh, how suddenly do they consume: perish, and come to a fearful end!

19 Yea even like as a dream: when one a-waketh: so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.

20 Thus my heart was grieved: and it went even through my reins.

21 So foolish was I, and ignorant: even as it were a beast before thee.

The sure trust of the righteous.

22 Nevertheless, I am alway by thee: for thou hast held me by my right hand.

23 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel: and after that receive me with glory.

24 Whom have I in heaven but thee: and there is none upon earth that I desire in com-parison of thee.

25 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is
the strength of my heart; and my portion for ever.

26 For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication against thee.

27 But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God: and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

PSALM LXXIV. Ut quid, Deus?

Prayer in the desolation of Sion.

O GOD, wherefore art thou absent from us so long: why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture?

2 O think upon thy congregation: whom thou hast purchased, and redeemed of old.

3 Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance: and mount Sion, where thou hast dwelt.

4 Lift up thy feet, that thou mayest utterly destroy every enemy: which hath done evil in thy sanctuary.

The havoc wrought by enemies.

5 Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations: and set up their banners for tokens.

6 He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees: was known to bring it to an excellent work.

7 But now they break down all the carved work there-of: with axes and hammers.

8 They have set fire upon thy holy places: and have defiled the dwelling-place of thy Name, even unto the ground.

9 Yea they said in their hearts, "Let us make havoc of them: altogether: thus have they burnt up all the houses of God: in the land.

10 We see not our tokens, there is not one prophet more: no, not one is there among us, that under-standeth any more.
O God, how long shall the adversary do | this
dishonour | how long shall the enemy blaspheme
thy | Name, for | ever?

Why withdrawest | thou thy | hand | why pluck-
est thou not thy right hand out of thy bosom | to
consume the | enemy?

God's help of old.

For God is my | King of | old | the help that
is done upon earth he | doeth | it him | self.

Thou didst divide the sea | through thy | power | thou brakest the heads of the | dragons | in the |
waters.

Thou smolest the heads of Leviathan | pieces | and gavest him to be meat for the | people | in the | wilderness.

Thou broughtest out fountains and waters out of the | hard | rocks | thou | driedst up | mighty | waters.

The day is thine, and the night is | thine | thou hast prepared the | light | and the | sun.

Thou hast set all the borders | of the | earth | thou hast | made | summer and | winter.

Remember us, O Lord.

Remember this O Lord, how the enemy hath
reproached | and how the foolish people | hath blased | phemed thy | Name.

O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto
the multitude | of the | enemies | and forget not the
congregation | of the | poor for | ever.

Look up | on the | covenant | for all the earth
is full of darkness, and | cruel | habitation.

O let not the simple go a | way a | shamed | but let the poor and needy give | praise | unto thy | Name.

Arise O God, maintain thine | own | cause | remember how the foolish man blasphemed thee | daily.

Forget not the voice | of thine | enemies | the
presumption of them that hate thee increaseth | ever | more and | more.
Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXXV. Confitebimur tibi.

Thanksgiving for

Unto thee O God, do we give thanks: yea, unto thee do we give thanks.
2 Thy Name also is so nigh and that do thy wondrous works declare.

God's sentence of judgment,

3 "When I receive the congregation: I shall judge according unto right.
4 "The earth is weak, and all the inhabitants of it I bear up the pillars of it.
5 "I said unto the fools, 'Deal not so madly' and to the ungodly, 'Set not up your horn.'
6 "'Set not up your horn on high and speak not with a stiff neck'."

which is executed in righteousness.

7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west nor yet from the south.
8 And why? God is the Judge: he putteth down one and setteth up another.

9 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red: it is full mixed, and he poureth out of the same.
10 As for the dregs thereof: all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them, and suck them out.
11 But I will talk of the God of Jacob: and praise him for ever.
12 All the horns of the ungodly also will I break: and the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM LXXVI. Notus in Judæa.

God the Deliverer of Israel.

In Jëwry is God known: his Name is great in Israel.
DAY 15.  

PSALM LXXVII.  

2 At Sālem | is his | tabernacle  i v and his | dwelling | in | Sion.
3 There brake he the arrows | of the | bow  i the shield, the | sword, | and the | battle.

His victory.

4 Thou art of more | honour and | might  i than the | hills | of the | robbers.
5 The proud are robbed, they have | slept their | sleep  i and all the men whose hands were | mighty have | found | nothing.
6 At thy rebuke, O | God of | Jacob  i both the | chariot and | horse are | fallen.

He is an invincible Judge,

7 Thou even thou art | to be | feared  i and who may stand in thy | sight when | thou art | angry?
8 Thou didst cause thy judgement to be | heard from | heaven | the earth | trembled, | and was | still,
9 When God arose to | judgement | and to help | all the | meek upon | earth.

to be feared of all men.

10 The fierceness of man shall turn | to thy | praise  i and the fierceness of | them shalt | thou restrain.
11 Promise unto the Lord your God and keep it, all ye that are | round about him | bring presents unto him that | ought | to be | feared.
12 He shall refrain the | spirit of | princes | and is wonderful among the | kings | of the | earth.

PSALM LXXVII.  

Voce mea ad Dominum.

A cry of the afflicted in

I WILL cry unto God | with my | voice | even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken | unto | me.

2 In the time of my trouble I | sought the | Lord | my sore ran and ceased not in the night-season; 

my | soul re-fused | comfort.

3 When I am in heaviness, I will | think upon | God | when my heart is | vexed, I | will com-plain.
the time of self-questioning, and

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so feeble, that I cannot speak.
5 I have considered the days of old and the years that are past.
6 I call to remembrance my song and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirits.

apparent desertion.

7 Will the Lord absent himself for ever: and will he be no more injured?
8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever: and is his promise come utterly to an end for ever more?
9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious: and will he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?

Comfort in recalling God's works

10 And I said, 'It is mine own infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most Highest.
11 'I will remember the works of the Lord and call to mind thy wonders of old time.
12 'I will think also of all thy works: and my talking shall be of thy doings.'

13 Thy way, O God, is holy: who is so great a God as our God?
14 Thou art the God that doeth wonders: and hast declared thy power among the people.
15 Thou hast mightily delivered thy people: even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

in the Exodus.

16 The waters saw thee O God, the waters saw thee, and were afraid: the depths also were troubled.
17 The clouds poured out water, the air thundered: and thine arrows went abroad.
18 The voice of thy thunder was heard round about: the lightnings shone upon the ground: the earth was moved, and shook withal.
19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy paths in
the great waters: and thy footsteps are not known.
20 Thou leddest thy people like sheep by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXXVIII. Attendite, popule.

The lessons of the providential history of Israel.

Hear my law, O my people: incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will declare hard sentences of old;
3 Which we have heard and known: and such as our fathers have told us;
4 That we should not hide them from the children of the generations to come: but to shew the honour of the Lord, * his mighty and wonderful works that he hath done.

5 He made a covenant with Jacob, * and gave Israel a law: which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children;
6 That their posterity might know it: and the children which were yet unborn;
7 To the intent that when they came up: they might shew their children the same;
8 That they might put their trust in God: and not to forget the works of God, * but to keep his commandments;
9 And not to be as their forefathers, * a faithless and stubborn generation: a generation that set not their heart aright, * and whose spirit cleaveth not steadfastly unto God;
10 Like as the children of Ephraim: who being harnessed and carrying bows, turned themselves back in the day of battle.
11 They kept not the covenant of God: and would not walk in his law;
12 But forgat what he had done: and the wonderful works that he had shewed for them.
13 Marvellous things did he in the sight of our forefathers, in the land of Egypt: even in the field of Zoan.

14 He divided the sea, and let them go through: he made the waters to stand on an heap.

15 In the day-time also he led them with a cloud: and all the night through with a light of fire.

16 He clave the hard rocks in the wilderness: and gave them drink thereof, as it had been out of the great depth.

17 He brought waters out of the stony rock: so that it gushed out like the rivers.

The murmurings of the people.

18 Yet for all this they sinned against him: and provoked the most Highest in the wilderness.

19 They tempted God in their hearts: and required meat for their lust.

20 They spake against God also, saying: “Shall God prepare a table in the wilderness?

21 “He smote the stony rock indeed that the water gushed out, * and the streams flowed withal: but can he give bread also, * or provide flesh for his people?”

Miraculous answer to the murmuring.

22 When the Lord heard this, he was wroth: so the fire was kindled in Jacob, * and there came up heavy displeasure against Israel;

23 Because they believed not in God: and put not their trust in his help.

24 So he commanded the clouds above: and opened the doors of heaven.

25 He rained down manna also upon them: for to eat: and gave them food from heaven.

26 So man did eat angels’ food: for he sent them meat enough.

27 He caused the east-wind to blow: under heaven: and through his power he brought in the south-west-wind.
28 He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust: and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea.
29 He let it fall among their tents: even round about their habitations.
30 So they did eat and were well filled; for he gave them their own desire: they were not divided pointed of their lust.
31 But while the meat was yet in their mouths, * the heavy wrath of God came upon them, * and slew the wealthiest of them: yea and smote down the chosen men that were in Isra- el.

Vicissitudes of judgment and faith.

32 But for all this they sinned yet more: and believed not his wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity: and their years in trouble.
34 When he slew them, they sought him: and turned them early, and enquired after God.
35 And they remembered that God was their strength: and that the high God was their redeemer.
36 Nevertheless, they did but flatter him: with their mouth: and dissembled with him: in their tongue.
37 For their heart was not whole with him: neither continued they stedfast: in his covenant.
38 But he was so merciful, that he forgave their misdeeds, and destroyed them: not: 39 Yea many a time turned he his wrath away, * and would not suffer his whole displeasure: to arise.
40 For he considered that they were but flesh: and that they were even a wind that passeth away, and cometh: not again.
41 Many a time did they provoke him: in the wilderness: and grieved him: in the desert.
42 They turned back, and tempted God: and moved the Holy One in Isra-el.
43 They thought not: of his hand: and of the day when he delivered them from the hand of the enemy:
44 How he had wrought his miracles: in Egypt: and his wonders: in the field of Zoan.
45 He turned their waters into blood: so that they might not drink of the rivers.
46 He sent lice among them, and destruction upon them:
up and frogs to destroy them.
47 He gave their fruit unto the caterpillar: and their labour unto the grasshopper.
48 He destroyed their vines with hailstones: and their mulberry-trees with frosts.
49 He smote their cattle also with hailstones: and their flocks with hot thunderbolts.
50 He cast upon them the furiousness of his wrath, anger, displeasure, and trouble: and sent evil among them.
51 He made a way to his indignation, and spared not their soul from death: but gave their life over to the pestilence;
52 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt: the most principal and mightiest in the dwellings of Ham.
53 But as for his own people, he led them forth like sheep: and carried them in the wilderness like a flock.
54 He brought them out safely, that they should not fear: and overwhelmed their enemies with the sea.
55 And brought them within the borders of his sanctuary: even to his mountain which he purchased with his right hand.
56 He cast out the heathen also before them: caused their land to be divided among them for an heritage: and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

Apostacy in Canaan,
57: So they tempted and displeased the most high God: and kept not his testimonies;
58 But turned their backs, and fell away like their forefathers: starting aside like a broken bow.
59 For they grieved him with their hill-altars: and provoked him to displeasure: with their images.
followed by severer chastisements.

60 When God heard this, he was wroth: and took sore displeasure at Israel.
61 So that he forsook the tabernacle in Silo; even the tent that he had pitched among men.
62 He delivered their power into captivity: and their beauty into the enemy's hand.
63 He gave his people over also unto the sword: and was wroth with his inheritance.
64 The fire consumed their young men: and their maidens were not given to marriage.
65 Their priests were slain with the sword: and there were no widows to make lamentation.

God's righteous judgment and abiding kingdom.

66 So the Lord awaked as one out of sleep: and like a giant refreshed with wine.
67 He smote his enemies in the hinder parts: and put them to a perpetual shame.
68 He refused the tabernacle of Joseph: and chose not the tribe of Ephraim;
69 But chose the tribe of Judah: even the hill of Sion which he loved.
70 And there he built his temple on high: and laid the foundation of it like the ground which he hath made con-tinually.
71 He chose David also his servant: and took him a way from the sheepfolds.
72 As he was following the ewes great with young ones he took him: that he might feed Jacob his people, * and Israel: his inheritance.
73 So he fed them with a faithful and true heart: and ruled them prudently with all his power.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXXIX. Deus, venerate.

The desolation of Jerusalem.

O GOD, the heathen are come into thine inheritance: thy holy temple have they defiled, * and made Jerusalem an heap of stones.
2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given
to be meat unto the fowls | of the | air ; and the flesh
of thy saints unto the | beasts | of the | land.
3 Their blood have they shed like water on every
side | of Je- |rusalem ; and there was | no man to |
bury | them.
4 We are become an open sháme | to our | enemies ;
and every scorn and derision unto them | that are | round
about us.

Prayer for deliverance and retribution.

5 Lord, how long wilt thou be | angry : shall thy
jéalousy | burn like | fire for | ever ?
6 Pour out thine indignation upon the héathen that |
have not | known thee ; and upon the kingdoms that
have not | called up-on thy | Name.
7 For they have de- | voured | Jacob ; and láid |
waste his | dwelling- | place.
8 O remember not our old sins, * but have mercy
upon us, and | that | soon : for we are | come to |
great | misery.
9 Help us O God of our salvation, * for the glóry |
of thy | Name ; O deliver us, and be merciful unto
our sins, * | for thy | Name's | sake.
10 Whèrefore do the | heathen | say : "Whère | is |
now their | God ?"
11 O let the vengeance of thy servants' blóod | that
is | shed : be openly shewed upon the | heathen | in
our | sight.
12 O let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners |
come before thee ; according to the greatness of
thy power, preserve thou thóse that | are ap- | pointed
to | die.
13 And for the blasphemy wherewith our neighbours
háve blas- | phemed | thee : reward thou them O Lord, |
seven-fold | into their | bosom.
14 So we that are thy people and sheep of thy
pasture, * shall give thee | thanks for | ever : and will
alway be shewing forth thy praise from généra- | tion
to | généra- | tion.
PSALM LXXX. Qui regis Israel.

Invocation of the God of Israel,

Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel, * thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep: shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.
1 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh: stir up thy strength, * and come, and help us.
2 Turn us again, O God: shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

in sore distress.

4 O Lord God of hosts: how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?
5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears: and givest them plenteous ness of tears to drink.
6 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts: shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

The history of Israel in a figure.

8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.
9 Thou madest room for it: and when it had taken root 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 stretched out her branches unto the sea: and her boughs unto the river.
12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedge: that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?
13 The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up: and the wild beasts of the field devour it.
14 Turn thee again thou God of hosts, * look down from heaven: be hold, and visit this vine;

15 And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted: and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.
16 It is burnt with fire, and cut down: and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
17 Let thine hand be upon the man of thy right hand: and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.
18 And so will not we go back from thee: O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.

19 Turn us again, O Lord: God of our hosts, shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

PSALM LXXXI. Exultate Deo.

A call to keep festival.

Sing we merrily unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp, with the lute.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon: even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day.

4 For this was made a statute for Israel: and a law of the God of Jacob.

5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony: when he came out of the land of Egypt, and had heard a strange language.

God's pleading with His people.

6 "I eased his shoulder from the burden: and his hands were delivered from making the pots.

His discipline.

7 "Thou calledst upon me in troubles, and I delivered thee: and heard thee what time as the storm fell upon thee.

8 "I proved thee also: at the waters of strife.

His covenant.

9 "Hear, O my people, and I will assure thee, O Israel: if thou wilt hearken unto me,

10 "There shall no strange god be in thee: neither shalt thou worship any other god.

11 "I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I shall fill it.
The people's disobedience

12 "But my people would not hear my voice: and Israel would not obey me.
13 "So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts: and let them follow their own imaginati-ions.

contrasted with God's purpose.

14 "O that my people would have hearkened unto me: for if Israel had walked in my ways,
15 "I should soon have put down their enemies: and turned my hand against their adversaries.
16 "The haters of the Lord should have been found: liars: but their time should have endured for ever.
17 "He should have fed them also with the finest wheat-flour: and with honey out of the stony rock should I have satisfied thee."

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXXXII. Deus stetit.

The coming of God to judgment.

GOD standeth in the congregation of princes: he is a Judge among gods.

His sentence.

2 "How long will ye give wrong judgement: and accept the persons of the un-godly?
3 "Defend the poor and fatherless: see that such as are in need and necessity have right.
4 "Deliver the out-cast and poor: save them from the hand of the un-godly.

5 "They will not be learned nor understand, * but walk on still in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
6 "I have said, Ye are gods: and ye are all the children of the most Highest.
7 "But ye shall die like men: and fall like one of the princes."

Prayer to God as Judge.

8 Arise O God, and judge: thou the earth: for thou shalt take all heathen to thine inheritance.
PSALM LXXXIII. Deus, quis similis?

The confederacy of the nations against Israel.

1 Hold not thy tongue O God, keep not still silence & restrain not thy self, O God.

2 For lo, thine enemies make a murmuring & they that hate thee have lift up their head.

3 They have imagined craftily against thy people & and taken counsel against thy secret ones.

4 They have said, Come and let us root them out, that they be no more a people & and that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have cast their heads together with one consent & and are consent against thee;

6 The tabernacles of the Edomites, and the Ismaelites the Moabites, and the Hagarens;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek: the Philistines, with them that dwell at Tyre.

8 Assur also is joined with them: and have holpen the children of Lot.

Prayer for their overthrow.

9 But do thou to them as unto the Madianites unto Sisera and unto Jabin at the brook of Kison;

10 Whó perished at Endor: and became as the dung of the earth.

11 Make them and their princes like Oreb and Zeb: yea, make all their princes like as Zeba and Salmana;

12 Who say, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

13 O my God, make them like unto a wheel: and as the stubble before the wind;

14 Like as the fire that burneth up the wood: and as the flame that consumes the mountains.

15 Persecute them even so with thy tempest: and make them afraid with thy storm.

16 Make their faces ashamed, O Lord: that they may seek thy Name.
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17 Let them be confounded and vexed evermore and let them be put to shame, and perish.

18 And they shall know that thou whose Name is Jehovah art only the Most Highest over all the earth.

PSALM LXXXIV. Quam dilecta!

Blessedness of those whose house is the house of God:

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3 Yea the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.

who journey Sionwards.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.

6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.

7 They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob.

Rest in the Divine Presence.

9 Behold O God our sender: and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

10 For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
12 For the Lord is a light and defense; the Lord will give grace and worship, * and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

13 O Lord, God of hosts; blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

PSALM LXXXV. Benedixisti, Domine.

Thanksgiving for restoration from captivity.

1 Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people; and covered all their sins.
3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure; and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

The people's prayer for fresh deliverance.

4 Turn us then, O God our Saviour; and let thine anger cease from us.
5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever; and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?
6 Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us; that thy people may rejoice in thee?
7 Shew us thy mercy, O Lord; and grant us thy salvation.

The voice of divine promise.

8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me; for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints, * that they turn not again.
9 For 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 flourish out of the earth; and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
12 Yea the Lord shall shew loving-kindness; and our land shall give her increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him; and he shall direct his going in the way.
Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXXXVI. *Inclina, Domine.*

Prayer for help in distress,

Bow down thine ear, O | Lord, and | hear me: for I am | poor, | and in | misery.

Preserve thou my soul, for | I am | holy: my God, save thy servant that | putteth his trust in | thee.

Be merciful unto me, O | Lord: for I will | call | daily up-on thee.

Comfort the soul | of thy servant: for unto thee | O Lord, do I | lift | up my soul.

For thou Lord, art | good and | gracious: and | of great mercy unto all | them that | call up-on thee.

Give ear Lord, | unto my | prayer: and ponder | the voice | of my | humble de-sires.

In the time of my trouble | I will | call upon | thee: for | thou | hearest | me.

resting on the confession of God's greatness,

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O | Lord: there is not one that can | do as thou | doest.

All nations whom thou hast made | shall come | and worship | thee, O | Lord: and shall | glorify | thy | Name.

For thou art great, and dost | wondrous | things: thou | — art | God alone.

Teach me thy way O Lord, | and I will walk | in | thy | truth: O knit my heart unto thee, that | I may | fear thy | Name.

I will thank thee O Lord my God, with | all | my | heart: and will praise thy | Name for | ever-more.

For great is thy mercy | toward me: and | thou hast delivered my soul | from the | nethermost | hell.

which is challenged by the ungodly.

O God, the proud are | risen a-gainst me: and | the congregations of naughty men have sought after
my soul, * and have not set | thee be-|fore their | eyes.

15 But thou O Lord God, art full of com-|passion and | mercy ; long-suffering, | plenteous in | goodness and | truth.

16 O turn thee then unto me and have | mercy up-| on me : give thy strength unto thy servant, * and help | the | son | of thine | handmaid.

17 Shew some token upon me for good, * that they who hate me may see it, and | be a-|shamed : because thou Lord, hast holpen | me, and | comforted | me.

PSALM LXXXVII. Fundamenta ejus.

The glory of Sion,

HER foundations are upon the | holy | hills : the Lord loveth the gates of Sion * more than | all the | dwellings of | Jacob.

2 Very excellent things are | spoken of | thee : thou | city | of | God.

which shall number the nations among her citizens,

3 I will think upon | Rahab and | Babylon : with | them that | know | me.

4 Behold ye the | Philistines | also : and they of Tyre with the Morians ; * lb, | there | was he | born.

5 And of Sion it shall be reported * that he was | born in | her : and the most | High shall | establish | her.

6 The Lord shall rehearse it when he writeth | up the | people : that | he was | born | there.

in holy joy.

7 The singers also and trumpeters shall | he re-| hearse : All my fresh | springs shall | be in | thee.

PSALM LXXXVIII. Domine Deus.

The lament of one who finds no relief or light in affliction.

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day | and | night be-|fore thee : O let my prayer enter into thy presence, incline thine | ear | unto my | calling.
2 For my soul is full of trouble: and my life draweth nigh unto hell.
3 I am counted as one of them that go down into the pit: and I have been even as a man that hath no strength.
4 Free among the dead, like unto them that are wounded and lie in the grave: who are out of remembrance, and are cut away from thy hand.
5 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit: in a place of darkness, and in the deep.
6 Thine indignation lieth hard upon me: and thou hast vexed me with all thy storms.
7 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me: and made me to be abhorred of them.
8 I am só fast in prison: that I cannot get forth.
9 My sight fáileth for very trouble: Lord I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched forth my hands unto thee.
10 Dost thou shew wonders among the dead: or shall the dead rise up again, and praise thee?
11 Shall thy loving-kindness be shewed in the grave: or thy faithfulness in destruction?
12 Shall thy wondrous works be known in the dark: and thy righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten?
13 Unto thee have I cried, O Lord: and early shall my prayer come before thee.
14 Lord why abhorrest thou my soul: and hidest thou thy face from me?
15 I am in misery, and like unto him that is at the point to die: even from my youth up thy terrors have I suffered with a troubled mind.
16 Thy wrathful displeasure goeth over me: and the fear of thee hath undone me.
17 They came round about me: daily like water, and compassed me to gather together: every side.
18 My lovers and friends hast thou put away from me: and hid mine acquaintance out of my sight.
EVENING PRAYER.

PSALM LXXXIX. *Misericordias Domini.*

The faithfulness of God.

My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever: thy truth shalt thou establish in the heavens.

His covenant.

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 set up thy throne from one generation to another.

The greatness of God

5 O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works: and thy truth in the congregation of the saints,
6 For who is he among the clouds: that shall be compared unto the Lord?
7 And what is he among the gods: that shall be like unto the Lord?
8 God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints: and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.

as Conqueror, Creator, Ruler.

9 O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee: thy truth most mighty Lord, is on every side.
10 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: thou stillest the waves thereof: when they arise.
11 Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it: thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.
12 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.
13 Thou hast made the north and the south: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name.
14 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
15 Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
16 Blessed is the people O Lord, that can rejoice in thee: they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.
17 Their delight shall be daily in thy Name: and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.
18 For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy loving-kindness thou shalt lift up our horns.
19 For the Lord is our defence: the Holy One of Israel is our King.

The promise to David

20 Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst: "I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
21 "I have found David my servant: with my holy oil have I anointed him.
22 "My hand shall hold him fast: and my arm shall strengthen him.
23 "The enemy shall not be able to do him violence: the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
24 "I will smite down his foes before his face: and plague them that hate him.
25 "My truth also and my mercy shall be with him: and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
26 "I will set his dominion also in the sea: and his right hand in the floods.
27 "He shall call me, Thou art my Father: my God, and my strong salvation.
28 "And I will make him my first-born: higher than the kings of the earth.
29 "My mercy will I keep for him for ever more: and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

30 "His seed also will I make to endure for ever: and his throne as the days of heaven.

sure even in chastisements.

31 "But if his children for sake my law: and walk not in my judgements;

32 "If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments: I will visit their offences with the rod, and their sin with scourges.

33 "Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him: nor suffer my truth to fail.

34 "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips: I have sworn once by my holiness, that I will not fail: David.

35 "His seed shall endure for ever: and his seat is like as the sun before me.

36 "He shall stand fast for evermore: as the moon: and as the faithful: witness in heaven."

The appeal of the people, forsaken

37 But thou hast abhorred and forsaken thine Anointed: and art displeased at him.

38 Thou hast broken the covenant of thy servant: and cast his crown to the ground.

39 Thou hast overthrown all his hedges: and broken down his strong holds.

40 All they that go by spoil him: and he is become a reproach to his neighbours.

and defeated,

41 Thou hast set up the right hand of his enemies: and made all his adversaries to rejoice.

42 Thou hast taken away the edge of his sword: and givest him not victory in the battle.

43 Thou hast put out his glory: and cast his throne down to the ground.

44 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: and covered him with dishonour.
in regard of the shortness of the time,
45 Lord how long wilt thou hide thy self, for ever? and shall thy wrath burn like fire?
46 O remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men for nought?
47 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death: and shall he deliver his soul from the hand of hell?

and the promises of God.
48 Lord where are thy old loving kindnesses: which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?
49 Remember Lord the rebuke that thy servants have: and how I do bear in my bosom the rebukes of many people;
50 Wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed thee: and slandered the footsteps of thine Anointed.

Praised be the Lord for evermore: Amen, and Amen.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XC. Domine, refugium.

Transitoriness of man before God.

LORD, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
3 Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.
4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep: and fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green, and groweth up: but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.
7 For we consume away in thy dis-pleasure: and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
8 Thou hast set our mis-deeds before thee: and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9 For when thou art angry all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.
10 The days of our age are threescore years and ten: * and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years: yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow: * so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.
11 But who regardeth the power of thy wrath: for even thereafter as a man falleth, so is thy displeasure.
12 So teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Prayer for restoration.

13 Turn thee again O Lord, at the last: and be gracious unto thy servants.
14 O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15 Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us: and for the years wherein we have suffered adverseness.
16 Shew thy servants thy work: and their children thy glory.
17 And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: O prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, * O prosper thou our handy-work.

PSALM XCI. Qui habitat.

Confession.

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope: and my strong hold: my God, in him will I trust.
The divine protection.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Yea with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the ungodly.

Confession.

9 For thou Lord, art my hope: thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

The divine protection.

10 There shall no evil happen unto thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thee dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and the adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

The divine voice.

14 "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

15 "He shall call upon me and I will hear him: yea I am with him in trouble; * I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

16 "With long life will I satisfy him: and shew him my salvation."
PSALM XCII.  

Bonum est confiteri.

The joy of thanksgiving.

1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most High;

2 To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning: and of thy truth in the night-season;

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute: upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

4 For thou Lord, hast made me glad through thy works: and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

5 O Lord, how glorious are thy works: thy thoughts are very deep.

6 An unwise man doth not well consider this: and a fool doth not understand it.

The prosperity of the wicked,

7 When the ungodly are green as the grass, * and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish: then shall they be destroyed for ever.

But thou Lord art the most High: for ever more.

8 For lo thine enemies O Lord, * lo thine enemies shall perish: and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.

and of the righteous.

9 But mine horn shall be exalted like the horn of an unicorn: for I am anointed with fresh oil.

10 Mine eye also shall see his lust: of mine enemies: and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that arise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree: and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.

12 Such as are planted in the house of the Lord: shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.

13 They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age: and shall be fat and well liking.

14 That they may shew how true the Lord my strength is: and that there is no unrighteousness in him.
EVENING PRAYER.

PSALM XCIII. * Dominus regnavit.

The majesty of God in creation,

1 The Lord is King, and hath put on glor-io- ous
   ap-arel: the Lord hath put on his appa- rel
   and girded him-self with strength.

2 He hath made the round world so sure: that it
   cannot be moved.

3 Ever since the world began hath thy seat been
   pre- pared: thou art from ever-last- ing.

   in sovereignty,

4 The floods are risen O Lord, * the floods have
   lift up their voice: the floods lift up their
   waves.

5 The waves of the sea are mighty * and rage
   horribly: but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on
   high, is mightier.

   in revelation.

6 Thy testimonies O Lord, are very sure: holi-
   ness becometh thine house for ever.

PSALM XCIV. * Deus ultionum.

An appeal to God.

O LORD God, to whom vengeance be-longeth: thou God to whom vengeance be-longeth, shew thy-self.

2 Arise thou Judge of the world: and reward the proud after their de-serving.

The wicked triumph, yet

3 Lord how long shall the un-godly: how long shall the un-godly triumph?

4 How long shall all wicked doers speak: so disdainfully: and make such proud boasting?

5 They smite down thy people, O Lord: and trouble thy heritage.

6 They murder the widow: and the stranger: and put the father-less to death.

7 And yet they say Tush, the Lord shall not see: neither shall the God of Jacob re-guard it.
God marks them.

8 Take heed ye unwise among the people: O ye fools when will ye understand?
9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? or he that made the eye, shall he not see?
10 Or he that nurtur eth the heathen: it is he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he punish?
11 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man: that they are but vain.

God's chastisements are fruitful at last;

12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest: O Lord: and teachest him in thy law;
13 That thou mayest give him patience in time of adversity: until the pit be digged up for the ungodly.
14 For the Lord will not fail his people: neither will he for sake his inheritance;
15 Until righteousness turn again unto judgment: all such as are true in heart shall follow it

nor does His help fail;

16 Who will rise up with me against the wicked: or who will take my part against the evil-doers?
17 If the Lord had not helped me, it had not failed but my soul had been put to silence.
18 But when I said, My foot hath slipped: thy mercy O Lord, held me up.
19 In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart: thy comforts have refreshed my soul.

and the wicked shall perish.

20 Wilt thou have any thing to do with the stool of wickedness: which imagineth mischief as a law?
21 They gather them together against the soul: of the righteous: and condemn the innocent: blood.
22 But the Lord is my refuge: and my God is the strength of my confidence.
23 He shall recompense them their wickedness, and destroy them in their own malice: yea the Lord our God shall destroy them.
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Morning Prayer.

Psalm xciv. Venite, exultemus.

A call to worship.

O come let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

1. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

The greatness of God.

3. For the Lord is a great God; and a great King above all gods.

4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

5. The sea is his; and he made it; and his hands prepared the dry land.

A renewed call.

6. O come let us worship and bow down; and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7. For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Warnings against neglect.

8. To-day if ye will hear his voice, * harden not your hearts; 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 works.

10. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said: It is a people that do err in their hearts, * for they have not known my ways;

11. Unto whom I sware in mine wrath: that they should not enter into my rest.

Psalm xcvi. Cantate Domino.

Universal call to praise God.

O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

2. Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name; be telling of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his honour | unto the | heathen: and his wonders | unto | all | people.

for His supreme glory.

4 For the Lord is great, and cannot worthy | ly be | praised: he is more to be | feared than | all | gods.

5 As for all the gods of the heathen, they | are but | idols: but it is the | Lord that | made the | heavens.

6 Glory and worship | are be-fore him: power | and | honour are | in his | sanctuary.

The heathen

7 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds | of the | people: ascribe unto the | Lord | worship and | power.

8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due | unto his | Name: bring presents and | come | into his | courts.

9 O worship the Lord in the | beauty of | holiness: let the whole earth | stand in | awe of | him.

and nature rejoice in Him,

10 Tell it out among the heathen: that the | Lord is | King: and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved: * and how that he shall | judge the | people | righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be | glad: let the sea make a noise, and | all that | therein | is.

12 Let the field be joyful, and | all | that is | in it: then shall all the trees of the wood re-joyce be-fore the | Lord.

the coming Judge.

13 For he cometh, * for he cometh to | judge the | earth: and with righteousness to judge the world, * and the | people | with his | truth.

PSALM XCVII. Dominus regnavit.

The sovereignty of God.

THE Lord is King, the earth may be | glad there- | of: yea the multitude of the isles | may be | glad there- | of.
Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.

There shall go a fire before him: and burn up his enemies on every side.

The signs of His presence.

His lightnings gave shine unto the world: the earth saw it, and was afraid.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens have declared his righteousness: and all the people have seen his glory.

His judgments.

Confounded be all they that worship carved images, * and that delight in vain gods: worship him, all ye gods.

Sion heard of it, and rejoiced: and the daughters of Judah were glad, * because of thy judgements, O Lord.

For thou Lord art higher than all that are in the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

His subjects.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil: the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; * he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous: and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord ye righteous: and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XCVIII. Cantate Domino.

God's victory for His people.

Sing unto the Lord a new song, * for he hath done marvellous things: 2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, hath he gotten himself the victory.
3 The Lord declared | his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the | sight | of the | heathen.

4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth | toward the house of | Israel: and all the ends of the | world | have seen the salvation | of our | God.

Let men and

5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, | all ye | lands: sing, rejoice, and | give | thanks.

6 Praise the Lord upon the | harp: sing to the | harp with a | psalm of | thanks-giving.

7 With trumpets | also and | shawms: O shew yourselves joyful before the | Lord the | King.

nature praise Him for His judgment.

8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that | therein | is: the round world, and | they that | dwell therein.

9 Let the floods clap their hands, | and let the hills be joyful together before the | Lord: for he is | come to | judge the | earth.

10 With righteousness shall he | judge the | world: and the | people | with | equity.

PSALM XCIX. Dominus regnavit.

The Lord is King.

The Lord is King, be the people never | so im-patient: he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth | never | so un-quiet.

2 The Lord is | great in | Sion: and | high above all | people.

3 They shall give thanks | unto thy | Name: which is great, | wonder-ful, and | holy.

4 The King's power loveth judgement: | thou hast prepared | equity: thou hast executed judgement and | righteousness in | Jacob.

5 O magnify the | Lord our | God: and fall down before his footstool, | for | he is | holy.
The witness of history.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, * and Samuel among such as call upon the | Name of | these called up| Lord, | and he | heard them.

7 He spake unto them out of the | cloudy | pillar | for they kept his testimonies, * and the | law | that he | gave them.

8 Thou hearest them O | Lord our | God | thou forgavest them O God, and punish|edst their | own in|ventions.

9 O magnify the Lord our God, * and worship him
upon his | holy | hill | for the | Lord our | God is | holy.

PSALM C. Jubilate Deo.

A twofold call and ground for worship.

O be joyful in the Lord, | all ye | lands | serve the Lord with gladness, * and come before his | presence | with a | song.

2 Be ye sure 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.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, * and into his | courts with | praise | be thankful unto him, and speake | good | of his | Name.

4 For the Lord is gracious, * his mercy is | ever|lasting | and his truth endureth from gener|ation to | gener|ation.

PSALM CI. Misericordiam et judicium.

The profession of a righteous ruler.

My song shall be of | mercy and | judgement | unto thee, O | Lord, | will I | sing.

2 O let me have | understanding | in the | way of | godliness.

3 When wilt thou come | unto | me | I will walk in my house | with a | perfect | heart.

4 I will take no wicked thing in hand; * I hate the sins | of un|faithfulness | there shall no such | cleave | unto | me.
5 A froward heart shall de-part from me: I will not know a wicked person.

6 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour shall will I destroy.

7 Whoso hath also a proud look and high stomach: I will not suffer him.

8 Mine eyes look upon such as are faithful in the land that they may dwell with me.

9 Whoso leadeth a godly life: he shall be my servant.

10 There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

11 I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are in the land: that I may root out all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CII. *Domine, exaudi.*

Prayer in deep distress.

Hears my prayer O Lord: and let my crying come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble: incline thine ear unto me when I call; * O hear me and that right soon.

3 For my days are consumed away like smoke: and my bones are burnt up as it were a firebrand.

4 My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass: so that I for-get to eat my bread.

5 For the voice of my groaning: my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

6 I am become like a pelican in the wilderness: and like an owl that is in the desert.

7 I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow: that sitteth alone upon the house-top.

8 Mine enemies revile me all the day long: and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.
For I have eaten ashes as it were bread: 
as mingled my drink with weeping; 
And that because of thine indignation and 
wrath: for thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.

My days are gone like a shadow: and I am withered like grass.

Trust in the unchanging mercy of God.

But thou O Lord shalt endure for ever: and 
your remembrance through all generations.

Thou shalt arise and have mercy upon Sion: for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea the time is come.

And why? thy servants think upon her stones: and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

The heathen shall fear thy Name O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy Majesty;

When the Lord shall build up Sion: and when his glory shall appear; When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor destitute: and despiseth not their desolation.

This shall be written for those that come after: and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.

For he hath looked down from his sanctuary: out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity: and deliver the children appointed unto death;

That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion: and his worship at Jerusalem;

When the people are gathered together: and the kingdoms also to serve the Lord.

The Lord abides for ever, and they that are His abide with Him.

He brought down my strength in my journey: and shortened my days.

But I said, O my God take me not away in the midst of mine age: as for thy years, they endure through all generations.
25 Thou Lord in the beginning hast laid the founda-
tion | of the | earth : and the heavens are the | work
of | thy | hands.
26 They shall perish, but thou | shalt en-|dure : 
they | shall wax | old as | doth a | garment;
27 And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and
they | shall be | changed : but thou art the same |
and | thy years | shall not | fail.
28 The children of thy servants | shall con-|tinue ;
and their seed shall stand | fast | in thy | sight.

PSALM CIII. Benedic, anima mea.

Praise the Lord.

PRAISE the Lord, | O my | soul ; and all that is
within me | praise his | holy | Name.
2 Praise the Lord, | O my | soul : and for-|get not |
all his | benefits ;
3 Who forgiveth | all thy | sin ; and healeth | all |
thine in-|firmities ;
4 Who saveth thy life | from de-|struction ; and
crowneth thee with | mercy and | loving-|kindness ;
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with | good | things : 
making thee young and | lusty | as an | eagle.

His righteousness and mercy.

6 The Lord executeth righteous-|ness and | judgement ; for all them that | are op-|pressed with |
wrong.
7 He shewed his ways | unto | Moses : his works
unto the | children of | Israel.
8 The Lord is full of com-|passion and | mercy ;
long-suffering, | and of | great | goodness.
9 He will not | alway be | chiding : neither keep-
eth | he his | anger for | ever.
10 He hath not dealt with us | after our | sins : nor
rewarded us ac-|cording | to our | wickednesses.

11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison |
of the | earth : so great is his mercy also | toward |
them that | fear him.
12 Look how wide also the east is | from the |
west : so far hath he | set our | sins from | us.
13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth whereof we are made: he remembereth that we are but dust.

15 The days of man are as a grass: for he flourishteth as a flower of the field.

16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him: and his righteousness up-un on children's children;

18 Even upon such as keep his covenant: and think upon his commandments to do them.

19 The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven: and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Praise the Lord.

20 O praise the Lord ye angels of his, yé that excel in strength: ye that fulfil his commandment,* and hearken unto the voice of his words.

21 O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts: ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

22 O speak good of the Lord all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CIV. Benedic, anima mea.

The majesty of God in nature.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God thou art become exceeding glorious;* thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

2 Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment: and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: and maketh the clouds his chariot,* and walketh upon the wings of the wind.
4 He maketh his | angels | spirits : and his ministers | flaming | fire.

His creative power in land and water.

5 He laid the foundations | of the | earth : that it never should | move at | any | time.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep like as | with a | garment : the waters | stand | in the | hills.

7 At thy re- | buke they | flee : at the voice of thy | thunder they | are a- | fraid.

8 They go up as high as the hills, and down to the | valleys be- | neath : even unto the place which thou | hast ap- | pointed | for them.

9 Thou hast set them their bounds which they | shall not | pass : neither turn a- | gain to | cover the | earth.

10 He sendeth the springs | into the | rivers : which | run a- | mong the | hills.

His provision for living things.

11 All beasts of the field | drink there- | of : and the wild | asses | quench their | thirst.

12 Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their | habit- | ation : and | sing a- | mong the | branches.

13 He watereth the hills | from a- | bove : the earth is filled with the | fruit | of thy | works.

14 He bringeth forth grass | for the | cattle : and green herb | for the | service of | men ;

15 That he may bring food out of the earth, * and wine that maketh glad the | heart of | man : and | oil to make him a cheerful countenance, * and bread to | strengthen | man's | heart.

16 The trees of the Lord also are | full of | sap : even the cedars of Liba- | nus which | he hath | planted;

17 Wherein the birds | make their | nests : and the fir-trees are a | dwelling | for the | stork.

18 The high hills are a refuge for the | wild | goats : and so are the stony | rocks | for the | conies.

The ministry of day and night.

19 He appointed the moon for | certain | seasons : and the sun | knoweth his | going | down.
20 Thou makest darkness that it may be night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do move.
21 The lions roaring after their prey: do seek their meat from God.
22 The sun ariseth, and they get them away together: and lay them down in their dens.
23 Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour: unto——— till the evening.

His enduring and triumphant Majesty.

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 the great and wide sea: also wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.
26 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan: whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.
27 These wait all upon thee: that thou mayest give them meat in due season.
28 When thou givest it them they gather it: and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.
29 When thou hidest thy face they are troubled: when thou takest away their breath they die: and are turned again to their dust.
30 When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made: and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Confession of His sovereignty.

31 The glorious Majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.
32 The earth shall tremble at the look of him: if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.
33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have my being.
34 And so shall my words please him: my joy shall be in the Lord.
35 As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth: and the ungodly shall come to an end: praise thou the Lord O my soul: praise the Lord.
Morning Prayer.

PSALM CV.  Confitemini Domino.

The goodness of God to His people.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, and call up-on
his Name; tell the people what things he
hath done.

1 O let your songs be of him, and praise him;
and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.

2 Rejoice in his holy Name; let the heart of
them rejoice that seek the Lord.

3 Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his
face ever-more.

4 Remember the marvellous works that he hath
done: his wonders and the judgements of his
mouth.

5 O ye seed of Abraham his servant: ye
children of Jacob his chosen.

His covenant with the fathers.

6 He is the Lord our God; his judgements are
in all the world.

7 He hath been alway mindful of his covenant
and promise: that he made to a thousand genera-
tions;

8 Even the covenant that he made with
Abra-

9 ham: and the oath that he sware unto Isaac;

10 And appointed the same unto Jacob: for a
law: and to Israel for an everlasting testament;

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of
Canaan: the lot of your inheritance;

12 When there were yet but a few of them: and
they strangers in the land;

13 What time as they went from one nation to
another: from one kingdom to another people;

14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: but
reproved even kings for their sakes;

15 Touch not mine Anointed: and do my
prophets no harm."
The deliverance from Egypt in its preparation.

16 Moreover he called for a dearth upon the land; and destroyed all the produce of bread.
17 But he had sent a man before them even Joseph, who was sold to be a bond-servant;
18 Whose feet they hurt in the stocks: the iron entered into his soul;
19 Until the time came that his cause was known: the word of the Lord tried him.
20 The king sent and delivered him: the prince of the people let him go free.
21 He made him lord also of his house and ruler of all his substance;
22 That he might inform his princes after his will: and teach his senators wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt: and Jacob was a stranger in the land of Ham.
24 And he increased his people exceedingly: and made them stronger than their enemies;
25 Whose heart turned so that they hated his people: and dealt unjustly with his servants.

its execution in judgment,

26 Then sent he Moses his servant: and Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 And these shewed his tokens among them: and wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness and it was dark: and they were not obedient unto his word.
29 He turned their waters into blood: and slew their fish.
30 Their land brought forth frogs: yea, even in their kings' chambers.
31 He spake the word, and there came all manner of flies: and lice in all their quarters.
32 He gave them hail-stones for rain: and flames of fire in their land.
33 He smote their vines also and their fig-trees: and destroyed the trees that were in their coasts.
34 He spake the word and the grasshoppers came, and catter-pillars in numerable: and did eat up all the grass in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.
35 He smote all the first-born in their land: even the chief of all their strength.

its consummation.

36 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

37 Egypt was glad at their de-parthing: for they were afraid of them.

38 He spread out a cloud to be a covering: and fire to give light: in the night-season.

39 At their desire he brought quails: and he filled them with the bread of heaven.

40 He opened the rock of stone, and the waters flowed out so that rivers ran in the dry places.

41 For why? he remembered his holy promise: and Abra-ham his servant.

42 And he brought forth his people with joy: and his chosen with gladness;

43 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they took the labours of the people in possession;

44 That they might keep his statutes: and observe his laws.

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**Evening Prayer.**

**PSALM CVI. Confitemini Domino.**

Praise and prayer.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Who can express the noble acts of the Lord: or shew forth all his praise?

3 Blessed are they that alway keep: and do righteousness.

4 Remember me O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest: O visit me with thy salvation;

5 That I may see the felicity of thy chosen: and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.
The sins of the people in contrast with God's mercies in Egypt:

6 We have sinned | with our | fathers : we have done a-miss, and | dealt | wickedly.

7 Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt, * neither kept they thy great goodness | in re-mem-brance : but were disobedient at the sea, éven | at the | Red | sea.

8 Nevertheless, he helped them for his | Name's | sake : that he might make his | power | to be | known.

9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was | dried | up : so he led them through the | deep as | through a | wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the ãdvers-|ary's | hand : and delivered them from the | hand | of the | enemy.

11 As for those that troubled them, the waters over-|whelmed | them : there was not | one | of them | left.

12 Then believed | they his | words : and sang | praise | unto | him.

in the Exodus;

13 But within a while they for-gat his | works : and would | not a-bide his | counsel.

14 But lust came upon them | in the | wilderness : and they tempted | God | in the | desert.

15 And he gave them | their de-sire : and sent léanness with-al | into their | soul.

16 They angered Moses also | in the | tents : and Áaron the | saint | of the | Lord.

17 So the earth opened and | swallowed up | Da-than : and covered the con-greg-ation | of Ab-íram.

18 And the fire was kindled | in their | company : the fláme | burnt up | the un-godly.

19 They made a | calf in | Horeb : and | worshipped the | molten | image.

20 Thus they | turned their | glory : into the simi-litude of a | calf that | eateth | hay.

21 And they forgat | God their | Saviour : who had done so | great | things in | Egypt;
22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham: and fearful things by the Red sea.

23 So he said he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the gap: to turn away his wrathful indignation, lest he should destroy them.

24 Yea they thought scorn of that pleasant land: and gave no credence unto his word;

25 But murmured in their tents: and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.

26 Then lift he up his hand against them: to overthrow them in the wilderness;

27 To cast out their seed among the nations: and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves unto Baal-peor: and ate the offerings of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their own inventions: and the plague was great among them.

30 Then stood up Phinees and prayed: and so the plague ceased.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness among all posterity: ties for evermore.

32 They angered him also at the waters of strife: so that he punished Moses for their sakes;

33 Because they provoked his spirit: so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

in Canaan.

34 Neither destroyed they the heathen as the Lord commanded them;

35 But were mingled among the heathen: and learned their works.

36 Insomuch that they worshipped their idols, which turned to their own decay: yea, they offered their sons and their daughters unto devils;

37 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters: whom they offered unto the idols of Canaan; and the land was defiled with blood.

38 Thus were they stained with their own works: and went a whoring with their own inventions.
The Divine chastisements.

39 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people; insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

40 And he gave them over into the hand of the heathen: and they that hated them were lords over them.

41 Their enemies pressed them: and had them in subjection.

42 Many a time did he deliver them: but they rebelled against him with their own inventions, * and were brought down in their wickedness.

43 Nevertheless, when he saw their adversity he heard their complaint.

44 He thought upon his covenant and pitied them, according unto the multitude of his mercies: yea, he made all those that led them away captive to pity them.

45 Deliver us O Lord our God, * and gather us from among the heathen: that we may give thanks unto thy holy Name, * and make our boast of thy praise.

46 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel * from everlasting and world without end: and let all the people say Amen.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CVII. Confitemini Domino.

Let all give thanks,

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.

exiles and wanderers,

2 Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed: and delivered 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 went astray in the wilderness | out of the | way | and | found no | city to | dwell in;
5 Hungry | and | thirsty | their | soul | fainted | in them.
6 So they cried unto the Lord | in their | trouble | and he delivered | them from | their dis-stress.
7 He led them forth by the | right | way | that they | might go to the | city | where they | dwelt.
8 O that men would therefore praise the Lord | for his | goodness | and declare the wonders that he doeth | for the | children of | men!
9 For he satisfieth the | empty | soul | and filleth the | hungry | soul with | goodness.

        captives and prisoners,
10 Such as sit in darkness and in the | shadow of | death | being fast bound in | miser-y and | iron;
11 Because they rebelled against the words | of the | Lord | and lightly regarded the counsel | of the | most | Highest;
12 He also brought down their | heart through | heaviness | they fell down, and | there was | none to | help them.
13 So when they cried unto the Lord | in their | trouble | he delivered them | out of | their dis-stress.
14 For he brought them out of darkness, and out of the | shadow of | death | and | brake their | bonds in | sunder.
15 O that men would therefore praise the Lord | for his | goodness | and declare the wonders that he doeth | for the | children of | men!
16 For he hath broken the | gates of | brass | and smitten the | bars of | iron in | sunder.

the sick unto death,
17 Foolish men are plagued for | their of-fence | and be-cause | of their | wickedness.
18 Their soul abhorred all | manner of | meat | and they were even | hard at | death's | door.
19 So when they cried unto the Lord | in their | trouble | he delivered them | out of | their dis-stress.
20 He sent his word, and | healed | them | and they were | saved from | their de-struction.
21 O that men would therefore praise the Lord: for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doeth: for the children of men!

22 That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanks-giving: and tell out his works with gladness!

storm-tossed seafarers.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships: and occupy their business: in great waters;

24 These men see the works of the Lord: and his wonders: in the deep.

25 For at his word the stôrmy wind ariseth: which lifteth up the waves there-of.

26 They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep: their soul melteth away: because of the trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man: and are at their wits' end.

28 So when they cry unto the Lord: in their trouble: he delivereth them: out of their dis-stress.

29 For he maketh the storm to cease: so that the waves there-of are still.

30 Then are they glad, because they are at rest: and so he bringeth them unto the hâven: where they would be.

31 O that men would therefore praise the Lord: for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doeth: for the children of men!

32 That they would exalt him also in the congrega-tion: of the people: and praise him in the seat: of the elders!

The Lord rules the changes of life.

33 Who turneth the floods into a wilderness: and drieth up the water-springs.

34 A fruitful land maketh he barren: for the wickedness of them that dwell there-in.

35 Again, he maketh the wilderness a standing water: and water-springs: of a dry ground.

36 And there he setteth the hungry: that they may build them a city to dwell in;
37 That they may sow their land, and plant vineyards: to yield them fruits of increase.
38 He blesseth them, so that they multiply exceedingly: and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
39 And again, when they are diminished and brought low: through oppression through any plague or trouble;
40 Though he suffer them to be evil; treated through tyrants: and let them wander out of the way in the wilderness;
41 Yet helpeth he the poor out of misery: and maketh him households like a flock of sheep.

Man's lesson.

42 The righteous will consider this, and rejoice: and the mouth of all wickedness shall be stopped.
43 Whoso is wise will ponder these things: and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CVIII. Paratum cor meum.

(lvii. 8—12; and lx. 5—12.)

Thanksgiving for deliverance.

O GOD my heart is ready my heart is ready: I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.
2 Awake thou lute, and harp: I myself will awake right early.
3 I will give thanks unto thee O Lord, among the people: I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
4 For thy mercy is greater than the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
5 Set up thyself O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth.
6 That thy beloved may be delivered: let thy right hand save them and hear thou me.
Psalm CIX. Deus, laudem.

HOLD not thy tongue O God of my praise: for the mouth of the ungodly, yea the mouth of the deceitful is opened upon me.

2 And they have spoken against me with false tongues: they compassed me about also with words of hatred, * and fought against me without a cause.

3 For the love that I had unto them, lo they take now my contrary part: but I give myself unto prayer.

4 Thus have they rewarded me evil for good: and hatred for my good will.

The curses of the ungodly.

5 Set thou an ungodly man to be ruler over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

6 When sentence is given upon him, let him be condemned: and let his prayer be turned into sin.
7 Let his days be few: and let another take his office.
8 Let his children be fatherless: and his wife a widow.
9 Let his children be vagabonds and beg their bread: let them seek it also out of desolate places.
10 Let the extortioner consume all that he hath: and let the stranger spoil his labour.
11 Let there be no man to pity him: nor to have compassion upon his fatherless children.
12 Let his posterity be destroyed: and in the next generation let his name be clean put out.
13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be had in remembrance in the sight of the Lord: and let not the sin of his mother be done any way.
14 Let them alway be before the Lord: that he may root out the memorial of them from off the earth;
15 And that, because his mind was not to do good: but persecuted the poor helpless man, that he might slay him that was vexed at his heart.
16 His delight was in cursing, and it shall happen unto him: he loved not blessing, therefore shall it be far from him.
17 He clothed himself with cursing, like as with a raiment: and it shall come into his bowels like water: and like oil into his bones.
18 Let it be unto him as the cloak that he hath upon him: and as the girdle that he is alway girded with al.

The reply of the afflicted.

19 Let it thus happen from the Lord unto mine enemies: and to those that speak evil against my soul.
20 But deal thou with me O Lord God, according unto thy Name: for sweet is thy mercy.
21 O deliver me, for I am helpless and poor: and my heart is wounded within me.
22 I go hence like the shadow that departeth: and am driven away as the grasshopper.
23 My knees are weak through fasting: my flesh is dried up for want of fatness.

24 I became also a reproach unto them: they that looked up on me shaked their heads.

25 Help me O Lord my God: O save me according to thy mercy;

26 And they shall know how that this is thy hand: and that thou, Lord hast done it.

27 Though they curse yet bless thou: and let them be confounded that rise up against me: but let thy servant rejoice.

28 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame: and let them cover themselves with their own confusion: as with a cloke.

Trust in the Lord.

29 As for me, I will give great thanks unto the Lord: with my mouth: and praise him among the multitude;

30 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor: to save his soul from unjust judges.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CX. Dixit Dominus.

The Divine King.

THE Lord said unto my Lord: "Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion: "be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies."

The Divine High Priest.

3 In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings: with an holy worship: the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

4 The Lord sware and will not repent: "Thou art a Priest for ever: after the order of Melchisedech."
The Divine Conqueror.

5 The Lord upon thy right hand shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.
6 He shall judge among the heathen; he shall fill the places with the dead bodies and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.
7 He shall drink of the brook in the way therefore shall he lift up his head.

PSALM CXI. Confitebor tibi.
Thanks to God for His works.

I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart secretly among the faithful 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 worthy to be praised and had in honour and his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works that they ought to be had in remembrance.

His providence.

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him he shall 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 judgement all his commandments are true.
8 They stand fast for ever and ever and are done in truth and equity.

His revelation.

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 thereafter the praise of it endureth for ever.
PSALM CXII. *Beatus vir.*

The blessedness of the righteous in his fortunes and in his doings.

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord: he hath great delight in his commandments.

2. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth: the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

3. Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4. Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness: he is merciful, loving and righteous.

5. A good man is merciful and lendeth: and will guide his words with discretion.

6. For he shall never be moved: and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

7. He will not be afraid of any evil tidings: for his heart standeth fast and believeth in the Lord.

8. His heart is established and will not shrink: until he see his desire upon his enemies.

9. He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor: and his righteousness remaineth for ever: *his horn shall be exalted with honour.*

10. The ungodly shall see it and it shall grieve him: he shall gnash with his teeth and consume away: *the desire of the ungodly shall perish.*

PSALM CXIII. *Laudate, pueri.*

Call to the praise of the Lord,

PRAISE the Lord ye servants: O praise the Name of the Lord.

2. Blessed be the Name of the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

3. The Lord's Name is praised: from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

4. Majestic in His glory.

5. The Lord is high above all heathen: and his glory above the heavens.

5. Who is like unto the Lord our God, *that hath his dwelling so high: and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?*
loving to the humble.

6 He taketh up the simple | out of the | dust: and
liftesth the | poor | out of the | mire;

7 That he may set him | with the | princes: even
with the | princes | of his | people.

8 He maketh the barren woman to | keep | house: and
to be a | joyful | mother of | children.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXIV. In exitu Israel.

The wonders of the Exodus.

WHEN Israel came | out of | Egypt: and the
house of Jacob from among the | strange | people,

2 Judah | was his | sanctuary: and | Israel | his
dominion.

3 The sea saw | that and | fled: Jordan | was | driven | back.

4 The mountains | skipped like | rams: and the
little | hills like | young | sheep.

5 What aileth thee O thou sea, | that thou | fleddest: and thou Jordan that | thou wast | driven | back?

6 Ye mountains, that ye | skipped like | rams: and
ye little | hills like | young | sheep?

7 Tremble thou earth at the presence | of the | Lord: at the presence | of the | God of | Jacob;

8 Who turned the hard rock into a | standing | water: and the flintstone | into a | springing | well.

PSALM CXV. Non nobis, Domine.

National deliverance.

NOT unto us O Lord, not unto us, * but unto
thy Name | give the | praise: for thy loving
mercy and | for thy | truth's | sake.

2 Wherefore shall the | heathen | say: "Where | is | now their | God?"
The vanity of idols.

3 As for our God, he is in heaven: he hath done whatsoever he pleased him.

4 Their idols are silver and gold: even the work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, and speak not: eyes have they, and see not.

6 They have ears, and hear not; noses have they, and smell not.

7 They have hands and handle not; * feet have they, and walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them are like unto them: and so are all such as put their trust in them.

Trust in the Lord!

9 But thou house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord: he is their succour and defence.

10 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord: he is their helper and defender.

11 Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord: he is their helper and defender.

Confidence.

12 The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us: even he shall bless the house of Israel, * he shall bless the house of Aaron.

13 He shall bless them that fear the Lord: both small and great.

The Divine promise.

14 The Lord shall increase you more and more: you and your children.

15 Ye are the blessed of the Lord: who made heaven and earth.

Praise.

16 All the whole heavens are the Lord's: the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not thee, O Lord: neither all they that go down into silence.

18 But we will praise the Lord from this time forth for evermore. * Praise the Lord.
Morning Prayer.

Dilexi, quoniam.

Deliverance in answer to prayer.

1 AM well pleased: that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;
2 That he hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
3 The snares of death compassed me round about: and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.
4 I shall find trouble and heaviness, * and I will call 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 in misery, and he helped me.
7 Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul: for the Lord hath rewarded thee.
8 And why? 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 and therefore will I speak: but I was sore troubled: I said in my haste, "All men are liars."

Thanksgiving of devout service.

11 What reward shall I give unto the Lord: for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?
12 I will receive the cup of salvation: and call upon the Name of the Lord.
13 I will pay my vows: now in the presence of all his people.

Right dear in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his saints.

14 Behold O Lord, how that I am thy servant: I am thy servant and the son of thine handmaid; * thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.
15 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the Name of the Lord.
16 I will pay my vows | unto the | Lord | in the | sight of | all his | people.
   In the courts of the | Lord's | house | even in the | midst of thee O Jerusalem. * | Praise | — the | Lord.

PSALM CXVII. Laudate Dominum.

Praise the Lord.

O PRAISE the Lord, | all ye | heathen | praise | — him, | all ye | nations.
   2 For his merciful kindness is ever more and | more | towards us | and the truth of the Lord endureth | for ever. * | Praise | — the | Lord.

PSALM CXVIII. Confitemini Domino.

All men praise the Lord.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for | he is | gracious | because his | mercy endureth for | ever.
   2 Let Israel now confess, that | he is | gracious | and that his | mercy endureth for | ever.
   3 Let the house of Aaron | now confess | that his | mercy endureth for | ever.
   4 Yea, let them now that fear the | Lord confess | that his | mercy endureth for | ever.

Personal trust.

5 I called upon the | Lord in | trouble | and the | Lord | heard | me at | large.
   6 The Lord is | on my | side | I will not fear what | man doeth | unto | me.
   7 The Lord taketh my part with | them that | help me | therefore shall I see my desire upon my enemies.
   8 It is better to trust | in the | Lord | than to put | any | confidence in | man.
   9 It is better to trust | in the | Lord | than to put | any | confidence in | princes.

Deliverance accomplished.

10 All nations compassed me | round about | in the Name of the | Lord will | I destroy them.
11 They kept me in on every side, they kept me in
I say, on every side: but in the Name of the Lord
will I destroy them.
12 They came about me like bees,* and are extinct
even as the fire among the 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 was my help.
14 The Lord is my strength, and my song: and is be-
come my salvation.

Joy out of chastening.

15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of
the righteous: the right hand of the Lord bring-
eth mighty things to pass.
16 The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-
eminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth
mighty things to pass.
17 I shall not die but live: and declare the works
of the Lord.
18 The Lord hath chastened and corrected me; but he hath not given me over unto death.

Solemn thanksgiving.

19 Open me the gates of righteousness: that I
may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.
20 This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous
shall enter into it.
21 I will thank thee for thou hast heard me:
and art become my salvation.
22 The same stone which the builders re-
s fused is become the head-stone in the corner.
23 This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvel-
ous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the Lord hath made:
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Help me now O Lord: O Lord, send us
now prosperity.
26 Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the Lord.
27 God is the Lord who hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, * yea even unto the horns of the altar.
28 Thou art my God, and I will thank thee: thou art my God and I will praise thee.
29 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.

EVENING PRAYER.

PSALM CXIX. Beati immaculati.

The praises and the observance of God's law.

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord.
2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies: and seek him with their whole heart.
3 For they who do no wickedness: walk in his ways.
4 Thou hast charged: that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.
5 O that my ways were made so direct: that I might keep thy statutes!
6 So shall I not be confounded: while I have respect unto all thy commandments.
7 I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart: when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.
8 I will keep thy ceremonies: O for sake me not utterly.

In quo corriget?

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way: even by ruling himself after thy word.
10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.
11 Thy words have I hid with my heart: that I should not sin against thee.
12 Blessed art thou O Lord: O teach me thy statutes.
13 With my lips have I been telling: of all the judgements of thy mouth.
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14 I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies as in all manner of riches.
15 I will talk of thy commandments: and have respect unto thy ways.
16 My delight shall be in thy statutes: and I will not forsake thy word.

Reribue servo tuo.

O do well unto thy servant: that I may live and keep thy word.
18 Open thou mine eyes: that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.
19 I am a stranger upon earth: O hide not thy commandments from me.
20 My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire: that it hath alway unto thy judgments.
21 Thou hast rebuked the proud: and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.
22 O turn from me shame and rebuke: for I have kept thy testimonies.
23 Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.
24 For thy testimonies are my delight: and — my counsellors.

Adhasit pavimento.

My soul cleaveth to the dust: O quicken thou me, according to thy word.
26 I have acknowledged my ways, and thou hearest me: O teach me thy statutes.
27 Make me to understand the way of thy commandments: and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
28 My soul melteth away for heaviness: comfort thou me according unto thy word.
29 Take from me the way of lying: and cause thou me to make much of thy law.
30 I have chosen the way of truth: and thy judgments have I laid before me.
31 I have stúck | unto thy | testimonies : Ó | Lord, 
con- | found me | not.
32 I will run the wáy of | thy com- | mandments : 
whén thou hast | set my | heart at | liberty.

Morning Prayer.

Legem pone.
The praises and the observance of God's law.

TEACH me O Lord the wáy | of thy | statutes : 
and Í shall | keep it | unto the | end.
34 Give me understanding, and Í shall | keep 
thy | law : yea I shall keep it | with my | whole | heart.
35 Make me to go in the páth of | thy com- 
mandments : fór there- | in is | my de- | sire. 
36 Incline my heart | unto thy | testimonies : ánd | 
not to | covetous- | ness.
37 O turn away mine eyes, lést they be- | hold | 
vanity : and quícken thou | me | in thy | way. 
38 O stablish thy wórd | in thy | servant | thát | 
I may | fear | thee.
39 Take away the rebüké that I | am a- | fraid of : 
fór thy | judgements | are | good.
40 Behold, my delight is in | thy com- | mandments : 
Ó | quícken me | in thy | righteousness.

Et veniat super me.

LET thy loving mercy come also | unto | me, O | 
Lord : even thy salvátion ac- | cording | unto 
thy | word.
42 So shall I make answer | unto | my blas- 
phemers : fór my | trust is | in thy | word.
43 O take not the word of thy truth útterly | 
out of | my | mouth : fór my | hope is | in thy | judgements.
44 So shall I álway | keep thy | law : yéa, for | 
ever | and | ever.
45 And Í will | walk at | liberty : fór Í | seek | thy 
com- | man- 
ments.
46 I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings: and will not be ashamed.
47 And my delight shall be in thy commandments which I have loved.
48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments which I have loved: and my study shall be in thy statutes.

Memor esto servi tui.

O THINK upon thy servant as concerning thy word: wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.
50 The same is my comfort in my trouble: for thy word hath quickened me.
51 The proud have had me exceedingly in desision: yet have I not shrunk from thy law.
52 For I remembered thine everlasting judgments O Lord: and received comfort.
53 I am höribly afraid: for the ungodly that for sake thy law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I have thought upon thy Name O Lord, in the night season: and have kept thy law.
56 This I had because I kept thy commandments.

Portio mea, Domine.

THOU art my portion O Lord: I have promised to keep thy law.
58 I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart: O be merciful unto me, according to thy word.
59 I called mine own ways to remembrance: and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
60 I made haste, and prolonged not the time: to keep thy commandments.
61 The congregations of the ungodly 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 keep thy commandments.
64 The earth O Lord is full of thy mercy: O teach me thy statutes.

**Bonitatem fecisti.**

O LORD thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant: according unto thy word.
66 O learn me true understanding and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.
67 Before I was troubled I went wrong: but now have I kept thy word.
68 Thou art good and gracious: O teach me thy statutes.
69 The proud have imagined a lie against me: but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.
70 Their heart is as fat as brawn: but my delight hath been in thy law.
71 It is good for me that I have been in trouble: that I may learn thy statutes.
72 The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

**Evening Prayer.**

*Manus tua fecerunt me.*

The praises and the observance of God's law.

THY hands have made me and fashioned me: O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me: because I have put my trust in thy word.
75 I know O Lord that thy judgements are right: and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.
76 O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort: according to thy word unto thy servant.
77 O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.
78 Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me: but I will be occupied in thy commandments.
79 Let such as fear thee and have known thy testimonies be turned unto me.
80 O let my heart be sound in thy statutes that I be not ashamed.

Defecit anima mea.

My soul hath longed for thy salvation: and I have a good hope because of thy word.
82 Mine eyes long sore for thy word: saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: yet do I not for-get thy statutes.
84 How many are the days of thy servant: when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?
85 The proud have digged pits for me: which are not after thy law.
86 All thy commandments are true: they persecute me falsely: O be thou my help.
87 They had almost made an end of me upon earth: but I for-sought not thy commandments.
88 O quicken me after thy loving-kindness: and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

In aeternum, Domine.

O LORD thy word endureth for ever in heaven.
90 Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another: thou hast laid the foundation of the earth and it abideth.
91 They continue this day according to thine ordinance: for all things serve thee.
92 If my delight had not been in thy law: I should have perished in my trouble.
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93 I will never forget thy commandments; for with them thou hast quickened me.
94 I am thine, O save me: for I have sought thy commandments.
95 The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.
96 I see that all things come to an end: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Quomodo dilexi!

Lord what love have I unto thy law: all the day long is my study in it.
98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than my teachers: for thy testimonies are my study.
100 I am wiser than the aged: because I keep thy commandments.
101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way: that I may keep thy word.
102 I have not shrink from thy judgements: for thou teachest me.
103 O how sweet are thy words unto my throat: yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.
104 Through thy commandments I get understanding: therefore I hate all evil ways.

Morning Prayer.

Lucerna pedibus meis.

The praises and the observance of God's law.

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet: and a light unto my paths.
106 I have sworn and am stedfastly purposed: to keep thy righteous judgements.
107 I am troubled above measure: quicken me O Lord, according to thy word.
108 Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee O Lord: and teach me thy judgements.
109 My soul is alway in my hand: yet do I not for- get thy law.

110 The ungodly have laid a snare for me: but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.

111 Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever: and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill thy statutes alway: even unto the end.

Iniquos odio habui.

I HATE them that imagine evil things: but thy law do I love.

114 Thou art my defense and shield: and my trust is in thy word.

115 Away from me ye wicked: I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 O establish me according to thy word, that I may live: and let me not be disapp-pointed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up and I shall be safe: yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.

118 Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes: for they imagine but de- ceit.

119 Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testi- monies.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee: and I am afraid of thy judgements.

Feci judicium.

I DEAL with the thing that is lawful and right: O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

122 Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good: that the proud do me no wrong.

123 Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health: and for the word of thy righteousness.

124 O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy: and teach me thy statutes.
125 I am thy servant, O grant me understanding; that I may know thy testimonies.
126 It is time for thee Lord, to lay to thine hand; for they have destroyed thy law.
127 For I love thy commandments above gold and precious stone.
128 Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments; and all false ways I utterly abhor.

Mirabilia.

THY testimonies are wonderful; therefore doth my soul keep them.
130 When thy word goeth forth it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.
131 I opened my mouth and drew in my breath; for my delight was in thy commandments.
132 O 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 so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.
134 O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men; and so shall I keep thy commandments.
135 Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.
136 Mine eyes gush out with water; because men keep not thy law.

Justus es, Domine.

RIGHTEOUS art thou O Lord; and true is thy judgement.
138 The testimonies that thou hast commanded are exceeding righteous and true.
139 My zeal hath eaten me; because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.
140 Thy word is tried to the uttermost; and thy servant loveth it.
141 I am small and of no reputation; yet do I not forget thy commandments.
142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness; and thy law is the truth.
143 Trouble and heaviness have taken | hold up | on
me: yet is my de-light in | thy com-mandments.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is | ever-
lasting: O grant me under-standing and | I shall | live.

Evening Prayer.

Clamavi in toto corde meo.

The praises and the observance of God’s law.

I CALLED with my | whole | heart: hear me O Lord, |
I will | keep thy | statutes.

146 Yea even unto thee | do I | call: help me and |
I shall | keep thy | testimonies.

147 Early in the morning do I cry | unto | thee: for |
in thy | word | is my | trust.

148 Mine eyes prevent the | night-watches: that I |
might be | occupied | in thy | words.

149 Hear my voice O Lord, according unto thy | loving-
kindness: quicken me ac-cording as | thou |
art | wont.

150 They draw nigh that of malice | persecute | me: and are | far | from thy | law.

151 Be thou nigh at | hand O | Lord: for all | thy |
com-mandments are | true.

152 As concerning thy testimonies, I have | known |
long | since: that thou hast | grounded | them for | ever.

Vide humilitatem.

O CONSIDER mine adversity, and de-liver | me: for I do | not for-get thy | law.

154 Avenge thou my cause and de-liver | me: quicken me ac-cording | to thy | word.

155 Health is far from | the un-godly: for they |
re-gard | not thy | statutes.

156 Great is thy | mercy O | Lord: quicken | me |
as | thou art | wont.

157 Many there are that trouble me and | perse-
cute | me: yet do I not | swerve | from thy | testi-
monies.
158 It grieveth me when I see the transgressors: because they keep not thy law.

159 Consider O Lord how I love thy commandments: O quicken me according to thy loving-kindness.

160 Thy word is true from everlasting: all the judgements of thy righteousness endure for ever more.

*Principes persecuti sunt.*

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

162 I am as glad of thy word as one that findeth great spoils.

163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them: but thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee: because of thy righteous judgements.

165 Great is the peace that they have who love thy law: and they are not offended at it.

166 Lord I have looked for thy saving health: and done after thy commandments.

167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies: and loved them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy commandments and testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

*Appropinquet deprecation.*

LET my complaint come before thee O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word.

170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

171 My lips shall speak of thy praise: when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

172 Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteous.

173 Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy commandments.
174 I have longed for thy saving | health O | Lord:
and in thy | law is | my de-light.
175 O let my soul live, and | it shall | praise thee:
and thy | judgements | shall | help me.
176 I have gone astray like a sheep | that is | lost:
O seek thy servant, for I do not for-get | thy com-
mandments.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CXX:  Ad Dominum.

Past deliverance a ground of prayer.

WHEN I was in trouble I called up-on the |
Lord: and he heard me.
Deliver my soul O Lord, from | lying | lips:
and | from a deceitful | tongue.
What reward shall be given | or done unto thee
thou | false | tongue: even mighty and sharp arrows |
with | hot | burning | coals.

Evil neighbours.

Woe is me, that I am constrained to | dwell with |
Mesech: and to have my habitation a-mong the |
tents of | Kedar.
My soul hath long dwelt a-mong | them: that |
are | enemies | unto | peace.
I labour for peace, but when I speak unto | them |
there-of: they | make them | ready to | battle.

PSALM CXXI.  Levavi oculos.

The pilgrim's faith.

I WILL lift up mine eyes | unto the | hills: from |
whence | cometh my | help.
My help cometh even | from the | Lord: who |
ass | made | heaven and | earth.

Divine promises.

He will not suffer thy foot | to be | moved: and |
he that | keepeth thee | will not | sleep.
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4 Behold, he that keepeth | Isra-|el shall | neither | slumber nor | sleep.

5 The Lord himself | is thy | keeper : the Lord is thy defence up-|on thy | right | hand;

6 So that the sun shall not burn | thee by | day : nei|ther the | moon | by | night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from | all | evil ; yea it is even he | that shall | keep thy | soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy | coming | in : from this time | forth for | ever-|more.

PSALM CXXII. Latatus sum.

Jerusalem the centre of unity.

I WAS glad when they said | unto | me : "We will go into the | house | of the | Lord."

2 Our feet shall stand | in thy | gates : Ò | — Je-|rusa-|lem.

3 Jerusalem is built | as a | city | that is at | unity | in it-|self.

4 For thither the tribes go up, * even the tribes | of the | Lord | to testify unto Israel, * to give thanks unto the | Name | of the | Lord.

5 For there is the | seat of | judgement | even the seat | of the | house of | David.

Peace be upon her !

6 O pray for the peace | of Je-|rusalem : they shall | prosper that | love thee.

7 Peace be with-|in thy | walls | and plenteous-|ness with-|in thy | palaces.

8 For my brethren and com-|panions’ | sakes : I will | wish | thee pro-|sperity.

9 Yea, because of the house of the | Lord our | God : I will | seek to | do thee | good.

PSALM CXXIII. Ad te levavi oculos meos.

Confidence.

UNTO thee lift I | up mine | eyes : O thou that |dwellest | in the | heavens.
2 Behold even 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 : even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, * until | he have | mercy up-|on us.

Prayer.

3 Have mercy upon us O Lord, have | mercy up-| on us : for we are | utterly de-|spised.

4 Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof | of the | wealthy : and with the de-|spitefulness | of the | proud.

PSALM CXXIV. Nisi quia Dominus.

Crisis of peril.

If the Lord himself had not been on our side, * now may | Israel | say : if the Lord himself had not been on our side, * when | men rose | up a-|gainst us ;

2 They had swallowed | us up | quick : when they were so wrathful | ly dis-|pleased | at us.

3 Yea, the waters had | drowned | us : and the stream had | gone | over our | soul.

4 The deep waters | of the | proud | had gone | even | over our | soul.

Deliverance.

5 But praised | be the | Lord : who hath not given us over for a | prey | unto their | teeth.

6 Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare | of the | fowler : the snare is broken and | we | are de-|livered.

7 Our help standeth in the Name | of the | Lord : who hath | made | heaven and | earth.

PSALM CXXV. Qui confidunt.

Safety in the Lord.

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the | mount | Sion : which may not be removed, but | standeth | fast for | ever.

2 The hills stand a-|bout Jeru-|salem : even so standeth the Lord round about his people, * from this time | forth for | ever-|more.
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3 For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lót | of the | righteous : lest the righteous put their | hand | unto | wickedness.

Prayer for retribution.

4 Dó | well O | Lord : unto those that are | good and | true of | heart.
5 As for such as turn back unto their | own | wickedness : the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil-doers; * but peace shall | be upon | Isra-|el.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXXVI. In convertendo.

Thanksgiving for return from exile.

W HEN the Lord turned again the captivi- | ty of | Sion : then were we like | unto | them that | dream.
2 Then was our mouth | filled with | laughter : and our | tongue | with | joy.
3 Then said they a- | mong the | heathen : The Lord hath dône | great | things for | them.
4 Yea the Lord hath done great things for | us al- | ready : whère- | of | we re- | joice.

Prayer for its fulfilment.

5 Turn our captîvity, | O | Lord : as the | rivers | in the | south.
6 Thîy that | sow in | tears : shâll | reap | in | joy.
7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beâr- | eth | forth good | seed : shâll doubtless come again with jôy, and | bring his | sheaves | with him.

PSALM CXXVII. Nisi Dominus.

No blessing without the Lord.

E XCEPT the Lord | build the | house | their la- | bour | is but | lost that | build it.
2 Except the Lord | keep the | city | the watch- | man | waketh | but in | vain.
3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early | and so late take rest, * and eat the | bread of | carefulness : for so he giveth | his be- | loved | sleep.
4. Lo children and the fruit of the womb are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.
5. Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant even so are the young children.
6. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

PSALM CXXVIII. Beati omnes.

The happiness of the righteous

BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

2. For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands: O well is thee, and happy shal thou be.

in house and

3. Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine upon the walls of thine house.
4. Thy children like the olive-branches round about thy table.
5. Lo thus shall the man be blessed that fear-eth the Lord.

country.

6. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.
7. Yea that thou shalt see thy children’s children: and peace upon Israel.

PSALM CXXIX. Saepè expugnaverunt.

The experience of Israel.

ANY a time have they fought against me from my youth up: may Israel now say.
2. Yea many a time have they vexed me from my youth up: but they have not prevailed against me.
3. The plowers plowed up-|on my back: and made long furrows.
4. But the righteous Lord hath hewn the snares of the un-|godly in pieces.
Prayer for the overthrow of enemies.

5 Let them be confounded and | turned | back-ward | as many as hâve | evil | will at | Sion.
6 Let them be even as the grass grow-ing up-| on the | house-tops | which withereth afoře | it be | pluck-ed | up;
7 Whereof the mower filleth | not his | hand | nei-ther he that bindeth | up the | sheaves his | bosom.
8 So that they who go by say not so much as, The Lórd | prosper | you | we wish you good lúck in the | Name | of the | Lord.

PSALM CXXX. De profundis.

Prayer and

O U T of the deep have I called unto | thee O | Lord | Lórd, | hear | my | voice.
2 O let thine ears con-sider | well | thé | voice of | my com-plaint.
3 If thou Lord wilt be extreme to márk what is | done a-miss | O Lord, | who | may a-bide it?
4 For there is | mercy with | thee | theréfore | shalt | thou be | feared.

trust.

5 I look for the Lord; my sôul doth | wait for | him | in his | word | is my | trust.
6 My soul fléeth | unto the | Lord | before the | morning watch I say, * | be-fore the | morning | watch.
7 O Israel trust in the Lord, * for with the Lórd | there is | mercy | and with | him is | plenteous re-demption.
8 And he shall redeem | Isra-el | from | all | his | sins.

PSALM CXXXI. Domine, non est.

Childlike humility.

LÓRD I am | not high-minded | I have | no | proud | looks.
2 I do not exercise myself in | great | matters | which | are too | high for | me.
3 But I refrain my soul and keep it low, * like as a child that is weaned | from his | mother : yea my soul is éyen | as a | weaned | child.
4 O Israel, trust | in the | Lord : from this time | forth for | ever-| more.

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PSALM CXXXII. Memento, Domine.

The vow of David and its fulfilment.

LORD, re-| member | David : and | all | his | trouble;
2 How he swær | unto the | Lord : and vowed a vow unto the Al-| mighty | God of | Jacob ;
3 "I will not come within the tabernacle | of mine house : nór | climb up | into my | bed ;
4 "I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep nor mine eyelids to | slumber : neither the temples of my head to | take | any | rest ;
5 "Until I find out a place for the tablé | of the | Lord : an habitation for the | mighty | God of | Jacob ."
6 Lo we heard of the | same at | Ephrata : and | found it | in the | wood .
7 We will gō | into his | tabernacle : and fall lōw on our | knees be-| fore his | footstool .

Prayer for the Divine Presence.

8 Arise O Lord, | into thy | resting-place : thóu and the | ark | of thy | strength .
9 Let thy priests be | clothed with | righteousness : and lét thy | saints | sing with | joyfulness .
10 For thy sérvant | David's | sake : turn not away the | presence of | thine An-|ointed .

The permanence of the Divine kingdom and of

11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath | unto | David : and he | shall not | shrink | from it ;
12 "Of the fruit | of thy | body : shál I | set upon thy | seat .
13 "If thy children will keep my covenant * and my téstimones that | I shall | learn them : their chil-| dren also shall sit upón thy | seat * for | ever-| more ."
the Divine sanctuary.

14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habita-
tion | for him | self | he hath | longed | for | her.
15 "This shall be my | rest for | ever | here will I
dwell, for I | have a de-light there-| in.
16 "I will bless her | victuals with | increase | and
will satis-fy her | poor with | bread.
17 "I will deck her | priests with | health | and her
saints | shall re-| joice and | sing.

through the Lord's providence.

18 "There shall I make the horn of | David to |
flourish | I have ordained a | lantern for | mine An-
ointed.
19 "As for his enemies, I shall clothe | them with |
shame | but upon himself | shall his | crown | flourish."

PSALM CXXXIII. Ecce, quam bonum!

The blessedness of brotherly unity.

BEHOLD, how good and joyful a | thing it | is |
bréthren to | dwell to-gether in | unity !
2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, *
that ran down unto the beard, even unto | Aaron's |
beard ; and went down to the | skirts | of his |
clothing.
3 Like as the | dew of | Hermon | which fell up | on
the | hill of | Sion.
4 For there the Lord | promised his | blessing | and |
life for | ever-| more.

PSALM CXXXIV. Ecce nunc.

Greeting to the watchers.

BEHOLD now | praise the | Lord | all ye | serv-
ants | of the | Lord ;
2 Ye that by night stand in the house | of the | Lord ;
even in the courts of the | house of | our | God.
3 Lift up your hands | in the | sanctuary | and |
praise | — the | Lord.

Answer.

4 The Lord that made | heaven and | earth | give
thee | blessing | out of | Sion.
PSALM CXXXV. Laudate Nomen.

Praise the Lord,

O PRAISE the Lord, * laud ye the Name | of the | Lord : praise it Ò 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 O praise the Lord, for the | Lord is | gracious : O sing praises unto his | Name for | it is | lovely.
4 For why? the Lord hath chosen Jàcob | unto him-|self | and | Israel | for his | own pos-|session.

for His works in nature and

5 For I know that the | Lord is | great : and that our Lord | is a-|bove all | gods.
6 Whatev-er the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, | and in | earth | and in the sea, | and in | all deep | places.
7 He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends | of the | world | and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, * bringing the | winds | out of his | treasures.

history;

8 He smóte the | first-born of | Egypt | and both of | man | and | beast.
9 He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee Ò thou | land of | Egypt | upon | Pharaoh and | all his | servants.
10 He smóte | divers | nations | and | slew | mighty | kings;
11 Sehon king of the Amorites, * and Òg the | king of | Basan | and | all the | kingdoms of | Canaan ;
12 And gave their lánd to | be an | heritage | even an heritage unto | Isra-|el his | people.

in contrast with idols.

13 Thy Name O Lord, en-|dueth for | ever | so doth thy memorial O Lord, from one gener-|ation | to an-|other.
14 For the Lord will a-|venge his | people | and be | gracious | unto his | servants.
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15 As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold: the work of men's hands.
16 They have mouths and speak not: eyes have they but they see not.
17 They have ears, and yet they hear not: neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18 They that make them are like unto them: and so are all they that put their trust in them.

Praise the Lord.

19 Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel: praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron.
20 Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi: ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord.
21 Praised be the Lord out of Sion: who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXXXVI. Confitemini.

Thanksgiving

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.
2 O give thanks unto the God of all gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.
3 O thank the Lord of all lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

for God's works in creation,

4 Who only doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.
5 Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.
6 Who laid out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.
7 Whó hath made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever;
8 The sun to rule the day: for his mercy endureth for ever;
9 The moon and the stars to govern the night: for his mercy endureth for ever.
for the deliverance from Egypt,

10 Who smote Egypt with their first-born: for his mercy endureth for ever;
11 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever;
12 With a mighty hand, and stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever.

13 Who divided the Red sea in two parts: for his mercy endureth for ever;
14 And made Israel to go through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever.
15 But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.

for the conquest of Canaan,

16 Who led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.
17 Who smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever.
18 Yea, and slew mighty kings: for his mercy endureth for ever;

19 Sichon, king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever;
20 And Og, the king of Basan: for his mercy endureth for ever;
21 And gave away their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever;
22 Even for an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.

for constant mercies.

23 Who remembered us when we were in trouble: for his mercy endureth for ever;
24 And hath delivered us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.
25 Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.
Thanksgiving.

26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven; for his mercy endureth for ever.
27 O give thanks unto the Lord of lords; for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXXXVII. Super flumina.

The exiles and their conquerors.

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept; when we remembered thee O Sion.
2 As for our harps, we hanged them up upon the trees that are there-in.
3 For they that led us away captive required of us then a song; and melody in our heaviness; Sing us one of the songs of Sion.

The answer of the exiles.

4 How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?
5 If I forget thee O Jerusalem I let my right hand for-get her cunning.
6 If I do not remember thee, I let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem in my mirth.

Cry for retribution.

7 Remember the children of Edom O Lord, in the day of Jerusalem; how they said, Down with it, down with it; even to the ground.
8 O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery; yea happy shall he be that rewardeth thee, as thou hast served us.
9 Blessed shall he be that taketh thy children and throweth them against the stones.

PSALM CXXXVIII. Confitebor tibi.

The thanksgiving of the Psalmist, and

I will give thanks unto thee O Lord with my whole heart; even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
2 I will worship toward thy holy temple * and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth; for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy Word above all things.

3 When I called upon thee, thou heardest me: and enduedst my soul with much strength.

of the kings of the earth hereafter.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee O Lord: for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

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7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me: thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies * and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me: yea thy mercy O Lord endureth for ever; * despise not then the works of thine own hands.

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PSALM CXXXIX. Domine, probasti.

The omniscience of God.

O LORD thou hast searched me out: and known me.

Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising: thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2 Thou art about my path and about my bed: and spiest out all my ways.

3 For lo there is not a word in my tongue: but thou O Lord knowest it alto-gether.

4 Thou hast fashioned me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it.
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6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit: or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning: and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me: and thy right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me: then shall my night be turned to day.

11 Yea the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

His creative power.

12 For my reins are thine: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

14 My bones are not hid from thee: though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

15 Thine eyes did see my substance yet being imperfect: and in thy book were all my members written;

16 Which day by day were fashioned: when as yet there was none of them.

17 How dear are thy counsels unto me O God: O how great is the sum of them!

18 If I tell them they are more in number than the sand: when I wake up I am present with thee.

His righteous judgment.

19 Wilt thou not slay the wicked O God: depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men.

20 For they speak unrighteously against thee: 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?
Yea I hate them right sore even as though they were mine enemies.

Try me O God, and seek the ground of my heart; prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me; and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM CXL. Erie me, Domine.

Prayer for protection against foes without.

Deliver me O Lord from the evil man and preserve me from the wicked man.

Who imagine mischief in their hearts; and stir up strife all the day long.

They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent's adder's poison is under their lips.

Keep me O Lord from the hands of the ungodly; preserve me from the wicked men, * who are purposed to over-throw my goings.

The proud have laid a snare for me, * and spread a net a-broad with cords; yea and set traps in my way.

Confession and prayer.

I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God; hear the voice of my prayers O Lord.

O Lord God, thou strength of my health; thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

Let not the ungodly have his desire O Lord; let not his mischievous imagination prosper, lest they be too proud.

Let the mischief of their own lips fall upon the head of them; that compass me about.

Let hot burning coals fall upon them; let them be cast into the fire; and into the pit, that they never rise up again.

A man full of words shall not prosper upon the earth; evil shall hunt the wicked person to over-throw him.

Confidence.

Sure I am that the Lord will avenge the poor; and maintain the cause of the helpless.

The righteous also shall give thanks unto thy Name; and the just shall continue in thy sight.
PSALM CXLI. Domine, clamavi.

Prayer for holiness.

LORD, I call upon thee, haste thee unto me: and consider my voice when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense: and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch O Lord, before my mouth: and keep the door of my lips.

4 O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing: let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness, lest I eat of such things as please them.

Discipline.

5 Let the righteous rather smite me friendly: and reprove me.

6 But let not their precious balms break my head: yea I will pray yet against their wickedness.

7 Let their judges be overthrown in stony places: that they may hear my words for they are sweet.

8 Our bones lie scattered before the pit: like as when one breaketh and Heweth wood upon the earth.

Trust.

9 But mine eyes look unto thee, O Lord: in thee is my trust, O cast not out my soul.

10 Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me: and from the traps of the wicked doers.

11 Let the ungodly fall into their own nets together: and let me escape them.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXLII. Voce mea ad Dominum.

The Lord the only refuge.

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice: yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.
2 I poured out my complaints before him: and shewed him of my trouble.

3 When my spirit was in heaviness thou knewest my path: in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 I looked also upon my right hand: and saw there was no man that would know me.

5 I had no place to flee unto: and no man cared for my soul.

The supplicant's petitions.

6 I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said: Thou art my hope: and my portion in the land: of the living.

7 Consider my complaint: for I am brought very low.

8 O deliver me from my persecutors: for they are too strong for me.

9 Bring my soul out of prison: that I may give thanks unto thy Name: which thing if thou wilt grant me: then shall the righteous resort unto my company.

PSALM CXLIII. Domine exaudi.

Prayer to the Lord in distress,

Hear my prayer O Lord: and consider my desire: hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

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 laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me: and my heart within me is desolate.

5 Yet do I remember the time past: I muse upon all thy works: yea I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul gaspeth unto thee: as a thirsty land.
for deliverance and guidance.

7 Hear me O Lord and that soon, * for my spirit | waxeth | faint ; hide not thy face from me, * lest I be like unto them that go | down | into the | pit.

8 O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, * for in thee | is my | trust ; shew thou me the way that I should walk in, * for I lift up my | soul | unto | thee.

9 Deliver me O Lord, | from mine | enemies ; for I flee | unto | thee to | hide me.

10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, * for thou | art my | God ; let thy loving Spirit lead me forth | into the | land of | righteousness.

11 Quicken me O Lord for thy | Name's | sake ; and for thy righteousness' sake bring my | soul | out of | trouble.

12 And of thy goodness | slay mine | enemies ; and destroy all them that vex my soul ; * for I | am thy | servant.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CXLIV. Benedictus Dominus.

The greatness of God and the littleness of men.

BLÉSSED be the | Lord my | strength ; who teacheth my hands to war, | * and my | fingers to | fight ;

2 My hope and my fortress, * my castle and deliverer, * my defender in whom I | trust ; who subdueth my people | that is | under | me.

3 Lord what is man, that thou hast such respect | unto | him ; or the son of man, that thou | so regardest | him?

4 Man is like a | thing of | nought ; his time passeth a-way | like a | shadow.

Prayer for the revelation of God.

5 Bow thy heavens O Lord, and | come | down | touch the | mountains and | they shall | smoke.

6 Cast forth thy | lightning and | tear them | shoot out thine | arrows | and consume them.
Send down thine hand from above; deliver me and take me out of the great waters. Whose mouth talketh of vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of wickedness.

Thanksgiving.

I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: and sing praises unto thee upon a ten-stringed lute.

Thou hast given victory unto kings; and hast delivered David thy servant from the peril of the sword.

Save me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children; whose mouth talketh of vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of iniquity.

National prosperity.

That our sons may grow up as the young plants: and that our daughters may be as the polished corners of the temple.

That our garners may be full and plenteous with all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets.

That our oxen may be strong to labour, that there be no-dying into captivity, and no complaining in our streets.

Happy are the people that are in such a case: yea blessed are the people who have the Lord for their God.

Unceasing praise of God.

I will magnify thee, O God my King; and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto thee; and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and marvellous, worthy to be praised; there is no end of his greatness.

One generation shall praise thy works: and declare thy power,
5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship: thy glory thy praise and wondrous works;
6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; and I will also tell of thy greatness.
7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed: and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

for His gracious government of men,

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful: long-suffering, and of great goodness.
9 The Lord is loving unto every man: and his mercy is over all his works.
10 All thy works praise thee O Lord: and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
11 They shew the glory of thy kingdom: and talk of thy power;
12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom might be known unto men.
13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and thy dominion endureth through all ages.

for His righteous Providence.

14 The Lord upholdeth all such as fall: and lifteth up all those that are down.
15 The eyes of all wait upon thee O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season.
16 Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
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: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will help them.
20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.
PSALM CXLVI. Lauda, anima mea.

The praise of God in contrast with man's weakness.

PRAISE the Lord O my soul; * while I live will I praise the Lord: yea as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

3 O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man: for there is no help in them.

3 For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth: and then all his thoughts perish.

They that trust in Him are blessed.

4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, * the sea, and all that therein is: whó keepeth his promise for ever;

6 Who helpeth them to right that suffer: wrong: whó feedeth the hungry.

His works of love.

7 The Lord loseth men out of prison: the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

8 The Lord helpeth them that are fallen: the Lord careth for the righteous.

9 The Lord careth for the strangers; * he defendeth the fatherless and widow: as for the way of the ungodly he turneth it upside down.

10 The Lord thy God O Sion shall be King for evermore: and throughout all generations.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXLVII. Laudate Dominum.

Praise to God for His manifold works of power, providence, and goodness to His people.

O PRAISE the Lord, * for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: yea a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
The Lord doth build Jerusalem: and gather together the outcasts of Israel.
He healeth those that are broken in heart: and giveth medicine to them that are sick.
He telleth the number of the stars: and calleth them all by their names.
Great is our Lord, and great is his power: yea and his wisdom is infinite.
The Lord setteth up the meek: and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.
O sing unto the Lord with thanks-giving: sing praises upon the harp: unto our God;
Who covereth the heaven with clouds: and prepareth rain: for the earth: and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains: and herb: for the use of men;
Who giveth food: unto the young: and feedeth the young: and ravens that call upon him.
He hath no pleasure in the strength: of an horse: neither delighteth he in any man's legs.
But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him: and put their trust: in his mercy.
Praise the Lord: O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Zion.
For he hath made fast the bars: of thy gates: and hath blessed thy children within thee.
He maketh peace: in thy borders: and filleth thee: with the flour of wheat.
He sendeth forth his commandment: upon earth: and his word: runneth very swiftly.
He giveth: snow like wool: and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who is able: to abide: his frost?
He sendeth out his word: and melteth: them: he bloweth with his wind: and the waters flow.
He sheweth his word: unto Jacob: his statutes and ordinances: unto Israel.
He hath not dealt so with any nation: neither have the heathen: knowledge: of his laws.
PSALM CXLVIII. Laudate Dominum.

Praise the Lord all things in heaven,

1. O PRÁISE the Lord of | heaven | praise | —

2. Praise him | all ye | angels of | his | praise | —

3. Praise him, | sun and | moon | praise him, | all

4. Praise him, | all ye | heavens | and ye waters

5. Let them praise the Name | of the | Lord | for

6. He hath made them fast for | ever and | ever | he hath given them a law | which shall | not be | broken.

and on earth.

7. Praise the Lord upon | earth | ye | dragons | and all | deeps;

8. Fire and hail, | snow and | vapours | wind and |

9. Mountains and | all | hills | fruitful | trees and |

10. Beasts and | all | cattle | worms | — and | feathered | fowls;

11. Kings of the earth and | all | people | princes

12. Young men and maidens, * old men and children,

* praise the Name | of the | Lord | for his Name only

* is excellent, * and his praise above | heaven and |

earth.

13. He shall exalt the horn of his people; * all his |

saints shall | praise him | even the children of Israel,

* even the | people that | serveth | him.

PSALM CXLIX. Cantate Domino.

Israel's thanksgiving.

O SING unto the Lord a | new | song | let the |

congregation of | saints | praise him.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

3. Let them praise his Name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

4. For the Lord hath pleasure in his people: and helpeth the meek-hearted.

The work of Israel for God.

5. Let the saints be joyful with glory: let them rejoice in their beds.

6. Let the praises of God be in their mouth: and a two-edged sword in their hands;

7. To be avenged of the heathen: and to rebuke the people;

8. To bind their kings in chains: and their nobles with links of iron.

9. That they may be avenged of them: as it is written: Such honour have all his saints.

PSALM CL. Laudate Dominum.

A universal Hallelujah.

O PRAISE God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2. Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.

4. Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.

5. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.

6. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.
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