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PREFACE

Up until the 1950s, the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* (1664 in Welsh) was the norm for public worship in the Church in Wales. In the 1950s, along with other Provinces in the Anglican Communion, the Church in Wales embarked on revising its liturgy, resulting eventually in the 1984 *Morning and Evening Prayer Book*.

However, in a world of rapid social and intellectual change in both church and society, and with new liturgical discoveries, the demand for an even more contemporary liturgy has grown. The result is this new volume of *Daily Prayer* which contains, as its title suggests, not only morning and evening offices but also material for midday and late evening worship, with a wealth of seasonal material. Our revised Eucharistic services of 2004 have shown that we can express worship in new forms and styles and that unity does not entail uniformity of practice. This additional book of *Daily Prayer* is offered in the same spirit. A church that takes mission seriously needs to ensure that its liturgy is accessible to all. Our new Eucharistic services have also shown that contemporary styles and a sense of the numinous can go together.

Christians are formed by the way they pray, and the way they pray expresses who they are. But as one writer put it ‘words are only the beginning of worship. They are transient and imperfect. They try to shape faith and kindle devotion, without claiming that they are fully adequate to the task. Only the grace of God can make up what is lacking in our faltering words.’

No prayer book can be the final word in worship, because liturgy is more than words. These services can only provide a framework to encourage worship but the important thing is the spirit in which the words are used. This book is designed to meet current needs and it is offered to the church in the hope that it might be a vehicle for offering prayer and praise to God, for ‘the church exists to offer on behalf of the world, the praise that the world has forgotten to express.’

+Barry Cambrensis

MORNING AND

EVENING PRAYER

***STRUCTURE OF MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER***

*Items marked \* are optional.*

*Reference is made to the relevant Appendices.*

*Appendix 11 contains variants suitable for particular seasons,*

*occasions and themes.*

*Refer to the Notes for more detailed guidance.*

***1 THE INTRODUCTION***

*The following forms are provided:*

*A* Prayers of Penitence *Appendix i*

*Morning Prayer Evening Prayer*

*B* Opening Versicles and *E* Opening Versicles and

Responses, etc Responses, etc

*C* Morning Acclamation *F* Evening Blessing

of Christ of the Light

*D* A Simple Introduction *G* Verses from Psalm 141

*H* A Simple Introduction

***2 THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD***

*Either* Pattern 1 (with two readings)

Psalmody

Old Testament Reading

Gospel Canticle: *Benedictus* (morning) or *Magnificat* (evening)

New Testament Reading

\*Canticle *Appendix iii*

Creed *Appendix iv*

*Or* Pattern 2 (with one reading)

Psalmody

\*Canticle *Appendix iii*

Biblical Reading

Gospel Canticle: *Benedictus* (morning) or *Magnificat* (evening)

Creed *Appendix iv*

***3 THE PRAYERS***

Intercessions *Appendix v*

The Lord’s Prayer

The Collect of the Day

\*The Second and/or Third Collects

***4 THE CONCLUSION***

Dismissal or Other Ending

***NOTES***

*1* Morning and Evening Prayer occupy a place of special importance in the daily worship of the Church. For this reason, it is the duty of the clergy to say these two offices each day, preferably in church after tolling the bell.

*2* Hymns, songs or anthems may be sung before, during or immediately after The Introduction (1), as indicated, and before and after The Prayers (3).

*3* Sentences, refrains and other material suitable for particular seasons and festivals, or based on particular themes, can be found in Appendix II.

*4* Psalms and canticles may be sung in metrical, responsorial or alternative chanted versions, and traditional language texts may be substituted.

*5* The readings are introduced with the opening reference: Book, Chapter, Verse (if not verse one).

*6* The use of silence is recommended before the confession (1), after each reading (2), after the sermon and during The Prayers (3).

*7* When Morning or Evening Prayer is the main service on a Sunday,

• Introduction A (Prayers of Penitence) should always be used, followed by either the Opening Versicles and Responses (B and E) or, at Morning Prayer, the Morning Acclamation of Christ (C) or, at Evening Prayer, the Evening Blessing of the Light (F) and/or Verses from Psalm 141 (G).

• The Ministry of the Word (2) should follow Pattern 1 (with two readings) and a sermon should be preached after the second reading, after the Creed or after The Prayers (3).

*8* The Simple Introductions (D and H) are suitable for use on ordinary weekdays.

*9* When The Ministry of the Word (2) follows Pattern 2 (with one reading), one of the passages appointed in the Almanac should be chosen. The other passage may be used

at Prayer During the Day or at Night Prayer (if these offices are being said), or it may be omitted.

*10* In the selection of daily readings for Pattern 2, care should be taken to observe, as far as possible, the principle of reading Holy Scripture in course.

*11* The canticle *Te Deum Laudamus* is traditionally used at Morning Prayer on Sundays and the Holy Days listed in Groups I and II in *The New Calendar (2003)*, except on Sundays in Lent. The canticle *Nunc Dimittis* is traditionally used at Evening Prayer, except when Night Prayer is to be said later on the same evening.

*12* When The Litany (Appendix VI) is used at Morning or Evening Prayer, it replaces The Prayers (3). It ends with the Lord’s Prayer, the Collect and The Conclusion (4).

*13* When Morning or Evening Prayer replaces The Preparation and is combined with The Proclamation of the Word at the Holy Eucharist, it should begin with Introduction A (Prayers of Penitence) followed by one of the other Introductions, and Pattern 2 (with one reading) should be used. The Collect should be said at the end of the psalmody, immediately before the reading. The reading selected should not be a gospel passage. After the reading and gospel canticle, the gospel appointed for the Holy Eucharist is read. The Eucharist proceeds in the normal manner after the gospel reading. This arrangement should not be adopted on Sundays.

*14* On any occasion when Morning or Evening Prayer immediately precedes or follows the Holy Eucharist, the use of Introductions D and H is particularly recommended. Introduction A should not be used. If Pattern 1 is used for The Ministry of the Word (2), the Collect(s) and The Conclusion (4) are said immediately after the New Testament reading (or second canticle, if desired). If Pattern 2 is used for The Ministry of the Word (2), the Collect(s) and The Conclusion (4) are said immediately after the Gospel Canticle.

*15* Basic guidance regarding posture is given in the text. These suggestions may be altered to suit local needs and practice: all should stand, however, for the Gospel Canticle and the Creed.

*16* Notices and banns of marriage may be read at the beginning of the service, before The Prayers (3) or immediately before The Conclusion (4).

An Alternative Order For Morning Prayer (Mattins)

1. ***THE INTRODUCTION***
2. ***Prayers of Penitence*** *[Stand]*

*The minister reads one of the following, or another appropriate sentence of Holy Scripture.*

It was very early in the morning on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb.

*John 20:1*

God is Spirit and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth.

*John 4:24*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Romans 1:7*

God said, ‘Let there be light’, and there was light, and God saw the light was good, and he separated light from darkness. So evening came, and morning came; it was the first day.

*Genesis 1:3–5*

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalm 118:24*

*The minister says*

We have come together as the family of God in our Father’s presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to seek his grace, that, through his Son, Jesus Christ, we may give ourselves to his service.

Jesus said: ‘The first commandment is: “Listen Israel! The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’

*Silence. [Kneel]*

Let us confess our sins to the Father and seek his pardon and peace.

**Almighty and merciful God,**

**we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with all our heart;**

**and we have not loved others as Christ loves us.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Help us to amend our lives;**

**that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy on you and set you free from sin,

strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*In place of the absolution, a deacon or lay minister says*

May God our Father,

who by our Lord Jesus Christ

has reconciled the world to himself

and forgives the sins of all who truly repent,

pardon and deliver us from all our sins,

and grant us the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

***(B) Opening Versicles and Responses and Invitatory Canticle*** *[Stand]*

O Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

We sing to you, O Lord, and bless your name,

**And tell of your salvation from day to day.**

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

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Worship the Lord.

**All praise to his name.**

*(The following is added in Eastertide*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!***)*

*The invitatory canticle (Venite, Jubilate or the Easter Anthems) follows.*

*An antiphon (refrain) may be used, for instance*

May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts,

and triumph over the shades of night.

*Or*

May Christ, the true, the only light,

banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*Or*

Come, let us worship and bow down,

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

*A hymn may be sung immediately after the invitatory. The office continues with The Ministry of the Word (Page 27, Pattern 1, or Page 33, Pattern 2).*

***(C) Morning Acclamation of Christ*** *[Stand]*

O Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*The Venite, the Jubilate, the Easter Anthems or another canticle or hymn are said or sung.*

*An antiphon (refrain) may be used, for instance*

May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts,

and triumph over the shades of night.

*Or*

May Christ, the true, the only light,

banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*Or*

Come, let us worship and bow down,

And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

*One of the following, or a seasonal opening prayer of blessing, is said.*

*On Sundays*

Eternal God,

we praise and thank you for the day

on which you created light

and saw that it was good;

the day on which the disciples

discovered the empty tomb

and met the risen Christ.

This is the day that you have made;

we rejoice and are glad in it.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Or, on weekdays*

Blessed are you, sovereign God, creator of all,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

You founded the earth in the beginning

and the heavens are the work of your hands.

You have made us in your image

and in these last days you have spoken to us

in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,

your Spirit ever renew our lives

and your praise ever be on our lips,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Or*

Blessed are you, creator of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your dawn renews the face of the earth

bringing light and life to all creation,

may we rejoice in this day you have made;

as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,

open our eyes to behold your presence

and strengthen our hands to do your will,

that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The office continues with The Ministry of the Word (Page 27, Pattern 1,*

*or Page 33, Pattern 2).*

***(D) A Simple Introduction to Morning Prayer*** *[Stand]*

O Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Silent prayer/reflection on the coming day.*

Early in the morning

my prayer comes before you.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You speak in my heart and say

‘Seek my face’;

your face, Lord, will I seek.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable in your sight, O Lord,

my strength and my redeemer.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The office continues with The Ministry of the Word (below, Pattern 1*

*or Page 33, Pattern 2).*

*2* ***THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD***

***Pattern 1, with two readings***

***Psalmody*** *[Stand/Sit]*

*Each of the psalms appointed for the day ends with*

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son :**

**and / to the / Holy / Spirit;**

**as it was in the be/ginning, is / now :**

**and shall be for / ever. / A–/men.**

***The Old Testament reading*** *[Sit]*

*Before the reading*

A reading from …

*After the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Or*

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

*Silence.*

***The Gospel Canticle:*** *Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel [Stand]*

*An antiphon (refrain) may be used, for instance*

Give your people knowledge of salvation, Lord,

by the forgiveness of all their sins.

*Or*

In your tender compassion, O God,

the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

*Or*

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,

born of the house of David.

*1* Blessed be the Lord the / God of / Israel :

for he has come to his / people and / set them / free.

*2* The Lord has raised up for us a / mighty / Saviour :

born of the / house of his / servant / David.

*3* Through his holy prophets God promised of old •

to save us / from our / enemies :

from the / hands of / all who / hate us.

*4* To show mercy / to our / forebears :

and to re/member his / holy / covenant.

*5* This was the oath God swore to our / father / Abraham :

to set us free from the / hands / of our / enemies,

*6* Free to worship him / without / fear :

holy and righteous before him / all the / days of our / life.

*7* And you, child, shall be called

the prophet of the / Most / High :

for you will go before the / Lord • to pre/pare his / way,

*8* To give his people knowledge / of sal/vation :

by the for/giveness / of their / sins.

*9* In the tender compassion / of our / God :

the dawn from on / high shall / break up/on us,

*10* To shine on those who dwell in darkness •

and the / shadow of / death :

and to guide our feet / into the / way of / peace.

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son :**

**and / to the / Holy / Spirit;**

**as it was in the be/ginning, is / now :**

**and shall be for / ever. / A–/men.**

***The New Testament reading*** *[Sit]*

*Before the reading*

A reading from …

*After the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Or*

Here ends the New Testament reading.

*Silence.*

*A canticle may be said or sung after the New Testament reading.*

*[Stand/Sit]*

***An Affirmation of the Faith***

*The Creed is said on Sundays and the Holy Days listed in Groups i and ii in* The New Calendar (2003)*. On other days, the office may continue immediately with The Prayers (Page 37).*

*The Apostles’ Creed [Stand]*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Baptismal Creed may be used in place of the Apostles’ Creed. (See Appendix iv.) The office continues with The Prayers (Page 37).*

***Pattern 2, with one reading***

***Psalmody*** *[Stand/Sit]*

*Each of the psalms appointed for the day ends with*

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son :**

**and / to the / Holy / Spirit;**

**as it was in the be/ginning, is / now :**

**and shall be for / ever. / A–/men.**

*A canticle may be added at the end of the appointed psalm(s).*

***The Biblical reading*** *[Sit]*

*Before the reading*

A reading from …

*After the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Or*

Here ends the reading.

*Silence.*

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from the / hands of / all who / hate us.

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*10* To shine on those who dwell in darkness •

and the / shadow of / death :

and to guide our feet / into the / way of / peace.

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**and / to the / Holy / Spirit;**

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**and shall be for / ever. / A–/men.**

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**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Baptismal Creed may be used in place of the Apostles’ Creed. (See*

*Appendix iv.)*

*3* ***THE PRAYERS***

*[Stand/Kneel]*

*At Morning Prayer, prayers are offered for the day and its tasks, for*

*the world and its needs and for the Church and its life.*

*The prayers in Appendix v, the Litany (Appendix vi), or other suitable*

*prayers, are used.*

*Appropriate responses may be used, for example*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, O Lord,

**for your mercy is great.**

In faith we pray.

**We pray to you, O God.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*The Lord’s Prayer is said. It may be introduced as follows, or with*

*other suitable words.*

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**Our Father in heaven …**

*Or*

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven …**

*On Sundays and the Holy Days listed in Groups i and ii of* The New Calendar (2003)*, the Collect of the Day is said. It may be followed by the second and third collects.*

*On other days, one or both of the following is said.*

*The second collect, for peace.*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,

to know you is eternal life,

to serve you is perfect freedom:

defend us in all assaults of our enemies,

that we, surely trusting in your protection,

may not fear the power of any adversaries;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The third collect, for grace.*

O Lord and heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,

we thank you for bringing us safely

to the beginning of this new day:

defend us by your mighty power

that we may be kept free from all sin

and safe from every danger;

and enable us in everything

to do only what is right in your eyes;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Or*

Eternal God and Father,

by your power we are created

and by your love we are redeemed:

guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,

that we may give ourselves to you

in love and service of one another;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*4* ***THE CONCLUSION***

*One of the following, a seasonal dismissal (Appendix ii), or other appropriate words, may be used.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

The Lord bless us and protect us from evil

and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Now to him who is able through the power which is at

work among us to do immeasurably more than we can ask

or conceive, to him be glory in the church and in Christ

Jesus from generation to generation for ever. **Amen.**

To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be

honour and glory for ever. **Amen.**

Now to him who can keep us from falling and set us in

the presence of his glory, jubilant and above reproach, to

the only God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, power and

authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all time,

now and for ever. **Amen.**

To him who loves us and has set us free from our sins

with his blood, who has made us a royal house, to serve

as the priests of his God and Father: to him be glory and

dominion for ever. **Amen.**

To the holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy

Spirit, be blessing and honour, thanksgiving and praise,

now and for ever. **Amen.**

To God the Father, who first loved us,

and made us accepted in the Beloved;

to God the Son, who loved us,

and washed us from our sins by his own blood;

to God the Holy Spirit,

who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts;

to the one true God

be all love and all glory,

for time and for eternity. **Amen.**

*Either*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Or*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The following dismissals may be used, with or without a blessing, either on their own or immediately before* Let us bless the Lord *and* Go in the peace of Christ *respectively in the above two sets of final greetings.*

1 The peace of God which is beyond all understanding guard your hearts in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ …

2 The Lord bless you and keep watch over you; the Lord’s face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look lovingly on you and give you peace …

3 The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, restore, establish and strengthen you in the Faith …

4 God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory with great joy …

5 Christ, who nourishes you with himself, the living bread and the true vine, make you one in praise and service, and raise you up at the last day …

6 The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may be filled with hope …

7 The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself; the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service; the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts …

8 Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus who was wounded for our sins, that you may bear in your life the love and joy and peace which are the marks of Jesus in his disciples …

AN ALTERNATIVE ORDER FOR

EVENING PRAYER (EVENSONG)

*1* ***THE INTRODUCTION***

***(A) Prayers of Penitence*** *[Stand]*

*The minister reads one of the following, or another appropriate sentence of Holy Scripture.*

This is what we have heard from him, and the message we are announcing to you: God is light; there is no darkness in him at all. *1 John 1:5*

God is Spirit and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Romans 1:7*

God said, ‘Let there be light’, and there was light; and God saw the light was good, and he separated light from darkness. So evening came, and morning came; it was the

first day. *Genesis 1:3–5*

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

*The minister says*

We have come together as the family of God in our Father’s presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to seek his grace, that, through his Son, Jesus Christ, we may give ourselves to his service.

Jesus said: ‘The first commandment is: “Listen Israel! The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’

*Silence. [Kneel]*

Let us confess our sins to the Father and seek his pardon and peace.

**Almighty and merciful God,**

**we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with all our heart;**

**and we have not loved others as Christ loves us.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Help us to amend our lives;**

**that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy on you and set you free from sin,

strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*In place of the absolution, a deacon or lay minister says.*

May God our Father,

who by our Lord Jesus Christ

has reconciled the world to himself

and forgives the sins of all who truly repent,

pardon and deliver us from all our sins,

and grant us the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

***(E) Opening Versicles and Responses*** *[Stand]*

O Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,**

**and shall be for ever. Amen**

Worship the Lord.

**All praise to his name.**

*(The following is added in Eastertide*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!***)*

*The following, or another evening hymn, or a hymn appropriate to the season, may be sung.*

*Phos Hilaron*

*1* O gracious light,

pure brightness of the everliving / Father in / heaven :

O Jesus / Christ / holy and / blessed!

*2* Now, as we come to the / setting • of the / sun :

and our eyes be/hold the / evening / light,

*3* We sing your / praises, O / God :

Father / Son and /Holy / Spirit.

*4* You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices •

O Son of God, O / Giver • of / life :

and to be / glorified through / all • the / worlds.

*The office continues with The Ministry of the Word (Page 55, Pattern 1,*

*or Page 59, Pattern 2).*

***(F) Evening Blessing of the Light*** *[Stand]*

*A lamp or candle may be lit.*

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?**

*One of the following, or a seasonal opening prayer of blessing, is said.*

*On Sundays*

Almighty God,

we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ.

Triumphing over the powers of darkness,

he rose from the grave to prepare for us

a place in the new Jerusalem.

Bring us, who rejoice in his risen life,

to praise you in that eternal city

of which he is the everlasting light.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Or, on weekdays*

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:

to you be glory and praise for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise

to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,

drive out all darkness from our hearts

that we may walk as children of light

and sing your praise throughout the world.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Phos Hilaron *(Appendix iii, Canticle 49), or another suitable hymn or canticle, is sung. Other candles may be lit.*

*Unless the following verses from Psalm 141 are used at this point, the office continues with The Ministry of the Word (Page 55, Pattern 1, or Page 59, Pattern 2).*

***(G) Verses from Psalm 141*** *[Stand]*

*These verses may be used immediately after the Evening Blessing of the Light, or as a separate Introduction. Incense may be burned while they are being recited.*

**Let my prayer rise be/fore you as / incense :**

**the lifting up of my hands / as the / evening / sacrifice.**

O Lord, I call to you; / come to me / quickly :

hear my voice / when I / cry to / you.

Set a watch before my / mouth, O / Lord :

and / guard the / door of my / lips.

**Let my prayer rise be/fore you as / incense :**

**the lifting up of my hands / as the / evening / sacrifice.**

Let not my heart incline to any / evil / thing :

let me not be occupied in / wickedness with / evil/doers.

But my eyes are turned to / you, Lord / God :

in you I take refuge; / do not / leave me de/fenceless.

**Let my prayer rise be/fore you as / incense :**

**the lifting up of my hands / as the / evening / sacrifice.**

*This opening prayer may be said*

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us

pray to the Lord.

*Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,

so may your mercy come down upon us

to cleanse our hearts

and set us free to sing your praise

now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The office continues with The Ministry of the Word (Page 55, Pattern 1,*

*or Page 59, Pattern 2).*

***(H) A Simple Introduction to Evening Prayer*** *[Stand]*

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Silent prayer/reflection on the past day.*

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,

the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

The Lord is my shepherd,

I shall not be in want.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Teach me, Lord, the way of your statutes,

and I shall keep it to the end.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The office continues with The Ministry of the Word (Page 55, Pattern 1,*

*or Page 59, Pattern 2).*

*2* ***THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD***

***Pattern 1, with two readings***

***Psalmody*** *[Stand/Sit]*

*Each of the psalms appointed for the day ends with*

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son :**

**and / to the / Holy / Spirit;**

**as it was in the be/ginning, is / now :**

**and shall be for / ever. / A–/men.**

***The Old Testament reading*** *[Sit]*

*Before the reading*

A reading from …

*After the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Or*

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

*Silence.*

***The Gospel Canticle:*** *Magnificat anima mea Dominum [Stand]*

*An antiphon (refrain) may be used, for instance*

You have done great things, O God, and holy is your name.

*Or*

My spirit rejoices in you, O God,

my soul proclaims your greatness.

*Or*

You have mercy on those who fear you, in every generation.

*1* My soul proclaims the / greatness • of the / Lord :

my spirit re/joices in / God my / Saviour;

*2* Who has looked with favour on his / lowly / servant :

from this day all gener/ations • will / call me / blessed;

*3* The Almighty has done / great things / for me :

and / holy / is his / name.

*4* God has mercy on / those who / fear him :

from gener/ation to / gener/ation.

*5* The Lord has shown / strength with • his / arm :

and scattered the / proud in / their con/ceit,

*6* Casting down the mighty / from their / thrones :

and / lifting / up the / lowly.

*7* God has filled the hungry with / good / things :

and has / sent the / rich • away / empty.

*8* He has come to the aid of his / servant / Israel :

to re/member his / promise • of / mercy,

‡*9* The promise / made • to our / forebears :

to Abraham / and his / children for / ever.

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son :**

**and / to the / Holy / Spirit;**

**as it was in the be/ginning, is / now :**

**and shall be for / ever. / A–/men.**

***The New Testament reading*** *[Sit]*

*Before the reading*

A reading from …

*After the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Or*

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

*Silence.*

*A canticle may be said or sung after the New Testament reading.*

*[Stand/Sit]*

***An Affirmation of the Faith***

*The Creed is said on Sundays and Holy Days listed in Groups i*

*and ii in* The New Calendar (2003)*. On other days, the office may*

*continue immediately with The Prayers (Page 65).*

*The Apostles’ Creed [Stand]*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Baptismal Creed may be used in place of the Apostles’ Creed. (See*

*Appendix iv.)*

*The office continues with The Prayers (Page 65).*

***Pattern 2, with one reading***

***Psalmody*** *[Stand/Sit]*

*Each of the psalms appointed for the day ends with*

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son :**

**and / to the / Holy / Spirit;**

**as it was in the be/ginning, is / now :**

**and shall be for / ever. / A–/men.**

*A canticle may be added at the end of the appointed psalm(s).*

***The Biblical reading*** *[Sit]*

*Before the reading*

A reading from …

*After the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Or*

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

*Silence.*

***The Gospel Canticle:*** *Magnificat anima mea Dominum [Stand]*

*An antiphon (refrain) may be used, for instance*

You have done great things, O God, and holy is your name.

*Or*

My spirit rejoices in you, O God,

my soul proclaims your greatness.

*Or*

You have mercy on those who fear you, in every generation.

*1* My soul proclaims the / greatness • of the / Lord :

my spirit re/joices in / God my / Saviour;

*2* Who has looked with favour on his / lowly / servant :

from this day all gener/ations • will / call me / blessed;

*3* The Almighty has done / great things / for me :

and / holy / is his / name.

*4* God has mercy on / those who / fear him :

from gener/ation to / gener/ation.

*5* The Lord has shown / strength with • his / arm :

and scattered the / proud in / their con/ceit,

*6* Casting down the mighty / from their / thrones :

and / lifting / up the / lowly.

*7* God has filled the hungry with / good / things :

and has / sent the / rich • away / empty.

*8* He has come to the aid of his / servant / Israel :

to re/member his / promise • of / mercy,

‡*9* The promise / made • to our / forebears :

to Abraham / and his / children for / ever.

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son :**

**and / to the / Holy / Spirit;**

**as it was in the be/ginning, is / now :**

**and shall be for / ever. / A–/men.**

***An Affirmation of the Faith***

*The Creed is said on Sundays and Holy Days listed in Groups i*

*and ii in* The New Calendar (2003)*. On other days, the office may*

*continue immediately with The Prayers (Section 3).*

*The Apostles’ Creed [Stand]*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Baptismal Creed may be used in place of the Apostles’ Creed. (See*

*Appendix iv.)*

*3* ***THE PRAYERS***

*[Kneel/Stand]*

*At Evening Prayer, prayers are offered for peace and for individuals*

*and their needs, and thanksgiving may be made for the day.*

*The prayers in Appendix v, the Litany (Appendix vi), or other suitable*

*prayers, are used.*

*Appropriate responses may be used, for example*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, O Lord,

**for your mercy is great.**

In faith we pray.

**We pray to you, O God.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*The Lord’s Prayer is said. It may be introduced as follows, or with*

*other suitable words.*

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**Our Father in heaven …**

*Or*

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven …**

*On Sundays and the Holy Days listed in Groups i and ii of* The New

Calendar (2003)*, the Collect of the Day is said. It may be followed by*

*the second and third collects.*

*On other days, one or both of the following is said.*

*The second collect, for peace.*

Eternal God, source of all holy desires,

all good counsels and all just works:

give your servants that peace which the world cannot give,

that we may willingly obey your commandments,

and that, free from the fear of our enemies,

we may pass our time in rest and quietness;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The third collect.*

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray,

and by your great mercy

defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;

for the love of your only Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Or*

Creator of the universe, watch over us

and keep us in the light of your presence.

Let our praise continually blend with that of all creation,

and bring us, with all for whom we pray,

to the eternal joys which you promise in your love;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

*4* ***THE CONCLUSION***

*One of the following, a seasonal dismissal (Appendix ii), or other*

*appropriate words may be used.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

The Lord bless us and protect us from evil

and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Now to him who is able through the power which is at

work among us to do immeasurably more than we can ask

or conceive, to him be glory in the church and in Christ

Jesus from generation to generation for ever. **Amen.**

To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be

honour and glory for ever. **Amen.**

Now to him who can keep us from falling and set us in

the presence of his glory, jubilant and above reproach, to

the only God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, power and

authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all time,

now and for ever. **Amen.**

To him who loves us and has set us free from our sins

with his blood, who has made of us a royal house to serve

as the priests of his God and Father: to him be glory and

dominion for ever. **Amen.**

To the holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy

Spirit, be blessing and honour, thanksgiving and praise,

now and for ever. **Amen.**

To God the Father, who first loved us,

and made us accepted in the Beloved;

to God the Son, who loved us,

and washed us from our sins by his own blood;

to God the Holy Spirit,

who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts;

to the one true God

be all love and all glory,

for time and for eternity. **Amen.**

*Either*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Or*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The following dismissals may be used, with or without a blessing,*

*either on their own or immediately before* Let us bless the Lord *and*

Go in the peace of Christ *respectively in the above two sets of final*

*greetings.*

1 The peace of God which is beyond all understanding

guard your hearts in the knowledge and love of God and

of his Son Jesus Christ …

2 The Lord bless you and keep watch over you; the Lord’s

face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look

lovingly on you and give you peace …

3 The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in

Christ, restore, establish and strengthen you in the Faith …

4 God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in

Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence

of his glory with great joy …

5 Christ, who nourishes you with himself, the living bread and

the true vine, make you one in praise and service, and

raise you up at the last day …

6 The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in

believing, that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may be

filled with hope …

7 The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself; the power

of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service; the joy of

the Lord Jesus fill your hearts …

8 Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus who was wounded for our sins,

that you may bear in your life the love and joy and peace

which are the marks of Jesus in his disciples …

APPENDICES

*i* ***ALTERNATIVE FORMS***

***OF THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE***

***AT THE BEGINNING OF MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER***

1 Seek the Lord while he may be found;

**call upon him while he is near.**

Let the wicked abandon their ways

**and the unrighteous their thoughts.**

Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;

**to our God who will richly pardon.**

*Silence.*

**Lord God,**

**we have sinned against you;**

**we have done what is wrong in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**In your love, have mercy on us;**

**cleanse us from our sin,**

**renew a right spirit within us**

**and grant us the joy of your salvation,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies

cleanse you from your sins

and restore you in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2 Our Lord Jesus Christ said: ‘The first commandment is:

“Listen Israel! The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love

the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your

soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.” The

second is this: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” There

is no other commandment greater than these.’

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Silence.*

Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

**Lord our God,**

**in our sin we have avoided your call.**

**Our love for you is like a morning cloud,**

**like the dew that goes away early.**

**Have mercy on us;**

**deliver us from judgement;**

**bind up our wounds and revive us**

**in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Lord grant you

pardon and remission of all your sins,

time for amendment of life

and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

3 *The form of penitence at the beginning of Night Prayer may also*

*be used.*

*ii* ***SUGGESTED TEXTS***

***FOR USE AT MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER***

***DURING PARTICULAR SEASONS***

***AND ON PARTICULAR THEMES***

*The selection given contains suggestions only and is not intended to*

*be exhaustive.*

***ADVENT***

***Sentences***

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make

straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver,

Hope of the nations and their Saviour:

come and save us, O Lord our God.

Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. *Matthew 3:2*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

You are blessed, Sovereign God, Lord of all!

In your tender compassion

the dawn from on high breaks upon us,

to dispel the lingering shadows of night.

As we look for your coming among us,

open our eyes to behold your presence

and strengthen our hands to do your will,

that the world may rejoice to give you praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice,

the desert shall blossom and burst into song.

*Or*

All the ends of the earth

shall see the salvation of our God.

*Or*

Happy are those who are invited

to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

*Or*

The Lord says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Or*

*Great ‘O’ Antiphons (for use from 17 to 23 December)*

*17 December: O Sapientia*

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,

and stretching from end to end of creation,

setting all things in order with strong and gentle hand:

Come and teach us the path of true judgement.

*18 December: O Adonai*

O Adonai, O Prince of the house of Israel,

who appeared to Moses in the burning bush,

and delivered to him the law on Sinai:

Come and deliver us with outstretched arm.

*19 December: O Radix Jesse*

O Root of Jesse,

standing like a banner before the nations,

in whose presence kings fall silent,

whose praise all peoples shall sing:

Come and set us free, do not delay.

*20 December: O Clavis David*

O Key of David, Sceptre of the house of Israel,

what you close none shall open,

what you open none shall close:

Come and lead forth from prison those who lie in chains,

who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

*21 December: O Oriens*

O Morning Star,

O radiance of the everlasting light, O sun of righteousness:

Come and shed your light

on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

*22 December: O Rex gentium*

O King of the nations, Lord for whom they long,

O cornerstone that binds in one Jew and Gentile:

Come and save mankind,

save the men and women you have moulded from the earth.

*23 December: O Emmanuel*

O Emmanuel,

our king and lawgiver, for whom the nations wait,

O Saviour of all people:

Come, Lord our God, and save us.

***Canticles***

*15* A Song of the Wilderness *(Isaiah 35:1, 2b–4a, 4c–6, 10)*

*18* A Song of the Lord’s Return *(Isaiah 52:7–10)*

*36* Rejoice in the Lord *(Philippians 4:4–7)*

*44* A Song of the Lamb *(Revelation 19:1b, 5b, 6b, 7, 9b)*

***Dismissals***

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter

the darkness from before you …

*Or*

May God the Father

who loved the world so much he sent his only Son,

give you grace to prepare for eternal life. **Amen.**

May God the Son,

who comes to us as Redeemer and Judge,

show you the path from darkness to light. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,

by whom the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,

help you to bear the fruits of holiness. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***CHRISTMAS***

***Sentences***

I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the

whole people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has

been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10–11*

Here God lives among men. He will make his home among

them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God;

his name is God-with-them. *Revelation 21:3*

The word became flesh; he made his home among us, and

we saw his glory, such glory as befits the Father’s only Son,

full of grace and truth. *John 1:14*

*For use on Christmas Eve*

‘A virgin will conceive and bear a son, and he shall be

called Emmanuel’, a name which means ‘God is with us’.

*Matthew 1:23*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

Glory to God in highest heaven,

and peace on the earth to which he came.

Like the shepherds, encouraged by angels,

may we still seek and find you,

born of Mary in crowded Bethlehem,

and glorify and praise you

for all we have heard and seen.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

A child is born to us, a son is given to us,

and his name will be called ‘Prince of Peace’.

*Or*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,

the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

*Or*

Glory to God in highest heaven,

and peace to his people on earth.

*Or*

The people who walked in darkness

has seen a great light.

*Or, on 24 December*

O Virgin of virgins, how may this be?

Daughters of Jerusalem, marvel not at me,

for that which you behold

is a divine mystery.

***Canticles***

*12* A Song of the Messiah *(Isaiah 9:2–4b, 6–7)*

*13* A Song of God’s Chosen One *(Isaiah 11:1–4a, 6, 9)*

*52* Plygain canticle *(Brother Madog ap Gwallter)*

***Dismissals***

Christ, who by taking our flesh, gathered into one all

things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and

peace …

*Or*

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his

grace to trust his promises and obey his will …

*Or*

God the Father,

who reigns in highest heaven,

bring you the grace and truth of the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,

fill you with his grace

to trust his promises and obey his will. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,

by whose power Mary conceived,

dwell in your hearts in love. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***EPIPHANY***

***Sentences***

I shall appoint you a light to the nations so that my

salvation may reach earth’s farthest bounds. *Isaiah 49:6*

Once you were far off, but now you have been brought

near through the shedding of Christ’s blood. For he is

himself our peace. *Ephesians 2:13–14*

They opened their treasure chests and presented gifts to

him: gold, frankincense and myrrh. *Matthew 2:11*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

Glorious God,

you reveal yourself to the world

and call us to be a royal priesthood,

to show forth the praises of Christ

who has called us out of darkness

into his marvellous light.

May we present ourselves as a living sacrifice,

holy and acceptable to you,

King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

*Or*

Nations will stream to your light,

and kings to your dawning brightness.

*Or*

Lead us, God, with joy,

to walk in the light of your glory.

*Or*

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,

the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

*Or, on 6 January*

Three mysteries mark this holy day:

today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ;

today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast;

today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan

to bring us salvation.

***Canticles***

*17* A Song of the Covenant *(Isaiah 42:5–8a)*

*20* Your Light has come *(Isaiah 60: 1–3, 11, 18–19)*

*43* A Song of the Redeemed *(Revelation 4:8b, 11; 5:9–10; 15:3–4)*

***Dismissals***

Christ the Son of God

gladden your hearts with the good news of his Kingdom …

*Or*

May God the Father,

who led the wise men by the shining of a star

to find the Christ, the light from light,

lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God the Son,

who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,

transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,

who, at the river Jordan,

descended upon the Beloved Son, in the likeness of a dove,

pour out his gifts on you

who have been washed in the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***LENT***

***Sentences***

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts: let them return to the Lord,

that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

*Isaiah 55:6–7*

Jesus said: ‘Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the

road is hard that leads to life and there are few who find it.’

Matthew 7:13–14

God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

*Romans 5:8*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

Almighty God,

you fed your people in the wilderness,

and guided them by cloud and fire,

giving commandments to order their lives.

Give us eyes to see your purpose,

perseverance to follow where you lead,

and courage to know the truth that sets us free;

that our lives may be blessed

and your will may be done.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

God’s justice will come to us like the showers,

like the spring rains that water the earth.

*Or*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

*Or*

Christ your light shall rise in the darkness,

and your healing shall spring up like the dawn.

*Or*

Enter not into judgement with your servant,

for in your sight shall no-one living be justified.

***Canticles***

*19* A Song of the Word of the Lord *(Isaiah 55:6–11)*

*26* The Beatitudes *(Matthew 5:3–12)*

*50 Salvator Mundi*

***Dismissals***

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny

yourselves, take up your cross and follow him …

*Or*

The God of mercy transform you by his grace and give you

strength to overcome temptation …

*Or*

May God the Father,

who does not despise the broken spirit,

give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**

May Christ,

who bore our sins in his body on the tree,

set you free to die to sin and live in righteousness. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,

who leads us into all truth,

speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***PASSIONTIDE***

***Sentences***

Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Here is your king, who comes to you in gentleness, riding on a donkey, on the foal of a beast of burden.’ *Matthew 21:5 (Palm Sunday)*

‘Stay awake, and pray that you may be spared the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.’ *Matthew 26:41*

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on the Cross; therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name.

*Philippians 2:8–9*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal!

By his Cross and Passion,

our Saviour Christ declared your love,

forgave his killers,

and promised to the penitent thief

a place that day with him in Paradise.

Into your hands we commit our spirit.

Accomplish your will in our world,

where many thirst, many feel forsaken;

and bring reconciliation and the brotherly care

shown and offered to us by your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

*Or*

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,

that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

*Or*

By your life laid down on the Cross, you set your people free;

we look to you to save and help us.

*Or, on Palm Sunday*

Hosanna to the Son of David;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

***Canticles***

*21* A Song of Lamentation *(Lamentations 1:12, 16; 3:19, 22–28, 31–33)*

*41* A Song of Christ the Servant *(1 Peter 2:21–25)*

*51* God the Saviour *(Black Book of Carmarthen)*

***Dismissals***

Christ crucified draw you to himself;

the sure ground of faith,

the firm support for hope

and the assurance of sins forgiven …

*Or*

God,

who, through the saving Passion of his Son,

has called the whole world

to acknowledge and praise his majesty,

show to you the wondrous power of the Cross,

in which the judgement of this world is revealed

and the glory of the Crucified shines forth …

*Or*

May God the Father,

into whose hands our Lord committed his spirit,

give you grace to trust him in life and death. **Amen.**

May Christ,

who on the Cross forgave the penitent thief,

heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,

who prays within us with sighs too deep for words,

support and strengthen you

as you follow the way of the Cross. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***EASTER***

***Sentences***

The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia! *Luke 24:34*

The truth is Christ was raised to life – the firstfruits of the harvest of the dead. As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be brought to life. *1 Corinthians 15:20, 22*

The angel said to the women: ‘Do not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he promised.’

*Matthew 28:5–6 altd*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

Most glorious Lord of life,

whose Son Jesus Christ conquered death

and rose victorious from the grave:

may we walk in his company,

hear the mystery of the Scriptures unfold to us,

and, with burning hearts, know his presence

in the breaking of the bread,

for our Saviour is risen indeed – Alleluia!

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

Alleluia! The Lord is risen,

as he promised to you. Alleluia!

*Or*

God has raised Christ Jesus from the dead,

so that we have a sure hope in him.

*Or*

God has given us new birth into a living hope

by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*Or*

The Lord is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

***Canticles***

*10* The Song of Moses and Miriam *(Exodus 15:1b–3, 6, 8a, 10b, 13, 17)*

*14* A Song of Deliverance *(Isaiah 12:2–6)*

*32* The Easter Anthems

*39* A Song of Faith *(1 Peter 1:3–5, 18–21)*

***Dismissals***

The God of peace who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good deed to do his will, creating in you that which is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever….

*Or*

Almighty God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in believing …

*Or*

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life …

*Or*

May God the Father,

by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,

awaken you to new life. **Amen.**

May Christ

who walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus,

kindle in you the fire of his love

and strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,

whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,

send you out to bring his new life to the world. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***ASCENSIONTIDE***

***Sentences***

The angel said: ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’ *Acts 1:11*

God is gone up with a shout of joy: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

*Psalm 47:5*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to the faith we profess. *Hebrews 4:14*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

King of kings and Lord of lords,

risen, ascended, glorified:

you have left us a lasting command to go out,

make disciples of all nations,

baptise, teach and live to your glory.

May we perceive your presence with us always,

even to the end of time. Alleluia!

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

Lift up your heads, O gates;

lift them high, everlasting doors,

and the king of glory shall come in.

*Or*

Go and tell my brothers:

I am ascending to my Father and your Father,

to my God and your God.

*Or*

The rulers of the earth belong to God,

and he is highly exalted.

***Canticles***

*2* A Song of God’s Triumph *(Psalm 47)*

*28 Benedictus*

*35* The Song of Christ’s Glory *(Philippians 2:5b–11)*

*53* Glorious Lord *(Black Book of Carmarthen)*

***Dismissals***

Christ our exalted King

pour on you his abundant gifts

that you may serve him

and reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

*Or*

Christ give you grace

to go in obedience to his command,

to make disciples of all the nations,

and to know he is with you to the end of the age …

*Or*

May God the Father,

who has given his Son the name above every name,

lift up your hearts

to worship in spirit and in truth. **Amen.**

May Christ, our exalted King,

pour upon you his abundant gifts

that you may serve him

and reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit

draw you at the last to your heavenly home,

where Christ has gone to prepare a place for you. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***PENTECOST***

***Sentences***

Jesus said: ‘If you love me you will keep my commandments; and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth.’

*John 14:15–17a*

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.

*Genesis 1:1–3*

And afterwards I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh: your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

*Joel 2:28*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

Inspiring God,

in the beginning your Holy Spirit

hovered over the surface of the waters

and all creation came alive.

Send on us your life-giving breath,

that, as we are recreated,

you may renew the face of the earth

in love, in joy and in peace. Alleluia!

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

A new heart I will give you, says the Lord,

and put a new spirit within you.

*Or*

This is the fruit of the Spirit:

love, joy, peace,

patience, kindness, generosity,

faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

*Or*

If we live by the Spirit

let us walk by the Spirit.

*Or*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

***Canticles***

*7* A Song of God’s Greatness *(Psalm 104:1–2, 32–36)*

*28 Benedicitus*

*47* A Song of the Spirit *(Revelation 22:12–14, 17, 20)*

***Dismissals***

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,

give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord

and to proclaim the mighty works of God …

*Or*

God stir up in you the gifts of his Spirit,

that you may witness to Christ the Lord

and proclaim the joy of the eternal Gospel …

*Or*

May the Spirit,

who moved over the face of the waters at creation,

breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,

who overshadowed the Virgin Mary

when our Lord Jesus Christ came among us,

make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit

who, like wind and flame,

came upon the disciples at Pentecost,

help you in bringing the world alive

with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***TRINITY***

***Sentences***

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. *Isaiah 6:3*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! *Revelation 4:8*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and fellowship in the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *2 Corinthians 13:13*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God almighty,

living and reigning

in the unity of perfect love:

draw us so to know you,

to love and follow you,

that in you we may find the fullness of life

which knows no beginning nor end

in Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

*Or*

To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honour and glory and might

for ever and ever.

*Or*

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity:

three persons and one God,

have mercy on us.

***Canticles***

*24* The Song of the Three *(Song of the Three 29–34)*

*34* A Song of God’s Grace *(Ephesians 1:3–10)*

*42* A Song of God’s Love *(1 John 4:7–11, 12b)*

***Dismissals***

God the Holy Trinity

make you strong in faith and love,

and guide you in truth and peace …

*Or*

May the love of the Father enfold you,

the wisdom of the Son enlighten you

and the fire of the Holy Spirit set your hearts ablaze …

*Or*

May God the Father,

who first loved us

and made us accepted in the Beloved,

fill us with his love. **Amen.**

May God the Son,

who loved us,

and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

give us his peace. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,

who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts,

inspire us to offer him all love and all glory,

for time and for eternity. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***KINGDOM***

***Sentences***

Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, and the king of glory shall come in. *Psalm 24:7*

The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. *Romans 14:17*

The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. *Matthew 13:44*

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever. *Revelation 11:15*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

King of glory,

once crowned with thorns:

may the servants of your Kingdom,

whom you call your friends,

be inspired to hunger and thirst

to see right prevail,

for your kingdom to come

and your will to be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel;

the Lord has put on his glory

and girded himself with strength.

*Or*

Jesus, remember me

when you come into your kingdom.

*Or*

Seek first the kingdom of God

and his righteousness.

*Or*

At the name of Jesus

every knee shall bow.

***Canticles***

*1* A Song of the King’s Glory *(Psalm 24)*

*37* A Song of Redemption *(Colossians 1:13–18a, 19–20)*

*38* A Song of Christ’s Appearing *(1 Timothy 3:16; 6:15–16)*

***Dismissals***

Christ the King

make you faithful and strong to do his will,

and bring you to reign with him in glory …

*Or*

Christ, the Sun of righteousness,

gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom …

*Or*

Christ the King rule in your hearts

that you may bear the fruits of holiness. **Amen.**

Christ the King reveal to you his majesty,

that you may draw near to him with awe and reverence. **Amen.**

Christ the King make you strong in faith and love,

that you may reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY***

***Sentences***

Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother. *Mark 3:35*

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive

adoption as children. *Galatians 4:4–5*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

Blessing and praise,

honour and thanksgiving,

to you, God our Saviour.

In wisdom and mercy,

you chose Mary, the lowly virgin of Nazareth,

to be the mother of your Son.

With her, we magnify your holy name,

we rejoice in your love, and we give thanks

that you exalt the humble and meek,

filling the hungry with good things.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

Blessed are you, Mary,

for you believed that what was said to you by the Lord

would be fulfilled.

*Or*

Mary gave birth to the Word of God;

she is the ever-blessed Mother of Christ our Saviour.

*Or*

In the womb of Mary,

you found a dwelling place on earth, O Christ;

remain for ever in our hearts.

***Canticles***

*11* A Song of Hannah *(1 Samuel 2:1–2, 3b–5, 7–8)*

*42* A Song of God’s Love *(1 John 4:7–11, 12b)*

*45* A Song of the Holy City *(Revelation 21:1–5a)*

***Dismissals***

Christ, who by taking our flesh,

gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly,

fill you with his joy and peace …

*Or*

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his

grace to trust his promises and obey his will …

*Or*

God the Father,

who reigns in highest heaven,

bring you the grace and truth of the Word made flesh.

**Amen.**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,

fill you with his grace

to trust his promises and obey his will. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,

by whose power Mary conceived,

dwell in your hearts in love. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***SAINTS***

***Sentences***

We are all citizens with the saints and belong to the family of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far away and to those who were near.

*Ephesians 2:19, 17*

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, … and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

*Hebrews 12:22–23*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

*Hebrews 12:1 altd*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

Sovereign God, ruler and judge of all,

to you be glory and praise!

As we rejoice with your saints

– that great cloud of witnesses –

may we run with perseverance

the race you set before us,

looking to Jesus Christ,

the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they shall see God.

*Or*

Alleluia!

The saints have conquered by the blood of the Lamb,

for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Alleluia!

*Or*

The righteous will shine like the sun

in the kingdom of their Father.

***Canticles***

*23 Justorum animae (Wisdom 3:1–2a, 3b–9)*

*36* Rejoice in the Lord *(Philippians 4:4–7)*

*43* A Song of the Redeemed *(Revelation 4:8b, 11; 5:9–10; 15:3–4)*

***Dismissals***

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love …

*Or*

God give you grace to share the inheritance of his saints in glory …

*Or*

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation

to know the hope to which you have been called. **Amen.**

God, who has kindled the fire of his love

in the hearts of the saints,

give you a share in the joy of their fellowship. **Amen.**

God, who, in the lives of the saints,

has shown you a pattern of holy living and holy dying,

bring you to share in their inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***DEDICATION***

***Sentences***

Will God indeed reside with mortals on earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built!

*2 Chronicles 6:18*

Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!’ And he was afraid and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God and this is the gateway of heaven.’

*Genesis 28:16–17*

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God.

*Isaiah 56:7*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

Sovereign God,

in your Son Jesus Christ

the very stone which the builders rejected

has become the head of the corner.

As we build your Church on this corner-stone,

hear the prayers of your faithful people

and build us, living stones,

into a holy temple to your praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

Lord, I love the habitation of your house

and the place where your glory dwells.

*Or*

My soul has a desire and longing

to enter the courts of the Lord.

*Or*

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner.

*Or*

‘My house shall be a house of prayer

for all nations,’ says the Lord.

***Canticles***

*5* A Song of God’s Splendour *(Psalm 96:1–3, 6–10a, 13b)*

*40* Living Stones *(1 Peter 2:4–10)*

*46* A Song of the Heavenly City *(Revelation 21:22–26; 22:1, 2b, 2d, 3b–4)*

***Dismissals***

Christ, whose glory fills heaven and earth,

shine in your hearts as you worship in this place …

*Or*

God the Father,

whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain,

bring you the knowledge of his glory. **Amen.**

God the Son,

who taught us to pray to the Father,

fill your worship and inspire your praise. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,

by whom the whole body of the Church

is governed and sanctified,

build you, like living stones, into a spiritual temple. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***BAPTISM***

***Sentences***

We have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that, as he was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

*Romans 6:4*

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

*Galatians 3:27*

Jesus said: Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’

*John 3:7*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

God of mercy and love,

in you we live and move and have our being:

in the waters of baptism

we die and rise with Jesus Christ.

Strengthened by your Spirit,

may we be his body in the world,

and inheritors of eternal life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

With joy you will draw water

from the wells of salvation.

*Or*

The river of the water of life

flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

*Or*

Since we have died with Christ

we believe we shall also live with him.

*Or*

Alleluia!

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

***Canticles***

*30* You must be born from above *(John 3:5–6, 8)*

*31* Dying and rising with Christ *(Romans 6:3–5, 8–11)*

*33* A Song of Divine Love *(1 Corinthians 13:4–13)*

***Dismissals***

The God of all grace,

who called you to his eternal glory in Christ,

establish and strengthen you in the faith …

*Or*

May the Lord of his great mercy bless you,

and give you understanding of his wisdom and grace. **Amen.**

May he nourish you with the riches of the catholic faith,

and help you to persevere in all good works. **Amen.**

May he keep your steps from wandering

and direct you into the paths of love and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

*Or*

In baptism we are buried with Christ

and raised to new life with him.

May you know his joy in lives of service and praise. **Amen.**

In baptism we are renewed

by the healing grace of the Holy Spirit.

May the fruits of the Spirit grow and flourish

in your works of compassion and love. **Amen.**

In baptism we are ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven.

May you proclaim by word and example

the good news of God’s love in Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***THANKSGIVING FOR ALL GOD’S GIFTS***

***Sentences***

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.

*Genesis 8:22*

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

*Genesis 1:31*

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness*.*

*2 Corinthians 9:10*

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

*Psalm 107:23–24*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

God of life and growth and harvest,

your Son, the Good Shepherd,

knows his sheep by name,

and his sheep know him.

As, through the works of nature,

you bring us to a deeper understanding of your love,

may we care for all you have created

and, with thankful hearts,

rejoice in the wonder of the earth.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

This is the fruit of the Spirit:

love, joy, peace,

patience, kindness, generosity,

faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

*Or*

You crown the year with your goodness

and your paths overflow with plenty.

*Or*

I will always give thanks to the Lord,

his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

*Or*

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,

the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

***Canticles***

*3* A Song of God’s Blessing *(Psalm 67)*

*9 Oculi omnium (Psalm 145:16–20, 22)*

*54* The Canticle of Brother Sun *(Prayer of Saint Francis)*

***Dismissals***

May God our Creator,

who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,

bestow upon you his care

and increase the harvest of your righteousness …

*Or*

God the Father, who created the world,

give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. **Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world,

inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,

whose breath fills the whole of creation,

help you to bear his fruit

of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

***UNITY***

***Sentences***

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and

through all and in all. *Ephesians 4:4–6*

Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 6:24*

Jesus said: ‘Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’ *John 13:34–35*

***Opening Prayer of Blessing***

All glory and praise to you,

eternal God and Father.

In your great mercy,

you sent your Son

to gather all your scattered children into one.

Inflame our hearts with love for you

and draw us closer to one another

as we bless your holy name.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Canticle Antiphons***

Behold how good and lovely a thing it is

when brothers live together in unity.

*Or*

Be eager to maintain the unity of the spirit

in the bond of peace.

*Or*

We have died together with Christ,

we rise united with him.

***Canticles***

*8* A Song of Unity *(Psalm 133)*

*16* A Song of a Herald *(Isaiah 40:9–11)*

*42* A Song of God’s Love *(1 John 4:7–11, 12b)*

***Dismissals***

Christ the good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the

sheep, bring us and all who hear his voice into one fold …

*Or*

May God, who gives patience and encouragement,

give you a spirit of unity

as you follow the one Lord Jesus Christ …

*Or*

God the Father,

whose power at work within us

can do infinitely more than all we can ask or conceive,

strengthen you on your pilgrimage of faith. **Amen.**

God the Son,

who was lifted up from the earth

that he might draw all people to him,

reconcile you to one another and to God. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,

who leads us into all truth,

draw you together in the love and praise of God. **Amen.**

And the blessing …

*iii* ***CANTICLES***

*Canticles from the Psalms, the Old Testament and Apocrypha and*

*New Testament are given in biblical order.*

*Verses indicated by square brackets in certain canticles may be omitted.*

*The antiphons (refrains) given in square brackets may be replaced by*

*other appropriate words, or no antiphon may be used.*

*Except in the cases indicated, each canticle ends with the doxology*

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son :**

**and / to the / Holy / Spirit;**

**as it was in the be/ginning, is / now :**

**and shall be for / ever. / A–/men.**

***PSALM CANTICLES***

***1 A Song of the King’s Glory (Psalm 24)***

[*Antiphon:* The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.]

*1* The earth is the Lord’s and / all that / fills it :

the compass of the world and / all who / dwell there/in.

*2* For he has founded it up/on the / seas :

and set it firm upon the / rivers / of the / deep.

*3* Who shall ascend the / hill of the / Lord :

or who can rise / up • in his / holy / place?’

*4* ‘Those who have clean hands and a/ pure / heart :

who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, •

nor / sworn an / oath • to a / lie;

*5* ‘They shall receive a blessing / from the / Lord :

a just reward from the / God of / their sal/vation.’

*6* Such is the company of / those who / seek him :

of those who seek your / face, O / God of / Jacob.

*7* Lift up your heads, O gates;

be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors :

and the King of / glory / shall come / in.

*8* ‘Who is the / King of / glory?’ :

‘The Lord, strong and mighty, •

the / Lord • who is / mighty in / battle.’

*9* Lift up your heads, O gates; •

be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors :

and the King of / glory / shall come / in.

*10* ‘Who is this / King of / glory?’ :

‘The Lord of hosts, / he • is the / King of / glory.’

***2 A Song of God’s Triumph (Psalm 47)***

[*Antiphon:* O sing praises to God, sing praises.]

*1* Clap your hands together, / all you / peoples :

O sing to / God with / shouts of / joy.

*2* For the Lord Most High / is to be / feared :

he is the great / King • over / all the / earth.

*3* He subdued the / peoples / under us :

and the / nations / under our / feet.

*4* He has chosen our / heritage / for us :

the pride of / Jacob, / whom he / loves.

*5* God has gone up with a / merry / noise :

the / Lord • with the / sound of the / trumpet.

*6* O sing praises to / God, sing / praises :

sing / praises • to our / King, sing / praises.

*7* For God is the King of / all the / earth :

sing / praises with / all your / skill.

*8* God reigns / over the / nations :

God has taken his seat up/on his / holy / throne.

*9* The nobles of the peoples are / gathered to/gether :

with the / people • of the / God of / Abraham.

*10* For the powers of the earth be/long to / God :

and he is / very / highly ex/alted.

***3 A Song of God’s Blessing (Psalm 67)***

*1* God be gracious to / us and / bless us :

and make his / face to / shine up/on us,

*2* That your way may be / known upon / earth :

your saving / power a/mong all / nations.

*3 Let the peoples* / *praise you, O* / *God :*

*let* / *all the* / *peoples* / *praise you.*

*4* O let the nations re/joice and be / glad :

for you will judge the peoples righteously

and / govern the / nations • upon / earth.

*5 Let the peoples* / *praise you, O* / *God :*

*let* / *all the* / *peoples* / *praise you.*

*6* Then shall the earth bring / forth her / increase :

and God, our / own / God, will / bless us.

*7* God / will / bless us :

and all the / ends of the / earth shall / fear him.

***4 Venite exultemus Domino (Psalm 95)***

[*Antiphon:* Come, let us worship and bow down.]

*1* O come, let us / sing to the / Lord :

let us heartily rejoice in the / rock of / our sal/vation.

*2* Let us come into his / presence with / thanksgiving :

and be / glad in / him with / psalms.

*3* For the Lord is a / great / God :

and a great / king a/bove all / gods.

*4* In his hand are the / depths of the / earth :

and the heights of the / mountains are / his / also.

*5* The sea is his, / for he / made it :

and his hands have / moulded the / dry / land.

*6* Come, let us worship / and bow / down :

and kneel be/fore the / Lord our / Maker.

*7* For / he is our / God :

we are the people of his pasture / and the / sheep of his / hand.

[*8* O that today you would listen / to his / voice :

‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

on that day at / Massah / in the / wilderness,

*9* When your forebears tested me, and put me / to the / proof :

though / they had / seen my / works.

*10* Forty years long I detested that gene/ration and / said :

“This people are wayward in their hearts;

they / do not / know my / ways.”

*11* So I / swore in my / wrath :

“They shall not / enter / into my / rest.” ’]

***5 A Song of God’s Splendour (Psalm 96:1–3, 6–10a, 13b)***

[*Antiphon:* O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.]

*1* Sing to the Lord a / new / song :

sing to the / Lord / all the / earth.

*2* Sing to the Lord and / bless his / name :

tell out his sal/vation from / day to / day.

*3* Declare his glory a/mong the / nations :

and his / wonders a/mong all / peoples.

*4* Honour and majesty / are be/fore him :

power and / splendour are / in his / sanctuary.

*5* Ascribe to the Lord, you families / of the / peoples :

ascribe to the / Lord / honour and / strength.

*6* Ascribe to the Lord the honour / due to his / name :

bring offerings and / come in/to his / courts.

*7* O worship the Lord in the / beauty of / holiness :

let the / whole earth / tremble be/fore him.

*8* Tell it out among the nations that the / Lord is / king :

with righteousness he will judge the world

and the / peoples / with his / truth.

***6 Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)***

[*Antiphon:* The Lord is gracious, his steadfast love is everlasting.]

*1* O be joyful in the Lord, / all the / earth :

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his / presence / with a / song.

*2* Know that the / Lord is / God :

it is he that has made us and we are his;

we are his people / and the / sheep of his / pasture.

*3* Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his / courts with / praise :

give thanks to / him and / bless his / name.

*4* For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is / ever/lasting :

and his faithfulness endures from gene/ration to / gene/ration.

***7 A Song of God’s Greatness (Psalm 104:1–2, 26, 32–36)***

[*Antiphon:* I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.]

*1* Bless the Lord, / O my / soul :

O Lord my God, how / excellent / is your / greatness!

*2* You are clothed with / majesty and / honour :

wrapped in / light as / in a / garment.

*3* O Lord, how manifold / are your / works! :

In wisdom you have made them all;

the / earth is / full of your / creatures.

*4* When you send forth your spirit, they / are cre/ated :

and you re/new the / face • of the / earth.

*5* May the glory of the Lord en/dure for / ever :

may the / Lord re/joice • in his / works;

*6* He looks on the / earth • and it / trembles :

he touches the / mountains / and they / smoke.

*7* I will sing to the Lord as / long as I / live :

I will make music to my God / while I / have my / being.

*8* So shall my / song / please him :

while I re/joice / in the / Lord.

***8 A Song of Unity (Psalm 133)***

[*Antiphon:* Mercy and truth are met together,

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.]

*1* Behold how good and / pleasant it / is :

to / dwell to/gether in / unity.

*2* It is like the precious oil up/on the / head :

running / down up/on the / beard,

*3* Even on / Aaron’s / beard :

running down upon the / collar / of his / clothing.

*4* It is like the/ dew of / Hermon :

running / down up • on the / hills of / Zion.

*5* For there the Lord has / promised his / blessing :

even / life for / ever/more.

***9 Oculi omnium (Psalm 145:16–20, 22)***

[*Antiphon:* Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised.]

*1* The eyes of all wait upon / you, O / Lord :

and you give them their / food in / due / season.

*2* You open / wide your / hand :

and fill / all things / living with / plenty.

*3* The Lord is righteous in / all his / ways :

and / loving in / all his / works.

*4* The Lord is near to those who / call up/on him :

to all who / call up/on him / faithfully.

*5* He fulfils the desire of / those who / fear him :

he / hears their / cry and / saves them.

*6* My mouth shall speak the / praise of the / Lord :

and let all flesh bless his holy / name for / ever and / ever.

***CANTICLES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT AND APOCRYPHA***

***10 The Song of Moses and Miriam***

***(Exodus 15:1b–3, 6, 8a, 10b, 13, 17)***

[*Antiphon:* In your unfailing love, O Lord,

you lead the people whom you have redeemed.]

*1* I will sing to the Lord, who has / triumphed / gloriously :

the horse and his rider he has / thrown in / to the / sea.

*2* The Lord is my strength / and my / song :

and has be/come / my sal/vation.

*3* This is my God, whom / I will / praise :

the God of my / forebears whom / I • will e/xalt.

*4* The Lord / is a / warrior :

the / Lord / is his / name.

*5* Your right hand, O Lord, is / glorious in / power :

your right hand, O / Lord / shatters the / enemy.

*6* At the blast of your nostrils, the sea / covered / them :

they sank as / lead • in the / mighty / waters.

*7* In your unfailing / love, O / Lord :

you lead the people / whom you / have re/deemed.

*8* And by your in/vincible / strength :

you will guide them / to your / holy / dwelling.

‡*9* You will bring them in and / plant them, O / Lord :

in the sanctuary / which your / hands • have es/tablished.

***11 A Song of Hannah (1 Samuel 2:1, 2, 3b–5, 7–8)***

[*Antiphon:* Blessed are those who believe,

for what God has promised will be fulfilled.]

*1* My heart exults / in the / Lord :

my strength is ex/alted / in my / God.

*2* My mouth de/rides my / enemies :

because I re/joice in / your sal/vation.

*3* There is no Holy One like / you, O / Lord :

nor any / Rock like / you, our / God.

*4* For you are a / God of / knowledge :

and by / you our / actions are / weighed.

*5* The bows of the / mighty are / broken :

but the / feeble / gird on / strength.

*6* Those who were full now hire themselves / out for / bread :

but those who were / hungry / are well / fed.

*7* The barren woman has borne / seven/fold :

but she who has many / children / is for/lorn.

*8* Both the poor and the rich are / of your / making :

you bring / low • and you / also e/xalt.

*9* You raise up the poor / from the / dust :

and lift the / needy / from the / ash heap.

*10* You make them sit / with the / rulers :

and in/herit • a / place of / honour.

‡*11* For the pillars of the / earth are / yours :

and on them / you have / set the / world.

***12 A Song of the Messiah (Isaiah 9:2–4b, 6–7)***

[*Antiphon:* To us a child is born, to us a son is given.]

*1* The people that walked in darkness

have / seen a great / light :

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness •

upon / them the / light has / dawned.

*2* You have increased their joy

and given / them great / gladness :

they rejoiced before you / as with / joy • at the / harvest.

*3* For you have shattered the yoke that / burdened / them :

the collar that lay / heavy / on their / shoulders.

*4* For to us a child is born and to us a / son is / given :

and the government will / be up/on his / shoulder.

*5* And his name will be called: Wonderful Counsellor •

the / Mighty / God :

the Everlasting / Father, the / Prince of / Peace.

*6* Of the increase of his government / and of / peace :

there / will be / no / end,

*7* Upon the throne of David and / over his / kingdom :

to establish and uphold it with / justice and / righteous/ness.

*8* From this time forth and for / ever/more :

the zeal of the / Lord of / Hosts will / do this.

***13 A Song of God’s Chosen One (Isaiah 11:1–4a, 6, 9)***

[*Antiphon:* The earth shall be full

of the knowledge of the Lord.]

*1* There shall come forth a shoot from the / stock of / Jesse :

and a / branch • shall grow / out of his / roots.

*2* And the spirit of the Lord shall / rest up/on him :

the spirit of / wisdom and / under/standing,

*3* The spirit of / counsel and / might :

the spirit of knowledge and the / fear / of the / Lord.

*4* He shall not judge by what his / eyes / see :

or decide by / what his / ears / hear,

*5* But with righteousness he shall / judge the / poor :

and decide with equity / for the / meek • of the / earth.

*6* The wolf shall dwell / with the / lamb :

and the leopard shall / lie down / with the / kid.

*7* The calf, the lion and the / fatling to/gether :

with a / little / child to / lead them.

*8* They shall not hurt or destroy in all my / holy / mountain :

for the land shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord •

as the / waters / cover the / sea.

***14 A Song of Deliverance (Isaiah 12:2–6)***

[*Antiphon:* Shout and sing for joy,

for great in your midst is the Holy One.]

*1* ‘Behold, God is / my sal/vation :

I will trust • and / will not / be a/fraid;

*2* For the Lord is my / strength and my / song :

and / has be/come • my sal/vation.’

*3* With joy you / will draw / water :

from the / wells / of sal/vation.

*4* On that day / you will / say :

‘Give thanks to the Lord / call u/pon his / name;

*5* Make known his deeds a/mong the / nations :

pro/claim • that his / name is e/xalted.

*6* Sing God’s praises, who has / triumphed / gloriously :

let this be / known in / all the / world.

‡*7* Shout and sing for joy, you that / dwell in / Zion :

for great in your midst is the / Holy / One of / Israel.’

***15 A Song of the Wilderness (Isaiah 35:1, 2b–4a, 4c–6, 10)***

[*Antiphon:* Lift up your voice with strength,

O herald of good tidings.]

*1* The wilderness and the dry land / shall re/joice :

the desert shall / blossom and / burst • into / song.

*2* They will see the glory / of the / Lord :

the / majesty / of our / God.

*3* Strengthen the weary hands • make firm the / feeble / knees :

say to the / anxious, ‘Be / strong, fear / not!

*4* Your God is / coming with / judgement :

coming with / judge/ment to / save you.’

*5* Then shall the eyes of the / blind be / opened :

and the / ears • of the / deaf un/stopped;

*6* Then shall the lame / leap • like a / hart :

and the tongue of the / dumb / sing for / joy.

‡*7* For waters shall break forth / in the / wilderness :

and / streams / in the / desert.

*8* The ransomed of the Lord shall re/turn with / singing :

with everlasting / joy u/pon their / heads.

*9* Joy and gladness / shall be / theirs :

and sorrow and / sighing shall / flee a/way.

***16 A Song of God’s Herald (Isaiah 40:9–11)***

[*Antiphon:* God will feed his flock like a shepherd,

and gather the lambs in his arms.]

*1* Go up to a / high / mountain :

herald of / good / tidings to / Zion :

*2* Lift up your / voice with / strength :

herald of good / tidings / to Je/rusalem.

‡*3* Lift up your / voice, fear / not :

say to the cities of / Judah, ‘Be/hold your / God!’

*4* See, the Lord God / comes with / might :

and his / arm / rules / for him.

*5* Behold, his re/ward is / with him :

and his / recom/pense be/fore him.

*6* God will feed his flock / like a / shepherd :

and / gather the / lambs • in his / arms;

*7* He will carry them / in his / breast :

and gently lead / those that / are with / young.

***17 A Song of the Covenant (Isaiah 42:5–8a)***

[*Antiphon:* I have given you as a light to the nations,

and I have called you in righteousness.]

*1* Thus says God, who cre/ated the / heavens :

who fashioned the earth and / all that / dwells / in it;

*2* Who gives breath to the / people u/pon it :

and spirit to / those who / walk / in it,

*3* ‘I am the Lord and I have called / you in / righteousness :

I have taken you / by the / hand and / kept you;

*4* I have given you as a covenant / to the / people :

a light to the nations •

to / open the / eyes • that are / blind,

‡*5* To bring out the captives / from the / dungeon :

from the prison / those who / sit in / darkness.

*6* I am the Lord, that / is my / name :

my / glory I / give • to no / other.’

***18 A Song of the Lord’s Return (Isaiah 52:7–10)***

[*Antiphon:* Break forth into singing,

for the Lord has comforted his people.]

*1* How lovely / on the / mountains :

are the feet of / those who / bring good / news.

*2* Who announce peace, who pro/claim sal/vation :

who say to / Zion / ‘Your God / reigns.’

*3* Listen! Your watchmen lift / up their / voices :

to/gether they / shout for / joy;

*4* For with their own / eyes they / see :

the re/turn • of the / Lord to / Zion.

‡*5* Break forth together into singing

you / ruins of Je/rusalem :

for the Lord has / comfor/ted his / people.

*6* The Lord has bared his / holy / arm :

before the / eyes of / all the / nations;

*7* and all the ends of the / earth shall / see :

the sal/vation / of our / God.

***19 A Song of the Word of the Lord (Isaiah 55:6–11)***

[*Antiphon:* Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,

to our God, who will richly pardon.]

*1* Seek the Lord while he / may be / found :

call u/pon him / while • he is / near.

*2* Let the wicked a/bandon their / ways :

and the un/righteous / their / thoughts;

‡*3* Return to the Lord, who / will have / mercy :

to our God / who will / richly / pardon.

*4* ‘For my thoughts / are not / your thoughts :

neither are your ways / my ways,’ / says the / Lord.

*5* For as the heavens are higher / than the / earth :

so are my ways higher than your ways •

and / my / thoughts than / your thoughts.

*6* As the rain and the snow come down / from a/bove :

and return not a/gain but / water the / earth,

*7* Bringing forth life and / giving / growth :

seed for / sowing and / bread to / eat,

*8* So is my word that goes forth / from my / mouth :

it will / not re/turn • to me / fruitless,

*9* But it will accomplish that / which I / purpose :

and su/cceed • in the / task I / gave it.’

***20 Your Light has Come (Isaiah 60: 1–3, 11, 18–19)***

[*Antiphon:* The Lord will be your everlasting light,

your God will be your glory.]

*1* Arise, shine, for your / light has / come :

the glory of the / Lord has / risen u/pon you.

*2* Though night still / covers the / earth :

and / darkness / covers the / nations,

‡*3* Over you will the / Lord a/rise :

over / you • will his / glory a/ppear.

*4* Nations will / stream • to your / light :

and / kings • to your / dawning / brightness.

*5* Your gates will / always • be / open :

day and / night • they will / never be / shut.

*6* Violence will no more be / heard • in your / land :

ruin or des/truction with/in your / borders.

*7* You will name your / walls Sal/vation :

you will / call your / gates / Praise.

*8* No longer will the sun be your / light by / day :

no longer the / moon • give you / light by / night.

*9* The Lord will be your e/ternal / light :

your / God will / be your / glory.

***21 A Song of Lamentation***

***(Lamentations 1:12, 16; 3:19, 22–28, 31–33)***

[*Antiphon:* Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.]

*1* Is it nothing to you, all you / who pass / by? :

Look and see if there is any / sorrow / like my / sorrow,

*2* Which was / brought u/pon me :

which the Lord inflicted

on the / day • of his / fierce / anger.

*3* For these things I weep •

my eyes / flow with / tears :

for a comforter is far from me

/ one • to re/vive my / courage;

*4* Remember my affliction / and my / bitterness :

the / wormwood / and the / gall!

*5* The steadfast love of the Lord / never / ceases :

his mercies / never / come • to an / end;

*6* They are new / every / morning :

great / is your / faithful/ness.

*7* ‘The Lord is my portion’ / says my / soul :

‘therefore / I will / hope in / him.’

*8* The Lord is good to / those who / wait for him :

to the / soul that / seeks / him.

*9* It is good that we / should wait / quietly :

for the sal/vation / of the / Lord.

*10* It is good to bear the yoke / in our / youth :

to sit alone in silence / when he / has im/posed it.

*11* For the Lord will not re/ject for / ever :

though he causes grief / he will / have com/passion,

*12* according to the abundance of his / steadfast / love :

for he does not willingly a/fflict or / grieve / anyone.

***22 A Song of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36:24–28)***

[*Antiphon:* The Spirit of God fills the whole world.]

*1* I will take you from the nations •

and gather you from / every / land :

and / bring you / to your / homeland.

*2* I shall sprinkle clean / water u/pon you :

and you will be purified

from / everything / that de/files you.

*3* A new heart / I will / give you :

and put a / new / spirit with/in you;

*4* I shall remove from your body the / heart of / stone :

and / give you a / heart of / flesh.

‡*5* You shall dwell in the land I gave / to your / fathers :

you will be my people, and / I shall / be your / God.

***23 Justorum Animae (Wisdom 3:1–2a, 3b–9)***

[*Antiphon:* They are in the hand of God; they are at peace.]

*1* The souls of the righteous are in the / hand of /God :

and no / torment will / ever / touch them.

*2* In the eyes of the foolish, they seem / to have / died :

but / they / are at / peace.

*3* For though, in the sight of others / they were / punished :

their hope is / full of / immor/tality.

*4* Having been disciplined a little, they will re/ceive great / good :

because God tested / them and / found them / worthy.

‡*5* Like gold in the furnace / God / tried them :

and, like a sacrificial burnt / offering, a/ccepted / them.

*6* In the time of their visitation, they will / shine / forth :

and will / run like / sparks • through the / stubble.

*7* They will govern nations and / rule • over / peoples :

and God will / reign • over / them for / ever.

*8* Those who have put their trust in him

will understand that / he is / true :

and the faithful will at/tend u/pon him in / love;

*9* They / are his / chosen :

and grace and / mercy / will be / theirs.

***24 The Song of the Three (Song of the Three 29–34)***

*1* Bless the Lord, the / God • of our / forebears :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*2* Bless his holy and / glorious / name :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*3* Bless him in his holy and / glorious / temple :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*4* Bless him who be/holds the / depths :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*5* Bless him who sits bet/ween the / cherubim :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*6* Bless him on the / throne • of his / kingdom :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*7* Bless him in the / heights of / heaven :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

**Bless the Father, the Son and the / Holy / Spirit :**

**sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.**

**25 *Benedicite,Oomnia Opera Domini, Domino***

*1* Bless the Lord all you / works of the / Lord :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*2* Bless the / Lord you / heavens :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*3* Bless the Lord you / angels of the / Lord :

bless the / Lord all / you his / hosts;

bless the Lord you waters a/bove the / heavens :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*4* Bless the Lord / sun and / moon :

bless the / Lord you / stars of / heaven;

bless the Lord all / rain and / dew :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*5* Bless the Lord all / winds that / blow :

bless the / Lord you / fire and / heat;

bless the Lord scorching wind and / bitter / cold :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*6* Bless the Lord dews and / falling / snows :

bless the / Lord you / nights and / days;

bless the Lord / light and / darkness :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*7* Bless the Lord / frost and / cold :

bless the / Lord you / ice and / snow;

bless the Lord / lightnings and / clouds :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*8* O let the earth / bless the / Lord :

bless the / Lord you / mountains and / hills;

bless the Lord all that / grows • in the / ground :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*9* Bless the / Lord you / springs :

bless the / Lord you / seas and / rivers;

bless the Lord you whales

and all that / swim in the / waters :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*10* Bless the Lord all / birds of the / air :

bless the / Lord you / beasts and / cattle;

bless the Lord all / people on / earth :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*11* O people of God / bless the / Lord :

bless the / Lord you / priests • of the / Lord;

bless the Lord you / servants • of the / Lord :

sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.

*12* Bless the Lord all you of / upright / spirit :

bless the Lord you that are / holy and / humble in / heart.

**Bless the Father, the Son and the / Holy / Spirit :**

**sing his / praise • and e/xalt • him for / ever.**

***CANTICLES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT***

***26 The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3–12)***

[*Antiphon:* Rejoice and be glad,

for your reward is great in heaven.]

*1* Blessed are the / poor in / spirit :

for / theirs • is the / kingdom of / heaven.

*2* Blessed are / those who / mourn :

for / they / shall be / comforted.

*3* Blessed / are the / gentle :

for / they shall in/herit the / earth.

*4* Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for / what is / right :

for / they / shall be / satisfied.

*5* Blessed / are the / merciful :

for mercy / shall be / shown to / them.

*6* Blessed are the / pure in / heart :

for / they shall / see / God.

*7* Blessed / are the / peacemakers :

for they shall be / called / children of / God.

*8* Blessed are those who are persecuted in the / cause of / right :

for / theirs • is the / kingdom of / heaven.

*9* Blessed are you, when others revile you

and / persecute / you :

and utter all kinds of evil against you / falsely

/ for my / sake;

*10* Rejoice / and be / glad :

for your re/ward is / great in / heaven.

***27 The Song of Mary (Magnificat Anima Mea Dominum)***

*1* My soul proclaims the / greatness • of the / Lord :

my spirit re/joices in / God my / Saviour;

*2* Who has looked with favour on his / lowly / servant :

from this day all gener/ations • will / call me / blessed;

*3* The Almighty has done / great things / for me :

and / holy / is his / name.

*4* God has mercy on / those who / fear him :

from gener/ation to / gener/ation.

*5* The Lord has shown / strength with • his / arm :

and scattered the / proud in / their con/ceit,

*6* Casting down the mighty / from their / thrones :

and / lifting / up the / lowly.

*7* God has filled the hungry with / good / things :

and has / sent the / rich • away / empty.

*8* He has come to the aid of his / servant / Israel :

to re/member his / promise • of / mercy,

‡*9* The promise / made • to our / forebears :

to Abraham / and his / children for / ever.

***28 The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel)***

*1* Blessed be the Lord the / God of / Israel :

for he has come to his / people and / set them / free.

*2* The Lord has raised up for us a / mighty / Saviour :

born of the / house of his / servant / David.

*3* Through his holy prophets God promised of old •

to save us / from our / enemies :

from the / hands of / all who / hate us.

*4* To show mercy / to our / forebears :

and to re/member his / holy / covenant.

*5* This was the oath God swore to our / father / Abraham :

to set us free from the / hands / of our / enemies,

*6* Free to worship him / without / fear :

holy and righteous before him / all the / days of our / life.

*7* And you, child, shall be called

the prophet of the / Most / High :

for you will go before the / Lord • to pre/pare his / way,

*8* To give his people knowledge / of sal/vation :

by the for/giveness / of their / sins.

*9* In the tender compassion / of our / God :

the dawn from on / high shall / break up/on us,

*10* To shine on those who dwell in darkness •

and the / shadow of / death :

and to guide our feet / into the / way of / peace.

***29 The Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)***

*1* Lord, now you have set your / servant / free :

to go in / peace as / you have / promised.

*2* For these eyes of mine have / seen • your sal/vation :

which you have prepared for / all the / world to / see;

*3* A light to re/veal you • to the / nations :

and to give / glory • to your / people / Israel.

***30 You must be born from above (John 3:5–6, 8)***

[*Antiphon:* Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.]

*1* No one can enter the / kingdom of / God :

without being / born from / water and / Spirit.

*2* Flesh can give birth / only to / flesh :

it is / Spirit that gives / birth to / spirit.

*3* The wind blows where it wills •

you / hear the / sound of it :

but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. •

So it is with everyone / who is / born • from the / Spirit.

***31 Dying and rising with Christ (Romans 6:3–5, 8–11)***

[*Antiphon:* See yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God,

in Jesus Christ our Lord.]

*1* When we were baptized into union / with Christ / Jesus :

we were bap/tized in/to his / death.

*2* By baptism / into his / death :

we were / buried / with / him,

*3* In order that, as Christ was raised from the dead

by the glorious / power of the / Father :

so also we might set / out • on a / new / life.

*4* For if we have become identified with him / in his / death :

we shall also be identified with him

/ in his / resur/rection.

*5* But if we thus / died with / Christ :

we believe that we shall / also / live with / him,

*6* For we know that Christ, once raised from the dead

/ dies no / more :

death has no / more do/minion / over him.

*7* In dying, he died to sin / once for / all :

in / living, he / lives to / God.

‡*8* See yourselves, therefore, as / dead to / sin :

and alive to God in / Jesus / Christ our / Lord.

***32 The Easter Anthems***

[*Antiphon:* Christ has been raised from the dead,

the firstfruits of those who sleep.]

*1* Christ our Passover has been / sacrificed / for us :

so let us / cele/brate the / feast,

*2* Not with the old leaven of cor/ruption and / wickedness :

but with the unleavened / bread of sin/cerity and / truth.

*3* Christ once raised from the dead / dies no / more :

death has no / more do/minion / over him.

*4* In dying he died to sin / once for / all :

in / living he / lives to /God.

*5* See yourselves therefore as / dead to / sin :

and alive to God in / Jesus / Christ our / Lord.

*6* Christ has been / raised • from the / dead :

the / first fruits of / those who / sleep.

*7* For as by / man came / death :

by man has come also the resur/rection / of the / dead.

*8* For as in / Adam all / die :

even so in Christ shall / all be / made a/live.

***33 A Song of Divine Love (1 Corinthians 13:4–13)***

[*Antiphon:* Love bears all things,

and will never come to an end.]

*1* Love is / patient and / kind :

love is not jealous or boastful •

it is not / arro/gant or / rude.

*2* Love does not insist on its / own / way :

it is not / angry / or re/sentful.

*3* It does not rejoice / in wrong/doing :

but re/joices / in the / truth.

*4* Love bears all things and be/lieves all / things :

love hopes all things / and en/dures all / things.

*5* Love will never / come • to an / end :

but prophecy will vanish, tongues cease

and / knowledge / pass a/way.

*6* Now we know / only in / part :

and we / prophesy / only in / part,

*7* But when the / perfect / comes :

the / partial shall / pass a/way.

*8* When I was a child, I spoke / like a / child :

I thought like a child, I / reasoned / like a / child.

*9* But when I be/came ma/ture :

I put an / end to / childish / ways.

*10* For now we see only puzzling reflections / in a / mirror :

but then we / will see / face to / face.

*11* Now I know / only in / part :

then I shall know fully,

even as / I have been / fully / known.

*12* There are three things that last for ever •

faith / hope and / love :

but the / greatest of / these is / love.

***34 A Song of God’s Grace (Ephesians 1:3–10)***

[*Antiphon:* The glorious grace of God

is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.]

*1* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord / Jesus / Christ :

who has conferred on us in Christ •

every spiritual blessing / in the / heavenly / realms.

*2* Before the foundation / of the / world :

he chose us in Christ to be his people •

to be without blemish in his / sight •

to be / full of / love;

*3* He predestined us to be adopted as his children

through / Jesus / Christ :

this / was his / will and / pleasure;

*4* In order that the glory of his gracious gift •

so graciously conferred on us in / his Be/loved :

might re/dound / to his / praise.

*5* In Christ our release is secured and our / sins for/given :

through the / shedding / of his / blood.

*6* In the richness / of his / grace :

God has lavished on / us all / wisdom and / insight.

*7* He has made known to us his / secret / purpose :

in accordance with the plan

which he determined beforehand in Christ •

to be put into effect / when the / time was / ripe :

*8* That the universe, everything in / heaven • and on / earth :

might be brought into a / uni/ty in / Christ.

***35 The Song of Christ’s Glory (Philippians 2:5b–11)***

[*Antiphon:* At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow.]

*1* Christ Jesus was in the / form of / God :

yet he did not cling to e/quali/ty with / God.

*2* He emptied himself, taking the / form of a / slave :

and was / born in our / human / likeness.

*3* Being found in human form, he / humbled him/self :

and became obedient unto death / even / death • on a / cross.

*4* Therefore God highly e/xalted / him :

and bestowed on him the / name a/bove all / names,

*5* That at the name of Jesus every / knee should / bow :

in heaven, on / earth, and / in the / depths;

*6* And every tongue confess, ‘Jesus / Christ is / Lord’ :

to the / glory of / God the / Father.

***36 Rejoice in the Lord (Philippians 4:4–7)***

[*Antiphon:* The peace of God will keep your hearts and minds.]

*1* Rejoice in the / Lord al/ways :

a/gain I / say: re/joice.

*2* Be known to / every/one :

for your con/sider/ation of / others.

*3* The / Lord is / near :

do / not / be / anxious,

*4* But in everything make your requests / known to / God :

in prayer and pe/tition / with thanks/giving.

‡*5* Then the peace of God, which passes all / under/standing :

will keep your hearts and minds

/ through Christ / Jesus our / Lord.

***37 A Song of Redemption (Colossians 1:13–18a, 19–20)***

[*Antiphon:* Christ is the image of the invisible God,

the firstborn of all creation.]

*1* The Father has delivered us

from the do/minion of / darkness :

and transferred us to the kingdom of / his be/loved / Son,

*2* In whom we / have re/demption :

the for/giveness / of our / sins.

*3* He is the image of the in/visible / God :

the / firstborn of / all cre/ation.

*4* For in him all things / were cre/ated :

in heaven and on earth / visible / and in/visible.

*5* All things were created / through him and / for him :

he is before all things and in him

/ all things / hold to/gether.

*6* He is the head of the / body, the / church :

he is the beginning, the / firstborn / from the / dead.

*7* In him all the fullness of God was / pleased to / dwell :

and through him to reconcile / all things / to him/self,

*8* Making peace through the shedding of his / blood •

on the / cross :

all things / whether on / earth • or in / heaven.

***38 A Song of Christ’s Appearing (1 Timothy 3:16; 6:15–16)***

[*Antiphon:* Christ was believed in throughout the world,

and taken up in glory.]

*1* Christ Jesus was revealed / in the / flesh :

and / vindicated / in the / spirit.

*2* He was / seen by / angels :

and pro/claimed a/mong the / nations.

*3* Believed in through/out the / world :

he was / taken / up in / glory.

*4* This will be made manifest at the / proper / time :

by the / blessed and / only / Sovereign,

*5* Who alone has / immor/tality :

and dwells in / unap/proachable / light.

*6* To the King of kings and / Lord of / lords :

be honour and eternal / dominion. / A/men.

***39 A Song of Faith (1 Peter 1:3–5, 18–21)***

[*Antiphon:* God raised Christ from the dead,

the Lamb without spot or stain.]

*1* Blessed be the / God and / Father :

of / our Lord / Jesus / Christ!

*2* By his great mercy we have been born anew

to a / living / hope :

through the resurrection of / Jesus / Christ • from the / dead,

*3* Into an inheritance that is imperishable,

unde/filed and un/fading :

kept in / heaven / for / you,

*4* Who are being protected by the / power / of God :

through faith, for a salvation •

ready to be re/vealed • in the / last / time.

*5* You were ransomed from the futile / ways

of your / ancestors :

not with perishable / things like / silver or / gold

*6* But with the precious / blood of / Christ :

like that of a / lamb without / spot or / stain.

‡*7* Through him you have confidence in God •

who raised him from the dead and / gave him / glory :

so that your faith and / hope are / set on / God.

***40 Living Stones (1 Peter 2:4–10)***

[*Antiphon:* The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner-stone.]

*1* Come to him, the living stone re/jected by / men :

but chosen by / God and / precious / to him.

*2* As living stones, be built into a / spiritual / temple :

and form a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices •

acceptable to / God through / Jesus / Christ.

*3* For you will find in scripture •

I am laying in Zion

a chosen corner/stone of great / worth :

Whoever has faith in it will / not be / put to / shame.

*4* So for you who have faith it / has great / worth :

but for those who have no faith •

‘the stone which the builders rejected

has be/come the / corner/stone’,

*5* And also ‘a stone to trip over,

a rock to / stumble a/gainst’ :

they trip because they refuse to believe the word •

this is the / fate ap/pointed / for them.

*6* But you are a chosen race, a / royal / priesthood :

a dedicated nation •

a people / claimed by / God • for his / own,

*7* To proclaim the / glorious / deeds :

of him who has called you out of darkness

/ into his / marvellous / light.

*8* Once you were not a people at all •

but now you / are God’s / people :

outside his mercy once •

you have / now re/ceived / mercy.

***41 A Song of Christ the Servant (1 Peter 2:21–25)***

[*Antiphon:* Christ committed no sin,

no guile was found on his lips.]

*1* Christ suffered for you, leaving you / an e/xample :

that you should / follow / in his / steps.

*2* He committed no sin, no guile was found / on his / lips :

when he was reviled, he did / not re/vile in / turn.

*3* When he suffered, he / did not / threaten :

but he trusted himself to / God who / judges / justly.

*4* Christ himself bore our sins in his body / on the / tree :

that we might die to / sin and / live to / righteousness.

*5* By his wounds, you / have been / healed :

for / you were / straying like / sheep,

*6* But have / now re/turned :

to the shepherd and / guardian / of your / souls.

***42 A Song of God’s Love (1 John 4:7–11, 12b)***

[*Antiphon:* God sent his Son into the world,

so that we might live through him.]

*1* Beloved, let us love one another • for love / is of / God :

everyone who loves is / born of / God

and / knows God.

*2* Whoever does not love does / not know / God :

for / God / is / love.

*3* In this the love of God was revealed among us •

that God sent his only Son / into the / world :

so that / we might / live through / him.

*4* In this is love • not that we loved God, but that / he loved / us :

and sent his Son to be the expi/ation / for our / sins.

*5* Beloved, since God loved / us so / much :

we ought / also to / love one a/nother.

*6* For if we love one another, God / abides in / us :

and God’s love will / be per/fected / in us.

***43 A Song of the Redeemed***

***(Revelation 4:8b, 11; 5:9–10; 15:3–4)***

[*Antiphon:* You are worthy, O Lord our God,

to receive glory and honour and power.]

*1* Holy, holy, holy is God •

the sovereign / Lord of / all :

who was, and / is, and / is to / come.

*2* You are worthy, O / Lord our / God :

to receive / glory and / honour and / power;

*3* for you cre/ated / all things :

and by your / will they / have their / being.

*4* Worthy is the Lamb / who was / slain :

to receive / glory and / honour and / praise;

*5* For by your blood you / bought for / God :

people of every tribe and / language / nation and / race.

*6* You have made them a / kingdom of / priests :

to stand and / serve be/fore our / God.

*7* Great and wonderful are your deeds •

Lord God / sovereign of / all :

just and true are your / ways / King of the / ages.

*8* Who shall not / fear you / Lord :

and do homage to your name? •

For / you a/lone are / holy.

*9* All nations shall come and / worship be/fore you :

for your just / dealings have / been re/vealed.

‡ **To him who sits on the throne and / to the / Lamb :**

**be praise and honour, glory and might •**

**for ever and / ever. / A–/men.**

***44 A Song of the Lamb (Revelation 19:1b, 5b, 6b, 7, 9b)***

[*Antiphon:* Let us rejoice and exult

and give glory and homage to our God.]

*1* Salvation and glory and power be/long to our /God :

whose / judgements are / true and / just.

*2* Praise our God, all / you his / servants :

all who / fear him, both / small and / great.

*3* The Lord our God, the Al/mighty / reigns :

let us rejoice and e/xult and / give him the / glory.

*4* For the marriage of the / Lamb has / come :

and his / bride has / made herself / ready.

*5* Blessed are those / who are in/vited :

to the wedding / banquet / of the / Lamb.

**To him who sits on the throne and / to the / Lamb :**

**be praise and honour, glory and might •**

**for ever and / ever. / A–/men.**

***45 A Song of the Holy City (Revelation 21:1–5a)***

[*Antiphon:* I saw the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God.]

*1* I saw a new heaven and a / new / earth :

for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away

and the / sea – / was no / more.

*2* And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem •

coming down out of / heaven from / God :

prepared as a / bride a/dorned for her / husband.

*3* And I heard a great voice from the / throne / saying :

‘Behold, the dwelling of / God is a/mong / mortals.

*4* He will dwell with them

and they shall / be his / peoples :

and / God him/self • will be / with them.

*5* He will wipe every tear / from their / eyes :

and / death shall / be no / more.

*6* Neither shall there be mourning,

nor crying, nor / pain • any / more :

for the former / things have / passed a/way.’

*7* And the One who sat upon the / throne / said :

‘Behold / I make / all things / new.’

**To him who sits on the throne and / to the / Lamb :**

**be praise and honour, glory and might •**

**for ever and / ever. / A–/men.**

***46 A Song of the Heavenly City***

***(Revelation 21:22–26; 22:1, 2b, 2d, 3b–4)***

[*Antiphon:* By the river stood the tree of life,

with healing for all the nations.]

*1* I saw no / temple • in the / city :

for its temple is the Lord God the Al/mighty

/ and the / Lamb.

*2* And the city has no need

of sun or moon to / shine u/pon it :

for the glory of God is its light •

and its / lamp / is the / Lamb.

*3* By its light the / nations shall / walk :

and the rulers of the earth

shall / bring their / glory / into it.

*4* Its gates shall never be shut by day,

nor shall there be / any / night :

they shall bring into it

the glory and / honour / of the / nations.

*5* I saw the river of the water of life

/ bright as / crystal :

flowing from the throne of / God

and / of the / Lamb.

*6* And either side of the river stood the tree of life •

yielding its / fruit each / month :

and the leaves of the tree

were for the / healing / of the / nations.

‡*7* The throne of God and of the Lamb / shall be / there :

and his servants shall worship him •

and they shall see his face

and his / name • shall be / on their / foreheads.

**To him who sits on the throne and / to the / Lamb :**

**be blessing and honour, glory and might •**

**for ever and / ever. / A–/men.**

***47 A Song of the Spirit (Revelation 22:12–14, 17, 20)***

[*Antiphon:* ‘Surely, I am coming soon.’

Amen. Come, Lord, Jesus!]

*1* ‘Behold I am coming soon’ / says the / Lord :

‘and bringing my reward with me •

to give to everyone ac/cording / to their / deeds.

*2* I am the Alpha and the Omega, the / first and the / last :

the be/ginning / and the / end.’

*3* Blessed are those who do God’s commandments •

that they may have the right to the / tree of / life :

and may enter into the / city / through the / gates.

*4* ‘I, Jesus, have sent my / angel / to you :

with this / testimony for / all the / churches.

*5* I am the root and the / offspring of / David :

I am the / bright / morning / star.’

*6* ‘Come!’ say the / Spirit • and the / bride :

‘Come!’ / let each / hearer re/ply.

*7* Come forward, you / who are / thirsty :

let those who desire take the / water of / life • as a / gift.

*8* ‘Surely I am / coming / soon’ :

Amen. / Come – / Lord – / Jesus!

***OTHER CANTICLES***

***48 Te Deum Laudamus***

*1* We praise you, O God, • we acclaim you / as the / Lord :

all creation worships you • the /Father / ever/lasting.

*2* To you all angels, all the / powers of / heaven :

the cherubim and seraphim / sing in / endless / praise,

*3* Holy, holy, holy Lord • God of / power and / might :

heaven and / earth are / full of your / glory.

*4* The glorious company of a/postles / praise you :

the noble fellowship of prophets praise you •

the white-robed / army of / martyrs / praise you.

*5* Throughout the world the holy / Church ac/claims you :

Father of / majes/ty un/bounded;

*6* Your true and only Son, worthy / of all / praise :

the Holy Spirit / advo/cate and / guide.

*7* You Christ are the / King of / glory :

the et/ernal / Son of the / Father.

*8* When you took our flesh to / set us / free :

you humbly / chose the / Virgin’s / womb.

*9* You overcame the / sting of / death :

and opened the kingdom of / heaven to / all be/lievers.

*10* You are seated at God’s right / hand in / glory :

we believe that you will / come and / be our / judge.

*11* Come then, Lord, and / help your / people :

bought with the / price of / your own / blood;

*12* And bring us / with your / saints :

to / glory / ever/lasting.

[*14* Save your people, Lord, and / bless your in/heritance :

govern and up/hold them / now and / always.

*15* Day by / day we / bless you :

we / praise your / name for / ever.

*16* Keep us today, Lord, / from all / sin :

have mercy / on us / Lord, have / mercy.

*17* Lord show us your / love and / mercy :

for we have / put our / trust in / you.

*18* In you, Lord / is our / hope :

let us / never be / put to / shame.]

*[No Doxology]*

***49 Phos Hilaron***

*1* O gracious light,

pure brightness of the everliving / Father in / heaven :

O Jesus / Christ / holy and / blessed!

*2* Now, as we come to the / setting • of the / sun :

and our eyes be/hold the / evening / light,

*3* We sing your / praises, O / God :

Father / Son and /Holy / Spirit.

*4* You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices •

O Son of God, O / Giver • of / life :

and to be / glorified through / all • the / worlds.

*[No Doxology]*

***50 Salvator Mundi***

*1* Jesus, Saviour of the world •

come to us / in your / mercy :

we look to / you to / save and / help us.

*2* By your life laid down on the Cross •

you set your / people / free :

we look to / you to / save and / help us.

*3* When they were ready to perish •

you / saved your dis/ciples :

we look to / you to / come to our / help.

*4* In the greatness of your mercy •

loose us / from our / chains :

forgive the / sins of / all your / people.

*5* Make yourself known as our Saviour •

and / mighty de/liverer :

save and / help us • that / we may / praise you.

*6* And when you come in your glory •

make us to be / one with / you :

and to / share the / life • of your / kingdom.

***51 God the Saviour***

***(Black Book of Carmarthen, thirteenth century)***

In the name of God,

Who should be praised,

Whose praise is great :

*We praise God’s ever-increasing mercy –*

*Christ is a strong shepherd, honoured for ever.*

God created us,

God defended us,

God has rescued us :

*We praise God’s ever-increasing mercy –*

*Christ is a strong shepherd, honoured for ever.*

God is our hope,

Worthy and perfect,

His blessing beautiful :

*We praise God’s ever-increasing mercy –*

*Christ is a strong shepherd, honoured for ever.*

We owe our king, the Trinity, everything.

In our suffering God was our help;

Enslaving himself for us in humility :

*We praise God’s ever-increasing mercy –*

*Christ is a strong shepherd, honoured for ever.*

May the blessed Lord free us by Judgement Day,

Through his gentle purity bring us to feast

In Paradise, welcome and free of sin’s burden :

*We praise God’s ever-increasing mercy –*

*Christ is a strong shepherd, honoured for ever.*

When God became man he was tortured for us.

Christ’s flawless deed was our redemption;

The universe was saved by a bloodstained cross :

*We praise God’s ever-increasing mercy –*

*Christ is a strong shepherd, honoured for ever.*

*[No Doxology]*

**53 *Glorious Lord***

***(Black Book of Carmarthen, thirteenth century)***

*Welcome Glorious Lord!*

May church and chancel praise you;

May chancel and church praise you;

May hill and valley praise you;

May woods and orchards praise you.

*Welcome Glorious Lord!*

Abraham, first of the faithful, praised you;

May life eternal praise you;

May birds and insects praise you;

May green grass and stubble praise you;

Aaron and Moses praised you.

*Welcome Glorious Lord!*

May male and female praise you;

May planets and stars praise you;

May fish in flowing waters praise you;

May all good things created praise you.

We praise you, Lord of glory.

*Welcome Glorious Lord!*

*[No Doxology]*

***54* T*he Canticle of Brother Sun (Prayer of Saint Francis)***

*1* Most High, all / powerful • good / Lord, :

to you be praise, glory / honour / and all / blessing.

*2* Only to you, Most High, do / they be/long :

and no one is worthy to / call up/on your / name.

*3* May you be / praised, my Lord :

with / all – / your – / creatures,

*4* Especially / brother / sun :

through whom you / lighten • the / day – / for us.

‡*5* He is beautiful and radiant / with great / splendour :

he signifies / you – / O Most / High.

*6* Be / praised, my / Lord :

for / sister / moon • and the / stars;

*7* Clear and / precious • and / lovely :

they are / formed – / in – / heaven.

*8* Be / praised, my / Lord :

for / bro–/ther – / wind;

*9* And for air and clouds • clear / skies and • all / weathers :

by which you give / suste•nance / to your / creatures.

*10* Be / praised, my / Lord :

for / sis–/ter – / water,

*11* Who is very / useful • and / humble :

and / pre–/cious and / pure.

*12* Be / praised, my / Lord :

for / bro–/ther – / fire,

*13* By whom the night is i/llumined / for us :

he is beautiful and cheerful / full of / power and / strength.

*14* Be / praised, my / Lord :

for / our sister / mother / earth,

*15* Who su/stains and / governs us :

and produces diverse fruits and / coloured / flowers and / grass.

*16* Be / praised, my / Lord :

by all those who for/give for / love of / you,

*17* And who bear weakness and / tribu/lation :

Blessed are those who bear them in peace •

for you, Most / High, they / will be / crowned.

*18* Be / praised, my / Lord :

for our / sister • the / death • of the / body,

*19* From which no one living is / able • to / flee :

woe to those who are / dying • in / mortal / sin.

*20* Blessed are those who are found doing your most / holy / will :

for the second / death will / do them • no / harm.

*21* Praise and bless my Lord and / give him / thanks :

and / serve him • with / great hu/mility.

*[No Doxology]*

*iv* ***A BAPTISMAL CREED***

*The following may be used instead of the Apostles’ Creed.*

**I believe and trust in God the Father,**

**source of all being and life,**

**the one for whom we exist.**

**I believe and trust in God the Son,**

**who took our human nature,**

**died for us and rose again.**

**I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,**

**who gives life to the people of God**

**and makes Christ known in the world.**

**This is the faith of the Church.**

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*v* ***PRAYERS***

*When the Prayers take the form of biddings, or when any of the Short*

*Litanies (3)–(10) is used, brief responsorial prayers should be inserted*

*after each bidding or petition, for example*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, O Lord,

**for your mercy is great.**

In faith we pray.

**We pray to you, O God.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*The bracketed endings to Short Litanies (5)–(10) are optional and*

*interchangeable. In addition, any of them may be used, if desired, at the*

*end of any of the Short Litanies (1)–(4).*

***A CYCLE OF INTERCESSION***

*Prayers may include the following concerns if it is desired to pray for*

*different topics in the course of the week or through the seasons.*

***In Ordinary Time***

***Every day***

*In the morning:* the day and its tasks; the world and its

needs; the Church and her life.

*In the evening:* peace; individuals and their needs.

***Sunday***

The universal Church

Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church

The leaders of the nations

The natural world and the resources of the earth

All in any kind of need

***Monday***

The media and the arts

Farming and fishing

Commerce and industry

Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or dangerous

All who are unemployed

***Tuesday***

Those who are sick in body, mind or spirit

Victims of famine or disaster

Victims of violence and abuse, prejudice and intolerance

The bereaved

Members of the medical and healing professions

***Wednesday***

The social services

Victims and perpetrators of crime

Those who work in the criminal justice system

Aid agencies throughout the world

Those living in poverty or under oppression

***Thursday***

Local government, community leaders

All who provide local services

Those who work with young or elderly people

Schools, colleges and universities

Emergency and rescue organizations

***Friday***

The *Queen*

Members of Parliament and the National Assembly for Wales

The armed forces

Peace and justice

Those who work for reconciliation

Victims of war and civil strife

Prisoners, refugees and homeless people

***Saturday***

Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love

Those whose time is spent caring for others

Those who are close to death

Those who have lost hope

The worship of the Church.

***During the Seasons***

***Every day***

*In the morning:* the day and its tasks; the world and its

needs; the Church and her life.

*In the evening:* peace; individuals and their needs.

***Advent***

The Church, that she may be ready for the coming of Christ

The Church’s leaders

The nations, that they may be subject to the rule of God

Those who are working for justice in the world

The broken, that they may find God’s healing

***Christmas***

The Church, especially in places of conflict

The Holy Land, for peace with justice, and reconciliation

Refugees and asylum seekers

Homeless people

Young children and their families

***Epiphany***

Christian unity

The peace of the world

The healing of the sick

The revelation of Christ to all from who his glory is hidden

All who travel

***Lent***

Those preparing for baptism and confirmation

Those serving through leadership

Those seeking forgiveness

Those misled by the false gods of this present age

The hungry

***Passiontide***

Persecuted Christians

The oppressed

The lonely

All who are near to death

All who are facing loss

***Easter***

The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord

God’s creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet

their responsibility to care

Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope

and light of Christ

Those in fear of death

Prisoners and captives

***Ascension to Pentecost***

God’s royal priesthood, for empowerment by the Spirit

Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal

All people, that they may acknowledge the lordship of the

ascended Christ

The earth, for productivity and fruitful harvests

All who are struggling with broken relationships

***Kingdom***

Christian people, that they may live as citizens of heaven

All people, that they may hear and believe the word of God

All who fear the winter months

All sovereigns and leaders of the nations, that they imitate

the righteous rule of Christ

All who grieve or who wait with the dying

***SHORT LITANIES***

*1* Show us your mercy, O Lord:

**that we may know your saving love.**

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness:

**and let your servants sing for joy.**

O Lord, make your ways known on earth:

**your saving power among all nations.**

O Lord, give grace to the *Queen*:

**and guide *her* counsellors in wisdom.**

Give your people the blessing of peace:

**and for ever defend us.**

Purify our hearts, O God:

**and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

*The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray*

*silently.*

*2* Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens:

**may your glory cover the earth.**

Renew your Church in holiness:

**and give your people the blessing of peace.**

Keep our nation under your care:

**and guide us in justice and truth.**

Let your way be known on earth:

**your saving power among all nations.**

Do not let the needy, O God, be forgotten:

**nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Lord, hear our prayer:

**for we put our trust in you.**

*The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray*

*silently.*

*3* For the unity of the Church in witness and proclamation of

the Gospel …

For the peace and stability of all peoples, and for the

leaders of the nations …

For places of work, education and leisure …

For a blessing on our homes; for our relations and friends

and all whom we love …

For the sick and suffering, and all who minister to their

needs …

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to

the mercy and protection of God.

*The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray*

*silently.*

*4* Let us pray to God the Father, who has reconciled to himself

all things in Christ:

For peace among the nations, that God may rid the world

of violence and let peoples grow in justice and harmony …

For those who serve in public office, that they may work

for the common good …

For Christian people everywhere, that we may joyfully

proclaim and live our faith in Jesus Christ …

For those who suffer from hunger, sickness or loneliness,

that the presence of Christ may bring them health and

wholeness …

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to

the mercy and protection of God,

*The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray*

*silently.*

*5* Let us pray for the Church of God in Christ Jesus, and for

all people according to their needs.

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we pray for

people of every race and in every kind of need: make

your ways known on earth, your saving power among all

nations …

We pray for your Church throughout the world; guide and

govern us by your Holy Spirit, that all Christian people

may be led into the way of truth, and hold the Faith in

unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness

of life …

We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are

anxious or distressed in mind, body or spirit; comfort

and relieve them in their need; give them patience in their

sufferings, and bring good out of their troubles …

We entrust to your gracious keeping all who have died in the

faith of Christ: grant us with them a share in your kingdom …

*The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray*

*silently.*

[Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**]

*6* In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For all people in their daily life and work, for our families

friends and neighbours, and for those who are alone …

For this community, for our nation and its government,

for the *Queen*; for all who work for justice, freedom and

peace …

For the right use of your creation; for the victims of

hunger, fear, injustice or oppression …

For all in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble; for those

who are sick, lonely or in need and for those who serve

and care for them …

For the peace, mission and unity of the Church; for all

who proclaim the gospel and all who search for truth …

For *N* our bishop and all ministers; for all the members of

your Church …

*The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray*

*silently.*

[Almighty God, your Son has promised that, when we

meet in his name and pray according to his mind, he will

be among us and hear our prayer. In your love and mercy,

fulfil our desires and give us your greatest gift, which is to

know you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ

our Lord. **Amen.**]

*7* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your name may

be united in your truth, live together in your love and

reveal your glory in the world …

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in

the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one

another and seek the common good …

Teach us to respect the earth as your creation, that we may

use its resources wisely to your glory and for the good of

all …

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours. May we

serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us …

Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind or spirit;

give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring

them the joy of your salvation …

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace

of Christ. May the risen Saviour give them a share in his

joy …

*The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray*

*silently.*

[Lord, hear the prayers of your people and strengthen us

to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**]

*8* Let us pray to the Father for the Church and the world.

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of

truth, unity and praise: fill us with the power of your Holy

Spirit …

Deepen our awareness of the unity of the human family.

Grant that we, and all people, may live together in justice,

peace and mutual trust …

Cleanse the prejudice and selfishness from our hearts, and

inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right …

Teach us to use your creation for your greater glory, that

all may share the good things you provide …

Lead us to love one another, and unite us in the service of

your kingdom …

Strengthen all who give their energy and skill for the

healing of those who are sick in body, mind or spirit …

Set free all who are bound by illness, fear or despair …

Grant a peaceful end and eternal joy to all who are dying,

and your comfort to those who mourn …

*The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray*

*silently.*

[The things, good Lord, that we pray for, give us the grace

to labour for. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus

Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**]

*9* In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ Jesus,

let us pray to the Father.

Merciful Father, we pray for ourselves and all Christians,

that we may be a royal priesthood, a holy people, to the

praise of Jesus Christ our Redeemer …

We pray for *N* our bishop and for all bishops and other

ministers, that they may remain faithful to their calling

and rightly proclaim the word of truth …

We pray for children and young people and for all who are

new in the Faith. Direct and guide them in the way that

leads to you …

We pray for *Elizabeth* our *Queen*, and for those who bear

the responsibility of government in this and every nation,

that your people may rejoice in your gifts of true justice

and peace …

We pray for the people of *this nation, this parish/city/*

*village*, asking that you will show your mercy to them all …

We pray for all who are sick or in any other kind of

trouble, that you will deliver them and keep them in our

love …

We pray for the victims of sin and those who minister to

them, that you will be their help and defence …

We pray that we may all be strengthened in our faith, our

love and our service …

We pray for the departed, commending them to your

eternal love …

*The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray*

*silently.*

[We commend ourselves and one another and our whole

life to you, Lord God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**]

*10* Trusting in his promises, let us pray to the Father.

For the people of God, that every one may be a true and

faithful servant of Christ …

For all who proclaim the word of truth, that they may be

inspired by the wisdom your Spirit gives …

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord

will bring them to true knowledge of himself …

For those who teach, those who learn, and all who seek

the truth …

For our families and friends, that the Lord will guide them

in his way and give them joy in all they do …

For all who are hungry or sick, persecuted, lonely or

marginalized, that the Lord will comfort and sustain

them …

For the people of Wales and of this Kingdom and

Commonwealth, that the Lord will lead us in truth and

righteousness …

For the whole human race, that we may live together in

true peace …

For those who have died in the faith of Christ, and for

those whose faith is known to God alone …

*The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray*

*silently.*

[Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your

servants as may be best for them, granting us in this world

knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come, the

fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**]

***A GENERAL THANKSGIVING***

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good:

**his love is everlasting.**

**Almighty God, merciful Father,**

**source of all holiness and grace,**

**we thank you for your goodness and unending love**

**to us and all creation.**

**We thank you for making and sustaining us**

**and surrounding us with your blessings;**

**but of all your gifts we thank you most**

**that in your love, beyond our power to express,**

**you gave your Son our Lord Jesus Christ**

**to restore and heal the human race.**

**We praise you, Father,**

**for all the channels of your grace,**

**and for the hope of sharing your glory.**

**Enlighten our hearts and minds**

**and show us the greatness of your love,**

**that our gratitude may be sincere:**

**not only the praise of our lips**

**but the offering of our lives,**

**dedicated and righteous in your service.**

**All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**with you and the Holy Spirit**

**one God, now and ever.**

**Alleluia. Amen.**

*vi* ***THE LITANY***

*Sections i and iii must always be used, with any or all of the*

*sub-sections ii a, b and c.*

Let us pray.

***I*** God the Father,

**have mercy on us.**

God the Son,

**have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit,

**have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,

**have mercy on us.**

From all evil and harmful actions;

from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;

from envy, hatred and malice;

and from all evil intent,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;

from hardness of heart

and contempt for your word and your laws,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind;

from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From famine and disaster;

from violence and murder,

and from dying unprepared,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy;

in the hour of death, and at the day of judgement,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;

by your birth, childhood and obedience;

by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work;

by your mighty acts of power;

and by your preaching of the kingdom,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and trial;

by your cross and passion;

and by your precious death and burial,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection;

by your glorious ascension;

and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

***ii*** Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

***a*** Govern and direct your holy Church;

fill it with love and truth;

and grant it that unity which is your will.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world,

and to make disciples of all the nations.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten all bishops, priests and deacons

with knowledge and understanding,

that by their ministry and their lives

they may proclaim your word.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*(In Ember weeks and on other appropriate occasions*

Give your grace [to *N* and] to all who are called to any

office or ministry in your Church,

that they may serve to the glory of your name.

**Hear us, good Lord.***)*

*(At ordinations*

Pour your grace on your servants

who at this time are to be admitted to the order

of deacons or of priests,

that they may strengthen your people

in bringing salvation to all.

**Hear us, good Lord.***)*

Give all your people grace to hear and receive your word,

and to bear the fruit of the Spirit.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bring into the way of truth all

who have erred and have strayed from you.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Strengthen those who stand;

comfort and help those who are fainthearted;

raise up all who are fallen;

and beat down Satan under our feet.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

***b*** Guide the leaders of the nations

in the ways of justice and peace.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Guard and strengthen your servant *Elizabeth* our *Queen*,

that *she* may put *her* trust in you,

and seek your honour and glory.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Endue the High Court of Parliament,

the National Assembly for Wales,

and all the Ministers of the Crown

with wisdom, understanding and compassion.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Guide with your grace

the members of the European Parliament,

the local councils, and the leaders of this people of Wales.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless those who administer the law,

that they may uphold justice and honesty, mercy and truth.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us a reverence for the earth as your creation,

that we may use its resources with integrity

in the service of others and to your honour and glory.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless and keep all your people.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

***c*** Help and comfort those who are

lonely, bereaved and oppressed.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Heal those who are sick in body, mind or spirit,

and provide for all who are homeless,

hungry and destitute.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees,

and all who are in trouble.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on all humanity.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers,

and turn their hearts.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us as we remember

those who have died in the peace of Christ,

and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

**Lord, have mercy.**

***iii*** Give us true repentance;

forgive our sins of negligence and ignorance,

and our deliberate sins;

and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit

to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,**

**holy and strong,**

**holy and immortal,**

**have mercy on us.**

*The Litany concludes with the Lord’s Prayer, a collect (of the day, or*

*for morning or evening) and The Conclusion (Section 4 from Morning*

*and Evening Prayer).*

*When the Litany is used at the Holy Eucharist, it replaces everything*

*in the Eucharist before the collect. The intercession is omitted.*

PRAYER DURING THE DAY

***STRUCTURE OF PRAYER DURING THE DAY***

*Items marked \* are optional.*

***1 THE INTRODUCTION***

Versicle and Response, etc

\*Opening meditation, hymn, song or canticle

***2 THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD***

Psalmody

A reading from Holy Scripture

\*Response

***3 THE PRAYERS***

\*Intercessions

The Lord’s Prayer

Collect of the Day or one of the prayers provided

***4 THE CONCLUSION***

A closing versicle and response, or another appropriate ending

***NOTES***

This Order for Prayer During the Day is designed to help

those who wish to use a structured but reasonably flexible

form for prayer and reflection in the course of the day.

It is not intended as an alternative to either Morning or

Evening Prayer.

Appropriate psalms, short readings and other material

are provided for each day of the week. Alternative short

readings and other suitable material for seasonal use are

provided in Appendix VII.

***1 The Introduction***

Throughout this order, the bracketed *Alleluia* in the

versicles and responses is recommended for use during

Eastertide.

In place of the introductory meditative passages provided,

some will prefer to use one of the traditional office hymns

for Prayer During the Day. These can be found in many

hymnals.

***2a The Ministry of the Word: Psalmody***

Tables of psalms for days of the week or month are

given immediately after these Notes. In accordance with

traditional usage, the psalms listed in these tables are

Psalm 119 and Psalms 121–131,133.

The psalms listed in the Almanac for Morning and Evening

Prayer on a given day should not be used at Prayer During

the Day. If a psalm appointed for Morning or Evening

Prayer on a particular day appears also in the table that

happens to be being used at Prayer During the Day on

that day, a psalm or psalms from one of the other two

tables should be used instead.

***2b The Ministry of the Word: Scripture Reading***

One of the following is used:

• One of the short readings printed in the order.

• One of the seasonal passages listed in the Seasonal

Material (Appendix VII).

• One, but no more, of the readings listed in the

Almanac for Morning and Evening Prayer. In this case,

the remaining lesson provided will be the only one

read at Morning or Evening Prayer.

• One of the readings listed in the Almanac for use at

the Holy Eucharist.

A versicle and response are provided for optional use after

the reading. Other appropriate ways of responding to

the reading of Holy Scripture include singing and silent

reflection.

***3 The Prayers***

If desired, intercessions may be inserted at the beginning

of the Prayers.

The Lord’s Prayer and concluding prayer should never be

omitted.

The Collect of the Day should always be used as the

concluding prayer on the Sundays and Holy Days listed in

Groups I and II in *The New Calendar (2003)*. The Collect of

the Day may be used also on commemorations listed in

Groups III–V and on occasions of special importance for a

parish, community or individual.

***4 The Conclusion***

One of the endings of Morning and Evening Prayer may be

substituted for those provided.

The closing versicles and responses beginning ‘May the

light of Christ …’ and ‘If we live by the Spirit …’ are

recommended as particularly suitable for use in Eastertide,

before and after Ascension Day respectively. Their use

need not and should not, however, be limited to Eastertide.

Other possible ways of ending Prayer During the Day

are by singing an appropriate hymn or by exchanging the

Peace, to which may be added ‘Let us offer one another a

sign of peace, God’s seal on our prayers.’

***TABLES OF PSALMS***

***FOR USE AT PRAYER DURING THE DAY***

***Over a calendar month***

*Day 1* 119:1–8

*Day 2* 119:9–16

*Day 3* 119:17–24

*Day 4* 119:25–32

*Day 5* 119:33–40

*Day 6* 119:41–48

*Day 7* 119:49–56

*Day 8* 119:57–64

*Day 9* 119:65–72

*Day 10* 119:73–80

*Day 11* 119:81–88

*Day 12* 119:89–96

*Day 13* 119:97–104

*Day 14* 119:105–112

*Day 15* 119:113–120

*Day 16* 119:121–128

*Day 17* 119:129–136

*Day 18* 119:137–144

*Day 19* 119:145–152

*Day 20* 119:153–160

*Day 21* 119:161–168

*Day 22* 119:169–end

*Day 23* 121, 122

*Day 24* 123, 124

*Day 25* 125, 126

*Day 26* 127

*Day 27* 128

*Day 28* 129

*Day 29* 130

*Day 30* 131

*Day 31* 133

***Over a week or a fortnight***

*Psalm 119 and the Psalms*

*of Ascent may be used over a*

*fortnight as follows*

*Sunday* 119:1-32

*Monday* 119:33-56

*Tuesday* 119:57-80

*Wednesday* 119:81-104

*Thursday* 119:105-128

*Friday* 119:129-152

*Saturday* 119:153-end

*Sunday* 121,122

*Monday* 123,124

*Tuesday* 125,126

*Wednesday* 127

*Thursday* 128

*Friday* 129,130

*Saturday* 131,133

*Alternatively, Psalm 119 and*

*the Psalms of Ascent may be*

*used, together or alone, on a*

*weekly cycle.*

AN ORDER FOR

PRAYER DURING THE DAY

*1* ***The Introduction***

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, [Alleluia,]

**and all that is within me bless his holy name.**

**[Alleluia.]**

*One of the following, or some other appropriate hymn, song or*

*canticle may be used.*

*1* I bind unto myself today

The strong name of the Trinity,

By invocation of the same,

The Three in One and One in Three.

Of whom all nature hath creation;

Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:

Praise to the Lord of my salvation,

Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

*2* Christ be with me, Christ within me,

Christ behind me, Christ before me,

Christ beside me, Christ to win me,

Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,

Christ in hearts of all that love me,

Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

*3* Take my life, and let it be

Consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my moments and my days,

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour,

At thy feet its treasure-store;

Take myself, and I will be

Ever, only, all for thee.

Praise to the Father,

Praise to the Son,

Praise to the Spirit,

The Three in One.

*4* What shall I give you, Lord, in return for all your kindness?

Glory to you for your love.

Glory to you for your patience.

Glory to you for forgiving us all our sins.

Glory to you for coming to save our souls.

Glory to you for your incarnation in the Virgin’s womb.

Glory to you for your bonds.

Glory to you for receiving the cut of the lash.

Glory to you for accepting mockery.

Glory to you for your crucifixion.

Glory to you for your burial.

Glory to you for your resurrection.

Glory to you that you were preached to all.

Glory to you in whom they believed.

*5* My soul, there is a country

Far beyond the stars,

Where stands a winged sentry

All skilful in the wars.

There above noise and danger

Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,

And one born in a manger

Commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious friend

And – O my soul awake! –

Did in pure love descend

To die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither,

There grows the flower of Peace,

The Rose that cannot wither,

Thy fortress and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges,

For none can thee secure,

But one who never changes,

Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

*6* Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a Feast:

Such a Feast as mends in length:

Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy as none can move:

Such a Love as none can part:

Such a Heart as joys in Love.

*7* Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh

and vindicated in the Spirit.

He was seen by angels

and proclaimed among the nations.

Believed in throughout the world,

he was taken up in glory.

This will be made manifest at the proper time

by the blessed and only Sovereign,

who alone has immortality,

and dwells in unapproachable light.

To the King of kings and Lord of lords

be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

*2* ***The Ministry of the Word***

*Each psalm is followed by the doxology*

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

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*After the psalmody, one of the readings provided for the day in the*

*Almanac, or one of the following short readings, is read. See also*

*Appendix vii.*

*Sunday* Genesis 1:1–5

2 Corinthians 5:17–19a

John 5:15–18

Revelation 21:1–4

*Monday* Isaiah 49:1b–4

Proverbs 3:7–12

Mark 4:26–29

Matthew 25:19–21

*Tuesday* Deuteronomy 28:1–4

Isaiah 35:3–6

John 9:1–5

Revelation 22:1–2

*Wednesday* Isaiah 61:1–3a

Micah 4:1–4a

Matthew 9:35–end

John 18:33,36–38

*Thursday* Deuteronomy 15:7–11

Isaiah 43:5–7

1 Peter 2:9–10

John 17:18–23

*Friday* 2 Chronicles 7:13–14

Isaiah 57:15–19

Ephesians 2:13–18

Luke 9:22–25

*Saturday* Isaiah 11:6–9

Ephesians 3:14–19

John 11:17–26a

Revelation 5:8–10

*One of the following versicles and responses may be said after the*

*reading.*

Let the word of Christ dwell with you in all its richness.

[Alleluia.]

**Teach and instruct each other in all wisdom. [Alleluia.]**

Teach me to observe your law. [Alleluia.]

**I will keep it with my whole heart. [Alleluia.]**

Lead me in the way of your truth and teach me, O Lord.

[Alleluia.]

**You are the God who saves me. [Alleluia.]**

Teach me goodness and discernment and knowledge. [Alleluia.]

**I trust in your commands. [Alleluia.]**

My soul trusts in the word of the Lord. [Alleluia.]

**My soul is longing for him. [Alleluia.]**

Lord, to whom shall we go? [Alleluia.]

**You have the words of eternal life. [Alleluia.]**

The unfolding of your word gives light. [Alleluia.]

**It gives understanding to the simple. [Alleluia.]**

You will show me the path of life. [Alleluia.]

**In your presence is the fullness of joy. [Alleluia.]**

This is my comfort in my trouble. [Alleluia.]

**Your promise gives me life. [Alleluia.]**

*3* ***The Prayers***

*Intercessions may be included at this point.*

*The Lord’s Prayer is said.*

*The collect of the day should always be used on the Sundays and Holy Days listed in Groups i and ii in* The New Calendar (2003)*. On other occasions, one of the following may be used.*

God of power and love,

look kindly on the tasks we have begun,

and renew your grace within us;

make good our defects

and bring our work to that fulfilment

which is in accordance with your will,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord and master of the vineyard,

you allot us our tasks

and determine the just rewards of our labours.

Help us to bear the burden of the day

and accept your will in all things without complaint,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal light, shine into our hearts,

eternal goodness, deliver us from evil,

eternal power, be our support,

eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,

eternal pity, have mercy upon us;

that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength

we may seek your face

and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God,

the light of the minds that know you,

the joy of the hearts that love you,

and the strength of the wills that serve you;

make us so to know you

that we may truly love you,

so to love you that we may truly serve you,

whose service is perfect freedom,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord our God,

give us grace to desire you with our whole heart;

that so desiring, we may seek and find you;

and so finding, may love you;

and so loving, may hate those sins

from which you have delivered us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O gracious and holy Father,

give us wisdom to perceive you,

diligence to seek you,

patience to wait for you,

eyes to behold you,

a heart to meditate upon you,

and a life to proclaim you,

through the power of the Spirit

of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you

for all the benefits that you have won for us,

for all the pains and insults that you have borne for us.

Most merciful Redeemer,

friend and brother,

may we know you more clearly,

love you more dearly,

and follow you more nearly,

day by day. **Amen.**

*4* ***The Conclusion***

*One of the following is said.*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May the gracious favour of the Lord be upon us. [Alleluia.]

**Prosper our handiwork;**

**O prosper the work of our hands. [Alleluia.]**

The love of Christ works in us. [Alleluia.]

**May he guide us and guard us today and always.**

**[Alleluia.]**

May the light of Christ shine in our hearts. [Alleluia.]

**Amen. [Alleluia.]**

If we live by the Spirit, [Alleluia,]

**let us also walk by the Spirit. [Alleluia.]**

*vii* ***Prayer during the Day: Seasonal Material***

***ADVENT***

***Introductory Meditative Passage***

Saviour eternal,

life of the world unfailing,

light everlasting

and our true redemption,

Taking our humanity

in your loving freedom,

you rescued our lost earth

and filled the world with joy.

By your first advent, justify us,

by your second, set us free:

that when the great light dawns

and you come as judge of all,

we may be robed in immortality

and ready, Lord, to follow

in your footsteps blest,

wherever they may lead.

***Psalmody and Readings***

*Sunday* Psalm 82 Revelation 22:17, 20–21

*Monday* Psalm 13 Isaiah 11:1–4

*Tuesday* Psalm 14 Mark 1:1–5

*Wednesday* Psalm 54 Luke 12:35–37

*Thursday* Psalm 70 Mark 13:34–end

*Friday* Psalm 75 Romans 13:11–end

*Saturday* Psalm 85 Luke 1:35, 38

***Closing Prayer***

O Lord,

keep us ever alert and watchful

as we await the coming of your Son.

Cleanse us from sin, so that, when he comes,

we may go forth to meet our Saviour with joyful hearts;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***CHRISTMASTIDE***

***Introductory Meditative Passage***

Gift better than himself God doth not know;

Gift better than his God no man can see.

This gift doth here the giver given bestow;

Gift to this gift let each receiver be.

God is my gift, himself he freely gave me;

God’s gift am I, and none but God shall have me.

***Psalmody and Readings***

*Sunday* Psalm 113 John 1:14, 16–18

*Monday* Psalm 87 Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

*Tuesday* Psalm 97 Matthew 1:20b–23

*Wednesday* Psalm 110 Luke 2:16–20

*Thursday* Psalm 127 Galatians 4:4–7

*Friday* Psalm 128 Titus 2:11–14

*Saturday* Psalm 150 Hebrews 1:1–3a

***Closing Prayer***

Almighty God,

your incarnate Word fills us

with the new light he brought to the world.

Let the light of faith in our hearts

shine through all that we do and say;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*This provision is suitable also for use on the Feasts of the Presentation of Christ and the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

***EPIPHANY SEASON***

***Introductory Meditative Passage***

*Passage (7) in the Order for Prayer During the Day is particularly suitable.*

***Psalmody and Readings***

*Sunday* Psalm 67 Malachi 1:11

*Monday* Psalm 99 John 2:10–11

*Tuesday* Psalm 100 Isaiah 60:1–3

*Wednesday* Psalm 122 2 Corinthians 4:5–6

*Thursday* Psalm 132:10–19 Romans 8:15–17

*Friday* Psalm 138 Ephesians 1:8b–10

*Saturday* Psalm 149 Revelation 1:13–16

***Closing Prayer***

O good Jesus,

Word of the Father and brightness of his glory,

whom angels desire to behold:

teach me to do your will

that, guided by your Spirit,

I may come to the blessed city of everlasting day,

where all are one in heart and mind,

where there is safety and eternal peace,

happiness and delight,

where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

world without end. **Amen.**

*The Introductory Meditative Passage and psalmody and readings above are also suitable for use on the Feast of the Transfiguration when, however, the collect of the day should be used.*

***LENT***

***Introductory Meditative Passage***

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;

you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;

through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead,

your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;

in your love and tenderness remake us.

In your grace and compassion bring grace and forgiveness,

for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

***Psalmody and Readings***

*Sunday* Psalm 51:11–end Romans 6:3–5

*Monday* Psalm 3 Joel 2:12–14

*Tuesday* Psalm 6 1 Corinthians 9:24–end

*Wednesday* Psalm 11 Romans 7:21–25a

*Thursday* Psalm 12 Isaiah 58:6–9a

*Friday* Psalm 32 Matthew 6:1–4

*Saturday* Psalm 61 Luke 10:38–end

***Closing Prayer***

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;

to give and not to count the cost;

to fight and not to heed the wounds;

to toil and not to seek for rest;

to labour and not to seek for any reward,

save that of knowing that we are doing your will. **Amen.**

***PASSIONTIDE***

***Introductory Meditative Passage***

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Holy God,

holy and strong,

holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,

and praise and glorify your holy resurrection:

for by virtue of the cross

joy has come to the whole world.

***Psalmody and Readings***

*Sunday* Psalm 27:1–8 Hebrews 2:10–12

*Monday* Psalm 43 Mark 8:31–35

*Tuesday* Psalm 142 Isaiah 53:4–6

*Wednesday* Psalm 143 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

*Thursday* Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:24–25

*Friday* Psalm 69:1–13 Romans 5:6–8

*Saturday* Psalm 130 John 12:23–26

***Closing Prayer***

Lord God, our heavenly Father,

look, we pray, with your divine pity

on the pains of all your children;

and grant that the passion of our Lord

and his infinite love

may make fruitful for good

the tribulations of the innocent,

the sufferings of the sick,

and the sorrows of the bereaved;

through him who suffered in our flesh

and died for our sake,

your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***EASTERTIDE : BEFORE ASCENSION DAY***

***Introductory Meditative Passage***

Yesterday I was crucified with Christ;

today I am glorified with him.

Yesterday I was dead with Christ;

today I am sharing in his resurrection.

Yesterday I was buried with him;

today I am waking with him from the sleep of death.

***Psalmody and Readings***

*Sunday* Psalm 114 1Peter 1:3–5

*Monday* Psalm 30 Zephaniah 3:14–18

*Tuesday* Psalm 66:1–11 1Corinthians 15:42–44a, 47–49

*Wednesday* Psalm 106:1–12 Colossians 3:1–4

*Thursday* Psalm 111 Luke 24:28–32

*Friday* Psalm 145:1–8 Job 19:23–27a

*Saturday* Psalm 146 Revelation 1:12–18

***Closing Prayer***

Lord our God,

in the resurrection of Christ

you create us anew for eternal life.

Make us firm in faith and constant in hope

as we joyfully await

the fulfilment of your promises;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***EASTERTIDE : ASCENSION DAY TO PENTECOST***

***Introductory Meditative Passage***

Blessed are you, the God of our ancestors,

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name,

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in your holy and glorious temple,

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who look into the depths,

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, enthroned on the cherubim,

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven,

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

***Psalmody and Readings***

*Note: The readings in the first section are for Ascension Day and the two days following. Those in the second section are for the seventh week of Easter and the Day of Pentecost.*

*Ascension Day* Psalm 47 Hebrews 9:24

*Friday* Psalm 93 Hebrews 2:8b–10

*Saturday* Psalm 98 Romans 8:38–39

*Sunday* Psalm 104:26–32 John 7:37–39a

*Monday* Psalm 21:1–7 Isaiah 40:20–end

*Tuesday* Psalm 29 1 Corinthians 12:4–7

*Wednesday* Psalm 46 Joel 2:28–29

*Thursday* Psalm 47 Luke 11:9–13

*Friday* Psalm 93 2 Corinthians 1:20–22

*Saturday* Psalm 98 2 Corinthians 3:17–18

*Pentecost* Psalm 33:1–6 John 20:21–22

***Closing Prayer***

*The collect of the day should be used on Ascension Day.*

*On the other days, the following may be used*

O King enthroned on high,

Comforter and Spirit of Truth,

you that are in all places and fill all things,

the treasury of blessings and the giver of life,

come and dwell with us,

cleanse us from every stain

and save our souls, O gracious one. **Amen.**

***KINGDOM SEASON***

***Introductory Meditative Passage***

For the gift of his Spirit:

blessed be Christ.

For the catholic Church:

blessed be Christ.

For the means of grace:

blessed be Christ.

For the hope of glory:

blessed be Christ.

For the triumphs of his gospel:

blessed be Christ.

For the lives of his saints:

blessed be Christ.

In joy and in sorrow:

blessed be Christ.

In life and in death:

blessed be Christ.

Now and to the end of the ages:

blessed be Christ.

***Psalmody and Readings***

*Sunday* Psalm 2 Revelation 4:9–end

*Monday* Psalm 15 Philippians 4:4–7

*Tuesday* Psalm 42:1–7 Hebrews 12:22–24

*Wednesday* Psalm 96 Matthew 24:30–31

*Thursday* Psalm 121 Ephesians 4:11–13

*Friday* Psalm 125 Hebrews 12:1–2

*Saturday* Psalm 133 Daniel 12:2–3

*All Saints’ Day* Psalm 92:12–15 Revelation 22:1–5

*Christ the King* Psalm 93 Colossians 1:15–18

***Closing Prayer***

*The collect of the day should be used on All Saints’ Day and the Feast*

*of Christ the King.*

*On other days, the following may be used*

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening

into the house and gate of heaven,

to enter that gate and dwell in that house.

where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling

but one equal light;

no noise nor silence, but one equal music;

no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession;

no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity;

in the habitations of your glory and dominion,

world without end. **Amen.**

***THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY***

***Introductory Meditative Passage***

Maiden yet a mother, daughter of thy Son,

High beyond all other, lowlier is none;

Thou the consummation planned by God’s decree,

When our lost creation nobler rose in thee.

Thus his place prepared, he who all things made,

’Mid his creatures tarried, in thy bosom laid;

There his love he nourished, warmth that gave increase

To the root whence flourished our eternal peace.

***Readings***

Mark 3:31–35

John 19:25b–27

Acts 1:12–14

Romans 8:28–30

Galatians 4:4–7

Revelation 12:1–6

***Closing Prayer***

Almighty and everlasting God,

who stooped to raise fallen humanity

through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;

grant that we,

who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature

and your love made perfect in our weakness,

may daily be renewed in your image

and conformed to the pattern of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***SAINTS’ DAYS***

***Introductory Meditative Passage***

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father of majesty unbounded,

your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,

the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

***Readings***

Matthew 5:1–12

Matthew 5:13–16

Revelation 7:9–10 (13–17)

Revelation 22:1–5

***Closing Prayer***

Almighty Father,

you have built up your Church

through the love and devotion of your saints:

inspire us to follow the example of *N*,

whom we commemorate today,

that we may at last rejoice with *him/her*

in the vision of your glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NIGHT PRAYER

(COMPLINE)

***THE STRUCTURE OF NIGHT PRAYER***

*Items marked \* are optional*

***1 THE INTRODUCTION***

Opening prayer, versicles and responses

\*Penitence

\*Hymn

***2 THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD***

Psalm(s)

Biblical reading

\*Responsory

Gospel Canticle: *Nunc Dimittis*

***3 THE PRAYERS***

\*Intercession and Thanksgiving

\*The Lord’s Prayer

The Collect

***4 THE CONCLUSION***

Closing Responsory Prayer and Blessing

***NOTES***

*1* Two forms of Night Prayer are provided. The first is recommended for more formal occasions, for instance, when Night Prayer is held as a weeknight service in Lent.

If a sermon is to be preached on such occasions, it should follow the biblical reading or the responsory if that is said. The second form is designed for those who want a simple, structured form of prayer at night.

*2* The following table of psalms and readings arranged by days of the week may be used at Night Prayer.

***Psalm Reading***

*Sunday* 91 Revelation 22:4–5

*Monday* 86 1 Thessalonians 5:9–10

*Tuesday* 143:1–11 1 Peter 5:8–9

*Wednesday* 31:1–5, 130 Ephesians 4:26–27

*Thursday* 16 1 Thessalonians 5:23

*Friday* 88 Jeremiah 14:9

*Saturday* 4, 134 Revelation 22:4–5

*3* Seasonal selections of psalms and readings may be made from the seasonal tables provided for use at Prayer during the Day (Appendix VII).

AN ORDER FOR NIGHT

PRAYER (COMPLINE)

*1* ***THE INTRODUCTION***

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night,

**and a perfect end.**

O God, make speed to save us:

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Silent prayer/reflection on the past day.*

*The following or another suitable act of penitence may be used.*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess to you,**

**before the whole company of heaven and one another,**

**that we have sinned in thought, word and deed**

**and in what we have failed to do.**

**Forgive us our sins,**

**heal us by your Spirit**

**and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins

and bring us to everlasting life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

*2* ***THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD***

*One or more of the following, or other suitable psalms, may be used: 4, 91, 134.*

*One of the following Biblical readings, or another suitable passage,*

*may be read: Jeremiah 14:9; 1 Peter 5:8–9; Revelation 22:4–5.*

*A time of silent reflection may follow the reading.*

*See Notes 2 and 3 for other possible choices of psalmody and readings.*

*The following responsory may be said after the reading*

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

[Alleluia, Alleluia.]

**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**[Alleluia, Alleluia.]**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**[Alleluia, Alleluia.]**

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

**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**[Alleluia, Alleluia.]**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

**Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

***The Gospel Canticle:*** *Nunc Dimittis*

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,**

**and guard us while sleeping,**

**that awake we may watch with Christ**

**and asleep may rest in peace.**

**[Alleluia.]**

*1* Lord, now you have set your / servant / free :

to go in / peace as / you have / promised.

*2* For these eyes of mine have / seen • your sal/vation :

which you have prepared for / all the / world to / see;

*3* A light to re/veal you • to the / nations :

and to give / glory • to your / people / Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son :**

**and / to the / Holy / Spirit;**

**as it was in the be/ginning, is / now :**

**and shall be for / ever. / A–/men.**

**Save us, O Lord, while waking …**

*3* ***THE PRAYERS***

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.*

*The Lord’s Prayer may be said.*

*The following collect, or a seasonal alternative, is said*

Visit this place, Lord, we pray,

drive far from it all the snares of the enemy;

may your holy angels dwell with us

and guard us in peace

and may your blessing be always upon us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*4* ***THE CONCLUSION***

In peace we will lie down and sleep,

**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,

**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

[Come with the dawning of the day

**and make yourself known in the breaking of bread.]**

The Lord bless us and watch over us;

the Lord make his face to shine upon us

and be gracious to us;

the Lord look kindly on us

[and all for whom we pray]

and give us his peace.

**Amen.**

***NIGHT PRAYER: A SIMPLE ORDER***

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night

**and a perfect end.**

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

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Silent prayer/reflection on the past day.*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel.

My heart teaches me, night after night.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have waited in silence on your loving kindness, God,

in the midst of your temple.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

I lie down in peace, at once I fall asleep,

for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

***The Psalm***

***The Reading***

*A time of silent reflection may follow the reading.*

***The Gospel Canticle:*** *Nunc Dimittis*

*1* Lord, now you have set your / servant / free :

to go in / peace as / you have / promised.

*2* For these eyes of mine have / seen • your sal/vation :

which you have prepared for / all the / world to / see;

*3* A light to re/veal you • to the / nations :

and to give / glory • to your / people / Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son :**

**and / to the / Holy / Spirit;**

**as it was in the be/ginning, is / now :**

**and shall be for / ever. / A–/men.**

Into your hands, Lord,

I commend my spirit,

**for you have redeemed me,**

**Lord God of truth.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

**Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

Visit this place, Lord, we pray,

drive far from it all the snares of the enemy;

may your holy angels dwell with us

and guard us in peace

and may your blessing be always upon us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Or*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus,

for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch longs for the morning,

so do we long for you, Lord.

At the dawning of the day

make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread. **Amen.**

**Save us, Lord, while waking,**

**and guard us, while sleeping;**

**that, awake, we may watch with Christ**

**and, asleep, we may rest in peace. Amen.**

THE PSALMS

***Psalm 1***

*1* Blessed are they who have not walked

in the / counsel of the / wicked :

nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the as/sembly / of the / scornful.

*2* Their delight is in the / law of the / Lord :

and they meditate on his / law / day and / night.

*3* Like a tree planted by streams of water

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that / do not / wither :

whatever they / do, / it shall / prosper.

*4* As for the wicked, it is not / so with / them :

they are like chaff which the / wind / blows a/way.

*5* Therefore the wicked shall not be able to / stand in the / judgement :

nor the sinner in the congre/gation / of the / righteous.

*6* For the Lord knows the / way of the / righteous :

but the / way of the / wicked shall / perish.

***Psalm 2***

*1* Why are the / nations in / tumult :

and why do the peoples de/vise a / vain / plot?

*2* The kings of the earth rise up,

and the rulers take / counsel to/gether :

against the Lord / and a/gainst his a/nointed:

*3* ‘Let us break their / bonds a/sunder :

and / cast a/way their / cords from us.’

*4* He who dwells in heaven shall / laugh them to / scorn :

the Lord shall / have them / in de/rision.

*5* Then shall he speak to them / in his / wrath :

and / terrify them / in his / fury:

*6* ‘Yet have I / set my / king :

upon my / holy / hill of / Zion.’

*7* I will proclaim the de/cree of the / Lord :

he said to me: ‘You are my Son;

this / day have / I be/gotten you.

*8* Ask of me and I will give you the nations for / your in/heritance :

and the ends of the / earth for / your pos/session.

*9* You shall break them with a / rod of / iron :

and dash them in pieces / like a / potter’s / vessel.’

*10* Now therefore be / wise, O / kings :

be prudent, you / judges / of the / earth.

*11* Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling / kiss his / feet :

lest he be angry and you perish from the way,

for his / wrath is / quickly / kindled.

*12* Happy / are all / they :

who / take / refuge in / him.

***Psalm 3***

*1* Lord, how many / are my / adversaries :

many are / they who rise / up a/gainst me.

*2* Many are they who / say to my / soul :

‘There is no / help for you / in your / God.’

*3* But you, Lord, are a / shield a/bout me :

you are my glory, and the / lifter / up of my / head.

*4* When I cry a/loud to the / Lord :

he will answer me / from his / holy / hill;

*5* I lie down and sleep and / rise a/gain :

be/cause the / Lord sus/tains me.

*6* I will not be afraid of / hordes of the / peoples :

that have set themselves a/gainst me / all a/round.

*7* Rise up, O Lord, and deliver me, / O my / God :

for you strike all my enemies on the cheek

and / break the / teeth of the / wicked.

*8* Salvation be/longs to the / Lord :

may your blessing / be up/on your / people.

***Psalm 4***

*1* Answer me when I call, O / God of my / righteousness :

you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;

have mercy on / me and / hear my / prayer.

*2* How long will you nobles dis/honour my / glory :

how long will you love vain / things and / seek after / falsehood?

*3* But know that the Lord has shown me his / marvellous / kindness :

when I call upon the / Lord, / he will / hear me.

*4* Stand in / awe, and / sin not :

commune with your own heart upon your / bed, / and be / still.

*5* Offer the / sacrifices of / righteousness :

and / put your / trust in the / Lord.

*6* There are many that say, ‘Who will show us / any / good?’ :

Lord, lift up the / light of your / countenance up/on us.

*7* You have put gladness / in my / heart :

more than when their corn and / wine and / oil in/crease.

*8* In peace I will lie / down and / sleep :

for it is you Lord, only, who / make me / dwell in / safety.

***Psalm 5***

*1* Give ear to my / words, O / Lord :

con/sider my / lamen/tation.

*2* Hearken to the voice of my crying, my / King and my / God :

for to / you I / make my / prayer.

*3* In the morning, Lord, you will / hear my / voice :

early in the morning I make my ap/peal to you, / and look / up.

*4* For you are the God who takes no / pleasure in / wickedness :

no / evil can / dwell with / you.

*5* The boastful cannot / stand in your / sight :

you / hate all / those that work / wickedness.

*6* You destroy / those who speak / lies :

the bloodthirsty and de/ceitful the / Lord • will ab/hor.

*7* But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy,

I will come / into your / house :

I will bow down towards your holy / temple in / awe of / you.

*8* Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness,

be/cause of my / enemies :

make your way / straight be/fore my / face.

*9* For there is no truth in their mouth,

in their / heart is des/truction :

their throat is an open sepulchre,

and they / flatter / with their / tongue.

*10* Punish / them, O / God :

let them / fall • through their / own de/vices.

*11* Because of their many transgressions / cast them / out :

for / they have re/belled a/gainst you.

*12* But let all who take refuge in / you be / glad :

let them / sing out their / joy for / ever.

*13* You will / shelter / them :

so that those who love your / name • may ex/ult in / you.

*14* For you, O Lord, will / bless the / righteous :

and with your favour

you will de/fend them / as with a / shield.

***Psalm 6***

*1* O Lord, rebuke me / not in your / wrath :

neither chasten me / in your / fierce / anger.

*2* Have mercy on me, Lord, for / I am / weak :

Lord, heal me, / for my / bones are / racked.

*3* My soul also / shakes with / terror :

how / long, O / Lord, how / long?

*4* Turn again, O Lord, and de/liver my / soul :

save me for your / loving / mercy’s / sake.

*5* For in death no one re/members / you :

and who can / give you / thanks • in the / grave?

*6* I am weary / with my / groaning :

every night I drench my pillow

and / flood my / bed with my / tears.

*7* My eyes are / wasted with / grief :

and worn away be/cause of / all my / enemies.

*8* Depart from me, all / you that do / evil :

for the Lord has / heard the / voice of my / weeping.

*9* The Lord has heard my / suppli/cation :

the Lord / will re/ceive my / prayer.

*10* All my enemies shall be put to / shame and con/fusion :

they shall / suddenly turn / back • in their / shame.

***Psalm 7***

*1* O Lord my God, in / you I take / refuge :

save me from all who pur/sue me, / and de/liver me,

*2* Lest they rend me like a lion and / tear me in / pieces :

while / there is / no one to / help me.

*3* O Lord my God, if I have / done these / things :

if there is any / wickedness / in my / hands,

*4* If I have repaid my / friend with / evil :

or plundered my / enemy with/out a / cause,

‡*5* Then let my enemy pursue me and / over/take me :

trample my life to the ground,

and lay my / honour / in the / dust.

*6* Rise up, O Lord, in your wrath;

lift yourself up against the fury / of my / enemies :

awaken, my God, the judgement / that you / have com/manded.

*7* Let the assembly of the peoples / gather / round you :

be seated high above them: O / Lord, / judge the / nations.

*8* Give judgement for me

according to my / righteousness, O / Lord :

and according to the / innocence / that is / in me.

*9* Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,

but es/tablish the / righteous :

for you test the mind and / heart, O / righteous / God.

*10* God is my shield / that is / over me :

he / saves the / true of / heart.

*11* God is a / righteous / judge :

he is pro/voked / all day / long.

*12* If they will not repent, God will / whet his / sword :

he has bent his / bow and / made it / ready.

*13* He has prepared the / weapons of / death :

he makes his / arrows / shafts of / fire.

*14* Behold those who are in / labour with / wickedness :

who conceive evil / and give / birth to / lies.

*15* They dig a pit and / make it / deep :

and fall into the hole that / they have / made for / others.

*16* Their mischief rebounds on their / own / head :

their violence / falls on their / own / scalp.

*17* I will give thanks to the Lord / for his / righteousness :

and I will make music to the / name of the / Lord Most / High.

***Psalm 8*** *First version*

*1* O / Lord our / governor :

how glorious is your / name in / all the / world!

*2* Your majesty above the / heavens is / praised :

out of the / mouths of / babes at the / breast.

‡*3* You have founded a stronghold a/gainst your / foes :

that you might still the / enemy / and the a/venger.

*4* When I consider your heavens, the / work of your / fingers :

the moon and the / stars that / you have or/dained,

*5* What is man, that you should be / mindful / of him :

the son of man, that / you should / seek him / out?

*6* You have made him little / lower • than the / angels :

and / crown him with / glory and / honour.

*7* You have given him dominion over the / works of your / hands :

and put / all things / under his / feet,

*8,9* All sheep and oxen,

even the wild / beasts of the / field :

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea

and whatsoever / moves • in the / paths of the / sea.

*10* O / Lord our / governor :

how glorious is your / name in / all the / world!

***Psalm 8*** *Second version*

*1* O / Lord our / governor :

how glorious is your / name in / all the / world!

*2* Your majesty above the / heavens is / praised :

out of the / mouths of / babes at the / breast.

‡*3* You have founded a stronghold a/gainst your / foes :

that you might still the / enemy / and the a/venger.

*4* When I consider your heavens, the / work of your / fingers :

the moon and the / stars that / you have or/dained,

*5* What are mortals, that you should be / mindful / of them :

mere human beings, that / you should / seek them / out?

*6* You have made them little / lower • than the / angels :

and / crown them with / glory and / honour.

*7* You have given them dominion over the / works of your / hands :

and put / all things / under their / feet,

*8,9* All sheep and oxen,

even the wild / beasts of the / field :

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea

and whatsoever / moves • in the / paths of the / sea.

*10* O / Lord our / governor :

how glorious is your / name in / all the / world!

***Psalm 9***

*1* I will give thanks to you, Lord, with my / whole / heart :

I will tell of / all your / marvellous / works.

*2* I will be glad and re/joice in / you :

I will make music to your / name, / O Most / High.

*3* When my enemies are / driven / back :

they stumble and / perish / at your / presence.

*4* For you have maintained my / right and my / cause :

you sat on your throne / giving / righteous / judgement.

*5* You have rebuked the nations and des/troyed the / wicked :

you have blotted out their / name for / ever and / ever.

*6* The enemy was / utterly laid / waste :

you uprooted their cities;

their / very / memory has / perished.

*7* But the Lord shall en/dure for / ever :

he has made / fast his / throne for / judgement.

*8* For he shall rule the / world with / righteousness :

and / govern the / peoples with / equity.

*9* Then will the Lord be a refuge / for the op/pressed :

a refuge / in the / time of / trouble.

*10* And those who know your name

will put their / trust in / you :

for you, Lord, have / never failed / those who / seek you.

*11* Sing praises to the Lord who / dwells in / Zion :

declare among the / peoples the / things • he has / done.

*12* The avenger of blood / has re/membered them :

he did not forget the / cry / of the op/pressed.

*13* Have mercy upon / me, O / Lord :

consider the trouble I suffer from those who hate me,

you that lift me / up • from the / gates of / death;

*14* That I may tell all your praises

in the gates of the / city of / Zion :

and re/joice in / your sal/vation.

*15* The nations shall sink into the / pit of their / making :

and in the snare which they set

will their / own / foot be / taken.

*16* The Lord makes himself known by his / acts of / justice :

the wicked are snared in the / works of their / own / hands.

*17* They shall return to the / land of / darkness :

all the / nations / that forget / God.

*18* For the needy shall not always / be for/gotten :

and the hope of the poor / shall not / perish for / ever.

*19* Arise, O Lord, and let not mortals have the / upper / hand :

let the nations be / judged be/fore your / face.

*20* Put them in / fear, O / Lord :

that the nations may know them/selves to / be but / mortal.

***Psalm 10***

*1* Why stand so far / off, O / Lord? :

Why hide your/self in / time of / trouble?

*2* The wicked in their pride / persecute the / poor :

let them be caught in the / schemes they / have de/vised.

*3* The wicked boast of their / heart’s de/sire :

the covetous curse / and re/vile the / Lord.

*4* The wicked in their arrogance say, ‘God will / not a/venge it’ :

in all their / scheming God / counts for / nothing.

*5* They are stubborn in all their ways,

for your judgements are far above / out of their / sight :

they / scoff at / all their / adversaries.

*6* They say in their heart, ‘I shall / not be / shaken :

no harm shall / ever / happen to / me.’

*7* Their mouth is full of cursing, de/ceit and / fraud :

under their / tongue lie / mischief and / wrong.

*8* They lurk in the outskirts

and in dark alleys they / murder the / innocent :

their eyes are ever / watching / for the / helpless.

‡*9* They lie in wait, like a lion in his den;

they lie in wait to / seize the / poor :

they seize the poor when they / get them / into their / net.

*1* The innocent are broken and / humbled be/fore them :

the helpless / fall be/fore their / power.

*11* They say in their heart, / ‘God has for/gotten :

he hides his face away; / he will / never / see it.’

*12* Arise, O Lord God, and lift / up your / hand :

for/get / not the / poor.

*13* Why should the wicked be / scornful of / God? :

Why should they say in their hearts, / ‘You will / not a/venge it’?

*14* Surely, you behold / trouble and / misery :

you see it and take it / into your / own / hand.

*15* The helpless commit them/selves to / you :

for you are the / helper / of the / orphan.

*16* Break the power of the wicked / and ma/licious :

search out their wickedness un/til you / find / none.

*17* The Lord shall reign for / ever and / ever :

the nations shall / perish / from his / land.

*18* Lord, you will hear the de/sire of the / poor :

you will incline your ear to the / fullness / of their / heart,

*19* To give justice to the orphan / and op/pressed :

so that people are no longer driven in / terror / from the / land.

***Psalm 11***

*1* In the Lord have I / taken / refuge :

how then can you say to me,

‘Flee like a / bird / to the / hills,

*2* For see how the wicked bend the bow

and fit their arrows / to the / string :

to shoot from the shadows / at the / true of / heart.

*3* When the foundations / are des/troyed :

what / can the / righteous / do?’

*4* The Lord is in his / holy / temple :

the / Lord’s throne / is in / heaven.

*5* His / eyes be/hold :

his eyelids / try every / mortal / being.

*6* The Lord tries the righteous as / well as the / wicked :

but those who delight in / violence his / soul ab/hors.

*7* Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire

and / burning / sulphur :

scorching wind shall / be their / portion to / drink.

*8* For the Lord is righteous; he loves / righteous / deeds :

and those who are upright / shall be/hold his / face.

***Psalm 12***

*1* Help me, Lord, for no one / godly is / left :

the faithful have vanished from the / whole / human / race.

*2* They all speak falsely / with their / neighbour :

they flatter with their lips, but / speak • from a / double / heart.

*3* O that the Lord would cut off all / flattering / lips :

and the / tongue that speaks / proud / boasts!

*4* Those who say, ‘With our tongue will / we pre/vail :

our lips we will use; / who is / lord / over us?’

*5* ‘Because of the oppression of the needy,

and the groaning / of the / poor :

I will rise up now,’ says the Lord,

‘and set them in the / safety / that they / long for.’

*6* The words of the / Lord are / pure words :

like silver refined in the furnace

and purified / seven times / in the / fire.

*7* You, O Lord, / will watch / over us :

and guard us from / this • gene/ration for / ever.

*8* The wicked strut on / every / side :

when what is vile is exalted by the / whole / human / race.

***Psalm 13***

*1* How long will you forget me, O / Lord; for / ever? :

How long will you / hide your / face / from me?

*2* How long shall I have anguish in my soul

and grief in my heart, / day after / day? :

How long shall my / enemy / triumph / over me?

*3* Look upon me and answer, O / Lord my / God :

lighten my eyes, / lest I / sleep in / death;

*4* Lest my enemy say, ‘I have pre/vailed a/gainst him’ :

and my foes re/joice that / I have / fallen.

*5* But I put my trust in your / steadfast / love :

my heart will re/joice in / your sal/vation.

*6* I will / sing to the / Lord :

for he has / dealt so / bounti•fully / with me.

***Psalm 14***

*1* The fool has said in his heart, ‘There / is no / God.’ :

Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness;

there is / no one / that does / good.

*2* The Lord has looked down from heaven

upon the / children of / earth :

to see if there is anyone who is / wise and / seeks after / God.

‡*3* But every one has turned back; all alike have be/come cor/rupt :

there is none that does / good; / no, not / one.

*4* Have they no knowledge, those / evil/doers :

who eat up my people as if they ate bread

and do not / call up/on the / Lord?

*5* There shall they be in / great / fear :

for God is in the / company / of the / righteous.

*6* Though they would confound the / counsel • of the / poor :

yet the / Lord shall / be their / refuge.

*7* O that Israel’s salvation would / come • out of / Zion! :

When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,

then will Jacob re/joice and / Israel be / glad.

***Psalm 15***

*1* Lord, who may / dwell in your / tabernacle? :

Who may rest up/on your / holy / hill?

*2* Whoever leads an / uncorrupt / life :

and / does the / thing that is / right;

*3* Who speaks the / truth • from the / heart :

and / bears • no de/ceit on the / tongue;

*4* Who does no / evil • to a / friend :

and / pours no / scorn • on a / neighbour;

*5* In whose sight the wicked are / not es/teemed :

but who honours / those who / fear the / Lord.

*6* Whoever has / sworn to a / neighbour :

and / never goes / back • on that / word;

*7,8* Who does not lend money in hope of gain,

nor takes a bribe a/gainst the / innocent :

Whoever does these / things shall / never / fall.

***Psalm 16***

*1* Preserve me, O God, for in you have I / taken / refuge :

I have said to the Lord, ‘You are my lord,

all my / good de/pends on / you.’

*2* All my delight is upon the godly that are / in the / land :

upon / those • who are / noble in / heart.

‡*3* Though the idols are legion that / many run / after :

their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,

neither make mention of their / names up/on my / lips.

*4* The Lord himself is my portion / and my / cup :

in your hands a/lone / is my / fortune.

*5* My share has fallen in a / fair / land :

indeed, I / have a / goodly / heritage.

*6* I will bless the Lord who has / given me / counsel :

and in the night watches / he in/structs my / heart.

*7* I have set the Lord / always be/fore me :

he is at my right / hand; I / shall not / fall.

*8* Wherefore my heart is glad and my / spirit re/joices :

my flesh / also shall / rest se/cure.

*9* For you will not abandon my / soul to / Death :

nor suffer your / faithful one to / see the / Pit.

‡*10* You will show me the path of life;

in your presence is the / fullness of / joy :

and in your right hand are / pleasures for / ever/more.

***Psalm 17***

*1* Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider / my com/plaint :

listen to my prayer, which comes / not from / lying / lips.

*2* Let my vindication come / forth from your / presence :

let your eyes be/hold / what is / right.

*3* Weigh my heart, examine / me by / night :

refine me, and you will find / no im/purity / in me.

*4* My mouth does not trespass for / earthly re/wards :

I have / heeded the / words • of your / lips.

*5* My footsteps hold fast in the ways of / your com/mandments :

my feet have not / stumbled / in your / paths.

*6* I call upon you, O God, for / you will / answer me :

incline your ear to me, and / listen / to my / words.

*7* Show me your marvellous / loving/kindness :

O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand

from / those who / rise up a/gainst them.

*8* Keep me as the / apple • of your / eye :

hide me under the / shadow / of your / wings,

*9* From the wicked / who as/sault me :

from my enemies who surround me to / take a/way my / life.

*10* They have closed their / heart to / pity :

and their / mouth speaks / proud / things.

*11* They press me hard, they surround me on / every / side :

watching how they may / cast me / to the / ground,

*12* Like a lion that is greedy / for its / prey :

like a young lion / lurking in / secret / places.

*13* Arise, Lord; confront them and / cast them / down :

deliver me from the / wicked / by your / sword.

*14* Deliver me, O Lord, / by your / hand :

from those whose / portion in / life • is un/ending,

*15* Whose bellies you / fill with your / treasure :

who are well supplied with children

and / leave their / wealth • to their / little ones.

*16* As for me, I shall see your / face in / righteousness :

when I awake and behold your / likeness, / I shall be / satisfied.

***Psalm 18***

*1* I love you, O / Lord my / strength :

the Lord is my crag, my / fortress and / my de/liverer,

*2* My God, my rock in / whom I take / refuge :

my shield, the horn of my sal/vation / and my / stronghold.

‡*3* I cried to the / Lord in my / anguish :

and / I was / saved from my / enemies.

*4* The cords of / death en/twined me :

and the torrents of des/truction / over/whelmed me.

*5* The cords of the Pit / fastened a/bout me :

and the / snares of / death en/tangled me.

*6* In my distress I / called upon the / Lord :

and cried / out to my / God for / help.

*7* He heard my / voice in his / temple :

and my / cry / came to his / ears.

*8* The earth / trembled and / quaked :

the foundations of the mountains shook;

they / reeled be/cause he was / angry.

*9* Smoke rose from his nostrils

and a consuming fire went / out of his / mouth :

burning / coals / blazed forth / from him.

*10* He parted the heavens / and came / down :

and thick / darkness was / under his / feet.

*11* He rode upon the / cherubim and / flew :

he came / flying • on the / wings of the / wind.

*12* He made darkness his covering / round a/bout him :

dark waters and thick / clouds / his pa/vilion.

*13* From the brightness of his presence, / through the / clouds :

burst / hailstones and / coals of / fire.

*14* The Lord also thundered / out of / heaven :

the Most High uttered his voice

with / hailstones and / coals of / fire.

*15* He sent out his / arrows and / scattered them :

he hurled down / lightnings and / put them to / flight.

*16a* The springs of the / ocean were / seen :

and the foun/dations of the / world un/covered

*16b* At your re/buke, O / Lord :

at the blast of the / breath of / your dis/pleasure.

*17* He reached down from on / high and / took me :

he drew me / out of the / mighty / waters.

*18* He delivered me from my / strong / enemy :

from foes that / were too / mighty / for me.

*19* They came upon me in the / day of my / trouble :

but the / Lord was / my up/holder.

*20* He brought me out into a / place of / liberty :

he rescued me be/cause he de/lighted / in me.

*21* The Lord rewarded me after my / righteous / dealing :

according to the cleanness of my / hands he / recom/pensed me,

*22* Because I had kept the / ways of the / Lord :

and had not gone / wickedly a/way from my / God,

*23* For I had an eye to / all his / laws :

and did not cast / out his com/mandments / from me.

*24* I was also whole/hearted be/fore him :

and / kept myself / from in/iquity;

*25* Therefore the Lord rewarded me after my / righteous / dealing :

and according to the cleanness of my / hands / in his / sight.

*26* With the faithful you / show yourself / faithful :

with the / true you / show yourself / true;

*27* With the pure you / show yourself / pure :

but with the crooked you / show your/self per/verse.

*28* For you will save a / lowly / people :

and bring down the / high / looks • of the / proud.

*29* You also shall / light my / candle :

the Lord my God shall make my / darkness / to be / bright.

*30* By your help I shall run at an / enemy / host :

with the help of my God / I can leap / over a / wall.

*31* As for God, his way is perfect;

the word of the Lord is / tried in the / fire :

he is a shield to / all who / trust in / him.

*32* For who is / God • but the / Lord :

and who is the / rock ex/cept our / God?

*33* It is God who girds me a/bout with / strength :

and / makes my / way / perfect.

*34* He makes my / feet like / hinds’ feet :

so that I tread / surely / on the / heights.

*35* He teaches my / hands to / fight :

and my arms to / bend a / bow of / bronze.

*36* You have given me the shield of / your sal/vation :

your right hand upholds me

and your / grace has / made me / great.

*37* You enlarge my / strides be/neath me :

yet my / feet / do not / slide.

*38* I will pursue my enemies and / over/take them :

nor turn again un/til I / have des/troyed them.

*39* I will smite them down so they / cannot / rise :

they shall / fall be/neath my / feet.

*40* You have girded me with / strength for the / battle :

you will cast / down my / enemies / under me;

*41* You will make my foes turn their / backs up/on me :

and I shall des/troy / them that / hate me.

*42* They will cry out, but there shall be / none to / help them :

they will cry to the Lord, / but he / will not / answer.

*43* I shall beat them as small as the / dust • on the / wind :

I will cast them out as the / mire / in the / streets.

*44* You will deliver me from the / strife of the / peoples :

you will / make me the / head • of the / nations.

*45* A people I have not known shall serve me;

as soon as they hear me, they / shall o/bey me :

strangers will / humble them/selves be/fore me.

*46* The foreign peoples / will lose / heart :

and come / trembling / out of their / strongholds.

*47* The Lord lives, and blessed / be my / rock! :

Praised be the / God of / my sal/vation,

*48* Even the / God who / vindicates me :

and sub/dues the / peoples / under me!

*49* You that deliver me from my enemies,

you will set me up a/bove my / foes :

from the / violent you / will de/liver me;

*50* Therefore will I give you thanks, O Lord, a/mong the / nations :

and sing / praises / to your / name,

‡*51* To the one who gives great victory / to his / king :

and shows faithful love to his anointed,

to David / and his / seed for / ever.

***Psalm 19***

*1* The heavens are telling the / glory of / God :

and the / firmament pro/claims his / handiwork.

*2* One day pours out its song / to an/other :

and one night unfolds / knowledge / to an/other.

*3* They have neither / speech nor / language :

and their / voices / are not / heard,

*4* Yet their sound has gone out into / all / lands :

and their / words • to the / ends of the / world.

*5* In them has he set a tabernacle / for the / sun :

that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber

and rejoices as a / champion to / run his / course.

*6* It goes forth from the end of the heavens

and runs to the very / end a/gain :

and there is nothing / hidden / from its / heat.

*7* The law of the Lord is perfect, re/viving the / soul :

the testimony of the Lord is sure

and gives / wisdom / to the / simple.

*8* The statutes of the Lord are right and re/joice the / heart :

the commandment of the Lord is pure

and gives / light / to the / eyes.

*9* The fear of the Lord is clean and en/dures for / ever :

the judgements of the Lord are true and / righteous / alto/gether.

*10* More to be desired are they than gold,

more than / much fine / gold :

sweeter also than honey, / dripping / from the / honeycomb.

‡*11* By them also is your / servant / taught :

and in keeping them / there is / great re/ward.

*12* Who can tell how often / they of/fend? :

O cleanse me / from my / secret / faults!

*13* Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins

lest they get do/minion / over me :

so shall I be undefiled, and / innocent of / great of/fence.

*14* Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable / in your / sight :

O Lord, my / strength and / my re/deemer.

***Psalm 20***

*1* May the Lord hear you in the / day of / trouble :

the name of the / God of / Jacob de/fend you;

*2* Send you / help from his / sanctuary :

and / strengthen you / out of / Zion;

*3* Remember / all your / offerings :

and ac/cept your / burnt / sacrifice;

*4* Grant you your / heart’s de/sire :

and ful/fil / all your / mind.

‡*5* May we rejoice in your salvation

and triumph in the / name of our / God :

may the Lord per/form all / your pe/titions.

*6* Now I know that the Lord will / save his a/nointed :

he will answer him from his holy heaven,

with the mighty / strength of / his right / hand.

*7* Some put their trust in chariots and / some in / horses :

but we will call only on the / name

of the / Lord our / God.

*8* They are brought / down and / fallen :

but we are / risen / and stand / upright.

*9* O Lord, / save the / king :

and answer us / when we / call up/on you.

***Psalm 21***

*1* The king shall rejoice in your / strength, O / Lord :

how greatly shall he re/joice in / your sal/vation!

*2* You have given him his / heart’s de/sire :

and have not de/nied • the re/quest of his / lips.

*3* For you come to meet him with / blessings of / goodness :

and set a crown of pure / gold up/on his / head.

*4* He asked of you / life • and you / gave it him :

length of / days, for / ever and / ever.

*5* His honour is great because of / your sal/vation :

glory and majesty / have you / laid up/on him.

*6* You have granted him ever/lasting fe/licity :

and will make him / glad with / joy • in your / presence.

‡*7* For the king puts his / trust in the / Lord :

because of the loving-kindness of the Most High,

he shall / not be / over/thrown.

*8* Your hand shall mark down / all your / enemies :

your right hand will / find out / those who / hate you.

*9* You will make them like a fiery oven in the / time of your / wrath :

the Lord will swallow them up in his anger

/ and the / fire will con/sume them.

*10* Their fruit you will root / out of the / land :

and their / seed • from a/mong its in/habitants.

*11* Because they intend / evil a/gainst you :

and devise wicked schemes / which they / cannot per/form,

*12* You will / put them to / flight :

when you / aim your / bow at their / faces.

*13* Be exalted, O Lord, in / your own / might :

we will make / music and / sing of your / power.

***Psalm 22***

*1* My God, my God, why have / you for/saken me :

and are so far from my salvation,

from the / words of / my dis/tress?

*2* O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you / do not / answer :

and by night also, / but I / find no / rest.

*3* Yet you / are the / Holy One :

enthroned up/on the / praises of / Israel.

*4* Our forebears / trusted in / you :

they / trusted, and / you de/livered them.

*5* They cried out to you and / were de/livered :

they put their trust in you / and were / not con/founded.

*6* But as for me, I am a worm and / no / man :

scorned by all / and des/pised • by the / people.

*7* All who see me / laugh me to / scorn :

they curl their lips and / wag their / heads, / saying,

*8* ‘He trusted in the Lord; / let him de/liver him :

let him de/liver him, if / he de/lights in him.’

*9* But it is you that took me / out of the / womb :

and laid me safe up/on my / mother’s / breast.

*10* On you was I cast ever since / I was / born :

you are my God even / from my / mother’s / womb.

‡*11* Be not far from me, for trouble is / near at / hand :

and / there is / none to / help.

*12* Mighty oxen / come a/round me :

fat bulls of Bashan 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;

all my bones are / out of / joint :

my heart has become like wax

/ melting • in the / depths of my / body.

*15* My mouth is dried up like a potsherd;

my tongue / cleaves to my / gums :

you have laid me / in the / dust of / death.

*16* For the hounds are all about me,

the pack of evildoers close / in on / me :

they / pierce my / hands and my / feet.

*17* I can count / all my / bones :

they stand / staring and / looking up/on me.

*18* They divide my / garments a/mong them :

they cast / lots / for my / clothing.

*19* Be not far from / me, O / Lord :

you are my / strength; / hasten to / help me.

*20* Deliver my soul / from the / sword :

my poor life / from the / power of the / dog.

*21* Save me from the / lion’s / mouth :

from the horns of wild oxen.

/ You have / answered / me!

*22* I will tell of your / name to my / people :

in the midst of the congre/gation / will I / praise you.

*23* Praise the Lord, / you that / fear him :

O seed of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of / him, O / seed of / Israel.

*24* For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;

neither has he hidden his / face / from them :

but when they / cried to / him he / heard them.

*25* From you comes my praise in the great / congre/gation :

I will perform my vows

in the / presence of / those that / fear you.

‡*26* The poor shall eat / and be / satisfied :

those who seek the Lord shall praise him;

their / hearts shall / live for / ever.

*27* All the ends of the earth shall remember and / turn to the / Lord :

and all the families of the / nations shall / bow be/fore him.

*28* For the kingdom / is the / Lord’s :

and he / rules / over the / nations.

*29* How can those who sleep in the earth bow / down in / worship :

or those who go down to the / dust / kneel be/fore him?

*30* He has saved my life for himself;

my des/cendants shall / serve him :

this shall be told of the Lord for / gene/rations to / come.

‡ *31* They shall come and make known his salvation,

to a people / yet un/born :

declaring that / he, the / Lord, has / done it.

***Psalm 23***

*1* The Lord / is my / shepherd :

therefore / can I / lack / nothing.

*2* He makes me lie down in / green / pastures :

and / leads me be/side still / waters.

*3* He shall re/fresh my / soul :

and guide me in the paths of righteousness

/ for his / name’s / sake.

*4* Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will / fear no / evil :

for you are with me;

your / rod and your / staff, they / comfort me.

*5* You spread a table before me

in the presence of / those who / trouble me :

you have anointed my head with oil

/ and my / cup shall be / full.

*6* Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me

all the / days of my / life :

and I will dwell in the / house of the / Lord for / ever.

***Psalm 24***

*1* The earth is the Lord’s and / all that / fills it :

the compass of the world and / all who / dwell there/in.

*2* For he has founded it up/on the / seas :

and set it firm upon the / rivers / of the / deep.

*3* ‘Who shall ascend the / hill of the / Lord :

or who can rise / up • in his / holy / place?’

*4* ‘Those who have clean hands and a / pure / heart :

who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,

nor / sworn an / oath • to a / lie;

*5* ‘They shall receive a blessing / from the / Lord :

a just reward from the / God of / their sal/vation.’

*6* Such is the company of / those who / seek him :

of those who seek your / face, O / God of / Jacob.

*7* Lift up your heads, O gates;

be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors :

and the King of / glory / shall come / in.

*8* ‘Who is the / King of / glory?’ :

‘The Lord, strong and mighty,

the / Lord • who is / mighty in / battle.’

*9* Lift up your heads, O gates;

be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors :

and the King of / glory / shall come / in.

*10* ‘Who is this / King of / glory?’ :

‘The Lord of hosts, / he is the / King of / glory.’

***Psalm 25***

*1* To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in / you I / trust :

let me not be put to shame;

let not my / enemies / triumph / over me.

*2* Let none who look to you be / put to / shame :

but let the / treacherous be / shamed • and frus/trated.

*3* Make me to know your / ways, O / Lord :

and / teach me / your / paths.

*4* Lead me in your / truth and / teach me :

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you have I / hoped / all the day / long.

*5* Remember, Lord, your com/passion and / love :

for they / are from / ever/lasting.

*6* Remember not the sins of my youth or / my trans/gressions :

but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,

according / to your / steadfast / love.

*7* Gracious and upright / is the / Lord :

therefore shall he teach / sinners / in the / way.

*8* He will guide the humble in / doing / right :

and / teach his / way to the / lowly.

*9* All the paths of the Lord are / mercy and / truth :

to those who keep his / covenant / and his / testimonies.

*10* For your name’s / sake, O / Lord :

be merciful to my / sin, for / it is / great.

*11* Who are those who / fear the / Lord? :

Them will he teach in the / way that / they should / choose.

*12* Their soul shall / dwell at / ease :

and their offspring / shall in/herit the / land.

*13* The hidden purpose of the Lord is for / those who / fear him :

and / he will / show them his / covenant.

*14* My eyes are ever / looking • to the / Lord :

for he shall pluck my / feet / out of the / net.

*15* Turn to me and be / gracious / to me :

for I am alone / and brought / very / low.

*16* The sorrows of my heart / have in/creased :

O bring me / out of / my dis/tress.

*17* Look upon my ad/versity and / misery :

and for/give me / all my / sin.

*18* Look upon my enemies, for / they are / many :

and they bear a / violent / hatred a/gainst me.

*19* O keep my soul / and de/liver me :

let me not be put to shame, for I have / put my / trust in / you.

*20* Let integrity and / uprightness pre/serve me :

for my / hope has / been in / you.

‡*21* Deliver / Israel, O / God :

out of / all / his / troubles.

***Psalm 26***

*1* Give judgement for me, O Lord,

for I have / walked with in/tegrity :

I have trusted in the / Lord and / have not / faltered.

*2* Test me, O / Lord, and / try me :

examine my / heart / and my / mind.

*3* For your love is be/fore my / eyes :

I have / walked / in your / truth.

*4* I have not joined the company / of the / false :

nor con/sorted / with the de/ceitful.

*5* I hate the gathering of / evil/doers :

and I will / not sit / down • with the / wicked.

*6* I will wash my hands in / innocence, O / Lord :

that I may / go a/bout your / altar,

*7* To make heard the / voice of / thanksgiving :

and tell of / all your / wonderful / deeds.

*8* Lord, I love the house of your / habi/tation :

and the / place • where your / glory a/bides.

*9* Sweep me not a/way with / sinners :

nor my / life / with the / bloodthirsty,

*10* Whose hands are full of / wicked / schemes :

and their / right hand / full of / bribes.

*11* As for me, I will / walk with in/tegrity :

redeem me, Lord, / and be / merciful / to me.

*12* My / foot stands / firm :

in the great congregation / I will / bless the / Lord.

***Psalm 27***

*1* 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 a/fraid?

*2* When the wicked, even my enemies / and my / foes :

came upon me to eat up my / flesh, they / stumbled / and / fell.

*3* Though a host encamp against me,

my heart shall / not be a/fraid :

and though there rise up war against me,

yet will I / put my / trust in / him.

*4a* One thing have I / asked • of the / Lord :

and / that a/lone I / seek:

*4b,5* 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 / seek his / will • in his / temple.

*6* For in the day of trouble

he shall hide me / in his / shelter :

in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me

and set me / high up/on a / rock.

*7* And now shall he / lift up my / head :

above my / enemies / round a/bout me;

*8* Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation

with / great / gladness :

I will sing and make / music / to the / Lord.

*9* Hear my voice, O Lord, / when I / call :

have mercy up/on me and / answer / me.

*10* My heart tells of your word, / ‘Seek my / face.’ :

Your / face, Lord, / will I / seek.

*11* Hide not your / face / from me :

nor cast your / servant a/way • in dis/pleasure.

*12* You have / been my / helper :

leave me not, neither forsake me, O / God of / my sal/vation.

‡*13* Though my father and my / mother for/sake me :

the / Lord will / take me / up.

*14* Teach me your / way, O / Lord :

lead me on a level path,

because of / those who / lie in / wait for me.

*15* Deliver me not into the / will of my / adversaries :

for false witnesses have risen up against me,

and / those who / breathe out / violence.

*16* I believe that I shall see the goodness / of the / Lord :

in the / land / of the / living.

*17* Wait for the Lord;

be strong and he shall / comfort your / heart :

wait / patiently / for the / Lord.

***Psalm 28***

*1* To you I call, O Lord my rock;

be not / deaf to my / cry :

lest, if you do not hear me,

I become like / those who go / down • to the / Pit.

*2* Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry / out to / you :

when I lift up my / hands • to your / holy of / holies.

*3* Do not snatch me away with the wicked,

with the / evil/doers :

who speak peaceably with their neighbours,

while / malice is / in their / hearts.

*4* Repay them according / to their / deeds :

and according to the / wickedness of / their de/vices.

*5* Reward them according to the / work of their / hands :

and / pay them their / just de/serts.

*6* They take no heed of the Lord’s doings,

nor of the / works of his / hands :

therefore shall he break them down

/ and not / build them / up.

*7* Blessed / be the / Lord :

for he has / heard the / voice of my / prayer.

*8* The Lord is my strength / and my / shield :

my heart has trusted in / him and / I am / helped;

‡*9* Therefore my heart / dances for / joy :

and in my / song / will I / praise him.

*10* The Lord is the / strength of his / people :

a safe / refuge for / his a/nointed.

*11* Save your people and / bless your in/heritance :

shepherd them and / carry / them for / ever.

***Psalm 29***

*1* Ascribe to the Lord, you / powers of / heaven :

ascribe to the / Lord / glory and / strength.

*2* Ascribe to the Lord the honour / due to his / name :

worship the / Lord • in the / beauty of / holiness.

*3* The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of / glory / thunders :

the Lord is up/on the / mighty / waters.

*4* The voice of the Lord is mighty in / oper/ation :

the voice of the Lord / is a / glorious / voice.

*5* The voice of the Lord / breaks the / cedar trees :

the Lord / breaks the / cedars of / Lebanon;

*6* He makes Lebanon / skip like a / calf :

and Sirion / like a / young wild / ox.

*7* The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;

the voice of the Lord / shakes the / wilderness :

the Lord / shakes the / wilderness of / Kadesh.

*8* The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe

and strips the / forests / bare :

in his / temple / all cry, / ‘Glory!’

*9* The Lord sits enthroned a/bove the / water flood :

the Lord sits enthroned as / king for / ever/more.

*10* The Lord shall give / strength to his / people :

the Lord shall give his / people the / blessing of / peace.

***Psalm 30***

*1* I will exalt you, O Lord,

because you have / raised me / up :

and have not let my / foes / triumph / over me.

*2* O/ Lord my / God :

I cried out to / you and / you have / healed me.

*3* You brought me up, O Lord, / from the / dead :

you restored me to life

from among / those • that go / down to the / Pit.

*4* Sing to the Lord, you / servants of / his :

give / thanks to his / holy / name.

*5* For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,

his favour / for a / lifetime :

heaviness may endure for a night,

but / joy / comes • in the / morning.

*6* In my prosperity I said,

‘I shall / never be / moved :

you, Lord, of your goodness,

have / made my / hill so / strong.’

*7* Then you hid your / face from / me :

and / I was / utterly dis/mayed.

*8* To you, O / Lord, I / cried :

to the Lord I / made my / suppli/cation:

*9* ‘What profit is there in my blood,

if I go / down to the / Pit? :

Will the dust praise you / or de/clare your / faithfulness?

*10* Hear, O Lord, and have / mercy up/on me :

O / Lord, / be my / helper.’

*11* You have turned my mourning / into / dancing :

you have put off my sackcloth and / girded / me with / gladness;

*12* Therefore my heart sings to / you without / ceasing :

O Lord my God, I will / give you / thanks for / ever.

***Psalm 31***

*1* In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

let me never be / put to / shame :

de/liver me / in your / righteousness.

*2* Incline your / ear to / me :

make / haste / to de/liver me.

*3* Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,

for you are my / rock and my / stronghold :

guide me, and / lead me / for your / name’s sake.

*4* Take me out of the net that they have laid / secretly / for me :

for / you / are my / strength.

*5* Into your hands I com/mend my / spirit :

for you have redeemed me, O / Lord / God of / truth.

*6* I hate those who cling to / worthless / idols :

I put my / trust / in the / Lord.

*7* I will be glad and re/joice in your / mercy :

for you have seen my affliction

and known my / soul / in ad/versity.

*8* You have not shut me up in the / hand of the / enemy :

you have set my / feet • in an / open / place.

*9* Have mercy on me, Lord, for / I am in / trouble :

my eye is consumed with sorrow,

my/ soul • and my / body / also.

*10* For my life is wasted with grief, and my / years with / sighing :

my strength fails me because of my affliction,

and my / bones / are con/sumed.

*11* I have become a reproach to all my enemies

and even to my neighbours,

an object of dread to / my ac/quaintances :

when they see me in the / street they / flee from / me.

*12* I am forgotten like one that is dead, / out of / mind :

I have be/come • like a / broken / vessel.

*13* For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;

fear is on / every / side :

they scheme together against me,

and / plot to / take my / life.

*14* But my trust is in / you, O / Lord :

I have / said, ‘You / are my / God.

*15* My times are / in your / hand :

deliver me from the hand of my enemies,

and from / those who / persecute / me.

*16* Make your face to shine up/on your / servant :

and save me / for your / mercy’s / sake.’

*17* Lord, let me not be confounded

for I have / called up/on you :

but let the wicked be put to shame;

let them be / silent / in the / grave.

*18* Let the lying lips be / put to / silence :

that speak against the righteous with / arrogance,

dis/dain • and con/tempt.

*19* How abundant is your goodness, O Lord,

which you have laid up for / those who / fear you :

which you have prepared in the sight of all

for those who / put their / trust in / you.

*20* You hide them in the shelter of your presence

from / those who / slander them :

you keep them safe in your refuge

/ from the / strife of / tongues.

*21* Blessed / be the / Lord! :

For he has shown me his steadfast love

when I was / as a / city be/sieged.

*22* I had said in my alarm,

‘I have been cut off from the / sight of your / eyes.’ :

Nevertheless, you heard the voice of my prayer

when I / cried / out to / you.

*23* Love the Lord, all / you his / servants :

for the Lord protects the faithful,

but re/pays • to the / full the / proud.

*24* Be strong and let your / heart take / courage :

all you who wait in / hope / for the / Lord.

***Psalm 32***

*1* Happy the one whose transgression / is for/given :

and / whose / sin is / covered.

*2* Happy the one to whom the Lord im/putes no / guilt :

and in whose / spirit there / is no / guile.

*3* For I / held my / tongue :

my bones wasted away

through my / groaning / all the day / long.

*4* Your hand was heavy upon me / day and / night :

my moisture was dried up / like the / drought in / summer.

*5* Then I acknowledged my / sin to / you :

and my in/iquity I / did not / hide.

*6* I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions / to the / Lord’ :

and you for/gave the / guilt of my / sin.

*7* Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you

in / time of / trouble :

in the great / water flood, it / shall not / reach them.

*8* You are a place for me to hide in;

you pre/serve me from / trouble :

you sur/round me with / songs of de/liverance.

*9* ‘I will instruct you and teach you

in the way that / you should / go :

I will / guide you / with my / eye.

*10* ‘Be not like horse and mule

which have / no • under/standing :

whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,

or else they / will not / stay / near you.’

*11* Great tribulations re/main for the / wicked :

but mercy embraces / those who / trust in the / Lord.

*12* Be glad, you righteous, and re/joice in the / Lord :

shout for joy, / all who are / true of / heart.

***Psalm 33***

*1* Rejoice in the Lord, / O you / righteous :

for it is / good for the / just to sing / praises.

*2* Praise the Lord / with the / lyre :

on the ten-stringed / harp / sing his / praise.

*3* Sing for him a / new / song :

play / skilfully, with / shouts of / praise.

*4* For the word of the / Lord is / true :

and / all his / works are / sure.

*5* He loves / righteousness and / justice :

the earth is full of the loving/kindness / of the / Lord.

*6* By the word of the Lord were the / heavens / made :

and all their / host • by the / breath of his / mouth.

*7* He gathers up the waters of the sea as / in a / waterskin :

and lays up the / deep / in his / treasury.

*8* Let all the earth / fear the / Lord :

stand in awe of him, / all who / dwell in the / world.

*9* For he spoke, and / it was / done :

he com/manded, and / it stood / fast.

*10* The Lord brings the counsel of the / nations to / naught :

he frus/trates the de/signs of the / peoples.

*11* But the counsel of the Lord shall en/dure for / ever :

and the designs of his heart from gene/ration to / gene/ration.

*12* Happy the nation whose / God is the / Lord :

and the people he has / chosen / for his / own.

*13* The Lord looks / down from / heaven :

and beholds / all the / children of / earth.

*14* From where he sits enthroned he / turns his / gaze :

on / all who / dwell on the / earth.

*15* He fashions / all the / hearts of them :

and under/stands / all their / works.

*16* No king is saved by the / might of his / host :

no warrior delivered / by his / great / strength.

*17* A horse is a vain hope / for de/liverance :

for all its / strength it / cannot / save.

*18* Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon / those who / fear him :

on those who wait in / hope • for his / steadfast / love,

*19* To deliver their / soul from / death :

and to / feed them in / time of / famine.

*20* Our soul waits longingly / for the / Lord :

he is our / help / and our / shield.

*21* Indeed, our heart re/joices / in him :

in his holy name / have we / put our / trust.

*22* Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, / be up/on us :

as we have / set our / hope on / you.

***Psalm 34***

*1* I will bless the / Lord at / all times :

his praise shall / ever be / in my / mouth.

*2* My soul shall glory / in the / Lord :

let the / humble / hear and be / glad.

*3* O magnify the / Lord with / me :

let us ex/alt his / name to/gether.

*4* I sought the Lord / and he / answered me :

and de/livered me from / all my / fears.

*5* Look upon him / and be / radiant :

and your faces / shall not / be a/shamed.

*6* This poor soul cried, and the / Lord / heard me :

and / saved me from / all my / troubles.

*7* The angel / of the / Lord :

encamps around those who / fear him / and de/livers them.

*8* O taste and see that the / Lord is / gracious :

blessed is the / one who / trusts in / him.

*9* Fear the Lord, all / you his / holy ones :

for those who / fear him / lack / nothing.

*10* Lions may lack and / suffer / hunger :

but those who seek the Lord lack / nothing / that is / good.

*11* Come, my children, and / listen to / me :

I will / teach you the / fear • of the / Lord.

*12* Who is there who de/lights in / life :

and longs for / days to en/joy good / things?

*13* Keep your / tongue from / evil :

and your / lips from / lying / words.

*14* Turn from evil / and do / good :

seek / peace / and pur/sue it.

*15* The eyes of the Lord are up/on the / righteous :

and his ears are / open / to their / cry.

*16* The face of the Lord is against / those who do / evil :

to root out the re/membrance • of them / from the / earth.

*17* The righteous cry and the / Lord / hears them :

and delivers them / out of / all their / troubles.

*18* The Lord is near to the / broken/hearted :

and will save / those • who are / crushed in / spirit.

*19* Many are the / troubles • of the / righteous :

from them / all • will the / Lord de/liver them.

*20* He keeps / all their / bones :

so that not / one of / them is / broken.

*21* But evil shall / slay the / wicked :

and those who hate the / righteous will / be con/demned.

*22* The Lord ransoms the / life of his / servants :

and will condemn / none who seek / refuge / in him.

***Psalm 35***

*1* Contend, O Lord, with those that con/tend with / me :

fight against / those that / fight a/gainst me.

*2* Take up / shield and / buckler :

and / rise / up to / help me.

*3* Draw the spear and bar the way against those / who pur/sue me :

say to my soul, / ‘I am / your sal/vation.’

*4* Let those who seek after my life be shamed / and dis/graced :

let those who plot my ruin fall back / and be / put to con/fusion.

*5* Let them be as chaff be/fore the / wind :

with the angel of the / Lord / thrusting them / down.

*6* Let their way be / dark and / slippery :

with the / angel • of the / Lord pur/suing them.

*7* For they have secretly spread a net for me with/out a / cause :

without any cause they have / dug a / pit for my / soul.

*8* Let ruin come upon them / una/wares :

let them be caught in the net they laid;

let them / fall in it to / their des/truction.

*9* Then will my soul be joyful / in the / Lord :

and / glory in / his sal/vation.

*10* My very bones will say, ‘Lord, / who is / like you? :

You deliver the poor from those that are too strong for them,

the poor and needy from / those who / would de/spoil them.’

*11* False witnesses rose / up a/gainst me :

they / charged me with / things I / knew not.

*12* They rewarded me / evil for / good :

to the deso/lation / of my / soul.

*13* But as for me, when they were sick I / put on / sackcloth :

and / humbled my/self with / fasting;

*14* When my prayer returned empty / to my / bosom :

it was as though I / grieved • for my / friend or / brother;

*15* I behaved as one who / mourns for his / mother :

bowed down and / brought / very / low.

*16* But when I stumbled, they gathered in delight;

they gathered to/gether a/gainst me :

as if they were strangers I did not know

they / tore at / me without / ceasing.

*17* When I / fell they / mocked me :

they / gnashed at me / with their / teeth.

*18* O Lord, how long will / you look / on? :

Rescue my soul from their ravages,

and my poor / life • from the / young / lions.

*19* I will give you thanks in the great / congre/gation :

I will praise you / in the / mighty / throng.

*20* Do not let my treacherous foes re/joice over / me :

or those who hate me without a cause

/ mock me / with their / glances.

*21* For they do not / speak of / peace :

but invent deceitful schemes against those

that are / quiet / in the / land.

*22* They opened wide their mouths and de/rided me, / saying :

‘We have seen it / with our / very / eyes.’

‡*23* This you have seen, O Lord; do / not keep / silent :

go not / far from / me, O / Lord.

*24* Awake, arise, / to my / cause :

to my defence, my / God / and my / Lord!

*25* Give me justice, O Lord my God,

according / to your / righteousness :

let them not / triumph / over / me.

*26* Let them not say to themselves, ‘Our / heart’s de/sire!’ :

Let them not say, / ‘We have / swallowed him / up.’

*27* Let all who rejoice at my trouble

be put to / shame and con/fusion :

let those who boast against me

be / clothed with / shame and dis/honour.

*28* Let those who favour my cause re/joice and be / glad :

let them say always, ‘Great is the Lord,

who de/lights • in his / servant’s well-/being.’

*29* So shall my tongue be talking / of your / righteousness :

and of your / praise / all the day / long.

***Psalm 36***

*1* Sin whispers to the wicked, in the / depths of their / heart :

there is no fear of / God be/fore their / eyes.

*2* They flatter themselves in their / own / eyes :

that their abominable sin / will not / be found / out.

*3* The words of their mouth are unrighteous and / full of de/ceit :

they have ceased to act wisely / and to / do / good.

*4* They think out mischief upon their beds

and have set themselves in / no good / way :

nor do they ab/hor / that which is / evil.

*5* Your love, O Lord, reaches / to the / heavens :

and your / faithfulness / to the / clouds.

*6* Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,

your justice like the / great / deep :

you, Lord, shall / save both / man and / beast.

*7* How precious is your loving / mercy, O / God! :

All mortal flesh shall take refuge

under the / shadow / of your / wings.

*8* They shall be satisfied with the abundance / of your / house :

they shall drink from the / river of / your de/lights.

*9* For with you is the / well of / life :

and in your / light shall / we see / light.

*10* O continue your loving-kindness to / those who / know you :

and your righteousness to / those who are / true of / heart.

*11* Let not the foot of pride / come a/gainst me :

nor the hand of the un/godly / thrust me a/way.

*12* There are they fallen, / all who work / wickedness :

they are cast down and shall / not be / able to / stand.

***Psalm 37***

*1* Fret not because of / evil/doers :

be not / jealous of / those • who do / wrong.

*2* For they shall soon / wither like / grass :

and like the green / herb / fade a/way.

*3* Trust in the Lord and be / doing / good :

dwell in the land / and be / nourished with / truth.

*4* Let your delight be / in the / Lord :

and he will / give you your / heart’s de/sire.

*5* Commit your way to the Lord and put your / trust in / him :

and / he will / bring it to / pass.

*6* He will make your righteousness as / clear as the / light :

and your just / dealing / as the / noonday.

*7* Be still before the Lord and / wait for / him :

do not fret over those that prosper

as they / follow their / evil / schemes.

*8* Refrain from anger and a/bandon / wrath :

do not fret, / lest you be / moved • to do / evil.

*9* For evildoers / shall be cut / off :

but those who wait upon the Lord / shall pos/sess the / land.

*10* Yet a little while and the wicked shall / be no / more :

you will search for their / place and / find them / gone.

*11* But the lowly shall pos/sess the / land :

and shall de/light • in a/bundance of / peace.

*12* The wicked plot a/gainst the / righteous :

and / gnash at them / with their / teeth.

*13* The Lord shall / laugh at the / wicked :

for he / sees that their / day is / coming.

*14* The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow

to strike down the / poor and / needy :

to slaughter / those who / walk in / truth.

*15* Their sword shall go through their / own / heart :

and their / bows / shall be / broken.

*16* The little that the / righteous / have :

is better than great / riches / of the / wicked.

*17* For the arms of the wicked / shall be / broken :

but the / Lord up/holds the / righteous.

*18* The Lord knows the / days of the / godly :

and their in/heritance shall / stand for / ever.

*19* They shall not be put to shame in the / perilous / time :

and in days of famine / they shall / have e/nough.

*20* But the / wicked shall / perish :

like the glory of the meadows

the enemies of the Lord shall vanish;

/ they shall / vanish like / smoke.

*21* The wicked borrow and / do not re/pay :

but the / righteous are / generous in / giving.

*22* For those who are blest by God shall pos/sess the / land :

but those who are cursed by / him • shall be / rooted / out.

*23* When your steps are guided / by the / Lord :

and you de/light / in his / way,

*24* Though you stumble, you shall / not fall / headlong :

for the Lord / holds you / fast • by the / hand.

*25* I have been young and / now am / old :

yet never have I seen the righteous forsaken,

or their / children / begging their / bread.

*26* All the day long they are / generous in / lending :

and their children / also / shall be / blest.

*27* Depart from evil / and do / good :

and you / shall a/bide for / ever.

*28* For the Lord loves the / thing that is / right :

and will / not for/sake his / faithful ones.

*29* The unjust shall be des/troyed for / ever :

and the offspring of the wicked / shall be / rooted / out.

*30* The righteous shall pos/sess the / land :

and / dwell in / it for / ever.

*31* The mouth of the righteous / utters / wisdom :

and their tongue / speaks the / thing that is / right.

*32* The law of their God is / in their / heart :

and their / footsteps / shall not / slide.

*33* The wicked / spy on the / righteous :

and / seek oc/casion to / slay them.

*34* The Lord will not leave them / in their / hand :

nor let them be con/demned when / they are / judged.

*35* Wait upon the Lord and / keep his / way :

he will raise you up to possess the land,

and when the wicked are up/rooted, / you shall / see it.

*36* I myself have seen the wicked in / great / power :

and flourishing like a / tree in / full / leaf.

‡*37* I went by and lo, / they were / gone :

I sought them, but / they could / nowhere be / found.

*38* Keep innocence and heed the / thing that is / right :

for that will / bring you / peace at the / last.

*39* But the sinners shall / perish to/gether :

and the posterity of the wicked / shall be / rooted / out.

*40* The salvation of the righteous / comes from the / Lord :

he is their stronghold / in the / time of / trouble.

*41* The Lord shall stand by them / and de/liver them :

he shall deliver them from the wicked and shall save them,

because they have / put their / trust in / him.

***Psalm 38***

*1* Rebuke me not, O Lord, / in your / anger :

neither chasten me / in your / heavy dis/pleasure.

*2* For your arrows have stuck / fast in / me :

and your hand / presses / hard up/on me.

*3* There is no health in my flesh

because of your / indig/nation :

there is no peace in my / bones be/cause of my / sin.

*4* For my iniquities have gone / over my / head :

their weight is a / burden too / heavy to / bear.

*5* My wounds / stink and / fester :

be/cause of / my / foolishness.

*6* I am utterly bowed down and brought / very / low :

I go about / mourning / all the day / long.

*7* My loins are filled with / searing / pain :

there / is no / health in my / flesh.

*8* I am feeble and / utterly / crushed :

I roar aloud because of the dis/quiet / of my / heart.

*9* O Lord, you know / all my de/sires :

and my sighing / is not / hidden from / you.

*10* My heart is pounding, my / strength has / failed me :

the light of my / eyes is / gone from / me.

*11* My friends and companions stand apart from / my af/fliction :

my / neighbours / stand a/far off.

*12* Those who seek after my life lay / snares for / me :

and those who would harm me whisper evil

and mutter / slander / all the day / long.

*13* But I am like one who is / deaf and / hears not :

like one that is dumb, who / does not / open his / mouth.

*14* I have become like one who / does not / hear :

and from whose / mouth comes / no re/tort.

*15* For in you, Lord, have I / put my / trust :

you will / answer me, O / Lord my / God.

*16* For I said, ‘Let them not / triumph / over me :

those who exult over me / when my / foot / slips.’

*17* Truly, I am on the / verge of / falling :

and my / pain is / ever / with me.

*18* I will confess / my in/iquity :

and be / sorry / for my / sin.

*19* Those that are my enemies without any / cause are / mighty :

and those who hate me / wrongfully are / many in / number.

*20* Those who repay evil for good / are a/gainst me :

because the / good is / what I / seek.

*21* Forsake me / not, O / Lord :

be not / far from me, / O my / God.

*22* Make / haste to / help me :

O / Lord of / my sal/vation.

***Psalm 39***

*1* I said, ‘I will keep watch / over my / ways :

so that I of/fend not / with my / tongue.

*2* I will guard my mouth / with a / muzzle :

while the / wicked are / in my / sight.’

*3* So I held my tongue / and said / nothing :

I kept / silent • but to / no a/vail.

*4* My distress increased, my heart grew / hot with/in me :

while I mused, the fire was kindled

and I / spoke out / with my / tongue:

*5* ‘Lord, let me know my end and the number / of my / days :

that I may / know how / short my / time is.

*6* You have made my days but a handsbreadth,

and my lifetime is as nothing / in your / sight :

truly, even those who stand / upright are / but a / breath.

*7* We walk about like a shadow and in vain we / are in / turmoil :

we heap up riches and / cannot tell / who will / gather them.

*8* And now / what is my / hope? :

Truly my / hope is / even in / you.

‡*9* Deliver me from / all my trans/gressions :

and do not / make me the / taunt of the / fool.’

*10* I fell silent and did not / open my / mouth :

for surely / it was / your / doing.

*11* Take away your / plague from / me :

I am con/sumed • by the / blows of your / hand.

*12* With rebukes for sin you punish us;

like a moth you con/sume our / beauty :

truly / everyone is / but a / breath.

*13* Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give / ear to my / cry :

hold / not your / peace at my / tears.

*14* For I am but a / stranger with / you :

a wayfarer, as / all my / forebears / were.

*15* Turn your gaze from me, that I may be / glad a/gain :

before I go my / way and / am no / more.

***Psalm 40***

*1* I waited patiently / for the / Lord :

he inclined to / me and / heard my / cry.

*2* He brought me out of the roaring pit,

out of the / mire and / clay :

he set my feet upon a rock and / made my / footing / sure.

*3* He has put a new song in my mouth,

a song of / praise • to our / God :

many shall see and fear

and / put their / trust in the / Lord.

*4* Blessed is the one who / trusts in the / Lord :

who does not turn to the / proud that / follow a / lie.

*5* Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.

How great your de/signs for / us! :

There is none that / can be com/pared with / you.

*6* If I were to proclaim / them and / tell of them :

they would be more than I am / able / to ex/press.

*7* Sacrifice and offering you do / not de/sire :

but my / ears / you have / opened;

*8* Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have / not re/quired :

then / said I: / ‘Lo, I / come.

*9* In the scroll of the book it is written of me

that I should do your will, / O my / God :

I delight to do it: your / law • is with/in my / heart.’

*10* I have declared your righteousness

in the great / congre/gation :

behold, I did not restrain my lips,

and / that, O / Lord, you / know.

*11a* Your righteousness I have not hidden / in my / heart :

I have spoken of your / faithfulness and / your sal/vation;

*11b* I have not concealed your loving/kindness and / truth :

from the / great / congre/gation.

*12* Do not withhold your compassion from / me, O / Lord :

let your love and your / faithfulness / always pre/serve me,

*13* For innumerable troubles have come about me;

my sins have overtaken me so that I / cannot look / up :

they are more in number than the hairs of my head,

/ and my / heart / fails me.

*14* Be pleased, O Lord, / to de/liver me :

O / Lord, make / haste to / help me.

*15* Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed

who seek after my life / to des/troy it :

let them be driven back and put to / shame

who / wish me / evil.

*16* Let those who heap / insults up/on me :

be / desolate be/cause of their / shame.

*17* Let all who seek you rejoice in you / and be / glad :

let those who love your salvation say / always,

‘The / Lord is / great.’

*18* Though I am / poor and / needy :

the / Lord / cares for / me.

*19* You are my helper and / my de/liverer :

O my / God, make / no de/lay.

***Psalm 41***

*1* Blessed are those who consider the / poor and / needy :

the Lord will deliver them / in the / time of / trouble.

*2* The Lord preserves them and restores their life,

that they may be happy / in the / land :

he will not hand them / over •

to the / will of their / enemies.

*3* The Lord sustains them / on their / sickbed :

their sickness, / Lord, you / will re/move.

*4* And so I said, ‘Lord, be / merciful / to me :

heal me, for / I have / sinned a/gainst you.’

*5* My enemies speak / evil a/bout me :

asking when I shall / die • and my / name / perish.

*6* If they come to see me, they utter / empty / words :

their heart gathers mischief;

when they go / out, they / tell it a/broad.

*7* All my enemies whisper to/gether a/gainst me :

against me / they de/vise / evil,

*8* Saying that a deadly thing / has laid / hold on me :

and that I will not rise a/gain from / where I / lie.

‡*9* Even my bosom friend, whom I trusted,

who / ate of my / bread :

has lifted / up his / heel a/gainst me.

*10* But you, O Lord, be / merciful / to me :

and raise me up, / that I / may re/ward them.

*11* By this I / know that you / favour me :

that my enemy / does not / triumph / over me.

*12* Because of my integrity / you up/hold me :

and will set me be/fore your / face for / ever.

*13* Blessed be the Lord / God of / Israel :

from everlasting to everlasting. A/men and / A/men.

***Psalm 42***

*1* As the deer / longs for the / water brooks :

so longs my / soul for / you, O / God.

*2* My soul is athirst for God, even for the / living / God :

when shall I come be/fore the / presence of / God?

*3* My tears have been my bread / day and / night :

while all day long they say to me, / ‘Where is / now your / God?’

*4* Now when I think on these things, I pour / out my / soul :

how I went with the multitude

and led the procession / to the / house of / God,

‡*5* With the voice of / praise and / thanksgiving :

among / those who / kept / holy day.

*6* Why are you so full of heaviness, / O my / soul :

and why are you / so dis/quieted with/in me?

*7* O put your / trust in / God :

for I will yet give him thanks,

who is the help of my / countenance, / and my / God.

*8* My soul is / heavy with/in me :

therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,

and from Hermon / and the / hill of / Mizar.

*9* Deep calls to deep in the / thunder • of your / waterfalls :

all your breakers and / waves / have gone / over me.

*10* The Lord will grant his loving-kindness / in the / daytime :

through the night his song will be with me,

a / prayer • to the / God of my / life.

*11* I say to God my rock, ‘Why have / you for/gotten me :

and why go I so heavily, / while the / enemy op/presses me?’

‡*12* As they crush my bones, my / enemies / mock me :

while all day long they say to me, / ‘Where is / now your / God?’

*13* Why are you so full of heaviness, / O my / soul :

and why are you / so dis/quieted with/in me?

*14* O put your / trust in / God :

for I will yet give him thanks,

who is the help of my / countenance, / and my / God.

***Psalm 43***

*1* Give judgement for me, O God,

and defend my cause against an un/godly / people :

deliver me from the de/ceitful / and the / wicked.

*2* For you are the God of my refuge;

why have you / cast me / from you :

and why go I so heavily, / while the / enemy op/presses me?

*3* O send out your light and your truth,

that / they may / lead me :

and bring me to your holy / hill and / to your / dwelling,

*4* That I may go to the altar of God,

to the God of my / joy and / gladness :

and on the lyre I will give thanks to / you, O / God my / God.

*5* Why are you so full of heaviness, / O my / soul :

and why are you / so dis/quieted with/in me?

*6* O put your / trust in / God :

for I will yet give him thanks,

who is the help of my / countenance, / and my / God.

***Psalm 44***

*1* We have heard with our ears, O God,

our / forebears have / told us :

all that you did in their / days, in / time of / old;

*2* How with your hand you drove out nations and / planted us / in :

and broke the power of / peoples and / set us / free.

*3* For not by their own sword did our ancestors / take the / land :

nor / did their / own arm / save them,

*4* But your right hand, your arm,

and the / light of your / countenance :

because / you were / gracious / to them.

*5* You are my King / and my / God :

who com/manded sal/vation for / Jacob.

*6* Through you we drove / back our / adversaries :

through your name / we trod / down our / foes.

*7* For I did not / trust in my / bow :

it was / not my own / sword that / saved me;

*8* It was you that saved us / from our / enemies :

and / put our / adversaries to / shame.

‡*9* We gloried in God / all the day / long :

and were / ever / praising your / name.

*10* But now you have rejected us and / brought us to / shame :

and / go not / out • with our / armies.

*11* You have made us turn our backs / on our / enemies :

and our / enemies / have de/spoiled us.

*12* You have made us like sheep / to be / slaughtered :

and have / scattered us a/mong the / nations.

*13* You have sold your people / for a / pittance :

and made no / profit / on their / sale.

*14* You have made us the / taunt of our / neighbours :

the scorn and derision of / those that are / round a/bout us.

*15* You have made us a byword a/mong the / nations :

among the / peoples they / wag their / heads.

*16* My confusion is / daily be/fore me :

and / shame has / covered my / face,

*17* At the taunts of the slanderer / and re/viler :

at the sight of the / enemy / and a/venger.

*18* All this has come upon us, though we have / not for/gotten you :

and have / not played / false • to your / covenant.

*19* Our hearts have / not turned / back :

nor our / steps gone / out of your / way,

*20* Yet you have crushed us in the / haunt of / jackals :

and covered us / with the / shadow of / death.

*21* If we have forgotten the / name of our / God :

or stretched out our hands to / any / strange / god,

*22* Will not God / search it / out? :

For he knows the / secrets / of the / heart.

*23* But for your sake are we killed / all the day / long :

and are counted as / sheep / for the / slaughter.

*24* Rise up! Why / sleep, O / Lord? :

Awake, and / do not re/ject us for / ever.

*25* Why do you / hide your / face :

and forget our / grief / and op/pression?

*26* Our soul is bowed / down • to the / dust :

our / belly / cleaves to the / earth.

*27* Rise up, O / Lord, to / help us :

and redeem us for the / sake of your / steadfast / love.

***Psalm 45***

*1* My heart is astir with / gracious / words :

as I make my song for the king,

my tongue is the / pen • of a / ready / writer.

*2* You are the / fairest of / men :

full of grace are your lips,

for / God has / blest you for / ever.

*3* Gird your sword upon your / thigh, O / mighty one :

gird on your / majes/ty and / glory.

*4* Ride on and prosper in the / cause of / truth :

and for the sake of hu/mili/ty and / righteousness.

*5* Your right hand will teach you / terrible / things :

your arrows will be sharp in the heart of the king’s enemies,

so that / peoples / fall be/neath you.

*6* Your throne is / God’s throne, for / ever :

the sceptre of your kingdom / is the / sceptre of / righteousness.

*7* You love righteousness and / hate in/iquity :

therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of / gladness a/bove your / fellows.

*8* All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, / aloes and / cassia :

from ivory palaces the music of / strings / makes you / glad.

‡*9* Kings’ daughters are among your / honourable / women :

at your right hand stands the / queen in / gold of / Ophir.

*10* Hear, O daughter; consider and in/cline your / ear :

forget your own people / and your / father’s / house.

*11* So shall the king have pleasure / in your / beauty :

he is your / lord, so / do him / honour.

*12* The people of Tyre shall / bring you / gifts :

the richest of the / people shall / seek your / favour.

*13* The king’s daughter is all / glorious with/in :

her clothing is em/broidered / cloth of / gold.

*14* She shall be brought to the king in / raiment of / needlework :

after her the / virgins • that are / her com/panions.

*15* With joy and gladness shall / they be / brought :

and enter into the / palace / of the / king.

*16* ‘Instead of your fathers / you shall have / sons :

whom you shall make princes / over / all the / land.

*17* I will make your name to be remembered

through / all • gene/rations :

therefore shall the peoples / praise you for / ever and / ever.’

***Psalm 46***

*1* God is our / refuge and / strength :

a very / present / help in / trouble;

*2* Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth be / moved :

and though the mountains tremble / in the / heart of the / sea;

‡*3* Though the waters / rage and / swell :

and though the mountains / quake • at the / towering / seas.

*4* There is a river whose streams make glad the / city of / God :

the holy place of the / dwelling • of the / Most / High.

*5* God is in the midst of her;

therefore shall she / not be re/moved :

God shall / help her • at the / break of / day.

*6* The nations are in uproar and the / kingdoms are / shaken :

but God utters his voice and the / earth shall / melt a/way.

*7* The Lord of / hosts is / with us :

the God of / Jacob / is our / stronghold.

*8* Come and behold the / works of the / Lord :

what destruction he has / wrought up/on the / earth.

*9* He makes wars to cease in / all the / world :

he shatters the bow and snaps the spear

and burns the / chariots / in the / fire.

*10* ‘Be still, and know that / I am / God :

I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be ex/alted / in the / earth.’

*11* The Lord of / hosts is / with us :

the God of / Jacob / is our / stronghold.

***Psalm 47***

*1* Clap your hands together, / all you / peoples :

O sing to / God with / shouts of / joy.

*2* For the Lord Most High / is to be / feared :

he is the great / King • over / all the / earth.

*3* He subdued the / peoples / under us :

and the / nations / under our / feet.

*4* He has chosen our / heritage / for us :

the pride of / Jacob, / whom he / loves.

*5* God has gone up with a / merry / noise :

the Lord / with the / sound of the / trumpet.

*6* O sing praises to / God, sing / praises :

sing praises / to our / King, sing / praises.

*7* For God is the King of / all the / earth :

sing / praises with / all your / skill.

*8* God reigns / over the / nations :

God has taken his seat up/on his / holy / throne.

*9* The nobles of the peoples are / gathered to/gether :

with the people / of the / God of / Abraham.

*10* For the powers of the earth be/long to / God :

and he is / very / highly ex/alted.

***Psalm 48***

*1* Great is the Lord and / highly • to be / praised :

in the / city / of our / God.

*2* His holy mountain is fair and / lifted / high :

the / joy of / all the / earth.

*3* On Mount Zion, the di/vine / dwelling place :

stands the / city • of the / great / king.

*4* In her palaces God has / shown him/self :

to / be a / sure / refuge.

*5* For behold, the kings of the / earth as/sembled :

and / swept / forward to/gether.

*6* They saw, and / were dumb/founded :

dis/mayed, they / fled in / terror.

*7* Trembling seized them there;

they writhed like a / woman in / labour :

as when the east wind / shatters the / ships of / Tarshish.

*8* As we had heard, so have we seen

in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city / of our / God :

God has es/tablished / her for / ever.

*9* We have waited on your loving/kindness, O / God :

in the / midst / of your / temple.

*10* As with your name, O God,

so your praise reaches to the / ends of the / earth :

your right / hand is / full of / justice.

*11* Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of / Judah be / glad :

be/cause of your / judgements, O / Lord.

*12* Walk about Zion and go round about her;

count / all her / towers :

consider well her / bulwarks; pass / through her / citadels,

‡*13* That you may tell those who come after

that such is our God for / ever and / ever :

It is he that shall be our / guide for / ever/more.

***Psalm 49***

*1* Hear this, / all you / peoples :

listen, all / you that / dwell in the / world,

*2* You of low or / high de/gree :

both / rich and / poor to/gether.

*3* My mouth shall / speak of / wisdom :

and my heart shall / meditate on / under/standing.

*4* I will incline my ear / to a / parable :

I will unfold my / riddle / with the / lyre.

*5* Why should I fear in / evil / days :

when the / malice • of my / foes sur/rounds me,

*6* Such as trust / in their / goods :

and glory in the a/bundance / of their / riches?

*7* For no one can indeed / ransom an/other :

or pay to / God the / price of de/liverance.

*8* To ransom a soul / is too / costly :

there is / no price / one could / pay for it,

‡*9* So that they might / live for / ever :

and / never / see the / grave.

*10* For we see that the wise die also;

with the foolish and / ignorant they / perish :

and / leave their / riches to / others.

*11* Their tomb is their home for ever,

their dwelling through / all • gene/rations :

though they call their lands / after their / own / names.

*12* Those who have honour, but lack / under/standing :

are / like the / beasts that / perish.

*13* Such is the way of those who boast / in them/selves :

the end of those who delight / in their / own / words.

*14* Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die;

death / is their / shepherd :

they go / down / straight • to the / Pit.

*15* Their beauty shall / waste a/way :

and the land of the / dead shall / be their / dwelling.

*16* But God shall / ransom my / soul :

from the grasp of / death / will he / take me.

*17* Be not afraid if / some grow / rich :

and the / glory • of their / house in/creases,

*18* For they will carry nothing away / when they / die :

nor will their / glory / follow / after them.

*19* Though they count themselves happy / while they / live :

and / praise you / for your suc/cess,

*20* They shall enter the company / of their / ancestors :

who will / nevermore / see the / light.

*21* Those who have honour, but lack / under/standing :

are / like the / beasts that / perish.

***Psalm 50***

*1* The Lord, the most mighty / God, has / spoken :

and called the world

from the rising of the / sun / to its / setting.

*2* Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, / God shines / forth :

our God comes / and will / not keep / silence.

*3* Consuming fire goes / out be/fore him :

and a mighty / tempest / stirs a/bout him.

*4* He calls the / heaven a/bove :

and the earth, that / he may / judge his / people:

*5* ‘Gather to / me my / faithful :

who have / sealed my / covenant with / sacrifice.’

*6* Let the heavens de/clare his / righteousness :

for / God him/self is / judge.

*7* Hear, O my people, and / I will / speak :

‘I will testify against you, O Israel;

for / I am / God, your / God.

*8* I will not reprove you / for your / sacrifices :

for your burnt / offerings are / always be/fore me.

*9* I will take no bull / out of your / house :

nor / he-goat / out of your / folds,

*10* For all the beasts of the / forest are / mine :

the cattle up/on a / thousand / hills.

*11* I know every / bird of the / mountains :

and the / insect • of the / field is / mine.

*12* If I were hungry, I / would not / tell you :

for the whole world is / mine and / all that / fills it.

*13* Do you think I eat the / flesh of / bulls :

or / drink the / blood of / goats?

*14* Offer to God a / sacrifice of / thanksgiving :

and fulfil your / vows to / God Most / High.

‡*15* Call upon me in the / day of / trouble :

I will deliver / you and / you shall / honour me.’

*16* But to the / wicked, says / God :

‘Why do you recite my statutes

and take my / covenant up/on your / lips,

*17* Since you re/fuse to be / disciplined :

and have / cast my / words be/hind you?

*18* When you saw a thief, / you made / friends with him :

and you / threw in your / lot • with ad/ulterers.

*19* You have loosed your / lips for / evil :

and / harnessed your / tongue • to de/ceit.

‡*20* You sit and speak evil / of your / brother :

you slander your / own / mother’s / son.

*21* These things have you done, and should / I keep / silence? :

Did you think that I am even / such a / one as your/self?

*22* But no, I / must re/prove you :

and set before your eyes the / things that / you have / done.

*23* You that forget God, con/sider this / well :

lest I tear you apart and / there is / none to de/liver you.

*24* Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving / honours / me :

and to those who keep my way

will I / show • the sal/vation of / God.’

***Psalm 51***

*1* Have mercy on me, O God, in / your great / goodness :

according to the abundance of your compassion

/ blot out / my of/fences.

*2* Wash me thoroughly / 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 you only / have I / sinned :

and done what is / evil / in your / sight,

‡*5* So that you are justified / in your / sentence :

and / righteous / in your / judgement.

*6* I have been wicked even / from my / birth :

a sinner / when my / mother con/ceived me.

*7* Behold, you desire truth / deep with/in me :

and shall make me understand wisdom

/ in the / depths of my / heart.

*8* Purge me with hyssop and I / shall be / clean :

wash me and I / shall be / whiter than / snow.

*9* Make me hear of / joy and / gladness :

that the bones you have / broken / may re/joice.

*10* Turn your face / from my / sins :

and / blot out / all my mis/deeds.

*11* Make me a clean / heart, O / God :

and re/new a right / spirit with/in me.

*12* Cast me not away / from your / presence :

and take not your / holy / spirit / from me.

*13* Give me again the joy of / your sal/vation :

and sustain me / with your / gracious / spirit;

‡*14* Then shall I teach your ways / to the / wicked :

and sinners / shall re/turn to / you.

*15* Deliver me from my guilt, O God,

the God of / my sal/vation :

and my / tongue shall / sing of your / righteousness.

*16* O Lord, / open my / lips :

and my / mouth shall pro/claim your / praise.

*17* For you desire no sacrifice, else / I would / give it :

you take no de/light in / burnt / offerings.

*18* The sacrifice of God is a / broken / spirit :

a broken and contrite heart, O God, / you will / not des/pise.

*19* O be favourable and / gracious to / Zion :

build / up the / walls of Je/rusalem.

*20* Then you will accept sacrifices offered in righteousness,

the burnt offerings / and ob/lations :

then shall they offer up / bulls / on your / altar.

***Psalm 52***

*1* Why do you glory in / evil, you / tyrant :

while the goodness of / God en/dures con/tinually?

*2* You plot destruction, / you de/ceiver :

your tongue is / like a / sharpened / razor.

*3* You love evil / rather than / good :

falsehood / rather • than the / word of / truth.

*4* You love all / words that / hurt :

O / you de/ceitful / tongue.

‡*5* Therefore God shall utterly / bring you / down :

he shall take you and pluck you out of your tent

and root you / out of the / land • of the / living.

*6* The righteous shall / see this and / tremble :

they shall / laugh you to / scorn, and / say:

*7* ‘This is the one who did not take God / for a / refuge :

but trusted in great riches

/ and re/lied upon / wickedness.’

*8* But I am like a spreading olive tree in the / house of / God :

I trust in the goodness of / God for / ever and / ever.

*9* I will always give thanks to you for / what you have / done :

I will hope in your name,

for your / faithful / ones de/light in it.

***Psalm 53***

*1* The fool has said in his heart, ‘There / is no / God.’ :

Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness;

there is / no one / that does / good.

*2* God has looked down from heaven upon the / children of / earth :

to see if there is anyone who is / wise and / seeks after / God.

*3* They are all gone out of the way;

all alike have be/come cor/rupt :

there is no one that does / good, / no not / one.

*4* Have they no knowledge, those / evil/doers :

who eat up my people as if they ate bread,

and / do not / call upon / God?

*5* There shall they be in great fear, such fear as / never / was :

for God will scatter the / bones of / the un/godly.

*6* They will be / put to / shame :

because / God / has re/jected them.

‡*7* O that Israel’s salvation would / come • out of / Zion! :

When God restores the fortunes of his people

then will Jacob re/joice and / Israel be / glad.

***Psalm 54***

*1* Save me, O God, / by your / name :

and / vindicate / me • by your / power.

*2* Hear my / prayer, O / God :

give / heed • to the / words of my / mouth.

‡*3* For strangers have risen up against me,

and the ruthless seek / after my / life :

they have / not set / God be/fore them.

*4* Behold, / God is my / helper :

it is the / Lord • who up/holds my / life.

*5* May evil rebound on those who / lie in / wait for me :

des/troy them / in your / faithfulness.

*6* An offering of a free heart / will I / give you :

and praise your name, O / Lord, for / it is / gracious.

*7* For he has delivered me out of / all my / trouble :

and my eye has seen the / downfall / of my / enemies.

***Psalm 55***

*1* Hear my / prayer, O / God :

hide not your/self from / my pe/tition.

*2* Give heed to / me and / answer me :

I am / restless in / my com/plaining.

*3* I am alarmed at the / voice of the / enemy :

and at the / clamour / of the / wicked;

*4* For they would bring down / evil up/on me :

and are / set a/gainst me in / fury.

*5* My heart is dis/quieted with/in me :

and the terrors of / death have / fallen up/on me.

*6* Fearfulness and trembling are / come up/on me :

and a horrible / dread has / over/whelmed me.

*7* And I said: ‘O that I had / wings • like a / dove :

for then would I fly a/way and / be at / rest.

*8* Then would I flee / far a/way :

and make my / lodging / in the / wilderness.

*9* I would make / haste to es/cape :

from the / stormy / wind and / tempest.’

*10* Confuse their tongues, O Lord, / and di/vide them :

for I have seen violence and / strife / in the / city.

*11* Day and night they go about / on her / walls :

mischief and / trouble are / in her / midst.

*12* Wickedness / walks in her / streets :

oppression and guile / never / leave her / squares.

*13* For it was not an open enemy / that re/viled me :

for / then I / could have / borne it;

*14* Nor was it my adversary that puffed himself / up a/gainst me :

for then I / would have / hid myself / from him.

*15* But it was even you, one / like my/self :

my companion and my / own fa/miliar / friend.

*16* We took sweet / counsel to/gether :

and walked with the multitude / in the / house of / God.

‡*17* Let death come suddenly upon them;

let them go down alive / to the / Pit :

for wickedness inhabits their / dwellings, their / very / hearts.

*18* As for me, I will / call upon / God :

and the / Lord / will de/liver me.

*19* In the evening and morning and at noonday

I will pray and make my / suppli/cation :

and / he shall / hear my / voice.

*20* He shall redeem my soul in peace

from the battle / waged a/gainst me :

for / many have / come up/on me.

*21* God, who is enthroned of old, will hear and / bring them / down :

they will not repent, for they / have no / fear of / God.

*22* My companion stretched out his hands a/gainst his / friend :

and has / broken / his / covenant;

*23* His speech was softer than butter,

though war was / in his / heart :

his words were smoother than oil,

yet / are they / naked / swords.

*24* Cast your burden upon the Lord and he / will sus/tain you :

and will not let the / righteous / fall for / ever.

*25* But those that are bloodthirsty and de/ceitful, O / God :

you will bring / down • to the / pit of des/truction.

‡*26* They shall not live out / half their / days :

but my trust shall / be in / you, O / Lord.

***Psalm 56***

*1* Have mercy on me, O God, for they / trample / over me :

all day long / they as/sault • and op/press me.

*2* My adversaries trample over me / all the day / long :

many are they that / make proud / war a/gainst me.

*3* In the day of my fear I put my / trust in / you :

in / God whose / word I / praise.

*4* In God I trust, and / will not / fear :

for / what can / flesh / do to me?

*5* All day long they / wound me with / words :

their every / thought • is to / do me / evil.

*6* They stir up trouble; they / lie in / wait :

marking my / steps, they / seek my / life.

*7* Shall they escape for / all their / wickedness? :

In anger, O God, / cast the / peoples / down.

*8* You have counted up my groaning;

put my tears / into your / bottle :

are they not / written / in your / book?

*9* Then shall my enemies turn back

on the day when I / call up/on you :

this I know, for / God is / on my / side.

*10* In God whose word I praise,

in the Lord whose / word I / praise :

in God I trust and will not fear:

/ what can / flesh / do to me?

*11* To you, O God, will I ful/fil my / vows :

to you will I pre/sent my / offerings of / thanks,

*12* For you will deliver my soul from death

and my / feet from / falling :

that I may walk before God / in the / light of the / living.

***Psalm 57***

*1* Be merciful to me, O God, be / merciful to / me :

for my / soul takes / refuge in / you;

*2* In the shadow of your wings will / I take / refuge :

until the storm of des/truction / has passed / by.

*3* I will call upon the / Most High / God :

the God who ful/fils his / purpose for / me.

*4* He will send from heaven and save me

and rebuke those that would / trample up/on me :

God will send / forth his / love • and his / faithfulness.

*5* I lie in the / midst of / lions :

people whose teeth are spears and arrows,

/ and their / tongue a sharp / sword.

*6* Be exalted, O God, a/bove the / heavens :

and your glory / over / all the / earth.

*7* They have laid a net for my feet;

my soul is / pressed / down :

they have dug a pit before me

and will / fall • into / it them/selves.

*8* My heart is ready, O God, my / heart is / ready :

I will / sing and / give you / praise.

*9* Awake, my soul; awake, / harp and / lyre :

that / I may a/waken the / dawn.

*10* I will give you thanks, O Lord, a/mong the / peoples :

I will sing praise to / you a/mong the / nations.

*11* For your loving-kindness is as / high as the / heavens :

and your faithfulness / reaches / to the / clouds.

*12* Be exalted, O God, a/bove the / heavens :

and your glory / over / all the / earth.

***Psalm 58***

*1* Do you indeed speak / justly, you / mighty? :

Do you / rule the / peoples with / equity?

*2* With unjust heart you act through/out the / land :

your / hands / mete out / violence.

*3* The wicked are estranged, even / from the / womb :

those who speak falsehood go a/stray / from their / birth.

*4* They are as venomous / as a / serpent :

they are like the deaf / adder which / stops its / ears,

‡*5* Which does not heed the / voice of the / charmers :

and is deaf to the / skilful / weaver of / spells.

*6* Break, O God, their / teeth in their / mouths :

smash the / fangs of these / lions, O / Lord.

*7* Let them vanish like water that / runs a/way :

let them / wither like / trodden / grass.

*8* Let them be as the slimy / track of the / snail :

like the untimely birth that / never / sees the / sun.

*9* Before ever their pots feel the / heat of the / thorns :

green or blazing, / let them be / swept a/way.

*10* The righteous will be glad when they / see God’s / vengeance :

they will bathe their / feet • in the / blood of the / wicked.

*11* So that people will say,

‘Truly, there is a harvest / for the / righteous :

truly, there is a God who / judges / in the / earth.’

***Psalm 59***

*1* Rescue me from my enemies, / O my / God :

set me high above / those that / rise up a/gainst me.

*2* Save me from the / evil/doers :

and from / murderous / foes de/liver me.

*3* For see how they lie in wait / for my / soul :

and the mighty / stir up / trouble a/gainst me.

*4* Not for any fault or sin of / mine, O / Lord :

for no offence, they run and pre/pare them/selves for / war.

*5* Rouse yourself, come to my / aid and / see :

for you are the Lord of / hosts, the / God of / Israel.

*6* Awake, and judge / all the / nations :

show no mercy / to the / evil / traitors.

*7* They return at nightfall and / snarl like / dogs :

and / prowl a/bout the / city.

*8* They pour out evil words with their mouths;

swords are / on their / lips :

‘For / who’, they / say, ‘can / hear us?’

*9* But you / laugh at them, O / Lord :

you hold all the / nations / in de/rision.

*10* For you, O my strength, / will I / watch :

you, O God, / are my / strong / tower.

*11* My God in his steadfast / love will / come to me :

he will let me behold the / downfall / of my / enemies.

*12* Slay them not, lest my / people for/get :

send them reeling by your might

and bring them / down, O / Lord our / shield.

*13* For the sins of their mouth, for the / words of their / lips :

let them be / taken / in their / pride.

*14* For the cursing and falsehood / they have / uttered :

consume them in wrath,

consume them / till they / are no / more.

*15* And they shall know that God / rules in / Jacob :

and / to the / ends of the / earth.

*16* And still they return at nightfall and / snarl like / dogs :

and / prowl a/bout the / city.

*17* Though they forage for / something • to de/vour :

and howl / if they / are not / filled,

*18* Yet will I / sing of your / strength :

and every morning / praise your / steadfast / love;

*19* For you have / been my / stronghold :

my refuge / in the / day of my / trouble.

*20* To you, O my strength, / will I / sing :

for you, O God, are my refuge, my / God of / steadfast / love.

***Psalm 60***

*1* O God, you have cast us / off and / broken us :

you have been angry; restore us / to your/self a/gain.

*2* You have shaken the earth and / torn it a/part :

heal its / wounds, / for it / trembles.

*3* You have made your people drink / bitter / things :

we reel from the / deadly / wine • you have / given us.

*4* You have made those who / fear you to / flee :

to es/cape • from the / range of the / bow.

‡*5* That your beloved may / be de/livered :

save us by / your right / hand and / answer us.

*6* God has spoken / in his / holiness :

‘I will triumph and divide Shechem,

and share / out the / valley of / Succoth.

*7* Gilead is mine and Ma/nasseh is / mine :

Ephraim is my / helmet and / Judah my / sceptre.

‡*8* Moab shall be my washpot;

over Edom will I / cast my / sandal :

across Philistia / will I / shout in / triumph.’

*9* Who will lead me into the / strong / city? :

Who will / bring me / into / Edom?

*10* Have you not cast us / off, O / God? :

Will you no longer / go forth / with our / troops?

*11* Grant us your help a/gainst the / enemy :

for / earthly / help is in / vain.

*12* Through God will we / do great / acts :

for it is he that / shall tread / down our / enemies.

***Psalm 61***

*1* Hear my / crying, O / God :

and / listen / to my / prayer.

*2* From the end of the earth

I call to you with / fainting / heart :

O set me on the / rock • that is / higher than / I.

*3* For / you are my / refuge :

a strong / tower a/gainst the / enemy.

*4* Let me dwell in your / tent for / ever :

and take refuge under the / cover / of your / wings.

*5* For you, O God, will / hear my / vows :

you will grant the request of / those who / fear your / name.

*6* You will add length of days to the / life of the / king :

that his years may endure through/out all / gene/rations.

*7* May he sit enthroned before / God for / ever :

may steadfast / love and / truth watch / over him.

*8* So will I always sing / praise to your / name :

and day by / day ful/fil my / vows.

***Psalm 62***

*1* On God alone my soul in / stillness / waits :

from / him comes / my sal/vation.

*2* He alone is my rock and / my sal/vation :

my stronghold, so that / I shall / never be / shaken.

*3* How long will all of you assail me / to des/troy me :

as you would a tottering / wall • or a / leaning / fence?

*4* They plot only to thrust me down from my place of honour;

lies are their / chief de/light :

they bless with their mouth,

but / in their / heart they / curse.

*5* Wait on God alone in stillness, / O my / soul :

for in / him / is my / hope.

*6* He alone is my rock and / my sal/vation :

my stronghold, so that / I shall / not be / shaken.

*7* In God is my strength / and my / glory :

God is my strong rock; in / him / is my / refuge.

*8* Put your trust in him / always, my / people :

pour out your hearts before him,

for / God / is our / refuge.

*9* The peoples are but a breath,

the whole human race / a de/ceit :

on the scales they are alto/gether / lighter than / air.

*10* Put no trust in oppression;

in robbery take no / empty / pride :

though wealth increase, / set not your / heart up/on it.

*11* God spoke once, and twice have I / heard the / same :

that / power be/longs to / God.

*12* Steadfast love belongs to / you, O / Lord :

for you repay everyone ac/cording / to their / deeds.

***Psalm 63***

*1* O God, you are my God; / eagerly I / seek you :

my / soul • is a/thirst for / you.

*2* My flesh / also / faints for you :

as in a dry and thirsty / land • where there / is no / water.

*3* So would I gaze upon you in your / holy / place :

that I might behold your / power / and your / glory.

*4* Your loving-kindness is better than / life it/self :

and / so my / lips shall / praise you.

*5* I will bless you as / long as I / live :

and / lift up my / hands • in your / name.

*6* My soul shall be satisfied, as with / marrow and / fatness :

and my mouth shall / praise you with / joyful / lips,

*7* When I remember you up/on my / bed :

and meditate on you in the / watches / of the / night.

*8* For you have / been my / helper :

and under the shadow of your / wings will / I re/joice.

*9* My / soul / clings to you :

your / right hand shall / hold me / fast.

*10* But those who seek my soul / to des/troy it :

shall go / down • to the / depths of the / earth;

*11* Let them fall by the / edge of the / sword :

and be/come a / portion for / jackals.

*12* But the king shall rejoice in God;

all those who swear by him / shall be / glad :

for the mouth of those who speak / lies / shall be / stopped.

***Psalm 64***

*1* Hear my voice, O God, in / my com/plaint :

preserve my / life from / fear of the / enemy.

*2* Hide me from the conspiracy / of the / wicked :

from the / gathering of / evil/doers.

*3* They sharpen their tongue / like a / sword :

and aim their / bitter / words like / arrows,

*4* That they may shoot at the / blameless from / hiding places :

suddenly they / shoot, and / are not / seen.

*5* They hold fast to their / evil / course :

they talk of laying snares / saying / ‘Who will / see us?’

*6* They search out wickedness and lay a / cunning / trap :

for deep are the / inward / thoughts of the / heart.

*7* But God will shoot at them with his / swift / arrow :

and / suddenly / they shall be / wounded.

*8* Their own tongues shall / make them / fall :

and all who see them shall / wag their / heads in / scorn.

*9* All peoples shall fear and tell what / God has / done :

and they will / ponder / all his / works.

*10* The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord

and put their / trust in / him :

and all that are true of / heart / shall ex/ult.

***Psalm 65***

*1* Praise is due to you, O / God, in / Zion :

to you that answer / prayer shall / vows be / paid.

*2* To you shall all flesh come to con/fess their / sins :

when our misdeeds prevail against us,

/ you will / purge them a/way.

*3* Happy are they whom you choose

and draw to your / courts to / dwell there :

we shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,

/ even • of your / holy / temple.

*4* With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,

O God of / our sal/vation :

O hope of all the ends of the earth

and / of the / farthest / seas.

*5* In your strength you set / fast the / mountains :

and are / girded a/bout with / might.

*6* You still the / raging • of the / seas :

the roaring of their waves and the / clamour / of the / peoples.

‡*7* Those who dwell at the ends of the earth

tremble / at your / marvels :

the gates of the morning and / evening / sing your / praise.

*8* You visit the / earth and / water it :

you / make it / very / plenteous.

*9* The river of God is / full of / water :

you prepare grain for your people,

for / so you pro/vide • for the / earth.

*10* You drench the furrows and / smooth out the / ridges :

you soften the ground with / showers and / bless its / increase.

*11* You crown the year / with your / goodness :

and your / paths • over/flow with / plenty.

*12* May the pastures of the wilderness / flow with / goodness :

and the / hills be / girded with / joy.

*13* May the meadows be clothed with / flocks of / sheep :

and the valleys stand so thick with corn

that / they shall / laugh and / sing.

***Psalm 66***

*1* Be joyful in God / all the / earth :

sing the glory of his name;

sing the / glory / of his / praise.

*2* Say to God, ‘How awesome / are your / deeds! :

Because of your great strength

your / enemies shall / bow be/fore you.

‡*3* All the / earth shall / worship you :

sing to you, sing / praise / to your / name.’

*4* Come now and behold the / works of / God :

how wonderful he is in his / dealings with / human/kind.

*5* He turned the sea into dry land;

the river they passed / through on / foot :

there / we re/joiced in / him.

‡*6* In his might he rules for ever;

his eyes keep watch / over the / nations :

let no / rebel rise / up a/gainst him.

*7* Bless our God, / O you / peoples :

make the voice of his / praise / to be / heard,

*8* Who holds our / souls in / life :

and suffers / not our / feet to / slip.

*9* For you, O / God, have / proved us :

you have / tried us as / silver is / tried.

*10* You brought us / into the / snare :

you laid heavy / burdens up/on our / backs.

‡*11* You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through / fire and / water :

but you brought us out / into a / place of / liberty.

*12* I will come into your house with burnt offerings

and will / pay you my / vows :

which my lips uttered

and my mouth promised / when I / was in / trouble.

*13* I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the / smoke of / rams :

I will / sacrifice / oxen and / goats.

*14* Come and listen, all you who / fear / God :

and I will tell you what / he has / done for my / soul.

*15* I called out to him / with my / mouth :

and his / praise was / on my / tongue.

*16* If I had nursed evil / in my / heart :

the / Lord would / not have / heard me,

*17* But in truth / God has / heard me :

he has / heeded the / voice • of my / prayer.

‡*18* Blessed be God, who has not / rejected my / prayer :

nor withheld his / loving / mercy / from me.

***Psalm 67***

*1* God be gracious to / us and / bless us :

and make his / face to / shine up/on us,

*2* That your way may be / known upon / earth :

your saving / power a/mong all / nations.

‡*3* Let the peoples / praise you, O / God :

let / all the / peoples / praise you.

*4* O let the nations re/joice and be / glad :

for you will judge the peoples righteously

and govern the / nations / upon / earth.

*5* Let the peoples / praise you, O / God :

let / all the / peoples / praise you.

*6* Then shall the earth bring / forth her / increase :

and God, our / own / God, will / bless us.

*7* God / will / bless us :

and all the / ends of the / earth shall / fear him.

***Psalm 68***

*1* Let God arise and let his / enemies be / scattered :

let those that / hate him / flee be/fore him.

*2* As the smoke vanishes, so may they / vanish a/way :

as wax melts at the fire,

so let the wicked / perish • at the / presence of / God.

*3* But let the righteous be glad and re/joice before / God :

let / them make / merry with / gladness.

*4* Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

exalt him who / rides on the / clouds :

the Lord is his / name; re/joice be/fore him.

*5* Father of the fatherless, de/fender of / widows :

God in his / holy / habi/tation!

*6* God gives the solitary a home

and brings forth prisoners to / songs of / welcome :

but the rebellious in/habit a / burning / desert.

*7* O God, when you went forth be/fore your / people :

when you / marched / through the / wilderness,

*8* The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,

at the presence of God, the / Lord of / Sinai :

at the presence of / God, the / God of / Israel.

*9* You sent down a gracious / rain, O / God :

you refreshed your in/heritance when / it was / weary.

*10* Your people / came to / dwell there :

in your goodness, O God, / you pro/vide • for the / poor.

*11a* The Lord / gave the / word :

great was the company of / women who / bore the / tidings:

*11b* ‘Kings and their armies they / flee, they / flee!’ :

and women at home / are di/viding the / spoil.

*12* Though you stayed a/mong the / sheepfolds :

see now a dove’s wings covered with silver

and its / feathers with / green / gold.

*13* When the Almighty / scattered the / kings :

it was like / snowflakes / falling on / Zalmon.

*14* You mighty mountain, great / mountain of / Bashan! :

You towering / mountain, great / mountain of / Bashan!

*15* Why look with envy, you towering mountains,

at the mount which God has desired / for his / dwelling :

the place where the / Lord will / dwell for / ever?

*16* The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,

even / thousands • upon / thousands :

the Lord is among them, the Lord of / Sinai in / holy / power.

*17* You have gone up on high and led / captivity / captive :

you have received tribute,

even from those who rebelled,

that you may / reign as / Lord and / God.

*18* Blessed be the Lord who bears our burdens / day by / day :

for / God is / our sal/vation.

*19* God is for us the God of / our sal/vation :

God is the Lord who / can de/liver from / death.

‡*20* God will smite the / head of his / enemies :

the hairy scalp of / those who / walk in / wickedness.

*21* The Lord has said, ‘From the / heights of / Bashan :

from the depths of the / sea • will I / bring them / back,

*22* Till you dip your / foot in / blood :

and the tongue of your / dogs • has a / taste of your / enemies.’

*23* We see your solemn / processions, O / God :

your processions into the sanctuary,

my / God / and my / King.

*24* The singers go before, the musicians / follow / after :

in the midst of / maidens / playing on / timbrels.

*25* In your companies, / bless your / God :

bless the Lord, you that / are of the / fount of / Israel.

*26* At the head there is Benjamin, least of the tribes,

the princes of Judah in / joyful / company :

the princes of / Zebu/lun and / Naphtali.

*27* Send forth your / strength, O / God :

establish, O God, / what you have / wrought in / us.

*28* For your temple’s sake / in Je/rusalem :

kings shall / bring their / gifts to / you.

*29* Drive back with your word the wild / beast of the / reeds :

the herd of the / bull-like, the / brutish / hordes.

*30* Trample down those who / lust after / silver :

scatter the / peoples • that de/light in / war.

‡*31* Vessels of bronze shall be / brought from / Egypt :

Ethiopia will / stretch out her / hands to / God.

*32* Sing to God, you kingdoms / of the / earth :

make music in / praise / of the / Lord;

*33* He rides on the ancient / heaven of / heavens :

and sends forth his / voice, a / mighty / voice.

*34* Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is / over / Israel :

whose power / is a/bove the / clouds.

*35* How terrible is God in his / holy / sanctuary :

the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his / people!

/ Blessed be / God.

***Psalm 69***

*1* Save me / O – / God :

for the waters have come up / even / to my / neck.

*2* I sink in deep mire where there / is no / foothold :

I have come into deep waters

/ and the / flood sweeps / over me.

*3* I have grown weary with crying; my / throat is / raw :

my eyes have failed from looking so / long / for my / God.

*4* Those who hate me without / any / cause :

are more than the / hairs / of my / head;

*5* Those who would destroy / me are / mighty :

my enemies accuse me falsely:

must I now give / back • what I / never / stole?

*6* O God, you / know my / foolishness :

and my faults / are not / hidden / from you.

*7* Let not those who hope in you

be put to shame through me, Lord / God of / hosts :

let not those who seek you be disgraced because of / me,

O / God of / Israel.

*8,9* For your sake have I suffered reproach;

shame has / covered my / face :

I have become a stranger to my kindred,

an alien / to my / mother’s / children.

*10* Zeal for your house has / eaten me / up :

the scorn of those who scorn / you has / fallen up/on me.

*11* I humbled my/self with / fasting :

but that was / turned to / my re/proach.

*12* I put on / sackcloth / also :

and be/came a / byword a/mong them.

*13* Those who sit at the gate / murmur a/gainst me :

and the / drunkards make / songs a/bout me.

*14* But as for me, I make my prayer to / you, O / Lord :

at an ac/ceptable / time, O / God.

*15* Answer me, O God, in the abundance / of your / mercy :

and / with your / sure sal/vation.

*16* Draw me out of the mire, / that I / sink not :

let me be rescued from those who hate me

and / out of the / deep / waters.

*17* Let not the water flood drown me,

neither the deep / swallow me / up :

let not the Pit / shut its / mouth up/on me.

*18* Answer me, Lord, for your loving/kindness is / good :

turn to me in the / multitude / of your / mercies.

*19* Hide not your face / from your / servant :

be swift to answer me, / for I / am in / trouble.

*20* Draw near to my soul / and re/deem me :

de/liver me be/cause of my / enemies.

*21* You know my reproach, my shame and / my dis/honour :

my adversaries are / all / in your / sight.

*22* Reproach has broken my heart; I am / full of / heaviness :

I looked for some to have pity, but there was no one,

neither / found I / any to / comfort me.

*23* They gave me / gall to / eat :

and when I was thirsty, they / gave me / vinegar to / drink.

*24* Let the table before them / be a / trap :

and their / sacred / feasts a / snare.

*25* Let their eyes be darkened, that they / cannot / see :

and give them continual / trembling / in their / loins.

*26* Pour out your indig/nation up/on them :

and let the heat of your / anger / over/take them.

*27* Let their / camp be / desolate :

and let there be / no one to / dwell • in their / tents.

‡*28* For they persecute the one whom / you have / stricken :

and increase the sorrows

of / him whom / you have / pierced.

*29* Lay to their charge / guilt upon / guilt :

and let them not re/ceive your / vindi/cation.

*30* Let them be wiped out of the / book of the / living :

and not be / written a/mong the / righteous.

*31* As for me, I am poor / and in / misery :

your saving help, O / God, will / lift me / up.

*32* I will praise the name of God / with a / song :

I will pro/claim his / greatness with / thanksgiving.

*33* This will please the Lord more than an / offering of / oxen :

more than / bulls with / horns and / hooves.

*34* The humble shall see / and be / glad :

you who seek / God, your / heart shall / live.

*35* For the Lord listens / to the / needy :

and his own who are imprisoned / he does / not des/pise.

*36* Let the heavens and the / earth / praise him :

the seas and / all that / moves / in them;

*37* For God will save Zion and rebuild the / cities of / Judah :

they shall live there and / have it / in pos/session.

*38* The children of his servants / shall in/herit it :

and they that love his / name shall / dwell there/in.

***Psalm 70***

*1* O God, make / speed to / save me :

O / Lord, make / haste to / help me.

*2* Let those who seek my life

be put to / shame and con/fusion :

let them be turned back and dis/graced

who / wish me / evil.

*3* Let those who / mock and de/ride me :

turn / back be/cause of their / shame.

*4* But let all who seek you rejoice and be / glad in / you :

let those who love your salvation

say / always / ‘Great is the / Lord!’

*5* As for me, I am / poor and / needy :

come to me / quickly, / O / God.

*6* You are my help and / my de/liverer :

O / Lord, do / not de/lay.

***Psalm 71***

*1* In you, O Lord, do / I seek / refuge :

let me / never be / put to / shame.

*2* In your righteousness, deliver me and / set me / free :

incline your / ear to / me and / save me.

*3* Be for me a stronghold to which I may / ever re/sort :

send out to save me, for / you are my / rock • and my / fortress.

*4* Deliver me, my God, from the / hand of the / wicked :

from the grasp of the evil/doer / and the op/pressor.

*5* For you are my hope, / O Lord / God :

my confidence, / even / from my / youth.

*6* Upon you have I leaned from my birth,

when you drew me from my / mother’s / womb :

my praise / shall be / always of / you.

*7* I have become a / portent to / many :

but you are my / refuge / and my / strength.

*8* Let my mouth be / full of your / praise :

and your / glory / all the day / long.

*9* Do not cast me away in the / time of old / age :

forsake me not / when my / strength / fails.

*10* For my enemies are / talking a/gainst me :

and those who lie in wait for my / life

take / counsel to/gether.

*11* They say, ‘God has forsaken him;

pur/sue him and / take him :

because there is / none / to de/liver him.’

*12* O God, be not / far from / me :

come quickly to / help me, / O my / God.

‡*13* Let those who are against me

be put to / shame and dis/grace :

let those who seek to do me evil

be / covered with / scorn • and re/proach.

*14* But as for me I will / hope con/tinually :

and will / praise you / more and / more.

*15* My mouth shall tell of your righteousness

and salvation / all the day / long :

for I / know no / end of the / telling.

*16* I will begin with the mighty works of the / Lord / God :

I will recall your / righteousness, / yours a/lone.

*17* O God, you have taught me since / I was / young :

and to this day I / tell of your / wonderful / works.

*18* Forsake me not, O God,

when I am / old and grey-/headed :

till I make known your deeds to the next generation

and your power to / all that / are to / come.

*19* Your righteousness, O God, reaches / to the / heavens :

in the great things you have done,

/ who is like / you, O / God?

*20* What troubles and adversities / you have / shown me :

and yet you will turn and refresh me

and bring me from the / deep of the / earth a/gain.

*21* In/crease my / honour :

turn a/gain / and / comfort me.

*22* Therefore will I praise you upon the harp

for your faithfulness, / O my / God :

I will sing to you with the lyre, O / Holy / One of / Israel.

*23* My lips will sing / out as I / play to you :

and so will my / soul, which / you have re/deemed.

*24* My tongue also will tell of your righteousness / all the day / long :

for they shall be shamed and disgraced

who / sought to / do me / evil.

***Psalm 72***

*1* Give the king your / judgements, O / God :

and your righteousness / to the / son of a / king.

*2* Then shall he judge your / people / righteously :

and your / poor / with / justice.

*3* May the mountains / bring forth / peace :

and the little hills / righteousness / for the / people.

*4* May he defend the poor a/mong the / people :

deliver the children of the / needy

and / crush • the op/pressor.

*5* May he live as long as the sun and / moon en/dure :

from one gene/ration / to an/other.

*6* May he come down like rain upon the / mown / grass :

like the / showers that / water the / earth.

‡*7* In his time shall / righteousness / flourish :

and abundance of peace

till the / moon shall / be no / more.

*8* May his dominion extend from / sea to / sea :

and from the River / to the / ends of the / earth.

*9* May his foes / kneel be/fore him :

and his / enemies / lick the / dust.

*10* The kings of Tarshish and of the isles / shall pay / tribute :

the kings of Sheba and / Seba / shall bring / gifts.

*11* All kings shall fall / down be/fore him :

all / nations shall / do him / service.

*12* For he shall deliver the / poor that cry / out :

the needy and / those who / have no / helper.

*13* He shall have pity on the / weak and / poor :

he shall pre/serve the / lives of the / needy.

*14* He shall redeem their lives from op/pression and / violence :

and dear shall their / blood be / in his / sight.

*15* Long may he live;

unto him may be given / gold from / Sheba :

may prayer be made for him continually

and may they / bless him / all the day / long.

*16* May there be abundance of grain on the earth,

standing thick up/on the / hilltops :

may its fruit flourish like Lebanon

and its grain / grow • like the / grass of the / field.

*17* May his name remain for ever

and be established as long as the / sun en/dures :

may all nations be blest in / him and / call him / blessed.

*18* Blessed be the Lord, the / God of / Israel :

who a/lone does / wonderful / things.

*19* And blessed be his glorious / name for / ever :

may all the earth be filled with his glory.

/ Amen. / A–/men.

***Psalm 73***

*1* Truly, God is / loving to / Israel :

to those / who are / pure in / heart.

*2* Nevertheless, my feet were / almost / gone :

my / steps had / well-nigh / slipped.

*3* For I was envious / of the / proud :

I saw the / wicked in / such pros/perity;

*4* For they / suffer no / pains :

and their / bodies are / sleek and / sound;

*5* They come to no mis/fortune like / other folk :

nor are they / plagued as / others / are;

*6* Therefore pride / is their / necklace :

and violence / wraps them / like a / cloak.

*7* Their iniquity / comes from with/in :

the conceits of their / hearts / over/flow.

*8* They scoff, and speak / only of / evil :

they talk of op/pression / from on / high.

*9* They set their mouth a/gainst the / heavens :

and their tongue / ranges / round the / earth;

*10* And so the / people / turn to them :

and / find in / them no / fault.

*11* They say, ‘How should / God / know? :

Is there knowledge / in the / Most / High?’

*12* Behold, / these are the / wicked :

ever at ease, / they in/crease their / wealth.

*13* Is it in vain that I / cleansed my / heart :

and / washed my / hands in / innocence?

*14* All day long have / I been / stricken :

and / chastened / every / morning.

*15* If I had said, ‘I will / speak as / they do’ :

I should have betrayed the gene/ration / of your / children.

*16* Then thought I to / under/stand this :

but it / was too / hard for / me,

*17* Until I entered the / sanctuary of / God :

and under/stood the / end of the / wicked:

*18* How you set them in / slippery / places :

you / cast them / down to des/truction.

*19* How suddenly do they / come to des/truction :

perish and / come to a / fearful / end!

*20* As with a dream / when one a/wakes :

so, Lord, when you arise you / will des/pise their / image.

*21* When my heart be/came em/bittered :

and / I was / pierced to the / quick,

*22* I was but / foolish and / ignorant :

I was like a brute / beast / in your / presence.

*23* Yet I am / always with / you :

you hold me / by my / right / hand.

*24* You will guide me / with your / counsel :

and / afterwards re/ceive me with / glory.

*25* Whom have I in / heaven but / you? :

And there is nothing upon earth that I de/sire •

in com/parison with / you.

*26* Though my flesh and my / heart / fail me :

God is the strength of my heart / and my / portion for / ever.

*27* Truly, those who for/sake you will / perish :

you will put to silence the / faithless / who be/tray you.

*28* But it is good for me to draw / near to / God :

in the Lord God have I made my refuge,

that I may / tell of / all your / works.

***Psalm 74***

*1* O God, why have you / utterly dis/owned us? :

Why does your anger burn

a/gainst the / sheep of your / pasture?

*2* Remember your congregation that you / purchased of / old :

the tribe you redeemed for your own possession,

and Mount / Zion / where you / dwelt.

*3* Hasten your steps towards the / endless / ruins :

where the enemy has laid / waste / all your / sanctuary.

*4* Your adversaries roared in the / place of your / worship :

they set up their / banners as / tokens of / victory.

*5* Like men brandishing axes on high in a / thicket of / trees :

all her carved work they smashed / down

with / hatchet and / hammer.

*6* They set fire to your / holy / place :

they defiled the dwelling place of your name

and / razed it / to the / ground.

*7* They said in their heart,

‘Let us make havoc of them / alto/gether’ :

and they burned down

all the sanctuaries of / God / in the / land.

*8* There are no signs to see, not one / prophet / left :

not one a/mong us who / knows how / long.

*9* How long, O God, will the / adversary / scoff? :

Shall the enemy blas/pheme your / name for / ever?

*10* Why have you with/held your / hand :

and hidden your / right hand / in your / bosom?

*11* Yet God is my king / from of / old :

who did deeds of salvation / in the / midst of the / earth.

*12* It was you that divided the sea / by your / might :

and shattered the heads of the / dragons / on the / waters;

*13* You alone crushed the / heads of Le/viathan :

and gave him to the / beasts of the / desert for / food.

*14* You cleft the rock for / fountain and / flood :

you dried up / ever/flowing / rivers.

*15* Yours is the day, yours / also the / night :

you es/tablished the / moon • and the / sun.

*16* You set all the / bounds of the / earth :

you / fashioned both / summer and / winter.

*17* Remember now, Lord, how the / enemy / scoffed :

how a foolish / people des/pised your / name.

*18* Do not give to wild beasts the / soul of your / turtle dove :

forget not the / lives of your / poor for / ever.

*19* Look upon / your cre/ation :

for the earth is full of darkness,

/ full of the / haunts of / violence.

*20* Let not the oppressed turn a/way a/shamed :

but let the poor and / needy / praise your / name.

*21* Arise, O God, maintain your / own / cause :

remember how fools re/vile you / all the day / long.

*22* Forget not the / clamour • of your / adversaries :

the tumult of your enemies / that as/cends con/tinually.

***Psalm 75***

*1* We give you thanks, O God, we / give you / thanks :

for your name is near, as your / wonderful / deeds de/clare.

*2* ‘I will seize the ap/pointed / time :

I, the / Lord, will / judge with / equity.

*3* Though the earth reels and / all that / dwell in her :

it is I that / hold her / pillars / steady.

*4* To the boasters I say / “Boast no / longer” :

and to the wicked / “Do not / lift up your / horn.

*5* Do not lift up your / horn on / high :

do not / speak with a / stiff / neck.” ’

*6* For neither from the east / nor from the / west :

nor yet from the / wilderness comes / exal/tation.

*7* But God a/lone is / judge :

he puts down one and / raises / up an/other.

*8* For in the hand of the Lord there / is a / cup :

well mixed and / full of / foaming / wine.

‡*9* He pours it out for all the / wicked • of the / earth :

they shall / drink it, and / drain the / dregs.

*10* But I will re/joice for / ever :

and make music / to the / God of / Jacob.

*11* All the horns of the wicked / will I / break :

but the horns of the / righteous shall / be ex/alted.

***Psalm 76***

*1* In Judah / God is / known :

his / name is / great in / Israel.

*2* At Salem / is his / tabernacle :

and his / dwelling / place in / Zion.

*3* There broke he the flashing / arrows • of the / bow :

the shield, the / sword • and the / weapons of / war.

*4* In the light of splendour / you ap/peared :

glorious / from the e/ternal / mountains.

*5* The boastful were plundered; they have / slept their / sleep :

none of the / warriors can / lift their / hand.

*6* At your rebuke, O / God of / Jacob :

both / horse and / chariot fell / stunned.

*7* Terrible are / you in / majesty :

who can stand before your / face when / you are / angry?

*8* You caused your judgement to be / heard from / heaven :

the earth / trembled / and was / still,

*9* When God a/rose to / judgement :

to save all the / meek / upon / earth.

*10* You crushed the / wrath of the / peoples :

and / bridled the / wrathful / remnant.

*11* Make a vow to the Lord your / God and / keep it :

let all who are round about him bring gifts

to him that is / worthy / to be / feared.

*12* He breaks down the / spirit of / princes :

and strikes terror / in the / kings of the / earth.

***Psalm 77***

*1* I cry a/loud to / God :

I cry aloud to / God and / he will / hear me.

*2* In the day of my trouble I have / sought the / Lord :

by night my hand is stretched out and does not tire;

my / soul re/fuses / comfort.

*3* I think upon God / and I / groan :

I ponder, / and my / spirit / faints.

*4* You will not let my / eyelids / close :

I am so troubled / that I / cannot / speak.

*5* I consider the / days of / old :

I re/member the / years long / past;

*6* I commune with my heart / in the / night :

my spirit / searches for / under/standing.

*7* Will the Lord cast us / off for / ever? :

Will he / no more / show us his / favour?

*8* Has his loving mercy clean / gone for / ever? :

Has his promise come to an / end for / ever/more?

*9* Has God for/gotten • to be / gracious? :

Has he shut up his com/passion / in dis/pleasure?

*10* And I said, ‘My / grief is / this :

that the right hand of the Most / High has / lost its / strength.’

*11* I will remember the / works of the / Lord :

and call to mind your / wonders of / old / time.

*12* I will meditate on / all your / works :

and / ponder your / mighty / deeds.

*13* Your way, O / God, is / holy :

who is so / great a / god as / our God?

*14* You are the / God who worked / wonders :

and declared your / power a/mong the / peoples.

*15* With a mighty arm you re/deemed your / people :

the / children of / Jacob and / Joseph.

*16* The waters saw you, O God;

the waters saw you and / were a/fraid :

the / depths / also were / troubled.

*17* The clouds poured out water; the / skies / thundered :

your arrows / flashed on / every / side;

*18* The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind;

your lightnings / lit up the / ground :

the / earth / trembled and / shook.

*19* Your way was in the sea,

and your paths in the / great / waters :

but your / footsteps / were not / known.

*20* You led your / people like / sheep :

by the / hand of / Moses and / Aaron.

***Psalm 78***

*1* Hear my teaching, / O my / people :

incline your / ears • to the / words of my / mouth.

*2* I will open my / mouth in a / parable :

I will pour forth / mysteries / from of / old,

*3* Such as we have / heard and / known :

which our / forebears / have / told us.

*4* We will not hide from their children,

but will recount to gene/rations to / come :

the praises of the Lord and his power

and the / wonderful / works • he has / done.

*5* He laid a solemn charge on Jacob

and made it a / law in / Israel :

which he com/manded them to / teach their / children,

*6* That the generations to come might know,

and the children / yet un/born :

that they in turn might / tell it / to their / children;

*7* So that they might put their / trust in / God :

and not forget the deeds of / God,

but / keep his com/mandments,

*8* And not be like their forebears,

a stubborn and rebellious / gene/ration :

a generation whose heart was not steadfast,

and whose spirit / was not / faithful to / God.

*9* The people of Ephraim, / armed with the / bow :

turned / back in the / day of / battle;

*10* They did not keep the / covenant of / God :

and re/fused to / walk in his / law;

*11* They forgot what / he had / done :

and the / wonders / he had / shown them.

*12* For he did marvellous things in the / sight of their / forebears :

in the land of Egypt, / in the / field of / Zoan.

*13* He divided the sea and / let them pass / through :

he made the / waters stand / still • in a / heap.

*14* He led them with a / cloud by / day :

and all the night / through • with a / blaze of / fire.

*15* He split the hard / rocks in the / wilderness :

and gave them drink as / from the / great / deep.

*16* He brought streams / out of the / rock :

and made / water gush / out like / rivers.

*17* Yet for all this they sinned / more a/gainst him :

and defied the Most / High / in the / wilderness.

*18* They tested God / in their / hearts :

and de/manded / food for their / craving.

*19* They spoke against / God and / said :

‘Can God prepare a / table / in the / wilderness?

*20* He struck the rock indeed, so that the waters gushed out

and the streams / over/flowed :

but can he give bread or provide / meat / for his / people?’

*21* When the Lord heard this, he was / full of / wrath :

a fire was kindled against Jacob

and his / anger went / out against / Israel,

*22* For they had no / faith in / God :

and put no / trust in his / saving / help.

*23* So he commanded the / clouds a/bove :

and / opened the / doors of / heaven.

*24* He rained down upon them / manna to / eat :

and / gave them the / grain of / heaven.

*25* So mortals ate the / bread of / angels :

he / sent them / food in / plenty.

*26* He caused the east wind to / blow in the / heavens :

and led out the / south wind / by his / might.

*27* He rained flesh upon them as / thick as / dust :

and winged fowl / like the / sand of the / sea.

*28* He let it fall in the / midst of their / camp :

and / round a/bout their / tents.

‡*29* So they ate and / were well / filled :

for he / gave them what / they de/sired.

*30* But they did not / stop their / craving :

their / food was / still in their / mouths,

*31* When the anger of God / rose a/gainst them :

and slew their strongest men

and / felled the / flower of / Israel.

*32* But for all this, they / sinned yet / more :

and put no / faith in his / wonderful / works.

*33* So he brought their days to an end / like a / breath :

and their / years in / sudden / terror.

*34* Whenever he slew them, / they would / seek him :

they would repent and / earnestly / search for / God.

*35* They remembered that / God was their / rock :

and the Most High / God / their re/deemer.

*36* Yet they did but flatter him / with their / mouth :

and dis/sembled / with their / tongue.

*37* Their heart was not / steadfast to/wards him :

neither were they / faithful / to his / covenant.

*38* But he was so merciful that he forgave their misdeeds

and did / not des/troy them :

many a time he turned back his wrath

and did not suffer his whole dis/pleasure / to be / roused.

*39* For he remembered that they / were but / flesh :

a wind that passes / by and / does not re/turn.

*40* How often they rebelled against him / in the / wilderness :

and / grieved him / in the / desert!

*41* Again and again they / tempted / God :

and provoked the / Holy / One of / Israel.

*42* They did not re/member his / power :

in the day when he re/deemed them / from the / enemy;

*43* How he had wrought his / signs in / Egypt :

and his wonders / in the / field of / Zoan.

*44* He turned their rivers / into / blood :

so that they / could not / drink of their / streams.

*45* He sent swarms of flies among them, / which de/voured them :

and / frogs which / brought them / ruin.

*46* He gave their produce / to the / caterpillar :

the fruit of their / toil / to the / locust.

*47* He destroyed their / vines with / hailstones :

and their / sycamore / trees • with the / frost.

*48* He delivered their / cattle to / hailstones :

and their / flocks / to / thunderbolts.

*49* He set loose on them his / blazing / anger :

fury, displeasure and trouble,

a / troop of des/troying / angels.

*50* He made a way for his anger

and spared not their / souls from / death :

but gave their life / over / to the / pestilence.

*51* He smote the / firstborn of / Egypt :

the first fruits of their / strength • in the / tents of / Ham.

*52* But he led out his / people like / sheep :

and guided them in the / wilderness / like a / flock.

*53* He led them to safety and they were / not a/fraid :

but the / sea • over/whelmed their / enemies.

*54* He brought them to his / holy / place :

the mountain which his / right hand / took in pos/session.

*55* He drove out the nations before them

and shared out to them / their in/heritance :

he settled the tribes of / Israel / in their / tents.

*56* Yet still they tested God Most High

and re/belled a/gainst him :

and / would not / keep his com/mandments.

*57* They turned back and fell away / like their / forebears :

starting aside / like an / unstrung / bow.

‡*58* They grieved him / with their / hill altars :

and provoked him to dis/pleasure / with their / idols.

*59* God heard and was / greatly / angered :

and / utterly re/jected / Israel.

*60* He forsook the / tabernacle at / Shiloh :

the / tent • of his / presence on / earth.

*61* He gave the ark of his strength / into cap/tivity :

his splendour / into the / adver•sary’s / hand.

*62* He delivered his people / to the / sword :

and / raged a/gainst his in/heritance.

*63* The fire consumed / their young / men :

there was / no one • to la/ment their / maidens.

*64* Their priests / fell • by the / sword :

and their widows / made no / lamen/tation.

*65* Then the Lord woke as / out of / sleep :

like a warrior who had been / over/come with / wine.

*66* He struck his enemies / from be/hind :

and put them / to per/petual / shame.

*67* He rejected the / tent of / Joseph :

and chose / not the / tribe of / Ephraim,

*68* But he chose the / tribe of / Judah :

and the hill of / Zion, / which he / loved.

*69* And there he built his sanctuary like the / heights of / heaven :

like the earth / which he / founded for / ever.

*70* He chose David / also, his / servant :

and took him a/way / from the / sheepfolds.

*71* From following the ewes with their / lambs he / took him :

that he might shepherd Jacob his people

and / Israel / his in/heritance.

*72* So he shepherded them with a de/voted / heart :

and with / skilful / hands he / guided them.

***Psalm 79***

*1* O God, the heathen have come / into your / heritage :

your holy temple have they defiled

and made Je/rusalem a / heap of / stones.

*2* The dead bodies of your servants they have given

to be food for the / birds of the / air :

and the flesh of your / faithful • to the / beasts of the / field.

*3* Their blood have they shed like water

on every / side of Je/rusalem :

and / there was / no one to / bury them.

*4* We have become the / taunt of our / neighbours :

the scorn and derision of / those that are / round a/bout us.

*5* Lord, how long will you be / angry, for / ever? :

How long will your jealous / fury / blaze like / fire?

*6* Pour out your wrath

upon the nations that / have not / known you :

and upon the kingdoms

that have not / called up/on your / name.

*7* For they have de/voured / Jacob :

and / laid / waste his / dwelling place.

*8* Remember not against us our / former / sins :

let your compassion make haste to meet us,

for / we are brought / very / low.

*9* Help us, O God of our salvation,

for the glory / of your / name :

deliver us, and wipe away our sins / for your / name’s / sake.

*10* Why should the / heathen / say :

‘Where is / now – / their – / God?’

*11* Let vengeance for your servants’ / blood • that is / shed :

be known among the / nations / in our / sight.

*12* Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners / come be/fore you :

and by your mighty arm

preserve those / who are con/demned to / die.

*13* May the taunts with which our neighbours / taunted you, / Lord :

return / sevenfold / into their / bosom.

*14* But we that are your people and the sheep of your pasture

will give you / thanks for / ever :

and tell of your praise from gene/ration to / gene/ration.

***Psalm 80***

*1* Hear, O / Shepherd of / Israel :

you that led / Joseph / like a / flock;

*2* Shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the / cherubim :

before Ephraim, / Benjamin / and Ma/nasseh.

*3* Stir up your / mighty / strength :

and / come to / our sal/vation.

*4* Turn us a/gain, O / God :

show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.

*5* O Lord / God of / hosts :

how long will you be angry / at your / people’s / prayer?

*6* You feed them with the / bread of / tears :

you give them a/bundance of / tears to / drink.

*7* You have made us the derision / of our / neighbours :

and our / enemies / laugh us to / scorn.

*8* Turn us again, O / God of / hosts :

show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.

*9* You brought a vine / out of / Egypt :

you drove / out the / nations and / planted it.

*10* You made / room a/round it :

and when it had taken / root, it / filled the / land.

*11* The hills were covered / with its / shadow :

and the cedars of / God / by its / boughs.

*12* It stretched out its branches / to the / Sea :

and its / tendrils / to the / River.

*13* Why then have you broken / down its / wall :

so that all who pass / by pluck / off its / grapes?

*14* The wild boar out of the wood / tears it / off :

and all the / insects • of the / field de/vour it.

*15* Turn again, O / God of / hosts :

look down from / heaven / and be/hold;

*16* Cherish this vine which your / right hand has / planted :

and the branch that you / made so / strong for your/self.

*17* Let those who burnt it with fire, who / cut it / down :

perish / at the re/buke • of your / countenance.

*18* Let your hand be upon the man / at your / right hand :

the son of man you / made so / strong • for your/self.

*19* And so will we / not go / back from you :

give us life, and we shall / call up/on your / name.

*20* Turn us again, O Lord / God of / hosts :

show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.

***Psalm 81***

*1* Sing merrily to / God our / strength :

shout for / joy • to the / God of / Jacob.

*2* Take up the song and / sound the / timbrel :

the tuneful / lyre / with the / harp.

*3* Blow the trumpet at the / new / moon :

as at the full moon, up/on our / solemn / feast day.

*4* For this is a / statute for / Israel :

a / law • of the / God of / Jacob,

*5* The charge he laid on the / people of / Joseph :

when they came / out of the / land of / Egypt.

*6* I heard a voice I did not / know, that / said :

‘I eased their shoulder from the burden;

their hands were set / free from / bearing the / load.

*7* You called upon me in trouble and / I de/livered you :

I answered you from the secret place of thunder

and proved you / at the / waters of / Meribah.

*8* Hear, O my people, and I / will ad/monish you :

O Israel, if you / would but / listen to / me!

*9* There shall be no strange / god a/mong you :

you shall not / worship a / foreign / god.

*10* I am the Lord your God,

who brought you up from the / land of / Egypt :

open your mouth / wide and / I shall / fill it.’

*11* But my people would not / hear my / voice :

and / Israel would / not o/bey me.

*12* So I sent them away in the stubbornness / of their / hearts :

and let them walk / after their / own / counsels.

*13* O that my people would / listen to / me :

that / Israel would / walk • in my / ways!

*14* Then I should soon put / down their / enemies :

and turn my / hand a/gainst their / adversaries.

*15* Those who hate the Lord would be / humbled be/fore him :

and their / punishment would / last for / ever.

*16* But Israel would I feed with the / finest / wheat :

and with honey / from the / rock • would I / satisfy them.

***Psalm 82***

*1* God has taken his stand in the / council of / heaven :

in the midst of the / gods / he gives / judgement:

*2* ‘How long will you / judge un/justly :

and show such / favour / to the / wicked?

*3* You were to judge the weak / and the / orphan :

defend the / right • of the / humble and / needy;

*4* Rescue the weak / and the / poor :

deliver them / from the / hand of the / wicked.

*5* They have no knowledge or wisdom;

they walk on / still in / darkness :

all the foun/dations • of the / earth are / shaken.

*6* Therefore I say that though / you are / gods :

and all of you / children • of the / Most / High,

*7* Nevertheless, you shall / die like / mortals :

and / fall like / one of their / princes.’

*8* Arise, O God and / judge the / earth :

for it is you that shall take all / nations / for your pos/session.

***Psalm 83***

*1* Hold not your peace, O God, do / not keep / silent :

be / not un/moved, O / God;

*2* For your enemies / are in / tumult :

and those who / hate you / lift up their / heads.

*3* They take secret counsel a/gainst your / people :

and plot a/gainst those / whom you / treasure.

*4* They say, ‘Come, let us destroy them / as a / nation :

that the name of Israel / be re/membered no / more.’

*5* They have conspired together / with one / mind :

they / are in / league a/gainst you:

*6,7* The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites,

/ Moab • and the / Hagarenes :

Gebal and Ammon and Amalek,

the Philistines and / those who / dwell in / Tyre.

‡*8* Ashur / also has / joined them :

and has lent a strong / arm • to the / children of / Lot.

*9* Do to them as you / did to / Midian :

to Sisera and to Jabin / at the / river of / Kishon,

*10* Who / perished at / Endor :

and be/came as / dung • for the / earth.

*11* Make their commanders like / Oreb and / Zeëb :

and all their princes like / Zebah / and Zal/munna,

*12* Who said, ‘Let us / take for our/selves :

the pastures of / God as / our pos/session.’

*13* O my God, / make them like / thistledown :

like / chaff be/fore the / wind.

*14* Like fire that con/sumes a / forest :

like the / flame • that sets / mountains a/blaze,

*15* So drive them / with your / tempest :

and dis/may them / with your / storm.

*16* Cover their faces with / shame, O / Lord :

that / they may / seek your / name.

*17* Let them be disgraced and dis/mayed for / ever :

let them be / put to con/fusion and / perish;

*18* And they shall know that you, whose / name is the / Lord :

are alone the Most High / over / all the / earth.

***Psalm 84***

*1* How lovely is your dwelling place, O / Lord of / hosts! :

My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh re/joice in the / living / God.

*2* The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her / young :

at your altars, O Lord of / hosts, my / King and my / God.

*3* Blessed are they who / dwell in your / house :

they will / always be / praising / you.

*4* Blessed are those whose / strength is in / you :

in whose heart / are the / highways to / Zion,

*5* Who going through the barren valley find / there a / spring :

and the early / rains will / clothe it with / blessing.

*6* They will go from / strength to / strength :

and ap/pear before / God in / Zion.

*7,8* O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;

listen, O / God of / Jacob :

behold our defender, O God,

and look upon the / face of / your a/nointed.

*9* For one day / in your / courts :

is / better / than a / thousand.

*10* I would rather be a doorkeeper in the / house of my / God :

than / dwell • in the / tents of un/godliness.

*11* For the Lord God is both sun and shield;

he will give / grace and / glory :

no good thing shall the Lord withhold

from / those who / walk with in/tegrity.

‡*12* O Lord / God of / hosts :

blessed are those who / put their / trust in / you.

***Psalm 85***

*1* Lord, you were gracious / to your / land :

you re/stored the / fortunes of / Jacob.

*2* You forgave the of/fence of your / people :

and / covered / all their / sins.

‡*3* You laid aside / all your / fury :

and turned from your / wrathful / indig/nation.

*4* Restore us again, O / God our / Saviour :

and / let your / anger / cease from us.

*5* Will you be displeased with / us for / ever? :

Will you stretch out your wrath

from one gene/ration / to an/other?

*6* Will you not give us / life a/gain :

that your people / may re/joice in / you?

*7* Show us your / mercy, O / Lord :

and / grant us / your sal/vation.

*8* I will listen to what the Lord / God will / say :

for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,

that they / turn • not a/gain to / folly.

*9* Truly, his salvation is near to / those who / fear him :

that his / glory may / dwell • in our / land.

*10* Mercy and truth are / met to/gether :

righteousness and / peace have / kissed each / other;

*11* Truth shall spring / up from the / earth :

and / righteousness look / down from / heaven.

*12* The Lord will indeed give / all that is / good :

and our / land will / yield its / increase.

*13* Righteousness shall / go be/fore him :

and di/rect his / steps • in the / way.

***Psalm 86***

*1* Incline your ear, O / Lord, and / answer me :

for / I am / poor • and in / misery.

*2* Preserve my soul, for / I am / faithful :

save your servant, for I / put my / trust in / you.

*3* Be merciful to me, O Lord, for / you are my / God :

I call up/on you / all the day / long.

*4* Gladden the / soul of your / servant :

for to you, O / Lord, I / lift up my / soul.

‡*5* For you, Lord, are / good and for/giving :

abounding in steadfast love to / all who / call up/on you.

*6* Give ear, O Lord, / to my / prayer :

and listen to the / voice of my / suppli/cation.

*7* In the day of my distress I will / call up/on you :

for / you will / answer / me.

*8* Among the gods there is none like / you, O / Lord :

nor / any / works like / yours.

*9* All nations you have made

shall come and worship / you, O / Lord :

and shall / glori/fy your / name.

*10* For you are great and do / wonderful / things :

you a/lone / are / God.

*11* Teach me your way, O Lord,

and I will / walk in your / truth :

knit my heart to you, that / I may / fear your / name.

*12* I will thank you, O Lord my God, with / all my / heart :

and glorify your / name for / ever/more;

*13* For great is your steadfast / love to/wards me :

for you have delivered my soul

from the / depths / of the / grave.

*14* O God, the proud rise up against me

and a ruthless horde seek / after my / life :

they have not / set you be/fore their / eyes.

*15* But you, Lord, are gracious and / full of com/passion :

slow to anger and / full of / kindness and / truth.

*16* Turn to me and have / mercy up/on me :

give your strength to your servant

and / save the / child of your / handmaid.

*17* Show me a token of your favour,

that those who hate me may see it and / be a/shamed :

because you, O / Lord, have / helped and / comforted me.

***Psalm 87***

*1* His foundation is on the / holy / mountains :

the Lord loves the gates of Zion

more than / all the / dwellings of / Jacob.

*2* Glorious things are / spoken of / you :

Zion, / city / of our / God.

*3* I record Egypt and Babylon as / those who / know me :

behold Philistia, Tyre and Ethiopia:

in / Zion / were they / born.

*4* And of Zion it shall be said,

‘Each one was / born in / her :

and the Most High himself / has es/tablished / her.’

*5* The Lord will record as he / writes up the / peoples :

‘This one / also / was born / there.’

*6* And as they dance / they shall / sing :

‘All my / fresh / springs are / in you.’

***Psalm 88***

*1* O Lord, God of / my sal/vation :

I have cried / day and / night be/fore you.

*2* Let my prayer come / into your / presence :

in/cline your / ear to my / cry.

*3* For my soul is / full of / troubles :

my life draws / near to the / land of / death.

*4* I am counted as one gone / down to the / Pit :

I am like / one that / has no / strength,

*5* Lost a/mong the / dead :

like the / slain who / lie in the / grave,

*6* Whom you re/member no / more :

for they are / cut off / from your / hand.

*7* You have laid me in the / lowest / pit :

in a place of / darkness / in the a/byss.

*8* Your anger lies / heavy up/on me :

and you have af/flicted me with / all your / waves.

*9* You have put my friends / far / from me :

and made me to / be ab/horred / by them.

*10* I am so fast in prison that I / cannot get / free :

my eyes / fail from / all my / trouble.

*11* Lord, I have called / daily up/on you :

I have stretched / out my / hands / to you.

*12* Do you work wonders / for the / dead? :

Will the / shades stand / up and / praise you?

*13* Shall your loving-kindness be de/clared in the / grave :

your faithfulness / in the / land of des/truction?

*14* Shall your wonders be / known in the / dark :

or your righteous deeds in the / land where / all is for/gotten?

*15* But as for me, O Lord, I will / cry to / you :

early in the morning my / prayer shall / come be/fore you.

*16* Lord, why have you re/jected my / soul? :

Why have you / hidden your / face / from me?

*17* I have been wretched and at the point of death / from my / youth :

I suffer your terrors / and am / no more / seen.

*18* Your / wrath sweeps / over me :

your / horrors are / come • to des/troy me;

*19* All day long they come a/bout me like / water :

they close me / in on / every / side.

*20* Lover and friend have / you put / far from me :

and hid my com/panions / out of my / sight.

***Psalm 89***

*1* My song shall be always of the loving-kindness / of the / Lord :

with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness

through/out all / gene/rations.

*2* I will declare that your love is es/tablished for / ever :

you have set your faithfulness as / firm / as the / heavens.

*3* For you said: ‘I have made a covenant / with my / chosen one :

I have sworn an / oath to / David my / servant:

*4*  “Your seed will I es/tablish for / ever :

and build up your throne for / all / gene/rations.” ’

*5* The heavens praise your / wonders, O / Lord :

and your faithfulness in the as/sembly / of the / holy ones;

*6* For who among the clouds can be com/pared to the / Lord? :

Who is like the Lord a/mong the / host of / heaven?

*7* A God feared in the council / of the / holy ones :

great and terrible above / all those / round a/bout him.

*8* Who is like you, Lord / God of / hosts? :

Mighty Lord, your / faithfulness is / all a/round you.

*9* You rule the / raging • of the / sea :

you still its / waves when / they a/rise.

*10* You crushed Rahab with a / deadly / wound :

and scattered your enemies / with your / mighty / arm.

*11* Yours are the heavens; the earth / also is / yours :

you established the / world and / all that / fills it.

*12* You created the / north and the / south :

Tabor and / Hermon re/joice • in your / name.

*13* You have a / mighty / arm :

strong is your hand and / high is / your right / hand.

*14* Righteousness and justice are the foundation / of your / throne :

steadfast love and faithfulness / go be/fore your / face.

*15* Happy are the people who know the / shout of / triumph :

they walk, O Lord, / in the / light of your / countenance.

*16* In your name they rejoice / all the day / long :

and are ex/alted / in your / righteousness.

*17* For you are the glory / of their / strength :

and in your favour / you lift / up our / heads.

*18* Truly the Lord / is our / shield :

the Holy One of / Israel / is our / king.

*19* You spoke once in a vision and said to your / faithful / people :

‘I have set a youth above the mighty;

I have raised a / young man / over the / people.

*20* I have found / David my / servant :

with my holy / oil have / I a/nointed him.

*21* My hand shall / hold him / fast :

and my / arm shall / strengthen / him.

*22* No enemy / shall de/ceive him :

nor any / wicked / person af/flict him.

*23* I will strike down his foes be/fore his / face :

and / beat down / those that / hate him.

*24* My truth also and my steadfast love / shall be / with him :

and in my name shall his / head / be ex/alted.

*25* I will set his dominion up/on the / sea :

and his / right hand up/on the / rivers.

*26* He shall call to me / “You are my / Father :

my God, and the / rock of / my sal/vation.”

‡*27* And I will make / him my / firstborn :

the most high a/bove the / kings of the / earth.

*28* The love I have pledged to him will I / keep for / ever :

and my covenant / will stand / fast with / him.

*29* His seed also will I make to en/dure for / ever :

and his throne / as the / days of / heaven.

*30* But if his children for/sake my / law :

and / cease to / walk in my / judgements,

*31,32* If they break my statutes

and do not / keep my com/mandments :

I will punish their offences with a rod

/ and their / sin with / scourges.

*33* But I will not take from him my / steadfast / love :

nor / suffer my / truth to / fail.

*34* My covenant will / I not / break :

nor alter / what has gone / out of my / lips.

*35* Once for all have I sworn / by my / holiness :

that I will / not prove / false to / David.

*36* His seed shall en/dure for / ever :

and his throne / as the / sun be/fore me;

‡*37* It shall stand fast for ever / as the / moon :

the enduring / witness / in the / heavens.’

*38* But you have cast off and rejected / your a/nointed :

you have / shown fierce / anger a/gainst him.

*39* You have broken the covenant / with your / servant :

and have / cast his / crown • to the / dust.

*40* You have broken down / all his / walls :

and / laid his / strongholds in / ruins.

*41* All who pass / by de/spoil him :

and he has be/come the / scorn of his / neighbours.

*42* You have exalted the right hand / of his / foes :

and made / all his / enemies re/joice.

*43* You have turned back the / edge of his / sword :

and have / not up/held him in / battle.

*44* You have made an / end of his / radiance :

and / cast his / throne to the / ground.

*45* You have cut short the / days of his / youth :

and have / covered / him with / shame.

*46* How long will you hide yourself so / utterly, O / Lord? :

How long shall your / anger / burn like / fire?

*47* Remember how / short my / time is :

how frail you have / made all / mortal / flesh.

*48* Which of the living shall / not see / death :

and shall deliver their soul / from the / power of / darkness?

*49* Where, O Lord, is your steadfast / love of / old :

which you swore to / David / in your / faithfulness?

*50* Remember, O Lord, how your / servant is / scorned :

how I bear in my bosom the / taunts of / many / peoples,

*51* While your enemies / mock, O / Lord :

while they mock the / footsteps of / your a/nointed.

‡*52* Blessed be the Lord for / ever/more :

A/men and / A–/men.

***Psalm 90***

*1* Lord, you have / been our / refuge :

from one gene/ration / to a/nother.

*2* Before the mountains were brought forth,

or the earth and the / world were / formed :

from everlasting to ever/lasting / you are / God.

*3* You turn us back to / dust and / say :

‘Turn / back, O / children of / earth.’

*4* For a thousand years in your sight are / but as / yesterday :

which passes / like a / watch in the / night.

*5* You sweep them away / like a / dream :

they fade away / suddenly / like the / grass.

*6* In the morning it is / green and / flourishes :

in the evening it is / dried / up and / withered.

*7* For we consume away in / your dis/pleasure :

we are afraid at your / wrathful / indig/nation.

*8* You have set our mis/deeds be/fore you :

and our secret sins / in the / light of your / countenance.

*9* When you are angry, all our / days are / gone :

our years come to an / end / like a / sigh.

*10* The days of our life are three score years and ten,

or if our strength endures, / even / four score :

yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow,

for they soon pass a/way and / we are / gone.

*11* Who regards the / power of your / wrath :

and your indig/nation like / those who / fear you?

*12* So teach us to / number our / days :

that we may ap/ply our / hearts to / wisdom.

*13* Turn again, O Lord; how long will / you de/lay? :

Have com/passion / on your / servants.

*14* Satisfy us with your loving-kindness / in the / morning :

that we may rejoice and be / glad / all our / days.

*15* Give us gladness for the days / you have af/flicted us :

and for the years in which / we have / seen ad/versity.

*16* Show your / servants your / works :

and let your / glory be / over their / children.

‡*17* May the gracious favour of the Lord our God / be up/on us :

prosper our handiwork; O / prosper the / work of our / hands.

***Psalm 91***

*1* Whoever dwells in the shelter of the / Most / High :

and abides under the / shadow / of the Al/mighty,

*2* Shall say to the Lord, ‘My refuge / and my / stronghold :

my God, in / whom I / put my / trust.’

*3* For he shall deliver you from the / snare of the / fowler :

and / from the / deadly / pestilence.

*4* He shall cover you with his wings

and you shall be safe / under his / feathers :

his faithfulness shall / be your / shield and / buckler.

*5* You shall not be afraid of any / terror by / night :

nor of the / arrow that / flies by / day;

*6* Of the pestilence that / stalks in / darkness :

nor of the sickness / that des/troys at / noonday.

*7* Though a thousand fall at your side

and ten thousand at / your right / hand :

yet / it shall / not come / near you.

*8* Your eyes have only / to be/hold :

to see the re/ward / of the / wicked.

*9* Because you have made the / Lord your / refuge :

and the / Most / High your / stronghold,

*10* There shall no evil / happen to / you :

neither shall any / plague come / near your / tent.

*11* For he shall give his angels / charge / over you :

to / keep you in / all your / ways.

*12* They shall bear you / in their / hands :

lest you dash your / foot a/gainst a / stone.

‡*13* You shall tread upon the / lion and / adder :

the young lion and the serpent you shall / trample / under/foot.

*14* Because they have set their love upon me,

therefore will / I de/liver them :

I will lift them up, be/cause they / know my / name.

*15* They will call upon me and / I will / answer them :

I am with them in trouble,

I will de/liver them and / bring them to / honour.

‡*16* With long life / will I / satisfy them :

and / show them / my sal/vation.

***Psalm 92***

*1* It is a good thing to give / thanks to the / Lord :

and to sing praises to your / name, / O Most / High;

*2* To tell of your love early / in the / morning :

and of your / faithfulness / in the / night-time,

*3* Upon the ten-stringed instrument, up/on the / harp :

and to the / melody / of the / lyre.

*4* For you, Lord, have made me glad / by your / acts :

and I sing aloud at the / works / of your / hands.

*5* O Lord, how glorious / are your / works! :

Your / thoughts are / very / deep.

*6,7* The senseless do not know, nor do fools / under/stand :

that though the wicked sprout like grass

and all the / workers • of in/iquity / flourish,

*8* It is only to be des/troyed for / ever :

but you, O Lord, shall be ex/alted for / ever/more.

*9* For lo, your enemies, O Lord,

lo, your / enemies shall / perish :

and all the workers of in/iquity / shall be / scattered.

*10* But my horn you have exalted

like the horns of / wild / oxen :

I am a/nointed with / fresh / oil.

*11* My eyes will look down / on my / foes :

my ears shall hear the ruin

of the evildoers / who rise / up a/gainst me.

*12* The righteous shall flourish / like a / palm tree :

and shall spread abroad / like a / cedar of / Lebanon.

*13* Such as are planted in the / house of the / Lord :

shall flourish / in the / courts of our / God.

*14* They shall still bear fruit in / old / age :

they shall be / vigorous and / in full / leaf;

*15* That they may show that the / Lord is / true :

he is my rock, and there is / no un/righteousness / in him.

***Psalm 93***

*1* The Lord is king and has put on / glorious ap/parel :

the Lord has put on his glory

and / girded him/self with / strength.

*2* He has made the whole / world so / sure :

that / it can/not be / moved.

*3* Your throne has been established / from of / old :

you / are from / ever/lasting.

*4* The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

the floods have lifted / up their / voice :

the floods lift / up their / pounding / waves.

*5* Mightier than the thunder of many waters,

mightier than the breakers / of the / sea :

the / Lord on / high is / mightier.

*6* Your testimonies are / very / sure :

holiness adorns your / house, O / Lord, for / ever.

***Psalm 94***

*1* Lord God to whom / vengeance be/longs :

O God to whom vengeance be/longs, shine / out in / majesty.

*2* Rise up, O / Judge of the / earth :

give the / arrogant their / just de/serts.

*3* Lord, how / long shall the / wicked :

how / long shall the / wicked / triumph?

*4* How long shall the evil/doers / boast :

and pour / out such / impudent / words?

*5,6* They crush your people, O Lord, and af/flict your / heritage :

they murder the widow and the stranger;

the / orphans they / put to / death.

*7* And yet they say, ‘The Lord / will not / see :

neither shall the / God of / Jacob re/gard it.’

*8* Consider, most / stupid of / people :

you fools, / when will you / under/stand?

*9* He that planted the ear, shall / he not / hear? :

He that formed the / eye, shall / he not / see?

*10* He who corrects the nations, shall / he not / punish? :

He who teaches the / peoples, does / he lack / knowledge?

*11* The Lord knows every / human / thought :

that / they are / but a / breath.

*12* Blessed are those whom you / chasten, O / Lord :

whom you in/struct / from / your law;

*13* That you may give them rest in / days of ad/versity :

until a / pit is / dug • for the / wicked.

*14* For the Lord will not / fail his / people :

neither will / he for/sake • his in/heritance.

*15* For justice shall re/turn to the / righteous :

and all that are / true of / heart shall / follow it.

*16* Who will rise up for me a/gainst the / wicked? :

Who will take my part a/gainst the / evil/doers?

*17* If the Lord / had not / helped me :

my soul would / soon have been / put to / silence.

*18* And when I said, ‘My / foot has / slipped’ :

your loving / mercy, O / Lord, up/held me.

*19* In the multitude of cares that / troubled my / heart :

your comforts / have re/freshed my / soul.

*20* Will you have anything to do with the / throne of / wickedness :

which fashions / evil / through its / law?

*21* They gather together against the / life of the / righteous :

and con/demn the / innocent to / death.

*22* But the Lord has be/come my / stronghold :

and my / God the / rock of my / trust.

*23* He will turn against them their own wickedness

and silence them through their / own / malice :

the Lord our / God will / put them to / silence.

***Psalm 95***

*1* O come, let us / sing to the / Lord :

let us heartily rejoice in the / rock of / our sal/vation.

*2* Let us come into his / presence with / thanksgiving :

and be / glad in / him with / psalms.

*3* For the Lord is a / great / God :

and a great / king a/bove all / gods.

*4* In his hand are the / depths of the / earth :

and the heights of the / mountains are / his / also.

‡*5* The sea is his, / for he / made it :

and his hands have / moulded the / dry / land.

*6* Come, let us worship / and bow / down :

and kneel be/fore the / Lord our / Maker.

*7* For / he is our / God :

we are the people of his pasture

/ and the / sheep of his / hand.

*8* O that today you would listen / to his / voice :

‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

on that day at / Massah / in the / wilderness,

*9* When your forebears tested me, and put me / to the / proof :

though / they had / seen my / works.

*10* Forty years long I detested that gene/ration and / said :

“This people are wayward in their hearts;

they / do not / know my / ways.”

*11* So I / swore in my / wrath :

“They shall not / enter / into my / rest.” ’

***Psalm 96***

*1* Sing to the Lord a / new / song :

sing to the / Lord / all the / earth.

*2* Sing to the Lord and / bless his / name :

tell out his sal/vation from / day to / day.

*3* Declare his glory a/mong the / nations :

and his / wonders a/mong all / peoples.

*4* For great is the Lord and greatly / to be / praised :

he is more to be / feared than / all / gods.

*5* For all the gods of the nations / are but / idols :

it is the / Lord who / made the / heavens.

*6* Honour and majesty / are be/fore him :

power and / splendour are / in his / sanctuary.

*7* Ascribe to the Lord, you families / of the / peoples :

ascribe to the / Lord / honour and / strength.

*8* Ascribe to the Lord the honour / due to his / name :

bring offerings and / come in/to his / courts.

*9* O worship the Lord in the / beauty of / holiness :

let the / whole earth / tremble be/fore him.

*10* Tell it out among the nations that the / Lord is / king :

he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will / judge the / peoples with / equity.

*11* Let the heavens rejoice and let the / earth be / glad :

let the sea / thunder and / all • that is / in it;

*12* Let the fields be joyful and / all • that is / in them :

let all the trees of the wood shout for / joy be/fore the / Lord.

‡*13* For he comes, he comes to / judge the / earth :

with righteousness he will judge the world

and the / peoples / with his / truth.

***Psalm 97***

*1* The Lord is king: let the / earth re/joice :

let the multitude / of the / isles be / glad.

*2* Clouds and darkness are / round a/bout him :

righteousness and justice are the foun/dation / of his / throne.

‡*3* Fire / goes be/fore him :

and burns up his / enemies on / every / side.

*4* His lightnings / lit up the / world :

the / earth / saw it and / trembled.

*5* The mountains melted like wax

at the / presence • of the / Lord :

at the presence of the / Lord of the / whole / earth.

‡*6* The heavens de/clared his / righteousness :

and all the / peoples have / seen his / glory.

*7* Confounded be all who worship carved images

and delight in / mere / idols :

bow down be/fore him / all you / gods.

*8* Zion heard and was glad,

and the daughters of / Judah re/joiced :

be/cause of your / judgements, O / Lord.

‡*9* For you, Lord, are most high over / all the / earth :

you are exalted / far a/bove all / gods.

*10* The Lord loves those / who hate / evil :

he preserves the lives of his faithful

and delivers them / from the / hand of the / wicked.

*11* Light has sprung / up • for the / righteous :

and / joy • for the / true of / heart.

‡*12* Rejoice in the / Lord, you / righteous :

and give / thanks • to his / holy / name.

***Psalm 98***

*1* Sing to the Lord a / new / song :

for he / has done / marvellous / things.

*2* His own right hand and his / holy / arm :

have / won for / him the / victory.

*3* The Lord has made known / his sal/vation :

his deliverance has he openly shown

/ in the / sight of the / nations.

*4* He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness

towards the / house of / Israel :

and all the ends of the earth

have seen the sal/vation / of our / God.

*5* Sound praises to the Lord, / all the / earth :

break into / singing / and make / music.

*6* Make music to the Lord / with the / lyre :

with the lyre / and the / voice of / melody.

‡*7* With trumpets and the / sound of the / horn :

sound praises be/fore the / Lord, the / King.

*8* Let the sea thunder and / all that / fills it :

the world and / all that / dwell up/on it.

*9* Let the rivers / clap their / hands :

and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,

for he / comes to / judge the / earth.

‡*10* In righteousness shall he / judge the / world :

and the / peo/ples with / equity.

***Psalm 99***

*1* The Lord is king: let the / peoples / tremble :

he is enthroned above the cherubim: / let the / earth / shake.

*2* The Lord is / great in / Zion :

and / high a/bove all / peoples.

*3* Let them praise your name, which is / great and / awesome :

the / Lord our / God is / holy.

*4* Mighty king, who loves justice, you have es/tablished / equity :

you have executed / justice and / righteousness in / Jacob.

‡*5* Exalt the / Lord our / God :

bow down before his / footstool, for / he is / holy.

*6* Moses and Aaron among his priests

and Samuel among those who / call upon his / name :

they called upon the / Lord / and he / answered them.

*7* He spoke to them out of the / pillar of / cloud :

they kept his testimonies / and the / law that he / gave them.

*8* You answered them, O / Lord our / God :

you were a God who forgave them

and pardoned / them for / their of/fences.

*9* Exalt the Lord our God

and worship him upon his / holy / hill :

for the / Lord our / God is / holy.

***Psalm 100***

*1* O be joyful in the Lord, / all the / earth :

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his / presence / with a / song.

*2* Know that the / Lord is / God :

it is he that has made us and we are his;

we are his people / and the / sheep of his / pasture.

*3* Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his / courts with / praise :

give thanks to / him and / bless his / name.

*4* For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is / ever/lasting :

and his faithfulness endures from gene/ration to / gene/ration.

***Psalm 101*** *First setting*

*1* I will sing of / faithfulness and / justice :

to you, O / Lord, / will I / sing.

*2* Let me be wise in the / way that is / perfect :

when / will you / come to / me?

*3* I will walk with / purity of / heart :

with/in the / walls of my / house.

*4* I will not set be/fore my / eyes :

a / counsel / that is / evil.

*5* I abhor the / deeds of un/faithfulness :

they / shall not / cling to / me.

*6* A crooked heart / shall de/part from me :

I will not / know a / wicked / person.

*7* One who slanders a / neighbour in / secret :

I will / quickly / put to / silence.

*8* Haughty eyes and an / arrogant / heart :

I / will / not en/dure.

*9* My eyes are upon the faithful / in the / land :

that / they may / dwell with / me.

*10* One who walks in the / way that is / pure :

shall / be / my / servant.

*11* There shall not / dwell in my / house :

one that / practi/ses de/ceit.

*12* One who / utters / falsehood :

shall not con/tinue / in my / sight.

*13* Morning by morning will I / put to / silence :

all the / wicked / in the / land,

*14* To cut off from the city / of the / Lord :

all / those who / practise / evil.

***Psalm 101*** *Second setting*

*1,2* I will sing of faithfulness and justice;

to you, O Lord, / will I / sing :

Let me be wise in the way that is perfect:

/ when will you / come to / me?

*3,4* I will walk with purity of heart

within the / walls of my / house :

I will not set before my eyes a / counsel / that is / evil.

*5,6* I abhor the deeds of unfaithfulness;

they / shall not / cling to me :

a crooked heart shall depart from me;

I will not / know a / wicked / person.

*7,8* One who slanders a neighbour in secret

I will quickly / put to / silence :

haughty eyes and an arrogant heart / I will / not en/dure.

‡*9,10* My eyes are upon the faithful in the land,

that / they may / dwell with me :

one who walks in the way that is / pure shall / be my / servant.

*11,12* There shall not dwell in my house one that / practises de/ceit :

one who utters falsehood shall not con/tinue / in my / sight.

*13,14* Morning by morning will I put to silence

all the / wicked • in the / land :

to cut off from the city of the Lord

all / those who / practise / evil.

***Psalm 102***

*1* O Lord, / hear my / prayer :

and let my / crying / come be/fore you.

*2* Hide not your / face / from me :

in the / day of / my dis/tress.

*3* Incline your / ear to / me :

when I / call, make / haste to / answer me,

*4* For my days are con/sumed in / smoke :

and my bones burn a/way as / in a / furnace.

*5* My heart is smitten down and / withered like / grass :

so that I for/get to / eat my / bread.

*6* From the / sound of my / groaning :

my / bones cleave / fast to my / skin.

*7* I am become like a vulture / in the / wilderness :

like an / owl that / haunts the / ruins.

*8* I / keep / watch :

and am become like a sparrow

/ solitary up/on the / housetop.

*9* My enemies revile me / all the day / long :

and those who rage at me have / sworn to/gether a/gainst me.

*10* I have eaten / ashes for / bread :

and / mingled my / drink with / weeping,

*11* Because of your indig/nation and / wrath :

for you have taken me / up and / cast me / down.

*12* My days fade away / like a / shadow :

and / I am / withered like / grass.

*13* But you, O Lord, shall en/dure for / ever :

and your name through / all / gene/rations.

*14* You will arise and have / pity on / Zion :

it is time to have mercy upon her;

/ surely the / time has / come.

‡*15* For your servants love her / very / stones :

and feel com/passion / for her / dust.

*16* Then shall the nations fear your / name, O / Lord :

and all the / kings of the / earth your / glory,

*17* When the Lord has / built up / Zion :

and / shown him/self in / glory;

*18* When he has turned to the / prayer of the / destitute :

and has / not des/pised their / plea.

*19* This shall be written for / those that come / after :

and a people yet un/born shall / praise the / Lord.

*20* For he has looked down from his / holy / height :

from the heavens / he be/held the / earth,

*21* That he might hear the sighings / of the / prisoner :

and set free / those con/demned to / die;

*22* That the name of the Lord may be pro/claimed in / Zion :

and his / praises / in Je/rusalem,

*23* When peoples are / gathered to/gether :

and kingdoms / also, to / serve the / Lord.

*24* He has brought down my strength / in my / journey :

and has / shortened / my / days.

*25* I pray, ‘O my God, do not take me in the / midst of my / days :

your years endure through/out all / gene/rations.

*26* In the beginning you laid the foundations / of the / earth :

and the heavens / are the / work of your / hands;

*27* They shall perish, but you / will en/dure :

they all shall / wear out / like a / garment.

*28* You change them like clothing, and they / shall be / changed :

but you are the same / and your / years • will not / fail.

*29* The children of your servants / shall con/tinue :

and their descendants shall be es/tablished / in your / sight.’

***Psalm 103***

*1* Bless the Lord / O my / soul :

and all that is within me / bless his / holy / name.

*2* Bless the Lord / O my / soul :

and for/get not / all his / benefits;

*3* Who forgives / all your / sins :

and / heals / all your in/firmities;

*4* Who redeems your life / from the / Pit :

and crowns you with / faithful / love • and com/passion;

‡*5* Who satisfies you with / good / things :

so that your / youth is re/newed • like an / eagle’s.

*6* The Lord / executes / righteousness :

and judgement for / all who / are op/pressed.

*7* He made his ways / known to / Moses :

and his works / to the / children of / Israel.

*8* The Lord is full of com/passion and / mercy :

slow to anger / and of / great / kindness.

*9* He will not / always ac/cuse us :

neither will he / keep his / anger for / ever.

‡*10* He has not dealt with us according / to our / sins :

nor rewarded us ac/cording / to our / wickedness.

*11* For as the heavens are high a/bove the / earth :

so great is his / mercy • upon / those who / fear him.

*12* As far as the east is / from the / west :

so far has he / set our / sins / from us.

*13* As a father has compassion / on his / children :

so is the Lord merciful towards / those who / fear / him.

*14* For he knows of what / we are / made :

he remembers / that we / are but / dust.

*15* Our days are / but as / grass :

we flourish / as a / flower of the / field;

*16* For as soon as the wind goes over it, / it is / gone :

and its / place shall / know it no / more.

*17* But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old

and endures for ever on / those who / fear him :

and his / righteousness on / children’s / children;

*18* On those who / keep his / covenant :

and remember / his com/mandments to / do them.

*19* The Lord has established his / throne in / heaven :

and his kingdom has do/minion / over / all.

*20* Bless the Lord, you / angels of / his :

you mighty ones who do his bidding

and / hearken • to the / voice of his / word.

*21* Bless the Lord, all / you his / hosts :

you ministers of / his who / do his / will.

*22* Bless the Lord, all you works of his,

in all places of / his do/minion :

bless the / Lord, / O my / soul.

***Psalm 104***

*1* Bless the Lord, / O my / soul :

O Lord my God, how / excellent / is your / greatness!

*2* You are clothed with / majesty and / honour :

wrapped in / light as / in a / garment.

*3* You spread out the heavens / like a / curtain :

and lay the beams of your dwelling place

/ in the / waters a/bove.

*4* You make the / clouds your / chariot :

and / ride on the / wings of the / wind.

*5* You make the / winds your / messengers :

and / flames of / fire your / servants.

*6* You laid the foundations / of the / earth :

that it never should / move at / any / time.

*7* You covered it with the deep / like a / garment :

the waters stood / high a/bove the / hills.

*8* At your re/buke they / fled :

at the voice of your / thunder they / hastened a/way.

*9* They rose up to the hills

and flowed down to the / valleys be/neath :

to the place which / you had ap/pointed / for them.

*10* You have set them their bounds that they / should not / pass :

nor turn a/gain to / cover the / earth.

*11* You send the springs / into the / brooks :

which / run a/mong the / hills.

*12* They give drink to every / beast of the / field :

and the wild / asses / quench their / thirst.

*13* Beside them the birds of the air / make their / nests :

and / sing a/mong the / branches.

*14* You water the hills from your / dwelling on / high :

the earth is / filled • with the / fruit of your / works.

*15* You make grass to / grow for the / cattle :

and / plants to / meet our / needs,

*16* Bringing forth / food from the / earth :

and / wine to / gladden our / hearts,

*17* Oil to give us a / cheerful / countenance :

and / bread to / strengthen our / hearts.

*18* The trees of the Lord are / full of / sap :

the cedars of / Lebanon / which he / planted,

*19* In which the birds / build their / nests :

while the fir trees are a / dwelling / for the / stork.

*20* The mountains are a refuge for the / wild / goats :

and the / stony / cliffs • for the / conies.

*21* You appointed the moon to / mark the / seasons :

and the sun / knows the / time for its / setting.

*22* You make darkness that it / may be / night :

in which all the beasts of the / forest / creep / forth.

*23* The lions roar / for their / prey :

and / seek their / food from / God.

*24* The sun rises and / they are / gone :

to lay themselves / down / in their / dens.

‡*25* People go / forth to their / work :

and to their / labour un/til the / evening.

*26* O Lord, how manifold / are your / works! :

In wisdom you have made them all;

the / earth is / full of your / creatures.

*27* There is the sea, spread / far and / wide :

and there move creatures beyond / number,

both / small and / great.

*28* There go the ships, and there is / that Le/viathan :

which you have / made to / play in the / deep.

*29* All of these / look to / you :

to give them their / food in / due / season.

*30* When you give it / them, they / gather it :

you open your hand and / they are / filled with / good.

*31* When you hide your face / they are / troubled :

when you take away their breath,

they die and re/turn a/gain to the / dust.

‡*32* When you send forth your spirit, they / are cre/ated :

and you re/new the / face of the / earth.

*33* May the glory of the Lord en/dure for / ever :

may the / Lord re/joice in his / works;

*34* He looks on the earth / and it / trembles :

he touches the / mountains / and they / smoke.

*35* I will sing to the Lord as / long as I / live :

I will make music to my God / while I / have my / being.

*36* So shall my / song / please him :

while I re/joice / in the / Lord.

*37* Let sinners be consumed / out of the / earth :

and the / wicked / be no / more.

*37a* Bless the Lord, / O my / soul :

Alle/luia,/Alle/luia.

***Psalm 105***

*1* O give thanks to the Lord and call up/on his / name :

make known his / deeds a/mong the / peoples.

*2* Sing to / him, sing / praises :

and tell of / all his / marvellous / works.

*3* Rejoice in the praise of his / holy / name :

let the hearts of them re/joice who / seek the / Lord.

*4* Seek the Lord / and his / strength :

seek his / face / con/tinually.

*5* Remember the marvels / he has / done :

his wonders and the / judgements / of his / mouth,

*6* O seed of / Abraham his / servant :

O / children of / Jacob his / chosen.

*7* He is the / Lord our / God :

his judgements / are in / all the / earth.

*8* He has always been mindful / of his / covenant :

the promise that he made for a / thousand / gene/rations:

*9* The covenant he / made with / Abraham :

the oath / that he / swore to / Isaac,

*10* Which he established as a / statute for / Jacob :

an everlasting / coven/ant for / Israel,

‡*11* Saying, ‘To you will I give the / land of / Canaan :

to be the / portion of / your in/heritance.’

*12* When they were but / few in / number :

of little account, and / sojourners / in the / land,

*13* Wandering from / nation to / nation :

from one kingdom / to an/other / people,

*14* He suffered no one to / do them / wrong :

and rebuked even / kings / for their / sake,

*15* Saying, ‘Touch not / my a/nointed :

and / do my / prophets no / harm.’

*16* Then he called down famine / over the / land :

and broke / every / staff of / bread.

*17* But he had sent a / man be/fore them :

Joseph, / who was / sold as a / slave.

*18* They shackled his / feet with / fetters :

his / neck was / ringed with / iron.

*19* Until all he foretold / came to / pass :

the / word of the / Lord / tested him.

*20* The king sent / and re/leased him :

the ruler of / peoples / set him / free.

*21* He appointed him / lord of his / household :

and / ruler of / all he pos/sessed,

‡*22* To instruct his princes / as he / willed :

and to / teach his / counsellors / wisdom.

*23* Then Israel / came into / Egypt :

Jacob sojourned / in the / land of / Ham.

*24* And the Lord made his people ex/ceedingly / fruitful :

he made them too / many / for their / adversaries,

‡*25* Whose heart he turned, so that they / hated his / people :

and dealt / craftily / with his / servants.

*26* Then sent he / Moses his / servant :

and / Aaron whom / he had / chosen.

*27* He showed his signs / through their / word :

and his wonders / in the / land of / Ham.

*28* He sent darkness and / it grew / dark :

yet they / did not / heed his / words.

*29* He turned their waters / into / blood :

and / slew / all their / fish.

*30* Their land / swarmed with / frogs :

even / in their / kings’ / chambers.

*31* He spoke the word, and there came / clouds of / flies :

swarms of / gnats within / all their / borders.

*32* He gave them / hailstones for / rain :

and flames of / lightning / in their / land.

*33* He blasted their vines / and their / fig trees :

and shattered / trees a/cross their / country.

*34* He spoke the word, and the / grasshoppers / came :

and young / locusts / without / number;

*35* They ate every / plant in their / land :

and de/voured the / fruit of their / soil.

‡*36* He smote all the firstborn / in their / land :

the / first fruits of / all their / strength.

*37* Then he brought them out with / silver and / gold :

there was not one a/mong their / tribes that / stumbled.

*38* Egypt was glad at / their de/parting :

for a / dread of them had / fallen up/on them.

*39* He spread out a cloud / for a / covering :

and a / fire to / light up the / night.

*40* They asked and he / brought them / quails :

he satisfied them / with the / bread of / heaven.

*41* He opened the rock, and the / waters gushed / out :

and ran in the dry / places / like a / river.

*42* For he remembered his / holy / word :

and / Abra/ham, his / servant.

*43* So he brought forth his / people with / joy :

his / chosen / ones with / singing.

*44* He gave them the / lands of the / nations :

and they took possession of the / fruit / of their / toil,

‡*45* That they might / keep his / statutes :

and faithfully observe his / laws. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 106***

*1* Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord, for / he is / gracious :

for his / faithfulness en/dures for / ever.

*2* Who can express the mighty / acts of the / Lord :

or / show forth / all his / praise?

*3* Blessed are those who observe / what is / right :

and / always / do • what is / just.

*4* Remember me, O Lord,

in the favour you bear / for your / people :

visit me in the / day of / your sal/vation;

‡*5* That I may see the prosperity of your chosen

and rejoice in the gladness / of your / people :

and ex/ult with / your in/heritance.

*6* We have sinned / like our / forebears :

we have done / wrong and / dealt / wickedly.

*7* In Egypt they did not consider your wonders,

nor remember the abundance of your / faithful / love :

they rebelled against the Most High / at the / Red / Sea.

*8* But he saved them for his / name’s / sake :

that he might / make his / power to be / known.

*9* He rebuked the Red Sea and it was / dried / up :

so he led them through the / deep

as / through the / wilderness.

*10* He saved them from the / adversary’s / hand :

and redeemed 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 they be/lieved his / words :

and / sang a/loud his / praise.

*13* But soon they for/got his / deeds :

and / would not / wait for his / counsel.

*14* A craving seized them / in the / wilderness :

and they put / God to the / test • in the / desert.

*15* He gave them / their de/sire :

but sent a / wasting / sickness a/mong them.

*16* They grew jealous of Moses / in the / camp :

and of Aaron, the / holy one / of the / Lord.

*17* So the earth opened and / swallowed up / Dathan :

and covered the / company / of A/biram.

*18* A fire was kindled / in their / company :

the / flame burnt / up the / wicked.

*19* They made a / calf at / Horeb :

and / worshipped the / molten / image;

*20* Thus they ex/changed their / glory :

for the image of an / ox that / feeds on / hay.

*21* They forgot / God their / saviour :

who had done such / great / things in / Egypt,

*22* Wonderful deeds in the / land of / Ham :

and fearful things / at the / Red / Sea.

*23* So he would have destroyed them,

had not Moses his chosen

stood before him / in the / breach :

to turn a/way his / wrath from con/suming them.

*24* Then they scorned the / Promised / Land :

and / would not be/lieve his / word,

*25* But murmured / in their / tents :

and would not / heed the / voice of the / Lord.

*26* So he lifted his / hand a/gainst them :

and swore to over/throw them / in the / wilderness,

‡*27* To disperse their descendants a/mong the / nations :

and to / scatter them through/out the / lands.

*28* They joined themselves to the / Baal of / Peor :

and ate sacrifices / offered / to the / dead.

*29* They provoked him to anger with their / evil / deeds :

and a / plague broke / out a/mong them.

*30* Then Phinehas stood up and / inter/ceded :

and / so the / plague was / stayed.

*31* This was counted to / him for / righteousness :

throughout all / gene/rations for / ever.

*32* They angered him also at the / waters of / Meribah :

so that Moses / suffered / for their / sake;

*33* For they so em/bittered his / spirit :

that he spoke / rash words / with his / lips.

*34* They did not des/troy the / peoples :

as the / Lord / had com/manded them.

*35* They mingled / with the / nations :

and / learned to / follow their / ways,

*36* So that they / worshipped their / idols :

which be/came to / them a / snare.

*37* Their own / sons and / daughters :

they / sacrificed to / evil / spirits.

*38* They shed / innocent / blood :

the / blood of their / sons and / daughters,

*39* Which they offered to the / idols of / Canaan :

and the / land was de/filed with / blood.

*40* Thus were they polluted / by their / actions :

and in their wanton deeds went / whoring • after / other / gods.

*41* Therefore was the wrath of the Lord

kindled a/gainst his / people :

and he ab/horred / his in/heritance.

*42* He gave them over to the / hand of the / nations :

and those who / hated / them ruled / over them.

*43* So their / enemies op/pressed them :

and put them in sub/jection / under their / hand.

*44* Many a time did he deliver them,

but they rebelled through their / own de/vices :

and were / brought down / through their / wickedness.

*45* Nevertheless, he / saw their ad/versity :

when he / heard their / lamen/tation.

*46* He remembered his / covenant / with them :

and relented according to the greatness / of his / faithful / love.

*47* He made them also / to be / pitied :

by all / who had / taken them / captive.

*48* Save us, O Lord our God,

and gather us from a/mong the / nations :

that we may give thanks to your holy name

and / glory / in your / praise.

*49* Blessed be the Lord, the / God of / Israel :

from everlasting / and to / ever/lasting;

*49a* and let all the / people / say :

A/men. – / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 107***

*1* O give thanks to the Lord, for / he is / gracious :

for his steadfast / love en/dures for / ever.

*2* Let the redeemed of the / Lord / say this :

those he redeemed / from the / hand of the / enemy,

‡*3* And gathered out of the lands from the east and / from the / west :

from the / north and / from the / south.

*4* Some went astray in / desert / wastes :

and found no / path • to a / city to / dwell in.

*5* Hungry / and / thirsty :

their / soul was / fainting with/in them.

*6* So they cried to the Lord / in their / trouble :

and he delivered / them from / their dis/tress.

‡*7* He set their feet on the / right / way :

till they / came • to a / city to / dwell in.

*8* Let them give thanks to the Lord / for his / goodness :

and the / wonders he / does • for his / children.

*9* For he satisfies the / longing / soul :

and fills the / hungry / soul with / good.

*10* Some sat in darkness and in the / shadow of / death :

bound / fast in / misery and / iron,

*11* For they had rebelled against the / words of / God :

and despised the / counsel • of the / Most / High.

*12* So he bowed down their / heart with / heaviness :

they stumbled and / there was / none to / help them.

*13* Then they cried to the Lord / in their / trouble :

and he delivered / them from / their dis/tress.

‡*14* He brought them out of darkness

and out of the / shadow of / death :

and / broke their / bonds a/sunder.

*15* Let them give thanks to the Lord / for his / goodness :

and the / wonders he / does • for his / children.

*16* For he has broken the / doors of / bronze :

and breaks the / bars of / iron in / pieces.

*17* Some were foolish and took a re/bellious / way :

and were plagued be/cause of / their wrong/doing.

*18* Their soul abhorred all / manner of / food :

and drew / near to the / gates of / death.

*19* Then they cried to the Lord / in their / trouble :

and he delivered / them from / their dis/tress.

*20* He sent forth his / word and / healed them :

and / saved them / from des/truction.

*21* Let them give thanks to the Lord / for his / goodness :

and the / wonders he / does • for his / children.

*22* Let them offer him / sacrifices of / thanksgiving :

and tell of his / acts with / shouts of / joy.

*23* Those who go down to the / sea in / ships :

and ply their / trade in / great / waters,

*24* These have seen the / works of the / Lord :

and his / wonders / in the / deep.

*25* For at his word the stormy / wind a/rose :

and lifted / up the / waves of the / sea.

*26* They were carried up to the heavens

and down again / to the / deep :

their soul melted a/way / in their / peril.

*27* They reeled and staggered / like a / drunkard :

and were / at their / wits’ / end.

*28* Then they cried to the Lord / in their / trouble :

and he brought them / out of / their dis/tress.

*29* He made the / storm be / still :

and the / waves of the / sea were / calmed.

*30* Then were they glad because they / were at / rest :

and he brought them to the / haven / they de/sired.

*31* Let them give thanks to the Lord / for his / goodness :

and the / wonders he / does • for his / children.

*32* Let them exalt him in the congregation / of the / people :

and praise him in the / council / of the / elders.

*33* The Lord turns rivers / into / wilderness :

and water springs / into / thirsty / ground;

*34* A fruitful land he makes a / salty / waste :

because of the / wickedness of / those who / dwell there.

*35* He makes the wilderness a / pool of / water :

and water springs / out of a / thirsty / land.

*36* There he / settles the / hungry :

and they / build a / city to / dwell in.

*37* They sow fields / and plant / vineyards :

and bring / in a / fruitful / harvest.

*38* He blesses them, so that they / multiply / greatly :

he does not let their / herds of / cattle / decrease.

*39* He pours con/tempt on / princes :

and makes them / wander in / trackless / wastes.

*40* They are diminished / and brought / low :

through / stress • of mis/fortune and / sorrow,

*41* But he raises the poor / from their / misery :

and multiplies their / families like / flocks of / sheep.

*42* The upright will see this / and re/joice :

but all / wickedness will / shut its / mouth.

‡*43* Whoever is wise will / ponder these / things :

and consider the loving/kindness / of the / Lord.

***Psalm 108***

*1* My heart is ready, O God, my / heart is / ready :

I will / sing and / give you / praise.

*2* Awake, my soul; awake / harp and / lyre :

that I / may a/waken the / dawn.

*3* I will give you thanks, O Lord, a/mong the / peoples :

I will sing praise to / you a/mong the / nations.

*4* For your loving-kindness is as / high as the / heavens :

and your faithfulness / reaches / to the / clouds.

*5* Be exalted, O God, a/bove the / heavens :

and your glory / over / all the / earth.

*6* That your beloved may / be de/livered :

save us by / your right / hand and / answer me.

*7* God has spoken / in his / holiness :

‘I will triumph and divide Shechem

and / share out the / valley of / Succoth.

*8* Gilead is mine and Ma/nasseh is / mine :

Ephraim is my / helmet and / Judah my / sceptre.

‡*9* Moab shall be my wash pot, over Edom will I / cast my / sandal :

across Philistia / will I / shout in / triumph.’

*10* Who will lead me into the / strong / city? :

Who will / bring me / into / Edom?

*11* Have you not cast us / off, O / God? :

Will you no longer / go forth / with our / troops?

*12* O grant us your help a/gainst the / enemy :

for / earthly / help is in / vain.

*13* Through God will we / do great / acts :

for it is he that / shall tread / down our / enemies.

***Psalm 109***

*1* Keep silent no longer, O / God of my / praise :

for the mouth of wickedness and / treachery

is / opened a/gainst me.

*2* They have spoken against me with a / lying / tongue :

they encompassed me with words of hatred

and fought a/gainst me with/out a / cause.

*3* In return for my love, they set them/selves a/gainst me :

even though / I had / prayed for / them.

*4* Thus have they repaid me with / evil for / good :

and / hatred for / my good / will.

*5* They say, ‘Appoint a / wicked man / over him :

and let an accuser / stand at / his right / hand.

*6* When he is judged, let / him be found / guilty :

and let his / prayer be / counted as / sin.

*7* Let his / days be / few :

and let an/other / take his / office.

*8* Let his / children be / fatherless :

and his / wife be/come a / widow.

*9* Let his children wander to / beg their / bread :

let them / seek it in / desolate / places.

*10* Let the creditor seize / all that he / has :

let strangers / plunder the / fruit of his / toil.

*11* Let there be no one to keep / faith with / him :

or have compassion / on his / fatherless / children.

*12* Let his line soon / come to an / end :

and his name be blotted out / in the / next gene/ration.

*13* Let the wickedness of his fathers

be remembered be/fore the / Lord :

and no sin of his / mother be / blotted / out;

*14* Let their sin be always be/fore the / Lord :

that he may / root out their / name • from the / earth;

*15* Because he was not minded / to keep / faith :

but persecuted the poor and needy

and sought to / kill the / broken/hearted.

*16* He loved cursing / and it / came to him :

he took no delight in blessing / and it was / far / from him.

*17* He clothed himself with cursing / as with a / garment :

it seeped into his body like water

and / into his / bones like / oil;

*18* Let it be to him like the cloak which he / wraps a/round him :

and like the belt / that he / wears con/tinually.’

‡*19* Thus may the Lord repay / my ac/cusers :

and those / who speak / evil a/gainst me.

*20* But deal with me, O Lord my God, according / to your / name :

O deliver me, for / sweet / is your / faithfulness.

*21* For I am / helpless and / poor :

and my heart / is dis/quieted with/in me.

*22* I fade like a / shadow that / lengthens :

I am / shaken / off • like a / locust.

*23* My knees are / weak through / fasting :

and my flesh / is dried / up and / wasted.

‡*24* I have become a re/proach to / them :

those who see me / shake their / heads in / scorn.

*25* Help me, O / Lord my / God :

save me for your / loving / mercy’s / sake,

*26* And they shall know that / this is your / hand :

that / you, O / Lord, have / done it.

*27* Though they curse, / may you / bless :

let those who rise up against me be confounded,

but / let your / servant re/joice.

*28* Let my accusers be clothed / with dis/grace :

and wrap themselves in their / shame as / in a / cloak.

*29* I will give great thanks to the Lord / with my / mouth :

in the midst of the / multitude / will I / praise him;

*30* Because he has stood at the right hand / of the / needy :

to save them from / those who / would con/demn them.

***Psalm 110***

*1* The Lord said to my lord / ‘Sit at my / right hand :

until I / make your / enemies your / footstool.’

*2* May the Lord stretch forth the sceptre / of your / power :

rule from Zion / in the / midst of your / enemies.

*3* ‘Noble are you on this / day of your / birth :

on the holy mountain, from the womb of the dawn

the dew of your / new birth / is up/on you.’

*4* The Lord has sworn and / will not re/tract :

‘You are a priest for ever after the / order / of Mel/chizedek.’

*5* The king at your / right hand, O / Lord :

shall smite down / kings • in the / day of his / wrath.

*6* In all his majesty, he shall judge a/mong the / nations :

smiting heads over / all the / wide / earth.

‡*7* He shall drink from the brook be/side the / way :

therefore / shall he lift / high his / head.

***Psalm 111***

*1* Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my / whole / heart :

in the company of the faithful and / in the / congre/gation.

*2* The works of the / Lord are / great :

sought out by / all / who de/light in them.

*3* His work is full of / majesty and / honour :

and his / righteousness en/dures for / ever.

*4* He appointed a memorial for his / marvellous / deeds :

the Lord is / gracious and / full of com/passion.

*5* He gave food to / those who / feared him :

he is ever / mindful / of his / covenant.

*6* He showed his people the / power of his / works :

in giving them the / heritage / of the / nations.

*7* The works of his hands are / truth and / justice :

all / his com/mandments are / sure.

*8* They stand fast for / ever and / ever :

they are / done in / truth and / equity.

*9* He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his / covenant for / ever :

holy and / awesome / is his / name.

*10* The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good

understanding have / those who / live by it :

his / praise en/dures for / ever.

***Psalm 112***

*1* Alleluia.

Blessed are those who / fear the / Lord :

and have great de/light in / his com/mandments.

*2* Their descendants will be mighty / in the / land :

a generation of the / faithful that / will be / blest.

*3* Wealth and riches will be / in their / house :

and their / righteousness en/dures for / ever.

*4* Light shines in the darkness / for the / upright :

gracious and full of com/passion / are the / righteous.

*5* It goes well with those who are / generous in / lending :

and order / their af/fairs with / justice,

*6* For they will / never be / shaken :

the righteous will be held in / ever/lasting re/membrance.

*7* They will not be afraid of any / evil / tidings :

their heart is steadfast, / trusting / in the / Lord.

*8* Their heart is sustained and / will not / fear :

until they see the / downfall / of their / foes.

*9* They have given freely to the poor;

their righteousness stands / fast for / ever :

their head will / be ex/alted with / honour.

*10* The wicked shall see it and be angry;

they shall gnash their teeth / in des/pair :

the de/sire • of the / wicked shall / perish.

***Psalm 113***

*1* Alleluia.

Give praise, you servants / of the / Lord :

O / praise the / name of the / Lord.

*2* Blessed be the / name of the / Lord :

from this time forth / and for / ever/more.

*3* From the rising of the sun / to its / setting :

let the / name of the / Lord be / praised.

*4* The Lord is high a/bove all / nations :

and his / glory a/bove the / heavens.

*5* Who is like the / Lord our / God :

that / has his / throne so / high,

*5a* Yet humbles himself / to be/hold :

the / things of / heaven and / earth?

*6,7* He raises the poor from the dust

and lifts the needy / from the / ashes :

To set them with princes,

with the / princes / of his / people.

*8* He gives the barren woman a / place in the / house :

and makes her a joyful mother of / children. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 114***

*1,2* When Israel came out of Egypt,

the house of Jacob from a people of a / strange / tongue :

Judah became his sanctuary,

/ Israel / his do/minion.

*3,4* The sea saw that, and fled;

Jordan was / driven / back :

The mountains skipped like rams,

the little / hills like / young / sheep.

*5* What ailed you, O sea / that you / fled? :

O Jordan, that / you were / driven / back?

*6* You mountains, that you / skipped like / rams :

you little / hills like / young / sheep?

*7* Tremble, O earth, at the / presence • of the / Lord :

at the / presence • of the / God of / Jacob,

*8* Who turns the hard rock into a / pool of / water :

the flint-stone / into a / springing / well.

***Psalm 115***

*1* Not to us, Lord, not to us,

but to your name / give the / glory :

for the sake of your / loving / mercy and / truth.

*2* Why should the / nations / say :

‘Where is / now – / their – / God?’

*3* As for our God / he is in / heaven;

he / does what/ever he / pleases.

*4* Their idols are / silver and / gold :

the / work of / human / hands.

*5* They have mouths, but / cannot / speak :

eyes have / they, but / cannot / see;

*6* They have ears, but / cannot / hear :

noses have / they, but / cannot / smell;

*7* They have hands, but cannot feel;

feet have they, but / cannot / walk :

not a whisper / do they / make from their / throats.

*8* Those who make them / shall be/come like them :

and so will / all who / put their / trust in them.

*9* But you, Israel, put your / trust in the / Lord :

he is their / help / and their / shield.

*10* House of Aaron, / trust in the / Lord :

he is their / help / and their / shield.

*11* You that fear the Lord, / trust in the / Lord :

he is their / help / and their / shield.

*12* The Lord has been mindful of us and / he will / bless us :

may he bless the house of Israel;

may he / bless the / house of / Aaron;

*13* May he bless those who / fear the / Lord :

both / small and / great to/gether.

*14* May the Lord increase you / more and / more :

you and your / children / after / you.

*15* May you be / blest • by the / Lord :

the / maker of / heaven and / earth.

*16* The heavens are the / heavens • of the / Lord :

but the earth he has en/trusted / to his / children.

*17* The dead do not / praise the / Lord :

nor / those gone / down into / silence;

*18* But we will / bless the / Lord :

from this time forth for ever/more. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 116***

*1* I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my / suppli/cation :

because he inclined his ear to me

on the / day I / called to / him.

*2* The snares of death encompassed me;

the pains of / hell took / hold of me :

by grief and / sorrow / was I / held.

*3* Then I called upon the / name of the / Lord :

‘O Lord, I / beg you, de/liver my / soul.’

*4* Gracious is the / Lord and / righteous :

our / God is / full of com/passion.

*5* The Lord watches / over the / simple :

I was brought very / low – / and he / saved me.

*6* Turn again to your rest / O my / soul :

for the Lord / has been / gracious to / you.

*7* For you have delivered my / soul from / death :

my eyes from tears / and my / feet from / falling.

*8* I will walk be/fore the / Lord :

in the / land / of the / living.

*9* I believed that I should perish

for I was / sorely / troubled :

and I said in my alarm / ‘Everyone / is a / liar.’

*10* How shall I re/pay the / Lord :

for all the benefits / he has / given to / me?

*11* I will lift up the / cup of sal/vation :

and / call up•on the / name of the / Lord.

*12* I will fulfil my vows / to the / Lord :

in the / presence of / all his / people.

*13* Precious in the / sight of the / Lord :

is the / death of his / faithful / servants.

*14* O Lord, / I am your / servant :

your servant, the child of your handmaid;

you have / freed me / from my / bonds.

*15* I will offer to you a / sacrifice of / thanksgiving :

and / call up•on the / name of the / Lord.

*16* I will fulfil my vows / to the / Lord :

in the / presence of / all his / people,

‡*17* In the courts of the / house of the / Lord :

in the midst of you, O Je/rusalem. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 117***

*1* O praise the Lord, / all you / nations :

praise / him / all you / peoples.

*2* For great is his steadfast / love to/wards us :

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for / ever.

/ Alle/luia.

***Psalm 118***

*1* O give thanks to the Lord, for / he is / good :

his / mercy en/dures for / ever.

*2* Let Israel / now pro/claim :

‘His / mercy en/dures for / ever.’

*3* Let the house of Aaron / now pro/claim :

‘His / mercy en/dures for / ever.’

*4* Let those who fear the / Lord pro/claim :

‘His / mercy en/dures for / ever.’

*5* In my constraint I / called to the / Lord :

the Lord / answered and / set me / free.

*6* The Lord is at my side; I / will not / fear :

what can / flesh / do to / me?

*7* With the Lord at my side / as my / saviour :

I shall see the / downfall / of my / enemies.

*8* It is better to take refuge / in the / Lord :

than to put any / confi/dence in / flesh.

*9* It is better to take refuge / in the / Lord :

than to put any / confi/dence in / princes.

*10* All the / nations en/compassed me :

but by the name of the / Lord I / drove them / back.

*11* They hemmed me in, they hemmed me in on / every / side :

but by the name of the / Lord I / drove them / back.

*12* They swarmed about me like bees;

they blazed like / fire among / thorns :

but by the name of the / Lord I / drove them / back.

‡*13* Surely, I was / thrust • to the / brink :

but the / Lord / came to my / help.

*14* The Lord is my / strength and my / song :

and he has be/come / my sal/vation.

*15* Joyful / shouts of sal/vation :

sound / from the / tents of the / righteous:

‡*16* ‘The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;

the right hand of the Lord / raises / up :

the right hand of the / Lord does / mighty / deeds.’

*17* I shall not / die, but / live :

and de/clare the / works of the / Lord.

*18* The Lord has / punished me / sorely :

but he has not / given me / over to / death.

*19* Open to me the / gates of / righteousness :

that I may enter / and give / thanks to the / Lord.

*20* This is the / gate of the / Lord :

the / righteous shall / enter / through it.

*21* I will give thanks to you, for / you have / answered me :

and have be/come / my sal/vation.

*22* The stone which the / builders re/jected :

has be/come the / chief / cornerstone.

‡*23* This is the / Lord’s / doing :

and it is / marvellous / in our / eyes.

*24* This is the day that the / Lord has / made :

we will re/joice / and be / glad in it.

*25* Come, O Lord, and / save us we / pray :

Come, Lord, / send us / now pros/perity.

*26* Blessed is he who comes in the / name of the / Lord :

we bless you / from the / house of the / Lord.

*27* The Lord is God; he has / given us / light :

link the pilgrims with cords

/ right • to the / horns of the / altar.

*28* You are my God and / I will / thank you :

you are my / God and / I will ex/alt you.

*29* O give thanks to the Lord, for / he is / good :

his / mercy en/dures for / ever.

***Psalm 119***

*1* א *Aleph*

*1* Blessed are those whose / way is / pure :

who / walk • in the / law of the / Lord.

*2* Blessed are those who / keep his / testimonies :

and seek him / with their / whole / heart,

*3* Those who / do no / wickedness :

but / walk in / his / ways.

*4* You, O / Lord, have / charged :

that we should / diligently / keep • your com/mandments.

*5* O that my ways were made / so di/rect :

that / I might / keep your / statutes.

*6* Then should I not be / put to / shame :

because I have re/gard for / all your com/mandments.

*7* I will thank you with an / unfeigned / heart :

when I have / learned your / righteous / judgements.

*8* I will / keep your / statutes :

O for/sake me / not / utterly.

*2* ב *Beth*

*9* How shall young people / cleanse their / way :

to keep themselves ac/cording / to your / word?

*10* With my whole heart / have I / sought you :

O let me not go a/stray from / your com/mandments.

*11* Your words have I hidden with/in my / heart :

that I / should not / sin a/gainst you.

*12* Blessed are / you, O / Lord :

O / teach / me your / statutes.

*13* With my lips have / I been / telling :

of all the / judgements / of your / mouth.

*14* I have taken greater delight in the / way of your / testimonies :

than in / all / manner of / riches.

*15* I will meditate on / your com/mandments :

and / contem/plate your / ways.

*16* My delight shall be / in your / statutes :

and I will / not for/get your / word.

*3* ג *Gimel*

*17* O do good to your servant that / I may / live :

and / so • shall I / keep your / word.

*18* Open my eyes, that / I may / see :

the / wonders / of your / law.

*19* I am a stranger / upon / earth :

hide not / your com/mandments / from me.

*20* My soul is con/sumed at / all times :

with fervent / longing / for your / judgements.

*21* You have re/buked the / arrogant :

cursed are those who / stray from / your com/mandments.

*22* Turn from me / shame • and re/buke :

for / I have / kept your / testimonies.

*23* Rulers also sit and / speak a/gainst me :

but your servant / meditates / on your / statutes.

*24* For your testimonies are / my de/light :

they / are my / faithful / counsellors.

*4* ד *Daleth*

*25* My soul / cleaves • to the / dust :

O give me life ac/cording / to your / word.

*26* I have acknowledged my ways and / you have / answered me :

O / teach / me your / statutes.

*27* Make me understand the way of / your com/mandments :

and so shall I meditate / on your / wondrous / works.

*28* My soul melts away in / tears of / sorrow :

raise me up ac/cording / to your / word.

*29* Take from me the / way of / falsehood :

be gracious / to me / through your / law.

*30* I have chosen the / way of / truth :

and your judgements / have I / laid be/fore me.

*31* I hold fast / to your / testimonies :

O Lord, let me / not be / put to / shame.

*32* I will run the way of / your com/mandments :

when you have / set my / heart at / liberty.

*5* ה *He*

*33* Teach me, O Lord, the / way of your / statutes :

and I shall / keep it / to the / end.

*34* Give me understanding and I shall / keep your / law :

I shall keep it / with my / whole / heart.

*35* Lead me in the path of / your com/mandments :

for there/in is / my de/light.

*36* Incline my heart / to your / testimonies :

and / not to / unjust / gain.

*37* Turn away my eyes lest they / gaze on / vanities :

O / give me / life in your / ways.

*38* Confirm to your / servant your / promise :

which / stands for / all who / fear you.

*39* Turn away the reproach / which I / dread :

be/cause your / judgements are / good.

*40* Behold, I long for / your com/mandments :

in your / righteousness / give me / life.

*6* ו *Waw*

*41* Let your faithful love come unto / me, O / Lord :

even your salvation, ac/cording / to your / promise.

*42* Then shall I answer / those who / taunt me :

for my / trust is / in your / word.

*43* O take not the word of truth utterly / out of my / mouth :

for my / hope is / in your / judgements.

*44* So shall I always / keep your / law :

I shall / keep it for / ever and / ever.

*45* I will / walk at / liberty :

because I / study / your com/mandments.

*46* I will tell of your testimonies, even / before / kings :

and / will not / be a/shamed.

*47* My delight shall be in / your com/mandments :

which / I have / greatly / loved.

*48* My hands will I lift up to your commandments / which I / love :

and I will / meditate / on your / statutes.

*7* ז *Zayin*

*49* Remember your word / to your / servant :

on which / you have / built my / hope.

*50* This is my comfort / in my / trouble :

that your / promise / gives me / life.

*51* The proud have de/rided me / cruelly :

but I have not / turned a/side • from your / law.

*52* I have remembered your everlasting / judgements, O / Lord :

and / have / been / comforted.

*53* I am seized with indignation / at the / wicked :

for they / have for/saken your / law.

*54* Your statutes have been like / songs to / me :

in the / house / of my / pilgrimage.

*55* I have thought on your name in the / night, O / Lord :

and / so • have I / kept your / law.

*56* These blessings / have been / mine :

for / I have / kept • your com/mandments.

*8* ח *Heth*

*57* You only are my / portion, O / Lord :

I have / promised to / keep your / words.

*58* I entreat you with / all my / heart :

be merciful to me ac/cording / to your / promise.

*59* I have con/sidered my / ways :

and turned my / feet / back • to your / testimonies.

*60* I made haste and / did not de/lay :

to / keep / your com/mandments.

*61* Though the cords of the / wicked en/tangle me :

I do / not for/get your / law.

*62* At midnight I will rise to / give you / thanks :

be/cause of your / righteous / judgements.

*63* I am a companion of all / those who / fear you :

those who / keep / your com/mandments.

*64* The earth, O Lord, is full of your / faithful / love :

in/struct me / in your / statutes.

*9* ט *Teth*

*65* You have dealt graciously / with your / servant :

according / to your / word, O / Lord.

*66* O teach me true under/standing and / knowledge :

for I have / trusted in / your com/mandments.

*67* Before I was afflicted I / went a/stray :

but / now I / keep your / word.

*68* You are gracious / and do / good :

O / Lord / teach me your / statutes.

*69* The proud have / smeared me with / lies :

but I will keep your commandments

/ with my / whole / heart.

*70* Their heart has become / gross with / fat :

but my de/light is / in your / law.

*71* It is good for me that I have / been af/flicted :

that / I may / learn your / statutes.

*72* The law of your mouth is / dearer to / me :

than a / hoard of / gold and / silver.

*10* י *Yodh*

*73* Your hands have / made me and / fashioned me :

give me understanding, that / I may / learn your com/mandments.

*74* Those who fear you will be glad / when they / see me :

because / I have / hoped • in your / word.

*75* I know, O Lord, that your / judgements are / right :

and that in very faithfulness you / caused me / to be / troubled.

*76* Let your faithful love / be my / comfort :

according to your / promise / to your / servant.

*77* Let your tender mercies come to me, that / I may / live :

for your / law is / my de/light.

*78* Let the proud be put to shame, for they / wrong me with / lies :

but I will / meditate on / your com/mandments.

*79* Let those who fear you / turn to / me :

even / those who / know your / testimonies.

*80* Let my heart be sound / in your / statutes :

that I may / not be / put to / shame.

*11* כ *Kaph*

*81* My soul is pining for / your sal/vation :

I have / hoped / in your / word.

*82* My eyes fail with watching / for your / word :

while I / say, ‘O / when will you / comfort me?’

*83* I have become like a wineskin / in the / smoke :

yet I do / not for/get your / statutes.

*84* How many are the / days of your / servant? :

When will you bring / judgement on / those who / persecute me?

*85* The proud / have dug / pits for me :

in de/fiance / of your / law.

*86* All your com/mandments are / true :

help me, for they / persecute / me with / falsehood.

*87* They had almost made an / end of me on / earth :

but I have not for/saken / your com/mandments.

*88* Give me life according to your / loving/kindness :

so shall I keep the / testi•monies / of your / mouth.

*12* ל *Lamedh*

*89* O Lord, your word is / ever/lasting :

it ever stands / firm / in the / heavens.

*90* Your faithfulness also remains from one generation / to an/other :

you have established the / earth and / it a/bides.

*91* So also your judgements stand / firm this / day :

for / all things / are your / servants.

*92* If your law had not been / my de/light :

I should have / perished / in my / trouble.

*93* I will never forget / your com/mandments :

for by them / you have / given me / life.

*94* I am / yours, O / save me! :

For / I have / sought • your com/mandments.

*95* The wicked have waited for me / to des/troy me :

but I will / meditate / on your / testimonies.

*96* I have seen an end of / all per/fection :

but your com/mandment / knows no / bounds.

*13* מ *Mem*

*97* Lord, how I / love your / law! :

All the day / long it / is my / study.

*98* Your commandments have made me

wiser / than my / enemies :

for / they are / ever with / me.

*99* I have more understanding than / all my / teachers :

for your testimonies / are my / medi/tation.

*100* I am wiser / than the / aged :

be/cause I / keep • your com/mandments.

*101* I restrain my feet from every / evil / way :

that / I may / keep your / word.

*102* I have not turned aside / from your / judgements :

for / you have / been my / teacher.

*103* How sweet are your words / on my / tongue! :

They are sweeter than / honey / to my / mouth.

*104* Through your commandments I get / under/standing :

therefore I / hate all / lying / ways.

*14* נ *Nun*

*105* Your word is a lantern / to my / feet :

and a / light up/on my / path.

*106* I have sworn and / will ful/fil it :

to / keep your / righteous / judgements.

*107* I am troubled / above / measure :

give me life, O Lord, ac/cording / to your / word.

*108* Accept the freewill offering of my / mouth, O / Lord :

and / teach / me your / judgements.

*109* My soul is ever / in my / hand :

yet I do / not for/get your / law.

*110* The wicked have / laid a / snare for me :

but I have not / strayed from / your com/mandments.

*111* Your testimonies have I claimed as my / heritage for / ever :

for they are the / very / joy of my / heart.

*112* I have applied my heart to ful/fil your / statutes :

always, / even / to the / end.

*15* ס *Samekh*

*113* I hate those who are / double/minded :

but your / law / do I / love.

*114* You are my hiding place / and my / shield :

and my / hope is / in your / word.

*115* Away from / me, you / wicked! :

I will keep the com/mandments / of my / God.

*116* Sustain me according to your promise, that / I may / live :

and let me not be disap/pointed / in my / hope.

*117* Hold me up and I / shall be / saved :

and my delight shall be / ever / in your / statutes.

*118* You set at nought those who depart / from your / statutes :

for their de/ceiving / is in / vain.

*119* You consider all the / wicked as / dross :

there/fore I / love your / testimonies.

*120* My flesh trembles for / fear of / you :

and I am a/fraid / of your / judgements.

*16* ע *Ayin*

*121* I have done what is / just and / right :

O give me not / over to / my op/pressors.

*122* Stand surety for your / servant’s / good :

let / not the / proud op/press me.

*123* My eyes fail with watching for / your sal/vation :

and / for your / righteous / promise.

*124* O deal with your servant according to your / faithful / love :

and / teach / me your / statutes.

*125* I am your servant; O grant me / under/standing :

that / I may / know your / testimonies.

*126* It is time for you to / act, O / Lord :

for / they frus/trate your / law.

*127* Therefore I / love • your com/mandments :

above gold / even / much fine / gold.

*128* Therefore I direct my steps by / all your / precepts :

and all false / ways I / utterly ab/hor.

*17* פ *Pe*

*129* Your testimonies / are / wonderful :

there/fore my / soul / keeps them.

*130* The opening of your / word gives / light :

it gives under/standing / to the / simple.

*131* I open my mouth and / draw in my / breath :

as I / long for / your com/mandments.

*132* Turn to me and be / gracious / to me :

as is your way with / those who / love your / name.

*133* Order my steps / by your / word :

and let no wickedness / have do/minion / over me.

*134* Redeem me from / earthly op/pressors :

so that / I may / keep • your com/mandments.

*135* Show the light of your countenance up/on your / servant :

and / teach / me your / statutes.

*136* My eyes run down with / streams of / water :

because the wicked / do not / keep your / law.

*18* צ *Tsadhe*

*137* Righteous are / you, O / Lord :

and / true / are your / judgements.

*138* You have ordered / your de/crees :

in / righteousness and / in great / faithfulness.

*139* My indig/nation des/troys me :

because my / adversaries for/get your / word.

*140* Your word has been tried / to the / uttermost :

and / so your / servant / loves it.

*141* I am small and of / no • repu/tation :

yet do I / not for/get • your com/mandments.

*142* Your righteousness is an ever/lasting / righteousness :

and your / law / is the / truth.

*143* Trouble and heaviness have taken / hold up/on me :

yet my de/light • is in / your com/mandments.

*144* The righteousness of your testimonies is / ever/lasting :

O grant me under/standing and / I shall / live.

*19* ק *Qoph*

*145* I call with my / whole / heart :

answer me, O Lord, that / I may / keep your / statutes.

*146* To you I / call, O / save me! :

And / I shall / keep your / testimonies.

*147* Early in the morning I / cry to / you :

for in your / word / is my / trust.

*148* My eyes are open before the / night / watches :

that I may / meditate / on your / word.

*149* Hear my voice, O Lord, according to your / faithful / love :

according to your / judgement / give me / life.

*150* They draw near that in / malice / persecute me :

who are / far / from your / law.

*151* You, O Lord, are / near at / hand :

and / all • your com/mandments are / true.

*152* Long have I / known • of your / testimonies :

that you have / founded / them for / ever.

*20* ר *Resh*

*153* O consider my affliction / and de/liver me :

for I do / not for/get your / law.

*154* Plead my cause / and re/deem me :

according to your / promise / give me / life.

*155* Salvation is / far • from the / wicked :

for they / do not / seek your / statutes.

*156* Great is your com/passion, O / Lord :

give me life, ac/cording / to your / judgements.

*157* Many there are that persecute / and op/press me :

yet do / I not / swerve • from your / testimonies.

*158* It grieves me when I / see the / treacherous :

for they / do not / keep your / word.

*159* Consider, O Lord, how I / love • your com/mandments :

give me life ac/cording • to your / loving/kindness.

*160* The sum of your / word is / truth :

and all your righteous judgements en/dure for / ever/more.

*21* ש *Shin*

*161* Princes have persecuted me with/out a / cause :

but my heart / stands in / awe of your / word.

*162* I am as / glad of your / word :

as / one who / finds great / spoils.

*163* As for lies, I / hate • and ab/hor them :

but your / law / do I / love.

*164* Seven times a day / do I / praise you :

be/cause of your / righteous / judgements.

*165* Great peace have they who / love your / law :

nothing / shall / make them / stumble.

*166* Lord, I have looked for / your sal/vation :

and / I have ful/filled • your com/mandments.

*167* My soul has / kept your / testimonies :

and / greatly / have I / loved them.

*168* I have kept your com/mandments and / testimonies :

for / all my / ways are be/fore you.

*22* ת *Taw*

*169* Let my cry come be/fore you, O / Lord :

give me understanding, ac/cording / to your / word.

*170* Let my supplication / come be/fore you :

deliver me, ac/cording / to your / promise.

*171* My lips shall pour / forth your / praise :

when / you have / taught me your / statutes.

*172* My tongue shall / sing of your / word :

for / all • your com/mandments are / righteous.

*173* Let your hand reach / out to / help me :

for I have / chosen / your com/mandments.

*174* I have longed for your sal/vation, O / Lord :

and your / law is / my de/light.

*175* Let my soul live and / it shall / praise you :

and let your / judgements / be my / help.

*176* I have gone astray like a sheep / that is / lost :

O seek your servant,

for I do / not for/get • your com/mandments.

***Psalm 120***

*1* When I was in trouble I / called • to the / Lord :

I called to the / Lord / and he / answered me.

*2* Deliver me, O Lord, from / lying / lips :

and / from a de/ceitful / tongue.

‡*3,4* What shall be given to you?

What more shall be done to you, de/ceitful / tongue? :

The sharp arrows of a warrior,

/ tempered in / burning / coals!

*5* Woe is me, that I must / lodge in / Meshech :

and dwell a/mong the / tents of / Kedar.

*6,7* My soul has dwelt too long

with / enemies of / peace :

I am for making peace,

but when I speak of it, / they make / ready for / war.

***Psalm 121***

*1* I lift up my eyes / to the / hills :

from / where is my / help to / come?

*2* My help comes / from the / Lord :

the / maker of / heaven and / earth.

*3* He will not suffer your / foot to / stumble :

he who watches / over you / will not / sleep.

*4* Behold, he who keeps watch / over / Israel :

shall / neither / slumber nor / sleep.

*5* The Lord himself / watches / over you :

the Lord is your shade / at your / right / hand,

*6* So that the sun shall not / strike you by / day :

nei/ther the / moon by / night.

*7* The Lord shall keep you / from all / evil :

it is / he who shall / keep your / soul.

*8* The Lord shall keep watch over your going out

and your / coming / in :

from this time / forth for / ever/more.

***Psalm 122***

*1* I was glad when they / said to / me :

‘Let us / go • to the / house of the / Lord.’

*2* And now our / feet are / standing :

within your / gates, / O Je/rusalem;

*3* Jerusalem, / built • as a / city :

that is at / unity / in it/self.

*4* Thither the tribes go up, the / tribes of the / Lord :

as is decreed for Israel,

to give / thanks • to the / name of the / Lord.

‡*5* For there are set the / thrones of / judgement :

the / thrones of the / house of / David.

*6* O pray for the / peace of Je/rusalem :

‘May they / prosper who / love / you.

*7* Peace be with/in your / walls :

and tran/quillity with/in your / palaces.’

*8* For my kindred and com/panions’ / sake :

I will / pray that / peace be / with you.

*9* For the sake of the house of the / Lord our / God :

I will / seek to / do you / good.

***Psalm 123***

*1* To you I lift / up my / eyes :

to you that are en/throned / in the / heavens.

*2* As the eyes of servants look to the / hand of their / master :

or the eyes of a / maid • to the / hand of her / mistress,

*3* So our eyes wait upon the / Lord our / God :

until / he have / mercy up/on us.

*4* Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have / mercy up/on us :

for we have had / more than e/nough • of con/tempt.

‡*5* Our soul has had more than enough

of the / scorn of the / arrogant :

and / of the con/tempt • of the / proud.

***Psalm 124***

*1,2* If the Lord himself had not been on our side,

now may / Israel / say :

If the Lord had not been on our side,

when / enemies rose / up a/gainst us;

*3* Then would they have / swallowed • us a/live :

when their / anger / burned a/gainst us;

*4* Then would the waters have overwhelmed us

and the torrent gone / over our / soul :

over our soul would have / swept the / raging / waters.

*5* But blessed / be the / Lord :

who has not given us over to be a / prey / for their / teeth.

*6* Our soul has escaped

as a bird from the / snare of the / fowler :

the snare is / broken and / we are de/livered.

*7* Our help is in the / name of the / Lord :

who / has made / heaven and / earth.

***Psalm 125***

*1* Those who trust in the Lord are / like Mount / Zion :

which cannot be moved / but stands / fast for / ever.

*2* As the hills stand a/bout Je/rusalem :

so the Lord stands round about his people,

from this time / forth for / ever/more.

*3* The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway

over the land allotted / to the / righteous :

lest the righteous / turn their / hands to / evil.

*4* Do good, O Lord, to those / who are / good :

and to those / who are / true of / heart.

‡*5* Those who turn aside to crooked ways

the Lord shall take away with the / evil/doers :

but let there be / peace / upon / Israel.

***Psalm 126***

*1* When the Lord restored the / fortunes of / Zion :

then were / we like / those who / dream.

*2* Then was our mouth / filled with / laughter :

and our / tongue with / songs of / joy.

*3* Then said they a/mong the / nations :

‘The Lord has / done great / things for / them.’

*4* The Lord has indeed done / great things for / us :

and / therefore / we re/joiced.

*5* Restore again our / fortunes, O / Lord :

as the / river beds / of the / desert.

*6* Those who / sow in / tears :

shall / reap with / songs of / joy.

‡*7* Those who go out weeping / bearing the / seed :

will come back with shouts of joy,

/ bearing their / sheaves / with them.

***Psalm 127***

*1* Unless the Lord / builds the / house :

those who / build it / labour in / vain.

*2* Unless the Lord / keeps the / city :

the / guard keeps / watch in / vain.

*3* It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early

and go so late to rest, eating the / bread of / toil :

for he / gives • his be/loved / sleep.

*4* Children are a heritage / from the / Lord :

and the fruit of the / womb / is his / gift.

*5* Like arrows in the / hand of a / warrior :

so are the / children / of one’s / youth.

*6* Happy are those who have their / quiver / full of them :

they shall not be put to shame

when they dispute with their / enemies / in the / gate.

***Psalm 128***

*1* Blessed are all those who / fear the / Lord :

and / walk / in his / ways.

*2* You shall eat the fruit of the / toil • of your / hands :

it shall go well with you, and / happy / shall you / be.

*3* Your wife within your house shall be like a / fruitful / vine :

your children round your table, like / fresh / olive / branches.

*4* Thus / shall the / one be / blest :

who / fears – / the / Lord.

*5* The Lord from out of / Zion / bless you :

that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity

/ all the / days of your / life.

*6* May you see your / children’s / children :

and may there be / peace / upon / Israel.

***Psalm 129***

*1* ‘Many a time have they fought against me / from my / youth’ :

may / Israel / now / say;

*2* ‘Many a time have they fought against me / from my / youth :

but they have / not pre/vailed a/gainst me.’

*3* The ploughers ploughed up/on my / back :

and / made their / furrows / long.

*4* But the / righteous / Lord :

has cut the / cords • of the / wicked in / pieces.

*5* Let them be put to shame / and turned / backwards :

as many / as are / enemies of / Zion.

*6* Let them be like grass up/on the / housetops :

which / withers be/fore it can / grow,

*7* So that no reaper can / fill his / hand :

nor a / binder of / sheaves his / bosom;

*8* And none who go by may say,

‘The blessing of the Lord / be up/on you :

We bless you / in the / name of the / Lord.’

***Psalm 130***

*1* Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;

Lord, / hear my / voice :

let your ears consider well the / voice of my / suppli/cation.

*2* If you, Lord, were to mark what is / done a/miss :

O / Lord, / who could / stand?

‡*3* But there is for/giveness with / you :

so / that you / shall be / feared.

*4* I wait for the Lord; my / soul / waits for him :

in his / word / is my / hope.

*5* My soul waits for the Lord,

more than the night watch / for the / morning :

more than the / night watch / for the / morning.

*6* O Israel, / wait for the / Lord :

for with the / Lord / there is / mercy;

*7* With him is / plenteous re/demption :

and he shall redeem / Israel from / all their / sins.

***Psalm 131***

*1* O Lord, my heart / is not / proud :

my eyes are not / raised in / haughty / looks.

*2* I do not occupy myself with / great / matters :

with / things that / are too / high for me.

*3* But I have quieted and stilled my soul,

like a weaned child on its / mother’s / breast :

so my / soul is / quieted with/in me.

*4* O Israel, / trust in the / Lord :

from this time / forth for / ever/more.

***Psalm 132***

*1* Lord, re/member for / David :

all the / hardships / he en/dured;

*2* How he swore an / oath • to the / Lord :

and vowed a vow to the / Mighty / One of / Jacob:

*3* ‘I will not come within the shelter / of my / house :

nor / climb up / into my / bed;

*4* I will not allow my / eyes to / sleep :

nor / let my / eyelids / slumber,

‡*5* Until I find a place / for the / Lord :

a dwelling for the / Mighty / One of / Jacob.’

*6* Now, we heard of the / ark in / Ephrathah :

and found it / in the / fields of / Ja-ar.

*7* Let us / enter his / dwelling place :

and fall / low be/fore his / footstool.

*8* Arise, O Lord / into your / resting place :

you / and the / ark of your / strength.

*9* Let your priests be / clothed with / righteousness :

and your / faithful ones / sing with / joy.

‡*10* For your servant / David’s / sake :

turn not away the / face of / your a/nointed.

*11* The Lord has sworn an / oath to / David :

a promise from / which he / will not / shrink:

*12* ‘Of the / fruit of your / body :

shall I / set up/on your / throne.

*13* If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies

that / I shall / teach them :

their children also

shall sit upon your / throne for / ever/more.’

*14* For the Lord has chosen Zion / for him/self :

he has desired her / for his / habi/tation:

*15* ‘This shall be my / resting place for / ever :

here will I dwell, for / I have / longed for / her.

*16* I will abundantly / bless • her pro/vision :

her poor / will I / satisfy with / bread.

*17* I will clothe her priests / with sal/vation :

and her faithful ones / shall re/joice and / sing.

*18* There will I make a horn to spring / up for / David :

I will keep a lantern / burning for / my a/nointed.

‡*19* As for his enemies, I will clothe / them with / shame :

but on him / shall his / crown be / bright.’

***Psalm 133***

*1* Behold how good and / pleasant it / is :

to / dwell to/gether in / unity.

*2* It is like the precious oil up/on the / head :

running / down up/on the / beard,

‡*3* Even on / Aaron’s / beard :

running down upon the / collar / of his / clothing.

*4* It is like the / dew of / Hermon :

running down up/on the / hills of / Zion.

*5* For there the Lord has / promised his / blessing :

even / life for / ever/more.

***Psalm 134***

*1* Come, bless the Lord, all you servants / of the /Lord :

you that by night / stand • in the / house of the / Lord.

*2,3* Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary

and / bless the / Lord :

the Lord who made heaven and earth

give you / blessing / out of / Zion.

***Psalm 135***

*1* Alleluia.

Praise the / name of the / Lord :

give praise, you / servants / of the / Lord,

*2* You that stand in the / house of the / Lord :

in the / courts • of the / house of our / God.

*3* Praise the Lord, for the / Lord is / good :

make music to his / name, for / it is / lovely.

*4* For the Lord has chosen Jacob / for him/self :

and Israel / for his / own pos/session.

*5* For I know that the / Lord is / great :

and that our Lord / is a/bove all / gods.

*6* The Lord does whatever he pleases

in heaven / and on / earth :

in the seas / and in / all the / deeps.

*7* He brings up the clouds from the / ends of the / earth :

he makes lightning with the rain

and brings the / winds / out of his / treasuries.

*8* He smote the / firstborn of / Egypt :

the / firstborn of / man and / beast.

*9* He sent signs and wonders into your / midst, O / Egypt :

upon / Pharaoh and / all his / servants.

*10* He smote / many / nations :

and / slew / mighty / kings:

*11* Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the / king of / Bashan :

and / all the / kingdoms of / Canaan.

*12* He gave their land / as a / heritage :

a heritage for / Israel / his / people.

*13* Your name, O Lord, en/dures for / ever :

and shall be remembered through / all / gene/rations.

*14* For the Lord will / vindicate his / people :

and have com/passion / on his / servants.

*15* The idols of the nations are but / silver and / gold :

the / work of / human / hands.

*16* They have mouths, but / cannot / speak :

eyes have / they, but / cannot / see;

*17* They have ears, but / cannot / hear :

neither is there / any / breath • in their / mouths.

*18* Those who make them / shall become / like them :

and so will all who / put their / trust in / them.

*19* Bless the Lord, O / house of / Israel :

O house of / Aaron / bless the / Lord.

*20* Bless the Lord, O / house of / Levi :

you who fear the / Lord, / bless the / Lord.

‡*21* Blessed be the / Lord from / Zion :

who dwells in Je/rusalem. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 136***

*1* Give thanks to the Lord, for / he is / gracious :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever.

*2* Give thanks to the / God of / gods :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever.

*3* Give thanks to the / Lord of / lords :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*4* Who alone / does great / wonders :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*5* Who by wisdom / made the / heavens :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*6* Who laid out the earth up/on the / waters :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*7* Who made the / great / lights :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*8* The sun to / rule the / day :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

‡*9* The moon and the stars to / govern the / night :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*10* Who smote the / firstborn of / Egypt :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*11* And brought out Israel / from a/mong them :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*12* With a mighty hand and / outstretched / arm :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*13* Who divided the Red / Sea in / two :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*14* And made Israel to / pass • through the / midst of it :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*15* But Pharaoh and his host he overthrew in the / Red / Sea :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*16* Who led his people / through the / wilderness :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*17* Who / smote great / kings :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*18* And slew / mighty / kings :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*19* Sihon, / king of the / Amorites :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*20* And Og, the / king of / Bashan :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*21* And gave away their land / for a / heritage :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

‡*22* A heritage for / Israel his / servant :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*23* Who remembered us when / we were in / trouble :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*24* And delivered us / from our / enemies :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*25* Who gives food to / all / creatures :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever.

*26* Give thanks to the / God of / heaven :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever.

***Psalm 137***

*1* By the waters of Babylon we sat / down and / wept :

when / we re/membered / Zion.

*2* As for our lyres, we / hung them / up :

on the / willows that / grow • in that / land.

*3* For there our captors asked for a song,

our tormentors / called for / mirth :

‘Sing us / one of the / songs of / Zion.’

*4,5* How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a / strange / land? :

If I forget you, O Jerusalem,

let my right / hand for/get its / skill.

*6* Let my tongue cleave to the / roof of my / mouth :

if / I do / not re/member you,

*6a* If I set / not Je/rusalem :

a/bove my / highest / joy.

*7* Remember, O Lord, against the people of Edom

the / day of Je/rusalem :

how they said, ‘Down with it, down with it,

/ even / to the / ground.’

*8* O daughter of Babylon, / doomed • to des/truction :

happy the one who repays you

for / all • you have / done to / us;

‡*9* Who / takes your / little ones :

and / dashes them a/gainst the / rock.

***Psalm 138***

*1* I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my / whole / heart :

before the gods will / I sing / praise to / you.

*2* I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,

because of your / love and / faithfulness :

for you have glorified your name

/ and your / word above / all things.

*3* In the day that I called to you, you / answered / me :

you / put new / strength in my / soul.

*4* All the kings of the earth shall / praise you, O / Lord :

for they have / heard the / words of your / mouth.

*5* They shall sing of the / ways of the / Lord :

that great is the / glory / of the / Lord.

*6* Though the Lord be high, he watches / over the / lowly :

as for the proud, he re/gards them / from a/far.

*7* Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

/ you • will pre/serve me :

you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my

enemies; / your right / hand will / save me.

*8* The Lord shall make good his / purpose / for me :

your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;

for/sake • not the / work of your / hands.

***Psalm 139***

*1* O Lord, you have searched me / out and / known me :

you know my sitting down and my rising up;

you dis/cern my / thoughts • from a/far.

*2* You mark out my journeys / and my / resting place :

and are ac/quainted with / all my / ways.

*3* For there is not a word / on my / tongue :

but you, O Lord, / know it / alto/gether.

*4* You encompass me behind / and be/fore :

and / lay your / hand up/on me.

‡*5* Such knowledge is too / wonderful / for me :

so high / that I / cannot at/tain it.

*6* Where can I go then / from your / spirit? :

Or / where can I / flee • from your / presence?

*7* If I climb up to heaven, / you are / there :

if I make the grave my bed, / you are / there / also.

*8* If I take the / wings of the / morning :

and dwell in the / uttermost / parts • of the / sea,

*9* Even there your / hand shall / lead me :

your / right hand / hold me / fast.

*10* If I say, ‘Surely the / darkness will / cover me :

and the light a/round me / turn to / night’,

*11* Even darkness is no darkness with you;

the night is as / clear as the / day :

darkness and light to / you are / both a/like.

*12* For you yourself created my / inmost / parts :

you knit me together / in my / mother’s / womb.

*13* I thank you, for I am fearfully and / wonderfully / made :

marvellous are your / works, my / soul knows / well.

*14* My frame was not / hidden / from you :

when I was made in secret

and woven in the / depths / of the / earth.

*15* Your eyes beheld my form, as / yet un/finished :

already in your book were / all my / members / written,

‡*16* As day by day / they were / fashioned :

when as / yet / there was / none of them.

*17* How deep are your counsels to / me, O / God! :

How / great / is the / sum of them!

*18* If I count them, they are more in number / than the / sand :

and at the end, I am / still / in your / presence.

*19* O that you would slay the / wicked, O / God :

that the / bloodthirsty / might de/part from me!

*20* They speak against you with / wicked in/tent :

your enemies take / up your / name for / evil.

*21* Do I not oppose those, O Lord, / who op/pose you? :

Do I not abhor / those who / rise up a/gainst you?

*22* I hate them with a / perfect / hatred :

they have become my / own / enemies / also.

*23* Search me out, O God, and / know my / heart :

try me / and ex/amine my / thoughts.

*24* See if there is any way of / wickedness / in me :

and lead me in the / way / ever/lasting.

***Psalm 140***

*1* Deliver me, O Lord, from / evil/doers :

and pro/tect me / from the / violent,

*2* Who devise evil / in their / hearts :

and stir up / strife / all the day / long.

‡*3* They have sharpened their tongues / like a / serpent :

adder’s / poison is / under their / lips.

*4* Keep me, O Lord, from the / hands of the / wicked :

protect me from the violent

who / seek to / make me / stumble.

*5* The proud have laid a snare for me

and spread out a / net of / cords :

they have set / traps a/long my / path.

*6* I have said to the Lord / ‘You are my / God :

listen, O Lord, to the / voice of my / suppli/cation.

*7* O Lord God, the strength of / my sal/vation :

you have covered my / head • in the / day of / battle.

*8* Do not grant the desires of the / wicked, O / Lord :

do not / prosper their / wicked / plans.

*9* Let not those who surround me lift / up their / heads :

let the evil of their own / lips / fall up/on them.

*10* Let hot burning coals / rain up/on them :

let them be cast into the depths, / that they / rise not a/gain.’

*11* No slanderer shall prosper / on the / earth :

and evil shall hunt down the / violent to / over/throw them.

*12* I know that the Lord will bring justice / for the op/pressed :

and main/tain the / cause of the / needy.

*13* Surely, the righteous will give thanks / to your / name :

and the upright shall / dwell / in your / presence.

***Psalm 141***

*1* O Lord, I call to you / come to me / quickly :

hear my voice / when I / cry to / you.

*2* Let my prayer rise be/fore you as / incense :

the lifting up of my hands / as the / evening / sacrifice.

*3* Set a watch before my / mouth, O / Lord :

and / guard the / door of my / lips;

*4* Let not my heart incline to any / evil / thing :

let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers,

nor taste the / pleasures / of their / table.

*5* Let the righteous smite me in friendly rebuke;

but let not the oil of the unrighteous a/noint my / head :

for my prayer is continually a/gainst their / wicked / deeds.

*6* Let their rulers be overthrown in / stony / places :

then they may / know • that my / words are / sweet.

*7* As when a plough turns over the / earth in / furrows :

let their bones be scattered / at the / mouth of the / Pit.

*8* But my eyes are turned to / you, Lord / God :

in you I take refuge / do not / leave me de/fenceless.

*9* Protect me from the snare which / they have / laid for me :

and from the / traps of the / evil/doers.

*10* Let the wicked fall into their / own / nets :

while / I pass / by in / safety.

***Psalm 142***

*1* I cry aloud / to the / Lord :

to the Lord I / make my / suppli/cation.

*2* I pour out my com/plaint be/fore him :

and / tell him / of my / trouble.

*3* When my spirit faints within me, you / know my / path :

in the way wherein I walk

/ have they / laid a / snare for me.

*4* I look to my right hand, and find / no one who / knows me :

I have no place to flee to,

and / no one / cares for my / soul.

*5* I cry out to you, O / Lord, and / say :

‘You are my refuge, my portion / in the / land of the / living.

*6* Listen to my cry, for I am brought / very / low :

save me from my persecutors,

for they / are too / strong / for me.

*7a* Bring my soul / out of / prison :

that I may give / thanks / to your / name;

*7b* When you have dealt / bounti•fully / with me :

then shall the / righteous / gather a/round me.’

***Psalm 143***

*1* Hear my / prayer, O / Lord :

and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications;

/ answer me / in your / righteousness.

*2* Enter not into judgement / with your / servant :

for in your sight shall / no one / living be / justified.

*3* For the enemy has pursued me,

crushing my life / to the / ground :

making me sit in / darkness like / those long / dead.

*4* My spirit / faints with/in me :

my / heart with/in me is / desolate.

*5* I remember the time past; I muse upon / all your / deeds :

I con/sider the / works of your / hands.

*6* I stretch out my / hands to / you :

my soul gasps for you / like a / thirsty / land.

*7* O Lord, make haste to answer me;

my / spirit / fails me :

hide not your face from me

lest I be like / those who go / down • to the / Pit.

*8* Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,

for in you I / put my / trust :

show me the way I should walk in,

for I / lift up my / soul to / you.

*9* Deliver me, O Lord, / from my / enemies :

for I / flee to / you for / refuge.

*10* Teach me to do what pleases you, for / you are my / God :

let your kindly spirit / lead me • on a / level / path.

*11* Revive me, O Lord / for your / name’s sake :

for your righteousness’ sake / bring me / out of / trouble.

*12* In your faithfulness, slay my enemies,

and destroy all the adversaries / of my / soul :

for / truly I / am your / servant.

***Psalm 144***

*1* Blessed be the / Lord my / rock :

who teaches my hands for war / and my / fingers for / battle;

*2* My steadfast help and my fortress,

my stronghold and my deliverer,

my shield in / whom I / trust :

who sub/dues the / peoples / under me.

*3* O Lord, what are mortals that / you should con/sider them :

mere human beings,

that / you should take / thought for / them?

*4* They are like a / breath of / wind :

their days pass a/way / like a / shadow.

*5* Bow your heavens, O Lord / and come / down :

touch the / mountains and / they shall / smoke.

*6* Cast down your / lightnings and / scatter them :

shoot out your arrows / and let / thunder / roar.

*7* Reach down your hand / from on / high :

deliver me and take me out of the great waters,

from the / hand of / foreign / enemies,

*8* Whose / mouth speaks / wickedness :

and their right hand / is the / hand of / falsehood.

*9* O God, I will sing to you a / new / song :

I will play to you / on a / ten-stringed / harp,

*10* You that give sal/vation to / kings :

and have de/livered / David your / servant.

*11* Save me from the peril / of the / sword :

and deliver me from the / hand of / foreign / enemies,

*12* Whose / mouth speaks / wickedness :

and whose right hand / is the / hand of / falsehood;

*13* So that our sons in their youth

may be like well/nurtured / plants :

and our daughters

like pillars carved for the / corners / of the / temple;

*14* Our barns be filled with all / manner of / store :

our flocks bearing thousands,

and ten / thousands / in our / fields;

*15* Our cattle be / heavy with / young :

may there be no miscarriage or untimely birth,

no / cry of dis/tress • in our / streets.

*16* Happy are the people whose / blessing this / is :

happy are the people who have the / Lord / for their / God.

***Psalm 145***

*1* I will exalt you, O / God my / King :

and bless your / name for / ever and / ever.

*2* Every day / will I / bless you :

and praise your / name for / ever and / ever.

*3* Great is the Lord and highly / to be / praised :

his greatness is be/yond all / searching / out.

*4* One generation shall praise your works / to an/other :

and de/clare your / mighty / acts.

*5* They shall speak of the majesty / of your / glory :

and I will tell of / all your / wonderful / deeds.

*6* They shall speak of the might of your / marvellous / acts :

and I will / also / tell of your / greatness.

*7* They shall pour forth the story of your a/bundant / kindness :

and joyfully / sing / of your / righteousness.

*8* The Lord is / gracious and / merciful :

long-suffering / and of / great / goodness.

*9* The Lord is / loving to / everyone :

and his mercy is / over / all his / creatures.

*10* All your works / praise you, O / Lord :

and your / faithful / servants / bless you.

*11* They tell of the glory / of your / kingdom :

and / speak of your / mighty / power,

*12* To make known to all peoples your / mighty / acts :

and the glorious / splendour / of your / kingdom.

*13* Your kingdom is an ever/lasting / kingdom :

your dominion en/dures through/out all / ages.

*14* The Lord is sure in / all his / words :

and / faithful in / all his / deeds.

*15* The Lord upholds all / those who / fall :

and lifts up all / those who / are bowed / down.

*16* The eyes of all wait upon / you, O / Lord :

and you give them their / food in / due / season.

*17* You open / wide your / hand :

and fill / all things / living with / plenty.

*18* The Lord is righteous in / all his / ways :

and / loving in / all his / works.

*19* The Lord is near to those who / call up/on him :

to all who / call up/on him / faithfully.

*20* He fulfils the desire of / those who / fear him :

he / hears their / cry and / saves them.

*21* The Lord watches over / those who / love him :

but all the / wicked shall / he des/troy.

*22* My mouth shall speak the / praise of the / Lord :

and let all flesh bless his holy / name

for / ever and / ever.

***Psalm 146***

*1a* Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, / O my / soul :

while I / live • will I / praise the / Lord;

*1b* as long as I / have any / being :

I will sing / praises / to my / God.

*2* Put not your trust in princes, nor in any / human / power :

for there / is no / help in / them.

*3* When their breath goes forth, they re/turn to the / earth :

on that day / all their / thoughts / perish.

*4* Happy are those who have the God of Jacob / for their / help :

whose hope is / in the / Lord their / God;

*5* Who made heaven and earth,

the sea and / all that is / in them :

who / keeps his / promise for / ever;

‡*6* Who gives justice to those that / suffer / wrong :

and / bread to / those who / hunger.

*7* The Lord looses / those that are / bound :

the Lord opens the / eyes / of the / blind;

*8* The Lord lifts up those who / are bowed / down :

the / Lord / loves the / righteous;

*9* The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;

he upholds the / orphan and / widow :

but the way of the wicked / he turns / upside / down.

*10* The Lord shall / reign for / ever :

your God, O Zion, throughout all gene/rations. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 147***

*1* Alleluia. How good it is to make music / for our / God :

how joyful to / honour / him with / praise.

*2* The Lord builds / up Je/rusalem :

and gathers to/gether the / outcasts of / Israel.

*3* He heals the / broken/hearted :

and / binds up / all their / wounds.

*4* He counts the / number • of the / stars :

and / calls them / all • by their / names.

*5* Great is our Lord and / mighty in / power :

his wisdom / is be/yond all / telling.

*6* The Lord lifts / up the / poor :

but casts down the / wicked / to the / ground.

*7* Sing to the / Lord with / thanksgiving :

make music to our / God up/on the / lyre;

*8* Who covers the / heavens with / clouds :

and prepares / rain / for the / earth;

*9* Who makes grass to grow up/on the / mountains :

and green / plants to / serve our / needs.

*10* He gives the / beasts their / food :

and the young / ravens / when they / cry.

*11* He takes no pleasure in the / power of a / horse :

no de/light in / human / strength;

*12* But the Lord delights in / those who / fear him :

who put their trust / in his / steadfast / love.

*13* Sing praise to the Lord, / O Je/rusalem :

praise your / God, / O / Zion;

*14* For he has strengthened the / bars of your / gates :

and has / blest your / children with/in you.

*15* He has established peace / in your / borders :

and satisfies you / with the / finest / wheat.

*16* He sends forth his command / to the / earth :

and his / word runs / very / swiftly.

*17* He gives / snow like / wool :

and / scatters the / hoarfrost like / ashes.

*18* He casts down his hailstones like / morsels of / bread :

who / can en/dure his / frost?

*19* He sends forth his / word and / melts them :

he blows with his wind / and the / waters / flow.

*20* He declares his / word to / Jacob :

his / statutes and / judgements to / Israel.

‡*21* He has not dealt so with any / other / nation :

they do not know his / laws. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 148***

*1* Alleluia.

Praise the Lord / from the / heavens :

praise / – him / in the / heights.

*2* Praise him, all / you his / angels :

praise / – him / all his / host.

*3* Praise him / sun and / moon :

praise him / all you / stars of / light.

*4* Praise him / heaven of / heavens :

and you / waters a/bove the / heavens.

*5* Let them praise the / name of the / Lord :

for he commanded / and they / were cre/ated.

*6* He made them fast for / ever and / ever :

he gave them a law which / shall not / pass a/way.

*7* Praise the Lord / from the / earth :

you sea / monsters and / all / deeps;

*8* Fire and hail, / snow and / mist :

tempestuous / wind, ful/filling his / word;

*9* Mountains and / all / hills :

fruit / trees and / all / cedars;

*10* Wild beasts and / all / cattle :

creeping / things and / birds • on the / wing;

*11* Kings of the earth and / all / peoples :

princes and all / rulers / of the / world;

*12* Young men and women, old and / young to/gether :

let them / praise the / name of the / Lord.

*13* For his name only / is ex/alted :

his splendour / above / earth and / heaven.

*14* He has raised up the horn of his people

and praise for all his / faithful / servants :

the children of Israel, a people who are / near him.

/ Alle/luia.

***Psalm 149***

*1* Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a / new / song :

sing his praise in the congre/gation / of the / faithful.

*2* Let Israel rejoice / in their / maker :

let the children of Zion be / joyful / in their / king.

*3* Let them praise his / name in the / dance :

let them sing praise to / him with / timbrel and / lyre.

*4* For the Lord has pleasure / in his / people :

and adorns the / poor / with sal/vation.

*5* Let the faithful be / joyful in / glory :

let them re/joice / in their / ranks,

*6* With the praises of God / in their / mouths :

and a / two-edged / sword • in their / hands;

*7* To execute vengeance / on the / nations :

and / punishment / on the / peoples;

*8* To bind their / kings in / chains :

and their / nobles with / fetters of / iron;

‡*9* To execute on them the / judgement de/creed :

such honour have all his faithful / servants. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 150***

*1* Alleluia.

O praise God / in his / holiness :

praise him in the / firmament / of his / power.

*2* Praise him for his / mighty / acts :

praise him ac/cording • to his / excellent / greatness.

*3* Praise him with the / blast of the / trumpet :

praise him up/on the / harp and / lyre.

*4* Praise him with / timbrel and / dances :

praise him up/on the / strings and / pipe.

*5* Praise him with / ringing / cymbals :

praise him up/on the / clashing / cymbals.

*6* Let everything / that has / breath :

praise the / Lord.

/ Alle/luia.

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