
PSALMS

(ΨΑΛΜΟΙ)

1

1 Blessed [indeed] is the man
 who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly,
 who has not stood in the way of sinners,
 and has not sat in the seat¹ of evil men.
 2 But his pleasure is in the law of the Lord,
 and in his law will he meditate day and night.
 3 He shall be as a tree planted by the brooks of waters,
 which shall yield its fruit in its season,
 and its leaf shall never fade;
 and all that he does shall prosper,
 4 Not so are the ungodly; —not so:
 but rather as the chaff which the wind scatters away from the face of the earth,
 5 therefore the ungodly shall not stand in [the] judgment,
 nor sinners in the counsel of the just.
 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous;
 but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

2

2:1 Why then did the heathen rage,
 and the nations imagine vain things?
 2 The kings of the earth stood up,
 and the rulers have gathered themselves against the Lord and against his Christ;
 3 saying: Let us break through their bonds,
 and cast away their yoke from us.
 4 He that dwells in the heavens shall laugh them to scorn,
 and the Lord shall mock them.
 5 Then shall he speak to them in his anger,
 and trouble them in his fury.
 6 But I have been made king by him on Zion his holy mountain,
 7 declaring the ordinance of the Lord:
 the Lord said to me: You are my Son,
 today have I begotten you.
 8 Ask of me and I will give you the heathen for your inheritance,
 and the ends of the earth for your possession.
 9 You shall rule them with a rod of iron;
 you shall dash them in pieces as a potter's vessel.
 10 Now, therefore understand, you kings:
 be instructed, all you that judge the earth.
 11 Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice in him with trembling.
 12 Accept correction, for fear that at any time the Lord be angry,
 and that you should perish from the righteous way:
 when his wrath shall be suddenly kindled,

¹ Or "company"

blessed are all those who trust in him!

3

A Psalm of David when he fled from the presence of his son Abessalom.

3:1 O Lord, why are those who afflict me multiplied?
many rise up against me. 2 Many say concerning my soul,
There is no deliverance for him in his God.
3 But you, O Lord, are my helper:
my glory and the one that lifts up my head.
4 I cried to the Lord with my voice,
He heard me out of his holy mountain.
5 I lay down and slept; I awoke;
for the Lord will help me.
6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people,
who beset me round about.
7 Arise, Lord; deliver me, my God:
for you have stricken all who were without cause my enemies;
you have broken the teeth of sinners.
8 Deliverance is the Lord's and your blessing is upon your people.

4

For the End, a Song of David among the Psalms

4:1 When I called upon him, the God of my righteousness heard me:
you have made room for me in tribulation; pity me and hearken to my prayer.
2 O you sons on men, how long will you be slow of heart?
why then do you love vanity and seek what is false?
3 But do you know that the Lord has done wondrous things for his holy one:
the Lord will hear me when I cry to him!
4 Be angry and sin not; feel compunction upon your beds
for what you say in your hearts.
5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness,
and trust in the Lord.
6 Many say, Who will show us good things?
the light of your countenance, O Lord, has been manifested towards us.
7 You have put gladness into my heart:
they have been satisfied with the fruit of their corn and wine and oil.
8 I will lie down in peace and sleep [at once]:
for you, Lord, only have caused me to dwell in safety.

5

For the end, a Psalm of David, concerning her that inherits

5:1 Hearken to my words, O Lord, attend to my cry.
2 Attend to the voice of my supplication, my King and my God:
for to you, O Lord, will I pray.
3 In the morning you shall hear my voice:
in the morning I will stand beside you,
and I will see¹.

¹ Brenton has "in the morning will I wait upon you and will look up."

4 For you are not a god that desires iniquity;
neither shall the worker of wickedness dwell with you.
5 Neither shall the transgressors continue in your sight:
you hate, O Lord, all those who work iniquity.
6 You will destroy all that speak falsehood:
the Lord abhors the bloody and deceitful man.
7 But I will enter into your house in the multitude of your mercy:
I will worship in your fear toward your holy temple.
8 Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies;
make my way plain before your face.
9 For there is no truth in their mouth; their heart is vain;
their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have used deceit.
10 Judge them, O God; let them fail of their counsels:
cast them out according to the abundance of their ungodliness;
for they have provoked you, O Lord.
11 But let all that trust on you be glad in you:
they shall exult for ever and you shall dwell in¹ them;
and all that love your name shall rejoice in you.
12 For you, Lord, shall bless the righteous:
you have surrounded us as with a shield of favor.

6

For the End, a Psalm of David among the Hymns for the eighth

6:1 O Lord, rebuke me not in your wrath,
neither chasten me in your anger.
2 Pity me, O Lord; for I am weak:
heal me, O Lord; for my bones are in torment.
3 My soul also is grievously troubled:
but you, O Lord, how long?² 4 Return, O Lord, deliver my soul:
save me for your mercy's sake.
5 For in death no man remembers you:
in hades who will confess to you?²
6 I am wearied with my groaning; I shall wash my bed every night;
I shall water my couch with tears.
7 My eye is troubled because of my wrath;
I have grown old among all my enemies.³
8 Depart from me, all you that work iniquity;
for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping.
9 The Lord has listened to my petition;
the Lord has accepted my prayer.
10 Let all my enemies be put to shame and confused:
let them be turned back and speedily be put to shame.

7

A Psalm of David, which he sang to the Lord because of the words of Chusi the Benjamite

7:1 O Lord my God, in you have I trusted:
save me from all those who persecute me and deliver me.

¹ Brenton has "among"

² Brenton has "who will give you thanks in hades?"

³ Brenton has "I am worn out because of all my enemies"

2 For fear that at any time the enemy seize my soul as a lion,
while there is none to ransom or save [me].

3 O Lord my God, if I have done this;
(if there is unrighteousness in my hands;)

4 if I have repaid those who requited me evil;¹
may I then perish empty by means of my enemies.

5 Let the enemy persecute my soul and take it;
let him trample my life on the ground,
and lay my glory in the dust.

6 Arise, O Lord, in your wrath;

be exalted in the utmost boundaries of my enemies:
awake, O Lord my God, according to the decree which you did command.

7 The congregation of the nations shall compass you:
and for this cause do you return on high.

8 The Lord shall judge the nations:
judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness,
and according to my innocence that is in me.

9 Oh let the wickedness of sinners come to an end;
and then you shall direct the righteous, O God that search the hearts and reins.

10 My help is righteous, coming from God who saves the upright in heart.

11 God is a righteous judge,
strong and patient, not inflicting vengeance every day.

12 If you will not repent, he will furbish his sword;
he has bent his bow and made it ready.

13 Upon it he has fitted the instruments of death;
he has prepared his arrows for those who burn.²

14 Behold, here is one who has worked with unrighteousness,
who has conceived toil and brought forth iniquity.³

15 He has opened a pit and dug it up,
He shall fall into the ditch he has made.

16 His trouble shall return on his own head,
and his unrighteousness shall come down on his own crown.

17 I will give thanks to the Lord according to his righteousness;
I will sing to the name of the Lord Most High.

8

For the end, concerning the wine-presses, a Psalm of David

8:1 O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!
for your magnificence is exalted above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of infants and sucklings have you perfected praise,
because of your enemies; that you might put down the enemy and avenger.

3 For I will behold the heavens, the work of your fingers;
the moon and stars, which you have established.

4 What is man, that you are mindful of him?
or the son of man, that you visit him?

5 You made him a little less than angels⁴,

¹ Brenton has "if I have requited with evil those who requited me with good"

² Brenton has "he has completed his arrows for the raging ones."

³ Brenton has "Behold, he has travailed with unrighteousness, he has conceived trouble and brought forth iniquity."

⁴ Hebrew: *elohim*

you have crowned him with glory and honor;
 6 You have set him over the works of your hands:
 you have put all things under his feet:
 7 sheep and all oxen, yes and the cattle of the field;
 8 the birds of the sky and the fish of the sea,
 the creatures passing through the paths of the sea.
 9 O Lord our Lord, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

9

For the end, a Psalm of David, concerning the secrets of the Son.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
 I will recount all your wonderful works.
 2 I will be glad and exult in you:
 I will sing to your name, O you Most High.
 3 When my enemies are turned back,
 they shall be feeble and perish at your presence.
 4 For you have maintained my cause and my right;
 you sat on the throne, that judge righteousness.
 5 You have rebuked the nations and the ungodly one has perished;
 you have blotted out their name for ever, even unto ages of ages.
 6 The swords of the enemy have failed utterly;
 and you have destroyed cities: their memorial has been destroyed with a noise,
 7 but the Lord endures for ever:
 he has prepared his throne for judgment.
 8 He will judge the world in righteousness,
 he will judge the nations in uprightness.
 9 The Lord also has become a refuge for the poor,
 a timely help in affliction.
 10 Let those who know your name hope in you:
 for you, O Lord, have not failed those who diligently seek you.
 11 Sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion:
 declare his dealings among the nations.
 12 For he remembered them, in avenging for blood:
 he has not forgotten the supplication of the poor.
 13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord;
 look upon the affliction I suffer of my enemies,
 you that lift me up from the gates of death:
 14 that I may declare all your praises
 in the gates of the daughter of Zion:
 I will exult in your salvation.
 15 The heathen are caught in the destruction which they planned:
 in the very snare which they hid is their foot taken.
 16 The Lord is known as executing judgments:
 the sinner is taken in the works of his hands.
 17 Let sinners be driven away into hades,
 even all the nations that forget God.
 18 For the poor shall not be forgotten for ever:
 the patience of the needy ones shall not perish for ever.
 19 Arise, O Lord, let not man prevail:
 let the heathen be judged before you.
 20 Appoint, O Lord, a lawgiver over them:
 let the heathen know that they are mere humans. *Pause.*

10 IN MT = 9 CONTINUES IN LXX

10:1 Why stand you afar off, O Lord?
 why do you overlook us in times of need, in affliction?
 2 While the ungodly one acts proudly, the poor is hotly pursued:
 the wicked are taken in the crafty counsels which they imagine.
 3 Because the sinner praises himself for the desires of his heart;
 and the unjust one blesses himself.
 4 The sinner has provoked the Lord:
 according to the abundance of his pride he will not seek after him:
 God is not before him. 5 His ways are profane at all times;
 your judgments are removed from before him:
 he will gain the mastery over all his enemies.
 6 For the sinner has said in his heart,
 "I shall not be moved from generation to generation without evil¹.
 7 His mouth is full of cursing, bitterness and fraud:
 under his tongue are trouble and pain.
 8 He lies in wait with rich men in secret places, in order to kill the innocent:
 his eyes are set against the poor.
 9 He lies in wait in secret as a lion in his den:
 he lies in wait to ravish the poor,
 to ravish the poor when he draws him after him:
 he will bring him down in his snare.
 10 He will bow down and fall when he has mastered the poor.
 11 For he has said in his heart, God has forgotten:
 God has turned away his face so as never to look.
 12 Arise, O Lord God; let your hand be lifted up:
 Do not forget the poor.
 13 Why then, has the wicked provoked God?
 for he has said in his heart, God will not punish.
 14 You see it; for you do observe trouble and wrath,
 to deliver them into your hands:
 the poor has been left to you; you were a helper to the orphan.
 15 Break the arm of the sinner and wicked man:
 his sin shall be sought and he shall not be found because of it.²
 16 The Lord shall reign for ever, even unto ages of ages:
 you Gentiles shall perish out his land.
 17 The Lord has heard the desire of the poor:
 your ear has inclined to the state of their heart;
 18 to plead for the orphan and afflicted,
 So that one may ever boast upon the earth.

11 MT – 10 LXX

For the end, a Psalm of David

11:1 In the Lord I have put my trust:
 how will you say to my soul, Flee to the mountains as a sparrow?
 2 For behold the sinners have bent their bow,
 they have prepared their arrows for the quiver,
 to shoot secretly at the upright in heart.
 3 For they have pulled down what you had established,

¹ Brenton has "continuing without evil"

² Brenton has "his sin shall be sought for and shall not be found."

but what has the righteous done?
 4 The Lord is in his holy temple,
 as for the Lord, his throne is in heaven:
 his eyes look upon the poor, his stare examine the sons of men.
 5 The Lord tries the righteous and the ungodly:
 He that loves unrighteousness hates his own soul.
 6 He shall rain upon sinners snares, fire and brimstone,
 and a stormy blast shall be the portion of their cup.
 7 For the Lord is righteous and loves righteousness;
 his face beholds the upright.

12 MT = 11 LXX

For the end, A Psalm of David, upon the eighth

12:1 Save me, O Lord; for the godly man has failed;
 for truth is diminished from among the children of men.
 2 Every one has spoken vanity to his neighbor:
 their lips are deceitful, they have spoken with a double heart.
 3 Let the Lord destroy all the deceitful lips,
 and the tongue that speaks great words:
 4 They have said: We will magnify our tongue;
 our lips are our own, who is our master?
 5 Because of the misery of the poor,
 and because of the sighing of the needy,
 now will I arise, says the Lord, I will set them in salvation;
 I will speak boldly in him.¹
 6 The oracles of the Lord are pure oracles;
 as silver tried in the fire, proved in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.
 7 You O Lord, shall keep us and shall preserve us,
 from this generation and for ever.
 8 The ungodly continue to prowl:
 according to your greatness the sons of men are greatly exalted.

13 MT = 12 LXX

For the end, a Psalm of David.

13:1 How long, O Lord, will you forget me? [Will it be] for ever?
 How long will you turn away your face from me?
 2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
 having sorrows in my heart daily?
 How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
 3 Look on me, hearken to me, O Lord my God:
 lighten my eyes, for fear that I sleep in death;
 4 for fear that at any time my enemy say,
 I have prevailed against him!
 My persecutors will exult if ever I should be moved.
 5 But I have hoped in your mercy; my heart shall exult in your salvation.
 6 I will sing to the Lord who has dealt bountifully with me,
 and I will sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

¹ Brenton has "I will set them in safety; I will speak to them thereof openly."

14 MT = 13 LXX¹*For the end, Psalm of David*

14:1 The fool has said in his heart, There is no God.
 They have corrupted themselves,
 and become abominable in their devices;
 there is none that does what is good,
 there is not even so much as one.

2 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the sons of men,
 to see if there were any that understood, or sought after God.

3 They have all gone out of the way,
 they have become good for nothing,
 there is no one that does good, no not even one.
 Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have used deceit;
 the poison of vipers is under their lips,
 their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness;
 their feet are swift to shed blood:
 destruction and misery are in their ways;
 and the way of peace they have not known:
 there is no fear of God before their eyes.

4 Will not all the workers of iniquity know,
 they eat up my people as they would eat bread?
 they have not called upon the Lord.

5 There were they alarmed with fear, where there was no fear;
 for God is in the righteous generation.

6 you have shamed the counsel of the poor,
 because the Lord is his hope.

7 Who will bring the salvation of Israel out of Zion?
 when the Lord brings back the captivity of his people,
 let Jacob exult and let Israel be glad!

15 MT = 14 LXX*A Psalm of David*

15:1 O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tabernacle?
 Who shall dwell in your holy mountain?

2 The one walks blameless and works righteousness,
 who speaks truth in his heart.

3 Who has not spoken craftily with his tongue,
 neither has done evil to his neighbor,
 nor taken up a reproach against those who dwelt nearest to him.

4 In his sight an evil-worker is despised,
 but he honors those who fear the Lord.
 He swears to his neighbor and disappoints him not.

5 He has not lent his money at interest,
 and has not received bribes against the innocent.
 The one who does these things shall never be moved.

16 MT = 15 LXX*A writing of David*¹ Romans 3:10-18 follows the LXX over MT

16:1 Keep me, O Lord; for I have hoped in you.
 2 I said to the Lord, You are my Lord;
 for you have no need of my goodness.
 3 On behalf of the saints that are in his land,
 he has magnified all his pleasure in them.
 4 As for those who speak in haste,
 Their weaknesses have been multiplied;
 I will by no means assemble their bloody meetings,
 neither will I make mention of their names with my lips.
 5 The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup:
 you are he that restores my inheritance to me.
 6 The lines have fallen to me in the best places,
 yes, I have a most excellent heritage.
 7 I will bless the Lord who has instructed me;
 And my inner being has convicted me even into the night.
 8 I foresaw the Lord always before my face;
 for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved.
 9 Therefore my heart rejoiced and my tongue exulted;
 moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:
 10 because you will not leave my soul in hades,
 neither will you suffer your Holy One to see corruption.
 11 You have made known to me the ways of life;
 you will fill me with joy with your countenance:
 at your right hand there are delights for ever.

17 LXX = 16 MT

A prayer of David

17:1 Hearken, O Lord of my righteousness,
 attend to my petition;
 give ear to my prayer not uttered with deceitful lips.
 2 Let my judgment come forth from your presence;
 let my eyes behold righteousness.
 3 You have proved my heart; you have visited me by night;
 you have tried me as with fire and unrighteousness has not been found in me:
 That my mouth shall not speak the works of men,
 for the sake of the words of your lips I have kept hard ways.¹
 5 Direct my steps in your paths, that my steps may not slip.
 6 I have cried, for you heard me,
 O God: incline your ear to me and hearken to my words.
 7 Show the marvels of your mercies,
 you that save those who hope in you.
 8 Keep me as the apple of the eye from those who resist your right hand:
 you shall screen me by the covering of your wings,
 9 from the face of the ungodly that have afflicted me:
 my enemies have encircled my soul.
 10 They have enclosed themselves with their own fat:
 their mouth has spoken pride.
 11 They have now cast me out and surrounded me:
 they have set their eyes so as to bow them down to the ground.
 12 They laid wait for me as a lion ready for prey,

¹ Brenton has "I am purposed that my mouth shall not speak amiss. As for the works of men, by the words of thy lips I have guarded myself from hard ways."

and like a young lion dwelling in secret places.
 13 Arise, O Lord, prevent them and cast them down:
 deliver my soul from the ungodly;
 draw your sword from the enemies of your hand.¹
 O Lord, destroy them from the earth; scatter them in their life,
 though their belly has been filled with your hidden treasures:
 they have been satisfied with uncleanness,
 and they have left the remnant of their possessions to their young children.
 15 But I shall appear in righteousness before your face:
 I shall be satisfied when your glory appears.

18

For the end, a Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord; the words which he spoke to the Lord, even the words of this Song, in the day in which the Lord delivered him out the hand of all his enemies and out the hand of Saul: He said:

18:1 I will love you, O Lord, my strength.
 2 The Lord is my firm support and my refuge and my deliverer;
 my God is my helper, I will hope in him;
 he is my defender and the horn of my salvation and my helper.
 3 I will call upon the Lord with praises,
 and I shall be saved from my enemies.
 4 The pangs of death pressed on me,
 and the torrents of ungodliness troubled me exceedingly.
 5 The pangs of hades came around me:
 the snares of death encircled me.
 6 When I was afflicted I called upon the Lord and cried to my God:
 he heard my voice out of this holy temple;
 my cry shall enter before him, even into his ears.
 7 Then the earth shook and quaked,
 the foundations of the mountains were disturbed,
 they were shaken, because God was angry with them.
 8 There went up a smoke in his wrath,
 and fire burst into a flame at his presence: coals were kindled at it.
 9 He bowed the heaven and came down:
 thick darkness was under his feet.
 10 He mounted on cherubim and flew:
 he flew on the wings of winds.
 11 He made darkness his secret place:
 round about him was his tabernacle, even dark water in the clouds of the air.
 12 At the brightness before him the clouds passed,
 hail and coals of fire.
 13 The Lord also thundered from heaven,
 and the Highest uttered his voice.
 14 He sent forth his weapons and scattered them;
 he multiplied lightnings and they were confused.
 15 The springs of waters appeared,
 and the foundations of the world were exposed, at your rebuke,
 O Lord, at the blasting of the breath of your wrath.
 16 He sent from on high and took me,
 he drew me to himself out of many waters.
 17 He will deliver me from my mighty enemies,

¹ Brenton has "draw thy sword, because of the enemies of thine hand."

and from those who hate me; for they are stronger than I.
 18 They prevented me in the day of my affliction:
 but the Lord was my stay against them.
 19 He brought me out into a wide place:
 he will deliver me, because he has pleasure in me.
 20 The Lord will recompense me according to my righteousness;
 even according to the purity of my hands will he recompense me.
 21 For I have kept the way of the Lord
 and have not wickedly departed from my God.
 22 For all his judgments were before me,
 and his ordinances departed not from me.
 23 I shall be blameless with them,
 and shall keep myself from my iniquity.
 24 The Lord shall recompense me according to my righteousness,
 and according to the purity of my hands before his eyes.
 25 With the holy you will be holy;
 and with the innocent you will be innocent.
 26 With the excellent man you will be excellent;
 and with the perverse you will show your strength.
 27 For you will save the lowly people,
 and will humble the eyes of the proud.
 28 For you, O Lord, will light my lamp:
 my God, you will lighten my darkness.
 29 For by you shall I be delivered from a troop;
 and by my God I will pass over a wall.
 30 As for my God, his way is perfect:
 the oracles of the Lord are tried in the fire;
 he is a protector of all those who hope in him.
 31 For who is God but the Lord? And who is a god except our God?
 32 It is God that girds me with strength,
 and has made my way blameless:
 33 who strengthens my feet as the feet of a deer,
 and sets me upon high places.¹
 34 He instructs my hands for war:
 and you have made my arms as a brazen bow.
 35 You have made me secure in my salvation:
 your right hand has helped me and your correction has upheld me to the end;
 yes, your correction itself shall instruct me.
 36 You have made room for my goings under me,
 and by footsteps did not fail.
 37 I will pursue my enemies and overtake them;
 and I will not turn back until they are consumed.
 38 I will dash them to pieces and they shall not be able to stand:
 they shall fall under my feet.
 39 For you have girded me with strength for war:
 you have beaten down under me all that rose up against me.
 40 you have also shown me the back of my enemies [as they fled];²
 and you have destroyed those who hated me.
 41 They cried, but there was no deliverer:
 even to the Lord, but he hearkened not to them.
 42 I will grind them as the mud of the streets:
 and I will beat them small as dust before the wind.

¹ Verses 32-34 are used as vesting prayers when the priest puts on the belt (zone / poyas)

² Brenton has "And you has made mine enemies turn their backs before me"

43 Deliver me from the opposition of the people:
 you shall make me head of the Gentiles:
 a people whom I knew not served me,
 44 at the hearing of the ear they obeyed me:
 foreign children cringed before me.
 45 The foreign children became old,
 they became lame and fell away from their paths.
 46 The Lord lives; and blessed be my God;
 Let the God of my salvation be exalted.
 47 It is God that avenges me,
 he has subdued the nations under me!
 48 [You are] my deliverer from angry enemies:
 you shall set me on high above those who rise up against me:
 you shall deliver me from the unrighteous man.
 49 Therefore I will confess to you, O Lord, among the Gentiles,
 and sing to your name.
 50 God magnifies the deliverances of his king;
 he deals mercifully with David his anointed,
 and with his descendants for ever.

19 MT = 18 LXX

For the end, a Psalm of David

19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
 the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.
 2 Day to day utters speech,
 and night to night proclaims knowledge.
 3 There are no speeches or words in which their voices are not heard.
 4 Their voice is gone out into all the earth,
 and their words to the ends of the world.
 5 In the sun he has set his tabernacle;
 He comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber:
 he will exult as a hero¹ to run his course.
 6 His going forth is from the height of heaven,
 and his goal unto the height of heaven:
 no one shall be hidden from his heat.²
 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting souls:
 the testimony of the Lord is faithful, instructing infants.
 8 The ordinances of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:
 the commandment of the Lord is bright, enlightening the eyes.
 9 The fear of the Lord is pure,
 enduring unto ages of ages:
 the judgments of the Lord are true and completely justified.
 10 They are be more desired than gold and precious stone:
 sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb.
 11 For your servant keeps to them:
 in the keeping of them there is great reward.
 12 Who will understand his transgressions?
 purge me from my secret sins;
 13 Spare your servant the attack of strangers:

¹ Or "giant" (Brenton)

² Brenton has "His going forth is from the extremity of heaven and his circuit to the other end of heaven: and no one shall be hidden from his heat."

if they do not gain the dominion over me,
 then shall I be blameless and I shall be clear from great sin.
 14 So the sayings of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
 shall be pleasing continually before you,
 O Lord my helper and my redeemer.

20 MT = 19 LXX

For the end, a Psalm of David

20:1 May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble;
 May the name of the God of Jacob defend you.
 2 May he send you help from the sanctuary,
 and help you out of Zion.
 3 May he remember all your sacrifice,
 and enrich your whole-burnt-offering.
 4 May he grant you according to your heart,
 and fulfill all your desire.
 5 We will exult in your salvation,
 and in the name of our God shall we be magnified:
 may the Lord fulfill all your petitions.
 6 Now, I know that the Lord has saved his anointed¹:
 he shall hear him from his holy heaven:
 the salvation of his right hand is mighty.
 7 Some glory in chariots and some in horses:
 but we will glory in the name of the Lord our God.
 8 They are overthrown and fallen:
 but we are risen and have been set upright.
 9 O Lord, save the king: and hear us whenever we call upon you.

21

For the end, a Psalm of David

21:1 O Lord, the king shall rejoice in your strength;
 and in your salvation he shall greatly exult.
 2 You have granted him the desire of his soul,
 and have not withheld from him the request of his lips.
 3 For you have shielded him with blessings of goodness:
 you have set upon his head a crown of precious stone.
 4 He asked life of you and you gave him length of days unto ages of ages.
 5 His glory is great in your salvation:
 you will crown him with glory and majesty.
 6 For you will give him a blessing unto ages of ages:
 you will make him glad with joy by your countenance.
 7 For the king trusts in the Lord,
 and through the mercy of the Highest he shall not be moved.
 8 Let your hand be found by all your enemies:
 let your right hand find all that hate you.
 9 You shall make them as a fiery oven at the time of your presence:
 the Lord shall trouble them in his anger and fire shall devour them.
 10 You shall destroy their fruit from the earth,
 and their descendance from among the sons of men.

¹ Or "Christ"

11 For they intended evils against you;
they imagined a device which they shall not be able to accomplish.
12 You shall make them flee in the end,
And you will confront their face.
13 Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength:
we will sing and praise your mighty acts.

22 MT = 21 LXX

For the end, concerning the morning aid, a Psalm of David

22:1 O God, my God, come to my help:
why have you forsaken me?
the account of my transgressions is far from my salvation.
2 O my God, I will cry to you by day,
but you will not hear:
and [when I will cry to you] by night,
it shall not be considered as folly to me.
3 But you, the praise of Israel, dwell in a sanctuary.
4 Our fathers hoped in you; they hoped and you did deliver them.
5 They cried to you and were saved:
they hoped in you and were not ashamed.
6 But I am a worm and not a man;
a reproach of men and scorn of the people.
7 All who saw me mocked me:
they spoke with their lips, they shook the head, saying:
8 He hoped in the Lord: let him deliver him,
let the Lord save him if he takes pleasure in this man.
9 For you are the one that drew me out of the womb;
my hope from my mother's breasts.
10 I have depended on you from the womb:
you are my God from my mother's womb.
11 Do not stand far away from me;
for affliction is near and there is no helper.
12 Many bullocks have surrounded me:
fat bulls have beset me all around.
13 They have opened their mouth against me,
as a ravening and roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water and all my bones are loosened:
my heart has become like melting wax.
15 My strength is dried up like an empty jar;
and my tongue is glued to my throat;
and you have brought me down to the dust of death.
16 For many dogs have surrounded me:
the assembly of the wicked doers has encircled me:
they have pierced my hands and my feet.
17 They counted all my bones;
and they observed and gazed at me.
18 They parted my garments among themselves,
and cast lots for my clothing.
19 But you, O Lord, do not be distant to help:
be ready to come to my assistance.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword;

my uniquely loved¹ from the power of the dog.
 21 Save me from the lion's mouth;
 in my humiliation, [save me] from the one-horned beast.
 22 I will declare your name to my brothers:
 in the midst of the assembly will I sing praise to you.
 23 you that fear the Lord, praise him;
 all you descendants of Jacob, glorify him:
 let all the descendants of Israel fear him.
 24 For he has not despised nor been angry
 at the supplication of the poor;
 nor turned away his face from me;
 but when I cried to him, he heard me.
 25 I praise you in the great congregation:
 I will pay my vows before those who fear him.
 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
 and those who seek him shall praise the Lord:
 their heart shall live for ever.
 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord:
 and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's;
 He is the governor of the nations.
 29 All the prosperous of the earth have eaten and worshiped:
 all that go down to the earth shall fall down before him:
 my soul also lives to him, 30 and my descendants shall serve him:
 the generation that is coming shall be known to the Lord.
 31 They shall declare his righteousness to the people that shall be born,
 whom the Lord has made.

23 MT = 22 LXX

A Psalm of David

23:1 The Lord tends me as a shepherd,
 There is nothing I shall want².
 2 In a place of green grass, there he has made me dwell:
 he has nourished me by resting waters.
 3 He has restored my soul:
 he has guided me into the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake.
 4 Yes, even if I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death,
 I will not be afraid of evils:
 for you are with me; [with] your rod and your staff,
 these have comforted me.
 5 You have prepared a table before me
 in presence of those who afflict me:
 you have completely anointed my head with oil;
 your cup cheers me like the best wine.
 6 Your mercy also shall follow me all the days of my life:
 and my dwelling shall be in the house of the Lord
 for length of days.

¹ Greek μονογενη μου – see NT appendix regarding John 1:18. This could to expanded as “uniquely loved [son] or [life/soul]”

² Or “lack”

24 MT = 23 LXX

A Psalm for David on the first day of the week

24:1 The earth is the Lord's in its fullness;
the world and all that dwell in it.

2 He has founded it upon the seas,
and prepared it upon the rivers.

3 Who shall go up to the mountain of the Lord,
who shall stand in his holy place?

4 The one that is innocent in his hands and pure in his heart;
who has not lifted up his soul to vanity, nor sworn deceitfully to his neighbor.

5 He shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
and mercy from God his Savior.

6 This is the generation of those who seek him,
that seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Pause.*

7 Lift up your gates, you princes,
be lifted up, you everlasting¹ doors;
and the king of glory shall enter.

8 Who is this king of Glory?
the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your gates, you princes;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the king of glory shall enter.

10 Who is this king of glory?
The Lord of Hosts, he is this king of glory!²

25 MT = 24 LXX

A Psalm of David

25:1 To you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul.

2 O my God, I have trusted in you:
let me not be put to shame, neither let my enemies laugh me to scorn.

3 For none of those who wait on you shall in any way be ashamed:
But let those whose transgress without cause be put to shame.

4 Show me your ways, O Lord; and teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth, teach me: for you are God my Savior:
and I have waited on you all the day.

6 Remember your compassions, O Lord and your mercies,
for they are from everlasting.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my sins of ignorance:
remember me according to your mercy,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord.

8 Good and upright is the Lord:
therefore will he instruct sinners in the way.

9 The meek will he guide in judgment:
the meek will he teach his ways.

10 All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth

¹ Or "ancient"

² This Psalm is used during the Matins of the Resurrection service (Pascha), in many Greek Orthodox churches. The bishop or presbyter stands at the closed doors of the temple and the dialogue of Psalm 23 LXX takes place.

to those who seek his covenant and his testimonies.
 11 For your name's sake, O Lord,
 be merciful to my sin; for it is great.
 12 Who is the man that fears the Lord?
 The Lord shall instruct him in the way which he has chosen.
 13 His soul shall dwell in prosperity;
 and his seed shall inherit the earth.
 14 The Lord is the strength of those who fear him;
 and his covenant is to manifest truth to them.
 15 my eyes are continually to the Lord;
 for he shall draw my feet out of the snare.
 16 Look upon me and have mercy upon me;
 for I am an only child and poor.
 17 The afflictions of my heart have been multiplied;
 deliver me from my distress.
 18 Look upon my affliction and my trouble;
 and forgive all my sins.
 19 Look upon my enemies; for they have been multiplied;
 and they have hated me with unjust hatred.
 20 Keep my soul and deliver me:
 let me not be put to shame for I have hoped in you.
 21 The innocent and upright have joined themselves to me:
 for I waited for you, O Lord.
 22 Deliver Israel, O God, out of all his afflictions.

26 MT = 25 LXX

A Psalm of David

26:1 Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in my innocence:
 and hoping in the Lord I shall not be moved.
 2 Prove me, O Lord and try me;
 purify as with fire my reins and my heart.
 3 For your mercy is before my eyes:
 and I am well pleased with your truth.
 4 I have not sat with the council of vanity,
 and will in no way enter in with transgressors.
 5 I have hated the assembly of evil-doers;
 and will not sit with ungodly men.
 6 I will wash my hands in innocence,¹
 and compass your altar, O Lord:
 7 to hear the voice of praise and to declare all your wonderful works.
 8 O Lord, I loved the beauty of your house,
 and the place where your glory dwells.
 9 Do not destroy not my soul with the ungodly,
 nor my life with bloodthirsty men:
 10 in whose hands are iniquities,
 and their right hand is filled with bribes.
 11 But I have walked in my innocence:
 redeem me and have mercy upon me.
 12 My foot stands in an even place:
 in the congregations will I bless you, O Lord.

¹ Verses 6-12 are used as part of the vesting prayers during handwashing.

27 MT = 26 LXX*A Psalm of David, before he was anointed*

27:1 The Lord is my light and my Savior;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the defender of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evil-doers drew near against me to eat up my flesh,
my persecutors and my enemies have fainted and fell.

3 Though an army should set itself in array against me,
my heart shall not be afraid:

though war should rise up against me,
in this am I confident.

4 One thing have I asked of the Lord,
this will I earnestly seek:
that I should dwell in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
that I should behold the fair beauty of the Lord,
and survey his temple.

5 For in the day of my afflictions,
he hid me in his tabernacle:
he sheltered me in the secret of his tabernacle;
he set me up on a rock.

6 And now, behold, he has lifted up my head over my enemies:
I entered and offered in his tabernacle the sacrifice of joy;
I will sing even sing psalms to the Lord.

7 Hear, O Lord, my voice which I have uttered aloud:
pity me and hearken to me.

8 My heart said to you, I have diligently sought your face:
your face, O Lord, I will seek.

9 Turn not your face away from me, turn not you away from your servant in anger:
be my helper, forsake me not;
and, O God my Savior, do not overlook me.

10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the Lord has taken me to himself.

11 Teach me, O Lord, in your way,
and guide me in a right path, because of my enemies.

12 Do not deliver me to the desire of those who afflict me;
for unjust witnesses have risen up against me,
and injustice has lied within herself.

13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

14 Wait on the Lord: be of good courage,
Let your heart be strengthened: yes wait on the Lord.

28 MT = 27 LXX*A Psalm of David*

28:1 To you, O Lord, have I cried;
my God, be not silent toward me:
for fear that you be silent toward me,

and so I should be likened to those who go down to the pit.
 2 Hearken to the voice of my supplication,
 when I pray to you when I lift up my hands toward your holy temple.
 3 Draw not away my soul with sinners,
 and destroy me not with the workers of iniquity,
 they speak peace with their neighbors,
 but evils are in their hearts.
 4 Give them according to their works,
 and according to the wickedness of their devices:
 give them according to the works of their hands;
 render their recompense to them.
 5 Because they have not attended to the works of the Lord,
 even to the works of his hands,
 you shall pull them down and shall not build them up.
 6 Blessed be the Lord, for he has listened to the voice of my petition.
 7 The Lord is my helper and my defender;
 my heart has hoped in him and I am helped:
 my flesh has revived and willingly will I give praise to him.
 8 The Lord is the strength of his people,
 and the shield of the salvation of his anointed^{1,2}
 9 Save your people and bless your inheritance:
 take care of them and lift them up for ever.

29 MT = 28 LXX

A Psalm of David on the occasion of the solemn assembly of the Tabernacle

29:1 Bring to the Lord, you sons of God,
 bring to the Lord young rams;
 bring to the Lord glory and honor.
 2 Bring to the Lord glory, due to his name;
 worship the Lord in his holy court.
 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
 the God of glory has thundered: the Lord is upon many waters.
 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty;
 the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
 5 There is the voice of the Lord who breaks the cedars;
 the Lord will break the cedars of Lebanon.
 6 He will beat them small, even Lebanon itself, like a calf;
 and as the beloved son of the one-horned beast³.
 7 There is a voice of the Lord who divides a flame of fire.
 8 A voice of the Lord who shakes the wilderness;
 the Lord will shake the wilderness of Cades.
 9 The voice of the Lord strengthens the deer and will uncover the thickets:
 and in his temple every one speaks of his glory.
 10 The Lord will dwell on the waterflood:
 and the Lord will sit a king for ever.
 11 The Lord will give strength to his people;
 the Lord will bless his people with peace.

¹ Or "Christ"

² Brenton has "The Lord is the strength of his people and the saving defender of his anointed."

³ Or "unicorns" (Brenton)

30 MT = 29 LXX

For the end, a Psalm and Song at the dedication of the house of David

30:1 I will exalt you, O Lord; or you have lifted me up,
and not caused my enemies to rejoice over me.
2 O Lord my God, I cried to you,
and you did heal me.
3 O Lord, you have brought up my soul from hades,
you have delivered me from among those who go down to the pit.
4 Sing to the Lord, you his saints,
and give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
5 For anger is in his wrath, but life in his favor:
weeping shall continue into the evening, but joy shall be in the morning.
6 I said in my prosperity, I shall never be moved.
7 O Lord, in your good pleasure you have added strength to my beauty:
but you turned away your face and I was troubled.
8 To you, O Lord, will I cry;
and to my God will I make supplication.
9 What profit is there in my blood,
when I go down to corruption?¹
Shall the dust give praise to you?
or shall it declare your truth?
10 The Lord heard and had compassion upon me;
the Lord has become my helper.
11 You have turned my mourning into joy:
you have rent off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;
12 that my glory may sing praise to you,
and that I may not be pierced with sorrow.
O Lord my God,
I will give thanks to you for ever.

31 MT = 30 LXX

For the end, a Psalm of David, an utterance of extreme fear

31:1 O Lord, I have hoped in you;
let me never be ashamed:
deliver me in your righteousness and rescue me.
2 Incline your ear to me;
make haste to rescue me:
be to me a protecting God,
and a house of refuge to save me.
3 For you are my strength and my refuge;
and you shall guide me for your name's sake and maintain me.
4 You shall bring me out of the snare which they have hidden for me;
for you, O Lord, are my defender.
5 Into your hands I will commit my spirit²:
you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
6 You have hated those who idly persist in vanities:
but I have hoped in the Lord.
7 I will exult and be glad in your mercy:

¹ Brenton has "destruction"

² See Luke 23:46

for you have looked upon my affliction;
 you have saved my soul from distresses.
 8 You have not shut me up into the hands of the enemy:
 you have set my feet in a wide place.
 9 Pity me, O Lord, for I am afflicted:
 my eye is troubled with indignation, my soul and my inner being.
 10 For my life is spent with grief,
 and my years with groanings:
 my strength has been weakened through poverty,
 and my bones are troubled.
 11 I became a reproach among all my enemies,
 but even more so to my neighbors and a fear to my acquaintance:
 those who saw me without fled from me.
 12 I have been forgotten as a dead man out of mind:
 I have become as a broken vessel.
 13 For I heard the slander of many that dwelt round about:
 when they were gathered together against me,
 they took counsel to take my life.
 14 But I hoped in you, O Lord:
 I said: You are my God.
 15 My lots are in your hands:
 deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
 16 and from those who persecute me.
 Make your face to shine upon your servant:
 save me in your mercy.
 17 O Lord, let me not be ashamed,
 for I have called upon you:
 let the ungodly be ashamed and brought down to hades.
 18 Let the deceitful lips become speechless,
 Since they speak iniquity against the righteous with pride and scorn.
 19 How abundant is the multitude of your goodness, O Lord,
 which you have laid up for those who fear you!
 you have accomplished it out for those who hope on you,
 in the presence of the sons of men.
 20 You will hide them in the secret of your presence
 from the scrutiny of man:
 you will screen them in a tabernacle
 from the contradiction of [slandering] tongues.
 21 Blessed be the Lord:
 for he has magnified his mercy in a fortified city.
 22 But I said in my extreme fear,
 I am cast out from the sight of your eyes:
 therefore you did hearken, O Lord,
 to the voice of my supplication when I cried to you.
 23 Love the Lord, all you his saints:
 for the Lord seeks for truth and repays those who deal very proudly.
 24 Be of good courage,
 Let your heart be strengthened, all you that hope in the Lord.

32 MT = 31 LXX

A Psalm of instruction by David

32:1 Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven,
 and who sins are covered.

2 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin,
and whose mouth there is no guile.
3 Because I kept silence, my bones have become old,
from my crying all the day.
4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me:
I became thoroughly miserable while a thorn was fastened in me.
5 I acknowledged my sin and hid not my iniquity:
I said: I will confess my iniquity to the Lord against myself;
and you forgave the ungodliness of my heart.
6 Therefore shall every holy one pray to you in a fitting time:
only in the flood of many waters they shall not come near to him.
7 You are my refuge from the affliction that encompasses me;
my joy, to deliver me from those who have surrounded me.
8 I will instruct you and guide you
in this way by which you shall go:
I will fix my eyes upon you.
9 Be not as horse and mule, which have no understanding;
but you must constrain their jaws with bit and curb,
for fear that they should come near to you.
10 Many are the scourges of the sinner:
but mercy shall protect whoever hopes in the Lord.
11 Be glad in the Lord and exult, you righteous:
and glory, all you that are upright in heart.

33 MT = 32 LXX

A Psalm of David

33:1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
praise is fitting for the upright.
2 Praise the Lord on the harp;
play to him on a psaltery of ten strings.
3 Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully with a loud noise.
4 For the word of the Lord is right;
and all his works are faithful.
5 He loves mercy and judgment;
the earth is full the mercy of the Lord.
6 By the Word of the Lord the heavens were established;
and all the host of them by the Spirit¹ of his mouth.
7 Who gathers the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
who lays up the deeps in treasuries.
8 Let all the earth fear the Lord;
Let all that dwell in the world be moved because of him.
9 For he spoke and they were made;
he commanded and they were created.
10 The Lord frustrates the counsels of the nations;
he brings to nought the reasonings of the peoples,
and the counsels of princes.
11 But the counsel of the Lord endures for ever,
the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord;
the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance.

¹ Or "breath"

13 The Lord looks out of heaven;
 he beholds all the sons of men.
 14 He looks from his prepared habitation
 on all the dwellers on the earth;
 15 he who fashioned their hearts alone;
 who understands all their works.
 16 A king is not saved because of a great army;
 and a giant shall not be delivered by the greatness of his strength.
 17 A horse is vain for safety;
 neither shall he be delivered by the greatness of his power.
 18 Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
 those who hope in his mercy;
 19 to deliver their souls from death,
 and to keep them alive in famine.
 20 Our soul waits on the Lord;
 for he is our helper and defender.
 21 For our heart shall rejoice in him,
 and we have hoped in his holy name.
 22 Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us,
 as we have hoped in you.

34 MT = 33 LXX

*A Psalm of David when he changed his countenance before Abimelech;
 He let him go and he departed.*

34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times:
 his praise shall be continually in my mouth.
 2 My soul shall find glory in the Lord:
 let the meek hear and rejoice.
 3 Magnify the Lord with me,
 Let us exalt his name together.
 4 I sought the Lord diligently,
 He listened to me and delivered me from all my exiles.
 5 Draw near to him and be enlightened:
 and your faces shall not be ashamed.
 6 This poor man cried and the Lord listened to him,
 he delivered him from all his afflictions.
 7 The angel of the Lord will encamp around those who fear the Lord,
 and will deliver them.
 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good:
 blessed is the man who hopes in him.
 9 Fear the Lord, all you his saints:
 for there is no want to those who fear him.
 10 The rich have become poor and hungry:
 but those who diligently seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. *Pause.*
 11 Come, you children, hear me:
 I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
 12 What man is there that desires life,
 loving to see good days?
 13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking guile.
 14 Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
 15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous,
 and his ears are open to their prayer:
 16 but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil,

to destroy their memorial from the earth.
 The righteous cried and the Lord listened to them,
 17 he delivered them out of all their afflictions.
 18 The Lord is near to those who are of a contrite heart;
 he will save the lowly in spirit.
 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous:
 but the Lord will deliver out of them all.
 20 He keeps all their bones:
 not one of them shall be broken¹.
 21 The death of sinners is evil:
 and those who hate righteousness will be condemned.
 22 The Lord will redeem the souls of his servants:
 none of those who hope in him shall offend.

35 MT = 34 LXX

A Psalm of David

35:1 Judge you, O Lord, those who injure me,
 fight against those who fight against me.
 2 Take hold of shield and buckler,
 and arise for my help.
 3 Bring forth a sword and stop those who persecute me:
 say to my soul, I am your salvation.
 4 Let those who seek my soul be ashamed and confounded:
 let those who devise evils against me be turned back and put to shame.
 5 Let them be as dust before the wind,
 with an angel of the Lord afflicting them.
 6 Let their way be dark and slippery,
 and may an angel of the Lord persecute them.
 7 For without cause they have hidden for me their destructive snare:
 without a cause they have insulted my soul.
 8 Let a snare which they know not come upon them;
 and the net which they hid take them;
 Let them fall into that very snare.
 9 But my soul shall exult in the Lord:
 it shall delight in his salvation.
 10 All my bones shall say, O Lord, who is like to you?
 delivering the poor out of the hand of those who are stronger,
 yes, the poor and needy from those who spoil him.
 11 Unjust witnesses arose and asked me of things I new not.
 12 They rewarded me evil for good and barrenness² to my soul.
 13 But I when they troubled me, put on sackcloth,
 and I humbled my soul with fasting:
 my prayer shall return to my own bosom.
 14 I behaved agreeably towards them as with a neighbor or brother:
 I humbled myself as one mourning and sad of countenance.
 15 Yet they rejoiced against me,
 and plagues were plentifully brought against me;
 I knew it not: they were scattered, but did not repent.
 16 They tempted me, they sneered at me with contempt,
 they gnashed their teeth upon me.

¹ See John 19:36

² Brenton has "bereavement"

17 O Lord when will you look upon me?
 Deliver my soul from their mischief,
 my uniquely precious¹ [life] from the lions.
 18 I will give thanks to you even in a great congregation:
 among many people I will praise you.
 19 Let not those who are my enemies without a cause rejoice against me;
 they hate me for nothing and conspire with their eyes.
 20 For to me they spoke peaceably,
 but imagined deceits in their anger.
 21 They opened wide their mouth upon me;
 they said Aha, aha, our eyes have seen it.
 22 You have seen it, O Lord: do not keep silence:
 O Lord, do not withdraw yourself from me.
 23 Awake, O Lord and attend to my judgment,
 even to my cause, my God and my Lord.
 24 Judge me, O Lord, according to your righteousness,
 O Lord my God; Let them not rejoice against me.
 25 Let them not say in their hearts,
 Aha, aha, it is pleasing to our soul:
 neither let them say, We have devoured him!
 26 Let them be confounded and ashamed together
 those who rejoice at my afflictions:
 let them be clothed with shame and confusion
 as they speak great words against me.
 27 Let those who rejoice in my righteousness
 exult and be glad:
 Let those who desire the peace of his servant always say,
 The Lord be magnified!
 28 My tongue shall meditate on your righteousness,
 and on your praise all the day.

36 MT = 35 LXX

For the end, by David the servant of the Lord

36:1 The transgressor, that he may sin, says within himself,
 that there is no fear of God before his eyes.
 2 For he has dealt craftily within,
 In order not to discover his own iniquity and hate it.
 3 The words of his mouth are transgression and deceit:
 he is not inclined to understand how to do good.
 4 He devises evil plans on his bed;
 he gives himself to every evil way;
 and does not abhor evil.
 5 O Lord, your mercy is in the heaven;
 and your truth reaches to the clouds.
 6 Your righteousness is as the mountains of God,
 your judgments are as a great deep:
 O Lord, you will preserve men and beasts.
 7 How have you multiplied your mercy, O God!
 so the children of men shall trust in the shelter of your wings.
 8 They shall be inebriated² with the abundance of your house;

¹ Brenton has "only-begotten one"

² Brenton has "fully satisfied"

and you shall cause them to drink of the full stream of your delights.

9 For with you is the fountain of life:

in your light we shall see light.

10 Extend your mercy to those who you know;
and your righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me,
Let not the hand of sinners move me.

12 There have all the workers of iniquity fallen:
they are cast out and shall not be able to stand.

37 MT = 36 LXX

A Psalm of David

37:1 Do not fret because of the wicked,
neither be envious of those who do iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be withered as the grass,
and shall soon fall away as the green herbs.

3 Hope in the Lord and do good;
dwell on the land and you shall be fed with its riches.

4 Delight yourself in the Lord;
He shall grant you the requests of your heart.

5 Disclose your way to the Lord and hope in him;
He shall bring it to pass.

6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your judgment as the noon-day.

7 Submit yourself to the Lord and supplicate him:
Do not fret because of the one that prospers in his way,
at the man that does unlawful deeds.

8 Ease from anger and forsake wrath:
fret not yourself so as to do evil.

9 For evil-doers shall be destroyed:
but those who wait on the Lord,
shall inherit the land.

10 Yet a little while and the sinner shall not be,
you shall seek for his place and not find it.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth;
they shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12 The sinner will watch for the righteous,
and gnash his teeth upon him.

13 But the Lord shall laugh at him:
for he foresees that his day will come.

14 Sinners have drawn their swords,
they have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy,
and to kill the upright in heart.

15 Let their sword enter into their own heart,
and their bows be broken.

16 A little is better to the righteous
than the abundant wealth of sinners.

17 For the arms of sinners shall be broken;
but the Lord supports the righteous.

18 The Lord knows the ways of the perfect;
and their inheritance shall be for ever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in an evil time;
and in days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20 For the sinners shall perish;
 and the enemies of the Lord at the moment of their being honored and exalted
 have utterly vanished like smoke.
 21 The sinner borrows and will not pay again:
 but the righteous has compassion and gives.
 22 For those who bless him shall inherit the earth;
 and those who curse him shall be utterly destroyed.
 23 The steps of a man are rightly ordered by the Lord:
 He will take pleasure in his way.
 24 When he falls, he shall not be ruined:
 for the Lord supports his hand.
 25 I was once young, indeed I am now old;
 yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,
 nor his descendants seeking bread.
 26 He is merciful and lends continually;
 and his offspring shall be blessed.
 27 Turn aside from evil and do good;
 That you may dwell for ever.
 28 For the Lord loves judgment,
 and will not forsake his saints;
 they shall be preserved for ever: the blameless shall be avenged,
 but the seed of the ungodly shall be utterly destroyed.
 29 But the righteous shall inherit the earth,
 and dwell upon it for ever.
 30 The mouth of the righteous will meditate wisdom,
 his tongue will speak of judgment.
 31 The law of his God is in his heart;
 and his steps shall not slide.
 32 The sinner watches the righteous,
 and seeks to kill him.
 33 But the Lord will not leave him in his hands,
 nor by any means condemn him when he is judged.
 34 Wait on the Lord and keep his way,
 He shall exalt you to inherit the land:
 when the wicked are destroyed, you shall see it.
 35 I saw the ungodly exalting himself very highly,
 and lifting himself up like the cedars of Lebanon.
 36 Yet I passed by and Behold! he was not [there]:
 I sought him, but his place was not found.
 37 Maintain innocence and behold uprightness:
 for there is a remnant to the peaceable man.
 38 But the transgressors shall be utterly destroyed:
 the remnants of the ungodly shall be devastated.
 39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord;
 He is their defender in the time of affliction.
 40 The Lord shall help them and deliver them:
 He shall rescue them from sinners and save them,
 because they have hoped in him.

38 MT = 37 LXX

A Psalm of David for remembrance concerning the Sabbath-day

38:1 O Lord, rebuke me not in your wrath,
 neither chasten me in your anger.

2 For your weapons are fixed in me,
 and you have pressed your hand heavily upon me.
 3 For there is no health in my flesh because of your anger;
 there is no peace to my bones because of my sins.
 4 For my transgressions have gone over my head:
 they have pressed heavily upon me like a weighty burden.
 5 My bruises have become foul and corrupt,
 because of my foolishness.
 6 I have been wretched and bowed down continually:
 I went with a mourning countenance all the day.
 7 For my soul is filled with delusions;¹
 and there is no health in my flesh.
 8 I have been afflicted and extremely downcast:
 I have groaned for the turmoil of my heart.
 9 But all my desire is before you;
 and my groaning is not hidden from you.
 10 My heart is troubled, my strength has failed me;
 and the light of my eyes is not with me.
 11 My friends and my neighbors drew near before me and stood still;
 and my nearest of kin stood afar off.
 12 While those who pressed hard upon me sought my soul:
 and those who sought to hurt me hurt spoke vanities,
 they devised deceits all the day.
 13 But I, as a deaf man, heard not;
 and I was as a speechless man not opening his mouth.
 14 I was as a man that hears not,
 and who has no reproofs in his mouth.
 15 For I hoped in you, O Lord: you will hear, O Lord my God.
 16 For I said: for fear that my enemies rejoice against me:
 for when my feet were moved, they spoke with pride against me.
 17 For I am ready for plagues,
 and my grief is continually before me.
 18 For I will declare my iniquity,
 and be distressed for my sin.
 19 But my enemies live and they are mightier than I:
 those who hate me unjustly have multiplied.
 20 Those who reward evil for good slandered me;
 because I followed righteousness;
 they cast me forth, the beloved, as a loathsome carcass.²
 21 Forsake me not, O Lord my God: depart not from me.
 22 Draw near to my help, O Lord of my salvation.

39 MT = 38 LXX

For the end, a Song of David, to Idithun

39:1 I said: I will take heed to my ways,
 So that I may not sin with my tongue:
 I set a guard on my mouth, while the sinner stood in my presence.
 2 I was speechless and humbled myself,
 I kept silence from good words; and my grief was renewed.
 3 My heart grew hot within me,

¹ Brenton has "mockings"

² Brenton omits the last line of this verse

and a fire would kindle in my meditation:
 I spoke with my tongue,
 4 O Lord, make me to know my end,
 and the number of my days, what it is;
 that I may know what I lack.
 5 Behold, you have made my days old;
 and my existence is as nothing before you:
 No, every man living is altogether vanity.
 6 Surely man walks in a shadow;
 No, he is disquieted in vain:
 he lays up treasures and knows not for whom he shall gather them.
 7 And now what is my expectation?
 is it not the Lord? And my ground of hope is with you.
 8 Deliver me from all my transgressions:
 you have made me a reproach to the foolish.
 9 I was speechless and opened not my mouth;
 for you are he that made me.
 10 Remove your scourges from me:
 I have fainted because of the strength of your hand.
 11 You discipline man with rebukes for iniquity,
 and you make his life to consume away like a spider's web;
 No, every man is disquieted in vain.
 12 O Lord, hearken to my prayer and my supplication:
 attend to my tears:
 be not silent, for I am a sojourner in the land,
 and a stranger, as all my fathers were.
 13 Spare me, that I may be refreshed,
 before I depart and be no more.

40 MT – 39 LXX

For the end, a Psalm of David

40:1 I waited patiently for the Lord;
 He heard me and listened to my supplication.
 2 He brought me up out of a pit of misery,
 and from miry clay:
 He set my feet on a rock and ordered my goings aright.
 3 He put a new song into my mouth,
 even a hymn to our God:
 many shall see it and fear,
 and they shall hope in the Lord.
 4 Blessed is the man whose hope is in the name of the Lord,
 and who has not regarded vanities and false frenzies.
 5 O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wonderful works,
 and in your thoughts there is none who shall be likened to you:
 I declared and spoke of them:
 they exceeded number.
 6 Sacrifice and offering you would not;
 but a body have you prepared me¹:
 whole-burnt-offering and sacrifice for sin you did not require.
 7 Then I said: Behold, here I come:
 in the volume of the book it is written concerning me,

¹ Hebrews 10:5 quotes and follows LXX against MT

8 I desired to do your will, O my God,
 and your law in the midst of my heart.
 9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation;
 Behold! I will not refrain my lips;
 O Lord, you know my righteousness.
 10 I have not hid your truth within my heart,
 and I have declared your salvation;
 I have not hid your mercy and your truth from the great congregation.
 11 But you, Lord, remove not your compassion far from me;
 your mercy and your truth have helped me continually.
 12 For innumerable evils have encompassed me;
 my transgressions have taken hold of me,
 and I was not able to see;
 they are multiplied more than the hairs of my head;
 and my heart has failed me.
 13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;
 O Lord, draw near to help me.
 14 Let those who seek my soul, to destroy it,
 be ashamed and confounded together;
 let those who wish me evil be turned backward and put to shame.
 15 Let those who say to me, Aha, aha, quickly receive shame for their reward.
 16 Let all those who seek you, O Lord, exult and rejoice in you;
 Let those who love your salvation say continually,
 The Lord be magnified.
 17 But I am poor and needy;
 the Lord will take care of me;
 you are my helper and my defender, O my God, do not delay.

41 MT = 40 LXX

For the end, a Psalm of David

41:1 Blessed is the man who remembers the poor and the needy:
 the Lord shall deliver him in an evil day.
 2 May the Lord preserve him and keep him alive,
 bless him on the earth,
 and not deliver him into the hands of his enemy.
 3 May the Lord help him upon the bed of his pain;
 you have made all his bed in his sickness.
 4 I said: O Lord, have mercy upon me; heal my soul;
 for I have sinned against you.
 5 My enemies have spoken evil against me, saying:
 When shall he die and his name perish?
 6 If he came to see me, his heart spoke in vain;
 he gathered iniquity to himself; he went forth and spoke such a way.
 7 All my enemies whispered against me;
 against me they devised to hurt me.
 8 They denounced a wicked word against me,
 saying: Now, that he lies, shall he not rise up again?
 9 For even the man of my peace, in whom I trusted,
 who ate my bread, lifted up his heel against me¹.
 10 But you, O Lord, have compassion upon me,
 raise me up and I shall obtain justice from them.

¹ See John 13:18

11 By this I know that you have delighted in me,
because my enemy shall not rejoice over me.
12 But you did help me because of my innocence,
and have established me before you for ever.
13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel
from everlasting and to everlasting. Amen, Amen!

42 MT = 41 LXX

For the end, a Psalm for instruction, for the sons of Core

42:1 As the deer that yearns
for fountains of water,
so my soul is longing
for you, O God.
2 My soul has been thirsting
for the living God:
when shall I enter and appear
before [the face of] God?
3 My tears have become my bread
By night, by day,
while they say to me all the day long:
Where is your God?
4 I remembered these things
and poured out my soul,
for I will go to the place of your wondrous tabernacle,
even to the house of God,
with a voice of exultation and thanksgiving
and with the sound of those who keep festival.
5 Why then are you very sad O my soul?
and why then do you trouble me?
hope in God; I will give thanks to him;
he is the salvation of my countenance.
6 O my God, my soul has been troubled within me:
therefore will I remember you
from the land of Jordan, and of the Ermonites,
from the little hill.
7 Deep is calling on deep
at the voice of your torrents:
all your clouds and your waves
have gone over me.
8 By day the Lord will command his mercy,
and manifest it by night:
with me is prayer to the God of my life.
9 I will say to God, You are my helper;
why have you forgotten me?
why then do I go looking downcast,
while the enemy oppresses me?
10 While my bones were breaking,
those who afflicted me reproached me;
while they said to me every day,
Where is your God?
11 Why then are you very sad O my soul?
and why then do you trouble me?
hope in God; for I will give thanks to him;

he is the health of my countenance and my God.

43 MT = 42 LXX

A Psalm of David

43:1 Judge me, O God and plead my cause,
 against an ungodly nation:
 deliver me from the unjust and crafty man.
 2 For you, O God, are my strength:
 why then have you cast me off?
 and why do I go sad of countenance,
 while the enemy oppresses me?
 3 Send forth your light and your truth:
 they have led me and brought me to your holy mountain and tabernacles.
 4 I will go in to the altar of God,
 to the God who gladdens my youth:
 I will give thanks to you on the harp, O God, my God.
 5 Why then are you very sad, O my soul?
 and why then do you trouble me?
 Hope in God; for I will give thanks to him,
 he is the health of my countenance and my God.

44 MT = 43 LXX

For the end, a Psalm for instruction, for the sons of Core

44:1 O God, we have heard with our ears,
 our fathers have told us, the work which you performed in their days,
 in the days of old.
 2 Your hand utterly destroyed the heathen and you established them:
 you did afflict the nations and cast them out.
 3 For they did not inherit the land by their own sword
 and their own arm did not deliver them;
 but your right hand and your arm and the light of your countenance,
 because you were well pleased in them.
 4 You are indeed my King and my God,
 who command deliverances for Jacob.
 5 In you will we push down our enemies
 and in your name will we bring to nought those who rise up against us.
 6 For I will not trust in my bow and my sword shall not save me.
 7 For you have saved us from those who afflicted us
 and you have put to shame those who hated us.
 8 In God will we make our boast all the day
 and to your name will we give thanks for ever. *Pause.*

9 But now you have cast off and put us to shame;
 you will not go forth with our armies.
 10 You have turned us back before our enemies;
 and those who hated us spoiled for themselves.
 11 You made us as sheep for meat;
 and you scattered us among the nations.
 12 You have sold your people without price

and there was no multitude in their jubilations.¹
 13 You have made us a reproach to our neighbors,
 a scorn and derision those who are around us.
 14 You have made us a proverb among the Gentiles,
 a shaking of the head among the nations.
 15 All the day my shame is before me
 and the confusion of my face has covered me,
 16 because of the voice of the slanderer and reviler;
 because of the enemy and avenger.
 17 All these things have come upon us:
 but we have not forgotten you,
 neither have we dealt unrighteously in your covenant.
 18 Our heart has not gone back;
 but you have turned aside our paths from your way.
 19 For you have laid us low in a place of affliction
 and the shadow of death has covered us.
 20 If we have forgotten the name of our God
 and if we have spread out our hands to a strange god;
 shall not God search these things out?
 21 He knows the secrets of the heart!
 22 For your sake we are killed all the day long;
 we are counted as sheep for slaughter.
 23 Awake, why then sleep you, O Lord?
 arise and do not cast us off for ever.
 24 Why then turn you your face away
 and forget our poverty and our affliction?
 25 For our soul has been brought down to the dust;
 We have crawled upon the earth.
 26 Arise, O Lord, help us and redeem us for your name's sake.

45 MT = 44 LXX

For the end, for alternate strains by the sons of Core; for instruction, a Song concerning the beloved

45:1 My heart has uttered a good matter:
 I declare my works to the king:
 my tongue is the pen of a quick writer.
 2 You are more beautiful than the sons of men:
 grace has been shed forth on your lips:
 therefore God has blessed you for ever.
 3 Gird your sword upon your thigh,
 O Mighty One, in your comeliness and in your beauty;
 4 Bend your bow, prosper and reign,
 because of truth and meekness and righteousness;
 and your right hand shall guide you wonderfully.
 5 Your weapons are sharpened, Mighty One,
 (the nations shall fall under you) they are in the heart of the king's enemies.
 6 Your throne, O God, is unto ages of ages²:
 the sceptre of your kingdom is a sceptre of righteousness.
 7 You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity:
 therefore God, your God,
 has anointed you with the oil of gladness above those who partake of you.¹

¹ Brenton has "and there was no profit by their exchange"

² See Hebrews 1:8

8 Myrrh, stacte and cassia are exhaled from your garments
and out of the ivory palaces,
9 with which kings' daughters have gladdened you for your honor:
the queen stood by on your right hand,
clothed in golden vestments and arrayed in many colors².
10 Hear, O daughter and see and incline your ear;
forget also your people and your father's house.
11 Because the king has desired your beauty;
for he is your Lord.
12 The daughter of Tyre shall present him gifts;
the rich of the people of the land shall supplicate your favor.
13 All her glory is that of the daughter of the king of Esebon,
robed as she is in golden fringed garments,
14 in embroidered clothing:
virgins shall be brought to the king after her:
her companions shall be brought to you.
15 They shall be brought with gladness and exultation:
they shall be led into the king's temple.
16 Instead of your fathers, children are born to you:
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
17 They shall make mention of your name from generation to generation:
therefore shall the nations give thanks to you for ever,
even unto ages of ages.

46 MT = 45 LXX

For the end, for the sons of Core; a Psalm concerning secret things

46:1 God is our refuge and strength,
a help in the afflictions that have come heavily upon us.
2 Therefore will we not fear when the earth is troubled
and when the mountains are moved into the depths of the seas.
3 Their waters have roared and been troubled,
the mountains have been troubled by his might.
4 The flowings of the river gladden the city of God:
the Most High has sanctified his tabernacle.
5 God is in her midst; she shall not be moved:
God shall help her with his countenance.
6 The nations were troubled, the kingdoms were shaken:
he uttered his voice, the earth shook.
7 The Lord of powers is with us;³
the God of Jacob is our helper.
8 Come and behold the works of the Lord,
what wonders he has achieved on the earth.
9 Putting an end to wars as for the ends of the earth;
he will crush the bow and break in pieces the weapon
and burn the bucklers with fire.
10 Be still and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;

¹ Brenton has "above thy fellows"

² A verse said by the priest during when the particle for the Theotokos is placed on the paten during prokome.

³ Brenton has "hosts"

the God of Jacob is our helper.

47 MT = 46 LXX

For the end, a Psalm for the sons of Core.

47:1 Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with a voice of exultation.
2 For the Lord Most High is terrible;
he is a great king over all the earth.
3 He has subdued the peoples under us
and the nations under our feet.
4 He has chosen out his inheritance for us,
the beauty of Jacob which he loved. *Pause.*
5 God has ascended with a shout,
the Lord with a sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to our God, sing praises:
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
7 For God is king of all the earth:
sing praises with understanding.
8 God reigns over the nations:
God sits upon the throne of his holiness.
9 The rulers of the people are assembled with the God of Abra'am:
for God's mighty ones of the earth have been greatly exalted.

48 MT = 47 LXX

A Psalm of praise for the sons of Core on the second day of the week

48:1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God, in his holy mountain.
2 The city of the great King is well planted on the mountains of Zion,
with the joy of the whole earth, on the sides of the north.
3 God is known in her palaces when he undertakes to help her.
4 For, behold the kings of the earth were assembled, they came together.
5 They saw and so they wondered:
they were troubled, they were moved.
6 Trembling took hold on them:
there were the pangs as of a woman in labor.
7 You will break the ships of Tharsis with a violent wind.
8 As we have heard, so have we also seen,
in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God: God has founded it for ever.
9 We have thought of your mercy, O God,
in the midst of your people.
10 According to your name, O God,
so is also your praise to the ends of the earth:
your right hand is full of righteousness.
11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judaea exult,
because of your judgments, O Lord.
12 Go around Zion and encompass her: number her towers.
13 Mark well her strength and observe her palaces;
so that you may tell the next generation.
14 For this is our God unto ages of ages: he will be our guide unto ages of ages.

49 MT = 48 LXX

For the end, a Psalm for the sons of Core

49:1 Hear these words, all you nations,
 hearken, all you that dwell upon the earth:
 2 both the lowly and sons of great men;
 the rich and poor man together.
 3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom;
 and the meditation of my heart shall bring forth understanding.
 4 I will incline my ear to a parable: I will open my riddle on the harp.
 5 Why then should I fear in the evil day?
 the iniquity of my heel shall compass me.
 6 Those who trust in their strength
 and boast themselves in the multitude of their wealth
 7 A brother does not redeem, shall a man redeem?
 he shall not give to God a ransom for himself,
 8 or the price of the redemption of his soul,
 though he labor for ever, 9 and live to the end,
 so that he should not see corruption.
 10 When he shall see wise men dying,
 the fool and the senseless one shall perish together;
 and they shall leave their wealth to strangers.
 11 Their tombs are their houses for ever,
 even their tabernacles to all generations:
 they have invoked their names upon their lands.¹
 12 Man, being in honor, does not understand:
 he is compared to the senseless cattle and is like to them.
 13 This their way is an offence to them:
 yet afterwards men will commend their sayings.
 14 They have laid them as sheep in hades;
 death shall feed on them;
 and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning
 and their help shall fail in hades from their glory.
 15 But God shall deliver my soul from the power of hades,
 when he shall receive me.
 16 Fear not when a man is enriched
 and when the glory of his house is increased.
 17 For he shall take nothing when he dies;
 neither shall his glory descend with him.
 18 For his soul shall be blessed in his life:
 he shall give thanks to you when you do well to him.
 19 Yet he shall go in to the generation of his fathers;
 he shall never see light.
 20 Man that is in honor, understands not:
 he is compared to the senseless cattle and is like them.

50 MT = 49 LXX

A Psalm for Asaph

50:1 The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken and called the earth
 from the rising of the sun to its going down.

¹ Brenton has "they have called their lands after their own names"

2 Out of Zion comes the excellence of his beauty.
 3 God, our God, shall come manifestly and shall not keep silence:
 a fire shall be kindled before him
 and around him there shall be a very great tempest.
 4 He shall summon the heaven above and the earth,
 that he may judge his people.
 5 Assemble you his saints to him,
 those who have engaged in a covenant with him upon sacrifices.
 6 The heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge. *Pause.*

7 Hear, my people and I will speak to you, O Israel:
 I will testify to you: I am God, your God.
 8 I will not reprove you on account of your sacrifices;
 for your whole-burnt-offerings are before me continually.
 9 I will take no bullocks out of your house,
 nor male goats out of your flocks.
 10 For all the wild beasts of the thicket are mine,
 the cattle on the mountains and oxen.
 11 I know all the birds of the sky;
 and the beauty of the field is mine.
 12 If I should be hungry, I will not tell you:
 for the world is mine and its fullness.
 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?
 14 Offer to God the sacrifice of praise;
 and pay your vows to the Most High.
 15 Call upon me in the day of affliction;
 and I will deliver you and you shall glorify me. *Pause.*

16 But to the sinner God has said:
 Why do you declare my ordinances and take up my covenant in your mouth?
 17 Whereas you have hated instruction and have cast my words behind you.
 18 If you saw a thief, you ran along with him
 and you have cast in your lot with adulterers.
 19 Your mouth has multiplied wickedness
 and your tongue has framed deceit.
 20 You sat down, spoke against your brother
 and scandalized your mother's son.
 21 These things you did and I kept silence:
 you thought wickedly that I should be like you,
 but I will reprove you and set your offences before you.
 22 Now, consider these things, you that forget God,
 for fear that he destroy you and there is no deliverer.
 23 The sacrifice of praise will glorify me:
 and that is the way by which I will show to him
 the salvation of God.

51 MT = 50 LXX

*For the end, a Psalm of David
 when Nathan the prophet came to him when he had gone to Bersabee.*

51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your great mercy;
 according to the multitude of your compassions blot out my transgression.
 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
 3 For I am conscious of my iniquity;

and my sin is continually before me.
 4 Against you alone have I sinned
 and done evil before you:
 that you might be justified in your sayings
 and overcome in your judgments.
 5 For, behold, I was conceived in iniquities
 and in sins did my mother conceive me.
 6 For, behold, you love truth:
 you have manifested to me the secret and hidden things of your wisdom.
 7 You shall sprinkle me with hyssop and I shall be purified:
 you shall wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow.
 8 You shall cause me to hear gladness and joy:
 the afflicted bones shall rejoice.
 9 Turn away your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.
 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God;
 and renew a right spirit in my inner being.
 11 Do not cast me away from your presence;
 and do not remove your holy Spirit from me.
 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation:
 establish me with your guiding Spirit.
 13 Then will I teach transgressors your ways;
 and ungodly men shall return to you.
 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
 the God of my salvation:
 then my tongue shall joyfully declare your righteousness.
 15 O Lord, you shall open my lips;
 and my mouth shall declare your praise.
 16 If you desired sacrifice, I would have given it:
 you will not take pleasure in whole-burnt-offerings.
 17 Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit:
 a broken and humbled heart God will not despise.
 18 Do good, O Lord, to Zion in your good pleasure;
 Let the walls of Jerusalem be rebuilt.
 19 Then shall you be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness,
 With offering and whole-burnt sacrifices:
 then shall they offer calves upon your altar.

52 MT = 51 LXX

For the end, a Psalm of instruction by David when Doeg the Idumean came and told Saul and said to him: David is gone to the house of Abimelech.

52:1 Why do you, O mighty man,
 boast of iniquity in your mischief?
 All day long 2 your tongue has devised unrighteousness;
 like a sharpened razor you have accomplished deceit.
 3 You have loved wickedness more than goodness;
 unrighteousness better than to speak righteousness.
 4 You have loved all words of destruction and a deceitful tongue.
 5 Therefore may God destroy you for ever,
 may he pluck you up to utterly remove you from your dwelling
 and your root from the land of the living.
 6 The righteous shall see and fear
 they shall laugh at him and say,
 7 Behold the man who made not God his help;

but trusted in the abundance of his wealth and strengthened himself in his vanity.
 8 But I am as a fruitful olive in the house of God:
 I have trusted in the mercy of God for ever,
 even unto ages of ages.
 9 I will give thanks to you for ever,
 for you have done it: and I will wait on your name;
 it is good before the saints.

53 MT = 52 LXX

For the end, a Psalm of David upon Maeleth, of instruction

53:1 The fool has said in his heart,
 There is no God.
 They have corrupted themselves
 and become abominable in iniquities:
 there is none that does good.
 2 God looked down from heaven upon the sons of men,
 to see if there were any that understood, or sought after God.
 3 They have all gone out of the way,
 they have become complexly worthless;
 there is none that does good,
 there is not even one.
 4 Will none of the workers of iniquity understand,
 they devour my people as they would eat bread?
 they have not called upon God.
 There were they greatly afraid, where there was no fear:
 5 God has scattered the bones of the men-pleasers;
 they were ashamed, for God despised them.
 6 Who will bring the salvation of Israel out of Zion?
 When the Lord turns the captivity of his people,
 Jacob shall exult and Israel shall be glad.

54 MT = 53 LXX

*For the end, among Hymns of instruction by David
 when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, Behold, is not David hid with us?*

54:1 Save me, O God, by your name
 and judge me by your might.
 2 O God, hear my prayer; hearken to the words of my mouth.
 3 For strangers have risen up against me
 and mighty men have sought my life:
 they have not set God before them. *Pause.*
 4 For Behold! God assists me; and the Lord is the helper of my soul.
 5 He shall return evil to my enemies;
 and utterly destroy them in your truth.
 6 I will willingly sacrifice to you:
 I will give thanks to your name, O Lord; for it is good.
 7 For you have delivered me out of all affliction
 and my eye has seen my desire upon my enemies.

55 MT = 54 LXX

For the end, among Hymns of instruction by David

55:1 Hearken, O God, to my prayer;
and disregard not my supplication.
2 Attend to me and hearken to me:
I was grieved in my meditation and troubled;
3 because of the voice of the enemy
and because of the oppression of the sinner:
for they brought iniquity against me
and were filled with fierce anger against with me.
4 My heart was troubled within me;
and the fear of death fell upon me.
5 Fear and trembling came upon me and darkness covered me.
6 I said: O that I had wings as those of a dove!
then would I flee away and be at rest.
7 Behold! I have fled afar off and dwelt in the wilderness.
8 I waited for him that should deliver me
from distress of spirit and tempest.
9 Destroy, O Lord and divide their tongues:
for I have seen iniquity and denial of truth in the city.
10 Day and night he shall go around it upon its walls:
Iniquity, sorrow and unrighteousness are in the midst of it;
11 and usury and craft have not failed from its streets.
12 If an enemy had reproached me,
I would have endured it;
and if one who hated me had spoken boastfully against me,
I would have hidden myself from him.
13 But you, O man like minded,
my guide and my acquaintance,
14 who in companionship with me sweetened our food:
we walked in the house of God in concord.
15 Let death come upon them,
Let them go down alive into hades,
for iniquity is in their dwellings, in the midst of them.
16 I cried to God and the Lord listened to me.
17 Evening, morning and at noon
I will declare and make known my wants:
He shall hear my voice.
18 He shall deliver my soul in peace from those who draw near to me:
for they were with me in many cases.
19 God shall hear and bring them low,
even he that has existed from eternity.
Because they suffer no reverse they have not feared God.
20 He has reached forth his hand for retribution;
they have profaned his covenant.
21 They were scattered at the anger of his countenance
and his heart drew near them.
His words were smoother than oil, yet they are as darts.
22 Cast your care upon the Lord,
He shall sustain you;
he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.
23 But you, O God, shall bring them down to the pit of destruction;
bloody and crafty men shall not live out half their days;
but I will hope in you, O Lord.

56 MT = 55 LXX

For the end, concerning the people that were removed from the sanctuary, by David for a memorial when the Philistines caught him in Geth.

56:1 Have mercy upon me, O God;
for I am trodden down; all the day long I am being afflicted me.
2 My enemies have trodden me down all the day
from the dawning of the day; for there are many at war against me.
3 They shall be afraid, but I will trust in you.
4 In God I will praise my words;
all the day have I hoped in God;
I will not fear what flesh shall do to me.
5 All the day long they have distorted my words;
all their devices are against me for evil.
6 They will dwell near and hide themselves;
they will watch my steps, as I have waited patiently in my soul.
7 You will on no account save them;
you will bring down the people in wrath.
8 O God, I have declared my life to you;
you have set my tears before you, even according to your promise.
9 My enemies shall be turned back,
in the day by which I shall call upon you;
behold, I know that you are my God.
10 In God, will I praise his word;
in the Lord will I praise his saying.
11 I have hoped in God;
I will not be afraid of what man shall do to me.
12 The vows of your praise, O God,
I will fulfill them as they are upon me.
13 For you have delivered my soul from death
and my feet from sliding,
so that I should be well-pleasing before God
in the light¹ of the living.

57 MT = 56 LXX

For the end. Destroy not: by David, for a memorial when he fled from the presence of Saul to the cave.

57:1 Have mercy, upon me, O God,
have mercy upon me:
for my soul has trusted in you:
and in the shadow of your wings will I hope,
until the iniquity have passed away.
2 I will cry to God Most High;
the God who has blessed me.
3 He sent [help] from heaven and saved me;
he gave to reproach those who trampled on me:
God has sent forth his mercy and his truth;
4 He has delivered my soul from the midst of the young lions:
I lay down to sleep, though troubled.
As for the sons of men, their teeth are arms and flying weapons

¹ Brenton has "land"

and their tongue a sharp sword.
 5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
 and your glory above all the earth.
 6 They have prepared snares for my feet and
 have bowed down my soul:
 they have dug a pit before my face
 and fallen into it themselves.
 7 My heart, O God, is ready, my heart is ready:
 I will sing, yes will sing psalms.
 8 Awake, my praise; awake, psaltery and harp:
 I will awake early.
 9 O Lord, I will give thanks to you among the nations:
 I will sing to you among the Gentiles.
 10 For your mercy has been magnified even to the heavens
 and your truth to the clouds.
 11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
 and your glory above all the earth.

58 MT = 57 LXX

For the end. Destroy not: by David, for a memorial

58:1 If you do indeed speak righteousness,
 then do you judge rightly, you sons of men.
 2 For you work iniquities in your hearts in the earth:
 your hands plot unrighteousness.
 3 Sinners have gone astray from the womb:
 they go astray from the belly: they speak lies.
 4 Their venom is like that of a serpent;
 as that of a deaf viper and that stops her ears;
 5 which will not hear the voice of charmers,
 nor heed the charm prepared skillfully by the wise.
 6 God has crushed their teeth in their mouth:
 God has broken the bite of the lions.
 7 They shall utterly pass away like water running through:
 he shall bend his bow until they fail.
 8 They shall be destroyed as melted wax:
 the fire has fallen and they have not seen the sun.
 9 Before your thorns feel the white thorn,
 he shall swallow you up as living, as in his wrath.
 10 The righteous shall rejoice
 when he sees the vengeance of the ungodly:
 he shall wash his hands in the blood of the sinner.
 11 And a man shall say, Truly there is a reward for the righteous:
 truly there is a God that judges them in the earth.

59 MT = 58 LXX

For the end. Destroy not: by David for a memorial when Saul sent and watched his house to kill him.

59:1 Deliver me from my enemies, O God;
 and ransom me from those who rise up against me.
 2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity
 and save me from bloodthirsty men.

3 For, behold, they have hunted after my soul;
 violent men have set upon me:
 neither is it my iniquity, nor my sin, O Lord.
 4 Without iniquity I ran and directed my course aright:
 awake to help me and behold.
 5 And you, Lord God of Hosts, the God of Israel,
 draw near to visit all the heathen;
 pity not any that work iniquity.
 6 They shall return at evening a
 nd hunger like a dog and go around the city.
 7 Behold, they shall utter a voice with their mouth
 and a sword is in their lips;
 for who, say they, has heard?
 8 But you, Lord, will laugh them to scorn;
 you will utterly discard all the heathen.
 9 I will keep my strength, looking to you;
 for you, O God, are my helper.
 10 As for my God, his mercy shall go before me:
 my God will show me vengeance on my enemies.
 11 kill them not, for fear that they forget your law;
 scatter them by your power;
 and bring them down, O Lord, my defender.
 12 For the sin of their mouth and the word of their lips,
 let them be taken in their pride.
 13 And also for their cursing and falsehood:
 they shall fall by the wrath of utter destruction and shall be no more;
 so shall they know that the God of Jacob,
 is Lord of the ends of the earth.
 14 They shall return at evening
 and be hungry as a dog and go around the city.
 15 They shall be scattered here and there looking for meat;
 and if they be not satisfied, they shall even murmur.
 16 But I will sing to your strength
 and in the morning will I exult in your mercy;
 for you have been my supporter and my refuge
 in the day of my affliction.
 17 You are my helper; to you, my God,
 I will sing; you are my supporter, O my God and my mercy.

60 MT = 59 LXX

For the end, for those who shall yet be changed; for an inscription by David for instruction when he had burned Mesopotamia of Syria and Syria Sobal and Joab had returned and stricken in the valley of salt twelve thousand.

60:1 O God, you have rejected and destroyed us;
 you have been angry, yet have pitied us.
 2 You have shaken the earth and troubled it;
 heal its breaches, for it has been shaken.
 3 You have shown your people hard things:
 you have made us drink the wine of astonishment.
 4 You have given a sign to those who fear you,
 that they might escape from the bow.
 5 So that your beloved ones may be delivered;
 save with your right hand and hear me.

6 God has spoken in his holiness;
 I will rejoice and divide Sicima and measure out the valley of tents.
 7 Galaad is mine and Manasse is mine;
 and Ephraim is the strength of my head;
 8 Judas is my king; Moab is the caldron of my hope;
 over Idumea will I stretch out my shoe;
 the Philistines have been subjected to me.
 9 Who will lead me into the fortified city?
 Who will guide me as far a Idumea?
 10 Will not you, O God, who have cast us off?
 And will not you, O God, go forth with our forces?
 11 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the deliverance of man.
 12 In God will we do valiantly; He shall vanquish those who harass us.

61 MT = 60 LXX

For the end, among the Hymns of David

61:1 O God, hearken to my petition;
 attend to my prayer.
 2 From the ends of the earth have I cried to you
 when my heart was in trouble:
 you lifted me up on a rock you did guide me:
 3 because you were my hope, a tower of strength from the face of the enemy.
 4 I will dwell in your tabernacle for ever;
 I will shelter myself under the shadow of your wings. *Pause.*
 5 For you, O God, have heard my prayers;
 you have given an inheritance to those who fear your name.
 6 You shall add days to the days of the king;
 you shall lengthen his years to all generations.
 7 He shall endure for ever before God:
 which of them will seek out his mercy and truth?
 8 So will I sing to your name unto ages of ages,
 So that I may fulfill my vows every day.

62 MT = 61 LXX

For the end, a Psalm of David for Idithun

62:1 Shall not my soul be subjected to God?
 For of him is my salvation.
 2 For he is my God and my savior;
 my helper, I shall hardly be moved.
 3 How long will you assault a man?
 You are all slaughtering him
 as a leaning wall and a tottering fence.
 4 They only took counsel to set at nought my honor:
 I ran in thirst: with their mouth they blessed,
 but with their heart they cursed.
 5 Nevertheless, my soul, be subjected to God;
 for of him is my patient hope.
 6 For he is my God and my Savior; my helper,
 I shall not be moved.
 7 In God is my salvation and my glory:
 he is the God of my help and my hope is in God.

8 Hope in him, all you congregation of the people;
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our helper.
9 But the sons of men are vain; the sons of men are false,
so as to be deceitful in the balances;
they are all alike formed out of vanity.
10 Trust not in unrighteousness and lust not after robberies:
if wealth should flow in, set not your heart upon it.
11 God has spoken once and I have heard these two things,
that power is of God; 12 and mercy is yours, O Lord;
for you will recompense every one according to his works.

63 MT = 62 LXX

A Psalm of David when he was in the wilderness of Idumea

63:1 O God, my God, I cry to you in the early morning;
my soul has thirsted for you:
how often has my flesh longed after you,
in a barren, parched and dry land!
2 Thus have I appeared before you in the sanctuary,
that I might see your power and your glory.
3 For your mercy is better than life:
my lips shall praise you.
4 Thus will I bless you during my life:
I will lift up my hands in your name.
5 Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness;
and my joyful lips shall praise your name.
6 For as much as I have remembered you on my bed:
in the early seasons I have meditated on you.
7 For you have been my helper
and in the shelter of your wings will I rejoice.
8 My soul has kept very close to you:
your right hand has upheld me.
9 But they vainly sought after my soul;
they shall go into the lowest parts of the earth.
10 They shall be delivered up to the power of the sword;
they shall be portions for foxes.
11 But the king shall rejoice in God;
every one that swears by him shall be praised;
for the mouth of those who speak unjust things has been stopped.

64 MT = 63 LXX

For the end, a Psalm of David

64:1 Hear my prayer, O God when I make my petition to you;
deliver my soul from fear of the enemy.
2 You have sheltered me from the conspiracy
of those who act wickedly;
from the multitude of those who work iniquity;
3 who have sharpened their tongues as a sword;
they have bent their bow maliciously;
4 they shoot in secret at the blameless;
they will shoot him suddenly and will not fear.
5 They have set up for themselves an evil matter,

they have given counsel to hide snares;
 they have said: Who shall see them?
 6 They have searched out iniquity;
 they have wearied themselves with searching diligently,
 a man shall approach and the heart is deep,
 7 and God shall be exalted,
 their wounds were caused by the weapon of the foolish children,
 8 God brings them down because of their tongues,
 all that saw them were troubled;
 9 every man was alarmed as they related the works of God,
 they understood his deeds.
 10 The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord,
 hope on him and all the upright in heart shall be praised.

65 MT = 64 LXX

For the end, a Psalm and Song of David

65:1 Praise is fitting for you, O God, in Zion;
 and to you shall the vow be performed.
 2 Hear my prayer; to you all flesh shall come.
 3 The words of transgressors have overpowered us;
 but you pardon our sins.
 4 Blessed is he whom you have chosen and adopted;
 he shall dwell in your courts;
 we shall be filled with the good things of your house;
 your temple is holy.
 5 You are wonderful in righteousness.
 Hearken to us, O God our Savior;
 You are the hope of all the ends of the earth
 and of those who are on the sea afar off:
 6 You establish the mountains in your strength,
 being girded about with power;
 7 You trouble the depth of the sea,
 and the sounds of its waves.
 8 The nations shall be troubled
 and those who inhabit the ends of the earth
 shall be afraid of your signs;
 you will cause the outgoings of morning and evening to rejoice.
 9 You have visited the earth and filled it;
 you have abundantly enriched it.
 The river of God is filled with water;
 you have prepared their food, for thus is how they are fed.
 10 Sate her furrows, multiply her fruits;
 the crop springing up shall rejoice in its drops.
 11 You will bless the crown of the year because of your goodness;
 and your plains shall be filled with abundance.
 12 The mountains of the wilderness shall be enriched;
 and the hills shall gird themselves with joy.
 13 The rams of the flock are clothed with wool
 and the valleys shall abound in corn;
 they shall cry aloud, yes they shall sing hymns.

66 MT = 65 LXX*For the end, a Song of Psalm of resurrection*

66:1 Shout to God, all the earth.
 2 O sing praises to his name; give glory to his praise.
 3 Say to God, How awesome are your works!
 through the greatness of your power
 your enemies shall lie before you.
 4 Let all the earth worship you and sing to you;
 let them sing to your name.
 5 Come and behold the works of God;
 he is awesome in his counsels beyond the children of men.
 6 Who turns the sea into dry land;
 they shall go through the river on foot;
 there shall we rejoice in him,
 7 who by his power is Lord over the age,
 his eyes look upon the nations;
 let not those who provoke him be exalted in themselves. *Pause.*
 8 Bless our God, you Gentiles
 and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
 9 He revives my soul in life
 and does not suffer my feet to be moved. 1
 0 For you, O God, has tested us;
 you have tried us with fire as silver is tried.
 11 You brought us into the snare;
 you laid afflictions on our back.
 12 You let men ride upon our heads;
 we went through the fire and water;
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
 13 I will go into your house with whole-burnt-offerings;
 I will pay you my vows,
 14 which my lips framed and my mouth uttered in my affliction.
 15 I will offer to you whole-burnt-sacrifices full of marrow,
 with incense and rams; I will sacrifice to you oxen with goats.
 16 Come, hear and I will share with all you who fear God,
 how great things he has done for my soul.
 17 I cried to him with my mouth
 and exalted him with my tongue.
 18 If I have considered iniquity in my heart, I
 et not the Lord hearken to me.
 19 Therefore God has listened to me;
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
 20 Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer,
 nor removed his mercy from me.

67 MT = 66 LXX*For the end, a Psalm of David among the Hymns*

67:1 May God be merciful to us and bless us;
 and cause his face to shine upon us.
 2 That men may know you way on the earth,
 your salvation among all nations.
 3 Let the nations, O God, give thanks to you;

let all the nations give thanks to you.
 4 Let the nations rejoice and exult,
 for you shall judge the peoples in equity
 and shall guide the nations on the earth.
 5 Let the peoples, O God, give thanks to you;
 let all the peoples give thanks to you.
 6 The earth has yielded her fruit;
 let God, our God bless us.
 7 Let God bless us; Let all the ends of the earth fear him.

68 MT = 67 LXX

For the end, a Psalm of a Song by David

68:1 Let God arise, Let his enemies be scattered;
 Let those who hate him flee from before him.
 2 As smoke vanishes, let them vanish:
 as wax melts before the fire, so let the sinners perish from before God.
 3 But let the righteous rejoice; let them exult before God:
 let them be delighted with joy.
 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name:
 make a way for him that ascended into¹ the west
 (the Lord is his name) and exult before him.
 They shall be troubled before his face;
 5 he is the father of the orphans and judge of the widows:
 such is God in his holy place.
 6 God settles the solitary in a house;
 leading forth prisoners mightily,
 also those who act provokingly,
 even those who dwell in tombs.
 7 O God when you went forth before your people
 when you went through the wilderness; *Pause:*
 8 the earth quaked, yes, the heavens dropped²
 at the presence of the God of Sinai,
 at the presence of the God of Israel.
 9 O God, you will grant to your inheritance a gracious rain;
 for it was weary, but you did refresh it.
 10 your creatures dwell in it:
 you have in your goodness prepared for the poor.
 11 The Lord God will give a word
 to those who preach the good news in much power.³
 12 The king of the powers of the beloved,
 even in the beauty of the house divides the spoils.⁴
 13 Even if you should lie among the lots,
 you shall have the wings of a dove covered with silver
 and her chest with yellow gold.
 14 When the heavenly One scatters kings upon it,
 they shall be made snow-white in Selmon.
 15 The mountain of God is a rich mountain;
 a swelling mountain, a rich mountain.

¹ Brenton has "rides upon"

² Brenton has "dropped water"

³ Brenton has "that preach it in a great company"

⁴ Brenton has "The king of the forces of the beloved, of the beloved, will even grant them for the beauty of the house to divide the spoils"

16 Why then do you conceive evil, you swelling mountains?
This is the mountain which God has delighted to dwell in;
yes, the Lord will dwell in it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are ten thousand fold,
thousands of rejoicing ones:
the Lord is among them, in Sinai, in the holy place.

18 You have gone up on high,
you have led captivity captive, you have received gifts for man,
yes, for they were rebellious, that you might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord God,
blessed be the Lord every day;
and the God of our salvation shall prosper us.

20 Our God is the God of salvation;
and to the Lord belong the escape from death.

21 But God will shatter the heads of his enemies;
the hairy crown of those who go on in their trespasses.

22 The Lord said: I will bring them again from Basan,
I will bring my people again through the depths of the sea.

23 That your foot may be dipped in blood
and the tongue of your dogs be stained with that of your enemies.

24 Your goings, O God, have been seen;
the goings of my God, the king, in the sanctuary.

25 The princes went first, next before the players on instruments,
in the midst of young womens playing on timbrels.

26 Praise God in the congregations,
the Lord from the fountains of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin the younger one in ecstasy,
the princes of Juda their rulers,
the princes of Zabulon, the princes of Nephthali.

28 O God, command your strength:
strengthen, O God, what you have accomplished in us.

29 Because of your temple at Jerusalem
shall kings bring presents to you.

30 Rebuke the wild beasts of the reed:
let the crowd of bulls with the heifers of the nations be rebuked,
so that they who have been proved with silver may not be shut out:
scatter the nations that wish for wars.

31 Ambassadors shall arrive out of Egypt;
Ethiopia shall hasten to stretch out her hand to God.

32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth;
sing psalms to the Lord.

33 Sing to God that has ascended
upon¹ the heaven of heaven, eastward:
Behold, he will utter a mighty sound with his voice.

34 Give glory to God:
his excellency is over Israel and his power is in the clouds.

35 God is wonderful in his holy places, the God of Israel:
he will give power and strength to his people: blessed be God.

¹ Brenton has "that rides on"

69 MT = 68 LXX

For the end, a Psalm of David, for those who shall be changed

69:1 Save me, O God; for the waters have come in to my soul.
 2 I am stuck fast in deep mire and there is no standing:
 I have descended to the depths of the sea
 and a storm has overwhelmed me.
 3 I am weary of crying, my throat has become hoarse;
 my eyes have failed by my waiting on my God.
 4 Those who hate me without a cause
 are more than the hairs of my head:
 the enemies that persecute me unrighteously are strengthened:
 then I restored that which I took not away.
 5 O God, you know my foolishness;
 and my transgressions are not hidden from you.
 6 Let not those who wait on you, O Lord of Hosts,
 be ashamed on my account:
 let not those who seek you,
 be ashamed on my account, O God of Israel.
 7 For I have suffered reproach for your sake;
 shame has covered my face.
 8 I became a foreigner to my brothers
 and a stranger to my mother's children.
 9 For the zeal of your house has eaten me up;
 and the reproaches of those who reproached you are fallen upon me.
 10 I bowed down my soul with fasting and that was made my reproach.
 11 I put on sackcloth for my covering; and I became a proverb to them.
 12 Those who sit in the gate talked against me
 and those who drank wine sang against me.
 13 But I will cry to you, O Lord, in my prayer;
 O God, it is a propitious time:
 in the multitude of your mercy hear me,
 in the truth of your salvation.
 14 Save me from the mire, that I may not be lost in it:
 let me be delivered from those who hate me
 and from the deep waters.
 15 Let not the waterflood drown me,
 nor let the deep swallow me up;
 neither let the well shut its mouth upon me.
 16 Hear me, O Lord; for your mercy is good:
 according to the multitude of your compassions look upon me.
 17 And turn not away your face from your servant;
 for I am afflicted: hear me speedily.
 18 Draw near to my soul and redeem it:
 deliver me because of my enemies.
 19 For you know my reproach and my shame and my confusion;
 all that afflict me are before you.
 20 My soul has waited for reproach and misery;
 and I waited for one to grieve with me,
 but there was none; and for one to comfort me, but I found none.
 21 They gave me also gall for my food
 and made me drink vinegar for my thirst.
 22 Let their table before them be for a snare
 and for a recompense and for a stumbling-block.

23 Let their eyes be darkened that they should not see;
and bow down their back continually.
24 Pour out your wrath upon them,
Let the fury of your anger take hold on them.
25 Let their habitation be made desolate;
Let there be no inhabitant in their tents:
26 Because they persecuted him whom you have stricken;
and they have added to the grief of my wounds.
27 Add iniquity to their iniquity;
Let them not come into your righteousness.
28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living,
Let them not be written with the righteous.
29 I am poor and sorrowful;
but the salvation of your countenance has helped me.
30 I will praise the name of my God with a song,
I will magnify him with praise;
31 and this shall please God
more than a young calf having horns and hoofs.
32 Let the poor see and rejoice;
seek the Lord diligently and you shall live.
33 For the Lord hears the poor
and does not set at nought his fettered ones.
34 Let the heavens and the earth raise him,
the sea and all things moving in them.
35 For God will save Zion
and the cities of Judea shall be built;
men shall dwell there and inherit it.
36 The descendants of his servants shall possess it
and those who love his name shall dwell in it.

70 MT = 69 LXX

For the end, by David for a remembrance, that the Lord may save me

70:1 Draw nigh, O God, to my help.
2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek my soul:
let them be turned backward and put to shame,
those who wish me evil.
3 Let those who say to me, Aha, aha, be turned back
and put to shame at once.
4 Let all who seek you exult and be glad in you:
Let those who love your salvation say continually, Let God be magnified!
5 But I am poor and needy;
O God, help me: you are my helper and deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay.

71 MT = 69 LXX

By David, a Psalm sung by the sons of Jonadab and the first that were taken captive.

71:1 O Lord, I have hoped in you:
let me never be put to shame.
2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me:
incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be to me a protecting God and a stronghold to save me:
 for you are my fortress and my refuge.
 4 Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the sinner,
 from the hand of the transgressor and unrighteous.
 5 For you are my support, O Lord;
 O Lord, you are my hope from my youth.
 6 On you have I have depended from the womb:
 from my mother's womb you are my protector: always shall I praise you.
 7 I have become as it were a wonder to many:
 but you are my strong helper.
 8 Let my mouth be filled with praise,
 that I may hymn your glory and your majesty all day long.
 9 Do not reject me at the time of old age;
 forsake me not when my strength is failing.
 10 For my enemies have spoken against me;
 and those who lay wait for my soul have taken counsel together,
 11 They say: God has forsaken him:
 persecute him and seized him; for there is none to deliver him.
 12 O God, go not far from me,
 O my God, draw near to my help.
 13 Let those who plot against my soul be ashamed and utterly fail:
 let those who seek my hurt be clothed with shame and dishonor.
 14 But I will hope continually and will praise you more and more.
 15 My mouth shall declare your righteousness openly
 and your salvation all the day;
 for I am not acquainted with the affairs of men.
 16 I will go on by the power of the Lord:
 O Lord, I will only mention of your righteousness.
 17 O God, you have taught me from my youth
 and until now will I declare your wonders;
 18 even until I am old and advanced in years.
 O God, forsake me not;
 until I shall have declared your {saving} arm
 to all the generation that is to come:
 19 even your power and your righteousness, O God,
 up to the highest heavens, even the mighty works which you have done:
 O God, who is like to you?
 20 How many and sore afflictions you showed me!
 Yet you did turn and revive me and brought me again >
 from the depths of the earth.
 21 You multiplied your righteousness and returned
 You comforted me and brought me again out of the depths of the earth.
 22 I will also therefore give thanks to you, O God,
 because of your truth, on an instrument of psalmody:
 I will sing psalms to you on the harp, O Holy One of Israel.
 23 My lips shall rejoice when I sing to you;
 and my soul, which you have redeemed.
 24 Even more shall my tongue dwell all day upon your righteousness;
 when those who seek my hurt shall be ashamed and confounded.

72 MT = 71 LXX

For Solomon

72:1 O God, give your judgment to the king

and your righteousness to the king's son;
 2 that he may judge your people with righteousness
 and your poor with judgment.
 3 Let the mountains and the hills raise peace to your people:
 4 he shall judge the poor of the people in righteousness
 [he shall] save the children of the needy;
 and bring down the false accuser.
 5 He shall continue as long as the sun
 and before the moon for ever.
 6 He shall come down as rain upon a fleece;
 and as drops falling upon the earth.
 7 In his days shall righteousness spring up;
 and abundance of peace till the moon be removed.
 8 He shall have dominion from sea to sea
 and from the river to the ends of the earth.
 9 The Ethiopians shall fall down before him;
 and his enemies shall lick the dust.
 10 The kings of Tharsis and the isles, shall bring presents:
 the kings of the Arabians and Saba shall offer gifts.
 11 All kings shall worship him;
 all the Gentiles shall serve him.
 12 For he has delivered the poor from the oppressor;
 and the needy who had no helper.
 13 He shall spare the poor and the needy,
 He shall deliver the souls of the needy.
 14 He shall redeem their souls from usury and injustice:
 and their name shall be precious before him.
 15 He shall live and there be given him of the gold of Arabia:
 men shall pray for him at all times and praise him all day long.
 16 There shall be an establishment on the earth on the tops of the mountains:
 its fruit shall be exalted above Lebanon >
 and they of the city shall flourish as grass of the earth.
 17 Let his name be blessed for ever:
 his name shall endure longer than the sun:
 all the tribes of the earth shall be blessed in him:
 all the nations shall call him blessed.
 18 Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,
 who alone does wonders.
 19 Blessed is his glorious name for ever, even unto ages of ages:
 all the earth shall be filled with his glory.
 Amen, Amen. (20 The hymns of David the son of Jessae are ended.)

73 MT = 72 LXX

A Psalm for Asaph

73:1 How good is God to Israel,
 to the upright in heart!
 2 But my feet were almost overthrown;
 my goings very nearly slipped.
 3 For I was jealous of the transgressors,
 beholding the tranquility of sinners.
 4 For there is no sign of reluctance in their death:
 they perservere under their affliction.
 5 They are not in the troubles of other men;

they shall not be scourged with other men.
 6 Therefore pride has possessed them;
 they have clothed themselves with their injustice and ungodliness.
 7 Their injustice shall go forth from their luxury¹
 they have fulfilled their intention.
 8 They have taken counsel and spoken in wickedness:
 they have uttered unrighteousness loftily.
 9 They have set their mouth against heaven
 and their tongue has gone through upon the earth.
 10 Therefore my people shall return to this place:
 and full days shall be found with them.
 11 They said: How does God know?
 Is there knowledge in the Most High?
 12 Behold, these are the sinners and those who prosper always:
 they have possessed the wealth.
 13 I said: Truly in vain have I justified my heart
 and washed my hands in innocence.
 14 For I was plagued all the day and my reproof was every morning.
 15 If I said: I will speak thus; >
 behold, I should have broken covenant with the generation of your children.
 16 I undertook to understand this, but it is too hard for me,
 17 until I go into God's sanctuary of God and so understand the end of things.
 18 Surely you have appointed judgments to them
 because of their crafty dealings:
 you have cast them down when they were lifted up.
 19 How have they become desolate; suddenly they have failed:
 they have perished because of their iniquity.
 20 As the dream of someone awakening, O Lord,
 in your city you will dismiss their form.
 21 For my heart has rejoiced and my reins have been gladdened.
 22 But I was vile and did not understand:
 I became as as brutish beast before you.
 23 Yet I am continually with you:
 you have held my right hand.
 24 You have guided me by your counsel
 and you have taken me to yourself with glory.
 25 For what do I have in heaven except you?
 And what have I desired upon the earth apart from you?
 26 My heart and my flesh have failed:
 but God is the strength of my heart; and God is my portion for ever.
 27 For, behold, those who remove themselves far from you shall perish:
 you have destroyed every one that is unfaithful to you.
 28 But it is good for me to remain close to God,
 to put my trust in the Lord; >
 that I may proclaim all your praises in the gates of the daughter of Zion.

74 MT = 73 LXX

A Psalm of instruction for Asaph

74:1 Why then have you rejected us, O God, for ever?
 Why then is your wrath kindled against the sheep of your pasture?
 2 Remember your congregation which you have purchased from the beginning;

¹ Or perhaps "from their hearts"

you did ransom the rod of your inheritance: >
 this mount Zion by which you have dwelt.
 3 Lift up your hands against their pride continually;
 because of all that the enemy has done wickedly in your holy places.
 4 Those who hate you have boasted in the midst of your feast;
 they have set up their standards for signs,
 5 ignorantly as it were in the entrance above;
 6 they cut down its doors at once with axes as in a wood of trees;
 they have broken it down with hatchet and stone cutter.
 7 They have burnt your sanctuary with fire to the ground;
 they have profaned the habitation of your name.
 8 They have said in their heart, even all their kindred together,
 Come, let us abolish the feasts of the Lord from the earth.
 9 We have not seen our signs; there is no longer a prophet;
 and God will not know us any more.
 10 How long, O God, shall the enemy reproach?
 Shall the enemy provoke your name forever?
 11 Why then have you returned your hand and your right hand
 [hidden] under your cloak¹ for ever?
 12 But God is our King of old;
 he has accomplished salvation in the midst of the earth.
 13 You established the sea, in your might,
 you broke to pieces the heads of the dragons in the water.
 14 You dashed to pieces the heads of the dragon;
 you gave him for meat to the Ethiopian nations.
 15 You opened up fountains and torrents;
 you dried up mighty rivers.
 16 The day is yours and the night is yours;
 you have prepared the sun and the moon.
 17 You have made all the borders of the earth;
 you have made summer and spring.
 18 Remember this your creation:
 an enemy has reproached the Lord and a foolish people has provoked your name.
 19 Do not deliver to the wild beasts a soul that gives praise to you:
 Do not forget for ever the souls of your poor.
 20 Look upon your covenant: for the dark places of the earth
 are filled with the habitations of iniquity.
 21 Do not let those who are afflicted and shamed be rejected:
 the poor and needy shall praise your name.
 22 Arise, O God, plead your cause:
 remember reproaches against you that come from the foolish one all day.
 23 Do not forget the voice of your suppliants:
 let the pride of those who hate you continually ascend before you.

75 MT = 74 LXX

For the end, Destroy not, a Psalm of a Song for Asaph

75:1 We will give thanks to you, O God,
 we will give thanks and call upon your name:
 I will declare all your wonderful works.
 2 When I shall take a set time, I will judge righteously.
 3 The earth is dissolved and all that dwell in it:

¹ Or "in your bosom"

I have strengthened its pillars.
 4 I said to the transgressors, Do not transgress;
 and to the sinners, Do not raise your horn.
 5 Lift not up your horn on high;
 speak not unrighteousness against God.
 6 For good comes neither from the east, nor from the west,
 nor from the desert mountains.
 7 For God is the judge; he puts down one and raises up another.
 8 For there is a cup in the hand of the Lord, full of unmingled wine;
 He has turned it from side to side,
 but its dregs have not been wholly poured out;
 all the sinners of the earth shall drink them.
 9 But I will exult for ever: I will sing praises to the God of Jacob {who has said;}
 10 I will break all the horns of sinners;
 but the horns of the righteous one shall be exalted.

76 MT = 75 LXX

For the end, among the Hymns, a Psalm for Asaph; a Song for the Assyrian

76:1 God is known in Judea:
 his name is great in Israel.
 2 And his place has been in peace
 and his dwelling-place in Zion.
 3 There he broke the power of the bows,
 the shield, the sword and the battle.
 4 You wonderfully shine forth from the everlasting mountains.
 5 All the simple ones in heart were troubled;
 all the men of wealth have slept their sleep
 and have found nothing in their hands.
 6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob,
 the riders on horses slumbered.
 7 You are terrible; and who shall withstand you, because of your anger?
 8 You did cause judgment to be heard from heaven;
 the earth feared and was still,
 9 when God arose to judgment, to save all the meek in heart.
 10 For the inward thought of man shall give thanks to you:
 and the memorial of his inward thought shall keep a feast to you.
 11 Vow and pay your vows to the Lord our God;
 all that are around him shall bring gifts,
 even to him that is awesome,
 12 [to him] that takes away the spirits of princes;
 to him that is terrible among the kings of the earth.

77 MT = 76 LXX

For the end, for Idithun, a Psalm of Asaph

77:1 I cried to the Lord with my voice,
 yes, my voice was addressed to God; He gave heed to me.
 2 In the day of my affliction I earnestly sought the Lord;
 even with my hands by night before him;
 I was not deceived; my soul refused to be comforted.
 3 I remembered God and rejoiced;
 I poured out my complaint and my soul fainted.

4 All my enemies set a watch against me: I was troubled and did not speak.
 5 I considered the days of old and remembered ancient years.
 6 I meditated; I communed with my heart by night
 and I diligently searched my spirit, saying:
 7 Will the Lord cast off for ever?
 And will he be well-pleased no more?
 8 Will he cut off his mercy for ever, even unto ages of ages?
 9 Will God forget to pity? Or will he shut up his compassions in his wrath?
 10 I said: Now, I begin [to think] >
 that there has been a change of the right hand of the Most High.
 11 I remembered the works of the Lord;
 for I will remember your wonders from the beginning.
 12 I will meditate on all your works and will consider your doings.
 13 O God, your way is in the sanctuary;
 who is a great God as our God?
 14 You are the God that does wonders;
 you have made known your power among the nations.
 15 You have with your arm redeemed your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph.
 16 The waters saw you, O God,
 the waters saw you and feared; and the depths were troubled.
 17 There was an abundant sound of waters:
 the clouds uttered a voice; for your arrows went abroad.
 18 The voice of your thunder was abroad and around
 your lightnings appeared to the world;
 the earth trembled and quaked.
 19 Your way is in the sea and your paths in many waters
 and your footsteps cannot be known.
 20 You guided your people as sheep by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

78 MT = 77 LXX

A Psalm of instruction for Asaph

78:1 Give heed, O my people, to my law:
 incline your ear to the words of my mouth.
 2 I will open my mouth in parables:
 I will utter obscure sayings which have been from the beginning;
 3 All which we have heard and known and our fathers have declared to us.
 4 They were not hid from their children to a second generations;
 the fathers declaring the praises of the Lord
 and his mighty acts and his wonders which he accomplished.
 5 He raised up a testimony in Jacob
 and appointed a law in Israel,
 which he commanded to our fathers,
 to make it known to their children:
 6 that another generation might know,
 even the sons which should be born;
 and they [too] should arise and proclaim them to their children.
 7 That they might set their hope on God
 and not forget the works of God,
 but diligently seek his commandments.
 8 That they should not be as their fathers,
 a perverse and provoking generation;
 a generation which did not set its heart aright
 and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

9 The children of Ephraim, bending and shooting with the bow,
turned back in the day of battle.
10 They did not keep the covenant of God
and would not walk in his law.
11 They forgot his blessings and the miracles which he had showed them;
12 the miracles which he accomplished before their fathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the plain of Tanes.
13 He opened the sea and led them through:
he made the waters to stand as in a jar.
14 He guided them with a cloud by day
and all the night with a light of fire.
15 He split a rock in the wilderness
and made them drink as in a great deep.
16 He brought water out of the rock
and caused waters to flow down as rivers.
17 They sinned yet more against him;
they provoked the Most High in the wilderness.
18 They tempted God in their hearts,
by asking meat for the desire of their souls.
19 They spoke also against God and said:
Will God be able to prepare a table in the wilderness?
20 Since he smote the rock and the waters flowed
the torrents ran abundantly;
will he also be able to give bread,
or prepare a table for his people?
21 Therefore the Lord heard and was provoked:
fire was kindled in Jacob and wrath went up against Israel.
22 Because they did not believe in God
and did not trust in his salvation.
23 Yet he commanded the clouds from above
and opened the doors of heaven,
24 he rained upon them manna to eat
and gave them the bread of heaven.
25 Man ate angels' bread;
he sent them provision to the full.
26 He removed the south wind from heaven;
and by his might he brought in the south-west wind.
27 He rained upon them meat like dust
and feathered birds like the sand of the seas.
28 They fell into the midst of their camp,
All around their tents.
29 So they ate and were completely filled;
He gave them their desire.
30 They were not disappointed of their desire:
but as food was still in their mouth,
31 the indignation of God rose up against them,
He killed those who were so well fed
and overthrew the leading men of Israel.
32 In the midst of all this they sinned even more
and did not believe in his miracles.
33 Their days were consumed in vanity
and their years with anxiety.
34 When God killed them, they began to seek him:
they returned and called early upon God.
35 They remembered that God was their helper

and that the Most High God was their redeemer.
36 Yet they loved him only with their mouth
and lied to him with their tongue.
37 Indeed, their heart was not right with him,
neither were they steadfast in his covenant.
38 But he is compassionate and will forgive their sins,
he will not destroy them:
yes, he will frequently turn away his wrath
and will not kindle all his anger.
39 He remembered that they are flesh;
a breath that passes away and returns not.
40 How often they provoked him in the wilderness
and anger him in a dry land!
41 Yes, they turned back and tempted God,
they provoked the Holy One of Israel.
42 They did not remember his hand,
the day in which he delivered them from the hand of the oppressor.
43 How he had accomplished his signs in Egypt
and his wonders in the field of Tanes:
44 how he changed their rivers into blood;
even their streams so that they should not drink.
45 Against them he sent the dog-fly and it devoured them;
and the frog and it spoiled them.
46 He gave their fruit to the canker worm
and their labors to the locust.
47 He killed their vines with hail
and their sycamore trees with frost.
48 He gave up their cattle to hail
and their livelihood to the fire.
49 He sent out against them the fury of his anger,
Wrath, indignation and affliction, a message by evil angels.
50 He made a way for his wrath; he spared not their souls from death,
but consigned their cattle to death;
51 he smote every first-born in the land of Egypt;
the first-fruits of their labors in the tents of Cham.
52 He removed his people like sheep;
he led them as a flock in the wilderness.
53 He guided them with hope and they did not fear:
but the sea covered their enemies.
54 He brought them in to the mountain of his sanctuary,
this mountain which his right hand had purchased.
55 He cast out the nations from before them,
he made them to inherit by a line of inheritance
and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
56 Yet they tempted and provoked the Most High God,
not keeping his commandments.
57 They turned back and broke covenant,
even as their fathers had done: they became like a crooked bow.
58 They provoked him with their high places
and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.
59 God heard them and considered them lightly,
He greatly despised Israel.
60 He rejected the tabernacle of Selom,
his tent where he dwelt among men.
61 He gave their strength into captivity

and their beauty into the enemy's hand.

62 He gave his people to the sword;
and disdained his inheritance.

63 Fire devoured their young men; and their virgins did not mourn.

64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows shall not be wept for.

65 So the Lord awoke as one out of sleep,
as a mighty man who has been heated with wine.

66 He stroke his enemies in the back parts:
he brought upon them a perpetual shame.

67 He rejected the tabernacle of Joseph and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

68 instead he chose the tribe of Juda, the mount Zion which he loved.

69 He built his sanctuary as the place of single-horns;
he founded it for ever on the earth.

70 He also chose David his servant and took him up from the flocks of sheep.

71 He took him from following sheep old and young,
to become the shepherd of Jacob his servant and Israel his inheritance.

72 So he tended them in the innocence of his heart;
and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

79 MT = 78 LXX

A Psalm for Asaph

79:1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have polluted your holy temple;

they have made Jerusalem a storehouse of fruits.

2 They have given the dead bodies of your servants as food
for the birds of the sky,

the flesh of your holy ones for the wild beasts of the earth.

3 They have shed their blood as water, around Jerusalem;
and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors,
a scorn and derision to those who are around us.

5 How long, O Lord? Will you be angry for ever?
Shall your jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen that have not known you
and upon the kingdoms which have not called upon your name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob and laid his place waste.

8 Remember not our old transgressions;
let your tender mercies speedily come to us;
for we are greatly impoverished.

9 Help us, O God our Savior; for the glory of your name,
O Lord, deliver us; be merciful to our sins, for your name's sake.

10 For fear that the nations should say,
Where is their God?

Let the avenging of your servant's blood that has been shed
be known among the heathen before our eyes.

11 Let the groaning of the prisoners come in before you;
according to the greatness of your arm preserve the sons of the slain ones.

12 Repay to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom their reproach,
with which they have reproached you, O Lord.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture;
we will give you thanks for ever;

we will declare your praise throughout all generations.

80 MT = 79 LXX

For the end, for alternate strains, a testimony for Asaph, a Psalm concerning the Assyrian

80:1 Attend, O Shepherd of Israel,
 who guide Joseph like a flock;
 you who sit upon the cherubim, manifest yourself;
 2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasse,
 stir up your power and come to deliver us.
 3 Turn us, O God and cause your face to shine;
 and we shall be delivered.
 4 O Lord God of Hosts,
 how long are you angry with the prayer of your servant?
 5 You will feed us with bread of tears;
 and will cause us to drink tears by measure.
 6 You have made us a strife to our neighbors;
 and our enemies have mocked at us.
 7 Restore us, O Lord God of Hosts and cause your face to shine;
 and we shall be saved. *Pause.*
 8 You have transplanted a vine out of Egypt:
 you have cast out the heathen and planted it.
 9 You made a way before it and did cause its roots to strike
 and the land was filled with it.
 10 Its shadow covered the mountains
 and its shoots equalled the goodly cedars.
 11 It sent forth its branches to the sea and its shoots to the river.
 12 Why then have you broken down its hedge,
 while all that pass by the way pluck it?
 13 The boar out of the wood has laid it waste
 and the wild beast has devoured it.
 14 O God of Hosts, turn, we pray you:
 look on us from heaven and behold and visit this vine;
 15 and restore that which your right hand has planted¹:
 and look on the son of man whom you did strengthen for yourself.
 16 It is burnt with fire and dug up:
 they shall perish at the rebuke of your presence.
 17 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
 and upon the son of man whom you did strengthen for yourself.
 18 So will we not depart from you:
 you shall revive us and we will call upon your name.
 19 Turn us, O Lord God of Hosts and make your face to shine;
 and we shall be saved.

81 MT = 80 LXX

For the end, a Psalm for Asaph, concerning the wine-presses

81:1 Rejoice in God our helper;
 shout aloud to the God of Jacob.
 2 Take a psalm and sound the timbrel,
 the pleasant psaltery with the harp.
 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
 in the glorious day of your feast.

¹ This verse is used as the blessing prayer of bishop when he holds the trikiri and dikiri

4 For this is an ordinance for Israel
 and a statute of the God of Jacob.
 5 He made it to be a testimony in Joseph
 when he came forth out of the land of Egypt:
 he heard a language which he did not understand
 6 He removed his back from burdens:
 his hands slaved in making the baskets.
 7 You called upon me in trouble and I delivered you;
 I heard you in the secret place of the storm:
 I proved you at the water of Strife.
 8 Hear, my people and I will speak to you, O Israel;
 I will testify to you: if you will hearken to me;
 9 there shall be no new god in you;
 neither shall you worship a strange god.
 10 For I am the Lord your God,
 that brought you out of the land of Egypt:
 open your mouth wide and I will fill it.
 11 Yet my people did not listen to my voice;
 and Israel gave no heed to me.
 12 So I let them go after the ways of their own hearts:
 they will go on in their own ways.
 13 If my people had listened to me,
 if Israel had walked in my ways,
 14 I should have put down their enemies very quickly
 and should have laid my hand upon those who afflicted them.
 15 The Lord's enemies should have lied to him:
 but their time shall be for ever.
 16 He fed them with the abundance of wheat;
 and satisfied them with honey out of the rock.

82 MT = 81 LXX

A Psalm for Asaph

82:1 God stands in the assembly of gods;
 and in the midst of them he will judge gods.
 2 How long will you judge unrighteously
 and favors those who are sinners?
 3 Judge the orphan and poor: do justice to the low and needy.
 4 Rescue the needy and deliver the poor out of the hand of the sinner.
 5 They know not, nor understand; they walk on in darkness:
 all the foundations of the earth shall be shaken.
 6 I have said: you are gods; and all of you children of the Most High.
 7 Yet you [shall] die as men and fall as one of the princes.
 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth:
 for you shall inherit all nations.

83 MT = 82 LXX

A Song of a Psalm for Asaph

83:1 O God, who shall be compared to you?
 Be not silent, neither be still, O God.
 2 For behold, your enemies have made a commotion;
 and those who hate you have lifted up the head.

3 Against your people they have craftily imagined a plan
 and have taken counsel against your saints.
 4 They have said: Come, Let us utterly destroy them out of the nation;
 Let the name of Israel be remembered no more at all.
 5 For they have taken counsel together with one consent:
 they have made a confederacy against you;
 6 even the tents of the Idumeans and the Ismaelites;
 Moab and the Agarenes; 7 Gebal and Ammon and Amalec;
 the Philistines also, with those who dwell at Tyre.
 8 Yes, Assur too has come with them:
 they have become a help to the children of Lot. *Pause.*
 9 Do you to them as to Madiam and to Sisera;
 as to Jabin at the brook of Kison.
 10 They were utterly destroyed at Aendor:
 they became as dung for the earth.
 11 Make their princes as Oreb, Zeb, Zebee and Salmana;
 even as all their princes:
 12 who said: let us take to ourselves the altar of God
 as our inheritance.
 13 O my God, make them as a wheel;
 as stubble before the face of the wind.
 14 As fire which shall burn up a forest,
 as the flame may consume the mountains;
 15 so shall you persecute them with your tempest
 and trouble them in your anger.
 16 Fill their faces with dishonor; so shall they seek your name, O Lord.
 17 Let them be ashamed and troubled unto ages of ages;
 yes, let them be confounded and destroyed.
 18 Let them know that your name is Lord;
 that you alone are Most High over all the earth.

84 MT = 83 LXX

For the end, a Psalm for the sons of Core, concerning the wine-presses

84:1 How lovely are your tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts!
 2 My soul longs and faints for the courts of the Lord:
 my heart and my flesh have exulted in the living God.
 3 Yes, the sparrow has found herself a home
 and the turtle-dove a nest for herself,
 where she may lay her young, even your altars,
 O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.
 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house:
 they will praise you unto ages of ages.
 5 Blessed is the man whose help comes from you, O Lord;
 in his heart he has purposed to go up 6 the valley of weeping,
 to the place which he has appointed for there the law-giver will grant blessings.
 7 They shall go from strength to strength:
 the God of gods shall be seen in Zion.
 8 O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer:
 hearken, O God of Jacob.
 9 Behold, O God our defender and look upon the face of your anointed.
 10 For one day in your courts is better than thousands elsewhere.
 I would rather have no standing in the house of God,
 than dwell in the tents of sinners.

11 For the Lord loves mercy and truth:
 God will give grace and glory:
 the Lord will not withhold good things
 from those who walk in innocence.
 12 O Lord of Hosts, blessed is the man that trusts in you!

84 MT = 83 LXX

For the end, a Psalm for the sons of Core

85:1 O Lord, you have taken pleasure in your land:
 you have turned back the captivity of Jacob.
 2 You have forgiven your people their transgressions;
 you have covered all their sins.
 3 You have caused all your wrath to cease:
 you have turned from your fierce anger.
 4 Turn us, O God of our salvation
 and turn your anger away from us.
 5 Would you be angry with us for ever?
 Or will you continue your wrath from generation to generation?
 6 O God, you will turn and revive us;
 and your people shall rejoice in you.
 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord and grant us your salvation.
 8 I will hear what the Lord God will say in¹ me:
 for he shall speak peace to his people,
 to his saints and to those who turn their heart toward him.
 9 Moreover, his salvation is near those who fear him;
 that glory may dwell in our land.
 10 Mercy and truth have met together:
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
 11 Truth has sprung out of the earth;
 and righteousness has looked down from heaven.
 12 For the Lord will give goodness;
 and our land shall yield her fruit.
 13 Righteousness shall go before him;
 and shall set his steps in the way.

86 MT = 85 LXX

A Prayer of David

86:1 O Lord, incline your ear and hearken to me;
 for I am poor and needy.
 2 Preserve my soul, for I am holy;
 save your servant, O God, who hopes in you.
 3 Pity me, O Lord: for to you will I cry all day long.
 4 Rejoice the soul of your servant:
 for to you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul.
 5 For you, O Lord, are kind and gentle;
 plenteous in mercy to all that call upon you.
 6 Give ear to my prayer, O Lord;
 and attend to the voice of my supplication.
 7 In the day of my trouble I cried to you:

¹ Brenton has "concerning"

for you certainly heard me.

8 There is none like to you, O Lord, among the god;
and there are no works comparable to your works.

9 All nations whom you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord;
they shall glorify your name.

10 For you are great and does wonders:
you are the only and the great God.

11 Guide me, O Lord, in your way
and I will walk in your truth:

let my heart rejoice, that I may fear your name.

12 I will give you thanks, O Lord my God, with all my heart;
and I will glorify your name for ever.

13 For your mercy is great toward me;
and you have delivered my soul from the lowest hades.

14 O God, transgressors have risen up against me,
an assembly of violent men have sought my life;
they have not set you before them.

15 But you, O Lord God, are compassionate and merciful,
long-suffering, abundant in mercy and true.

16 Look you upon me and have mercy on me:
give your strength to your child¹ and save the son of your handmaid.

17 Comfort me with a sign of [your] goodnewss;
Let those who hate me see it and be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

87 MT = 86 LXX

A Psalm of a Song for the sons of Core

87:1 His foundations are in the holy mountains.

2 The Lord loves the gates of Zion,
more than all the tabernacles of Jacob.

3 Glorious things have been spoken of you,
O city of God. *Pause.*

4 I will make mention of Raab and Babylon
as among² those who know me:
behold also the Philistines and Tyre
and the people of the Ethiopians: these were born there.

5 A man shall say, Zion is my mother;
and such a man was born in her;
the Highest himself has founded her.

6 The Lord shall recount it in the writing of the people
and of these princes that were born in her.

7 The dwelling of all within you
is as the dwelling of those who rejoice.

88 MT = 87 LXX

*A song of a Psalm for the sons of Core for the end, upon Maeleth for responsive strains, of
instruction for Æman the Israelite*

¹ Brenton has "servant"

² Brenton has "to them"

88:1 O Lord God of my salvation,
 I have cried by day and in the night before you.
 2 Let my prayer come in before you;
 incline your ear to my supplication, O Lord.
 3 For my soul is filled with troubles
 and my life has drawn near to hades.
 4 I have been counted with those who go down to the pit;
 I became as a man without help;
 5 free among the dead, as the slain ones cast out,
 who sleep in the tomb; whom you remember no more;
 and they are rejected from your hand.
 6 They laid me in the lowest pit,
 in dark places and in the shadow of death.
 7 Your wrath has pressed heavily upon me
 and you have engulfed me with all your smoke.
 8 You have removed my acquaintance far from me;
 they have made me an abomination to themselves;
 I have been delivered up and have not gone forth.
 9 My eyes are dimmed from poverty;
 but I cried to you, O Lord, all the day; I spread forth my hands to you.
 10 Will you work wonders for the dead?
 Or shall physicians raise them up, so that they may praise you?
 11 Shall any one declare your mercy in the tomb?
 And your truth in destruction?
 12 Shall your wonders be known in darkness?
 And your righteousness in a forgotten land?
 13 But I cried to you, O Lord;
 and in the morning shall my prayer prevent you.
 14 Why then, O Lord, do you reject my prayer and turn your face away from me?
 15 I am poor and in troubles from my youth;
 and having been exalted, I was brought low and into despair.
 16 Your wrath has passed over me;
 and your terrors have greatly distressed me.
 17 They surrounded me like water;
 all the day they beset me together.
 18 You have put far from me every friend and my acquaintances
 because of my wretchedness.

89 MT = 88 LXX

A Psalm of instruction for Ætham the Israelite.

89:1 I will sing of your mercies, O Lord, for ever:
 I will declare your truth with my mouth to all generations.
 2 For you have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever:
 your truth shall be established in the heavens.
 3 I made a covenant with my chosen ones,
 I swore to David my servant:
 4 I will establish your seed for ever
 and build up your throne to all generations. *Pause.*

5 The heavens shall declare your wonders, O Lord;
 and your truth in the assembly of the saints.
 6 For who in the heavens shall be compared to the Lord?
 And who shall be likened to the Lord among the sons of God?

7 God is glorified in the council of the saints;
 great and terrible toward all that are around him.
 8 O Lord God of Hosts, who is like to you?
 You are mighty, O Lord and your truth is around you.
 9 You rule the power of the sea;
 and you calm the tumult of its waves.
 10 You have brought down the proud as one that is slain;
 with the arm of your power you have scattered your enemies.
 11 The heavens are yours and the earth is yours:
 you have founded the world and the fullness of it.
 12 You have created the north and the west:
 Thabor and Hermon shall rejoice in your Name.
 13 Yours is the mighty arm: let your hand be strengthened,
 let your right hand be exalted.
 14 Justice and judgment are the establishment of your throne:
 mercy and truth shall go before your face.
 15 Blessed is the people who knows the joyful sound:
 they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.
 16 In your Name shall they rejoice all the day:
 and in your righteousness shall they be exalted.
 17 For you are the boast of their strength;
 and in your good pleasure shall our horn be exalted;
 18 Indeed our help is of the Lord; and of the Holy One of Israel, our king.
 19 Then you spoke in vision to your children and said,
 I have laid help on a mighty one; I have exalted one chosen out of my people.
 20 I have found David my servant;
 I have anointed him by my holy mercy.
 21 For my hand shall support him;
 and my arm shall strengthen him.
 22 The enemy shall have no advantage against him;
 and the son of transgression shall not hurt him again.
 23 I will slash down his foes before him
 and put to flight those who hate him.
 24 But my truth and my mercy shall be with him;
 and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
 25 I will set his hand in the sea and his right hand in the rivers.
 26 He shall call upon me, saying:
 You are my Father, my God and the helper of my salvation.
 27 I will make him my first-born, higher than the kings of the earth.
 28 I will keep my mercy for him for ever and my covenant shall be firm with him.
 29 I will establish his seed unto ages of ages and his throne as the days of heaven.
 30 If his children should forsake my law and not walk in my judgments;
 31 if they should profane my ordinances and not keep my commandments;
 32 I will visit their transgressions with a rod and their sins with scourges.
 33 But I will not utterly remove my mercy from him,
 nor wrong my truth.
 34 Neither will I by any means profane my covenant;
 I will not make void the things that proceed out of my lips.
 35 Once have I sworn by my holiness, that I will not lie to David.
 36 His seed shall endure for ever
 and his throne as the sun before me;
 37 as the moon that is established for ever,
 and as the faithful witness in heaven. *Pause.*

38 But you have cast off and set at nought,

you have rejected your anointed.

39 You have overthrown the covenant of your servant;
you have profaned his sanctuary, casting it to the ground.

40 You have broken down all his hedges; you have made his strongholds a terror.

41 All that go by the way have spoiled him:

he has become a reproach to his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his enemies;

you have made all his enemies to rejoice.

43 You have turned back the help of his sword

and have not helped him in the battle.

44 You have deprived him of glory:

you have broken down his throne to the ground.

45 You have shortened the days of his throne:

you have poured shame upon him.

46 How long, O Lord, will you turn away, for ever?

Shall your anger flame out as fire?

47 Remember what my being is:

for have you created all the sons of men in vain?

48 What man is there who shall live and not see death?

Shall anyone deliver his soul from the hand of hades?

49 Where are your ancient mercies, O Lord,

which you swore to David in your truth?

50 Remember, O Lord, the reproach of your servants,

which I have borne in my bosom, even the reproach of many nations;

51 by which your enemies have reviled, O Lord:

by which they have reviled the recompense of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the Lord for ever.

Amen, Amen.

90 MT = 89 LXX

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

90:1 Lord, you have been our refuge in all generations.

2 Before the mountains existed

and before the earth and the world were formed,

even from age to age, You exist!

3 Do not send a man back to his low place,

whereas you said, Return, you sons of men.

4 For a thousand years in your sight

are as the yesterday which is past and as a watch in the night.

5 Years shall be vanity to them:

let the morning pass away as grass.

6 In the morning let it flower and pass away:

in the evening let it droop, let it be withered and dried up.

7 For we have perished in your anger

and in your wrath we have been troubled.

8 You have set our transgressions before you:

our age is in the light of your countenance.

9 For all our days have gone and we have passed away in your wrath:

our years have spun out their tale as a spider.

10 As for the days of our years, in them are seventy years;

and if men should be in strength, eighty years:

yet the greater part of them

would be labor and trouble;

for weakness overtakes us and we shall be chastened.

11 Who knows the power of your wrath?

12 and who knows how to number his days because of the fear of your wrath?

So manifest your right hand

and those who are instructed in wisdom in the heart.

13 Return, O Lord, how long will it be?

And be entreated concerning your servants.

14 We have been satisfied in the morning with your mercy;

we have exulted and rejoiced:

15 let us rejoice in all our days,

in return for the days by which you did afflict us,

the years by which we saw evil.

16 Look upon your servants and upon your works;

and guide their children.

17 Let the radiance of the Lord our God be upon us:

and direct for us the works of our hands.

91 MT = 90 LXX

Praise of a Song, by David

91:1 He that dwells in the help of the Highest,
shall sojourn under the shelter of the God of heaven.

2 He shall say to the Lord, You are my helper and my refuge:
my God; I will hope in him.

3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the hunters,
[even] from every troublesome matter.

4 He shall overshadow you with his shoulders
and you shall trust under his wings:
his truth shall cover you with a shield.

5 You shall not be afraid of terror by night;
nor of the arrow flying by day;

6 nor of the evil thing that creeps in the darkness;
nor of calamity and the evil spirit at noon-day.

7 A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand;
but it shall not come near you.

8 Only with your eyes shall you observe and see the reward of sinners.

9 For you, O Lord, are my hope:
you¹ have made the Most High your refuge.

10 No evils shall come upon you
and no scourge shall draw nigh to your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge concerning you,
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you up on their hands,
for fear that at any time you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread on the viper and the cobra,
and you shall trample on the lion and dragon.

14 For he has hoped in me and I will deliver him:
I will protect him, because he has known my name.

15 He shall call upon me and I will hearken to him:
I am with him in affliction;

I will deliver him and glorify him.

16 I will satisfy him with length of days and show him my salvation.

¹ Brenton has "thou my soul"

92 MT = 91 LXX

A Psalm of a Song for the Sabbath-day.

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 proclaim your mercy in the morning
and your truth by night,
3 on a psaltery of ten strings,
with a song on the harp.
4 For you, O Lord, have made me glad with your work,
and in the operations of your hands will I exult.
5 How have your works been magnified, O Lord!
your thoughts are very deep.
6 A foolish man will not know
and the senseless will not understand this.
7 When the sinners spring up as the grass
and all the workers of iniquity have watched;
it is that they may be utterly destroyed for ever.
8 But you, O Lord, are the Most High for ever.
9 For, behold, your enemies shall perish;
and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
10 But my horn shall be exalted as the horn of a wild-ox¹;
and my old age with rich mercy.
11 My eye has seen my enemies
and my ear shall hear the wicked that rise up against me.
12 The righteous shall flourish as a palm-tree,
he shall be increased as the cedar in Lebanon.
13 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts of our God.
14 Then shall they be increased in a fine old age;
and they shall be prosperous;
so that they may declare 15 that the Lord my God is righteous
and there is no iniquity in him.

93 MT = 92 LXX

For the day before the Sabbath when the land was first inhabited, the praise of a Song by David.

93:1 The Lord reigns; he has clothed himself with honor:
the Lord has clothed and girded himself with strength;
for he has established the world,
which shall not be moved.
2 Your throne is prepared from on old:
you are from everlasting.
3 The rivers have lifted up, O Lord, the rivers have lifted up their voices,
4 at the voices of many waters:
the roarings of the sea are wonderful:
the Lord is wonderful in high places.
5 Your testimonies are made very sure:
holiness is fitting in your house, O Lord, for ever!

¹ Or transliterated as "unicorn"

94 MT = 93 LXX

A Psalm of David for the fourth day of the week.

94:1 The Lord is a God of vengeance;
the God of vengeance has declared himself.
2 Be exalted, you that judge the earth:
render a reward to the proud.
3 How long shall sinners, O Lord, how long shall sinners boast?
4 They will utter and speak unrighteousness;
all the workers of iniquity will speak so.
5 They have afflicted your people, O Lord
and hurt your heritage.
6 They have slain the widow and fatherless,
and murdered the stranger.
7 They said: The Lord shall not see,
neither shall the God of Jacob understand.
8 Understand now, you simple among the people;
and you fools, finally become wise.
9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear?
or he that formed the eye, does not he perceive?
10 He that chastises the heathen, shall he not punish,
even he that teaches man knowledge?
11 The Lord knows the thoughts of men, that they are vain.
12 Blessed is the man whom you shall chasten, O Lord
and whom you shall teach out of your law;
13 to give him rest from evil days,
until a pit is digged for the sinful one.
14 For the Lord will not cast off his people,
neither will he forsake his inheritance;
15 until righteousness return to judgment
and all the upright in heart shall follow it.
16 Who will rise up for me against the transgressors?
or who will stand up with me against the workers of iniquity?
17 If the Lord had not helped me,
my soul would almost have descended in hades.
18 If I said: My foot has been moved;
19 your mercy, O Lord, helped me!
O Lord, according to the multitude of my griefs within my heart,
your consolation have soothed my soul.
20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with you,
Whoever frames mischief by an ordinance?
21 They will hunt for the soul of the righteous
and condemn innocent blood.
22 But the Lord was my refuge; and my God the helper of my hope.
23 He will repay them their iniquity and their wickedness:
the Lord our God shall utterly destroy them.

95 MT = 94 LXX

The praise of a Song by David.

95:1 Come, let us exult in the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

and make a joyful noise to him with psalms.
 3 For the Lord is a great God and a great king over all gods:
 the Lord will not cast off his people.
 4 For the ends of the earth are in his hands;
 and the heights of the mountains are his.
 5 For the sea is his since he created it:
 his hands formed the dry land.
 6 Come, let us worship and fall down before him;
 and weep before the Lord that made us.
 7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture,
 and the sheep of his hand.
 8 Today, if you will hear his voice,
 Do not harden your hearts as in the provocation,
 according to the day of irritation in the wilderness,
 9 where your fathers tempted me, proved me and saw my works.
 10 Forty years was I grieved with this generation and said:
 They always go astray in their heart and have not known my ways.
 11 So I swore in my wrath,
 They shall not enter into my rest.

96 MT = 95 LXX

When the house was built after the Captivity, a Song of David.

96:1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
 sing to the Lord all the earth!
 2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name:
 proclaim his salvation from day to day.
 3 Proclaim his glory among the Gentiles,
 his wonderful works among all people.
 4 For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised:
 he is terrible above all gods.
 5 For all the gods of the heathen are devils:
 but the Lord made the heavens.
 6 Thanksgiving and beauty are before him:
 holiness and majesty are in his sanctuary.
 7 Bring to the Lord, you families of the Gentiles,
 bring to the Lord glory and honor!
 8 Bring to the Lord the glory that is fitting for his name:
 take offerings and go into his courts.
 9 Worship the Lord in his holy court:
 let all the earth tremble before him.
 10 Say among the heathen, The Lord reigns:
 for he has established the world so that it shall not be moved:
 he shall judge the people in righteousness.
 11 Let the heavens rejoice and the earth exult;
 let the sea be moved with its fullness.
 12 The plains shall rejoice and all things in them:
 then shall all the trees of the forest exult before the presence of the Lord:
 13 for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth;
 he shall judge the world in righteousness and the people with his truth.

97 MT = 96 LXX

For David when his land is established.

97:1 The Lord reigns, let the earth exult,
let many islands rejoice.
2 Cloud and darkness are around him;
righteousness and judgment are the establishment of his throne.
3 Fire shall go before him and burn up his enemies all round.
4 His lightnings appeared to the world;
the earth saw 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 have declared his righteousness
and all the people have seen his glory.
7 Let all that worship graven images be ashamed,
Those who boast of their idols;
Worship him, all you his angels!
8 Zion heard and rejoiced;
the daughters of Judea exulted, because of your judgments, O Lord.
9 For you are Lord Most High over all the earth;
you are greatly exalted above all gods.
10 You that love the Lord, hate evil;
the Lord preserves the souls of his saints;
he shall deliver them from the hand of sinners.
11 Light has shone for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart.
12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

98 MT = 97 LXX

A Psalm of David.

98:1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
for the Lord has accomplished wonderful works,
his right hand and his holy arm,
have accomplished salvation for him.
2 The Lord has made known his salvation,
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
3 He has remembered his mercy to Jacob
and his truth to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
4 Shout to God, all the earth; sing and exult and sing psalms.
5 Sing to the Lord with a harp,
with a harp and the voice of a psalm.
6 With trumpets of brass and the sound of a trumpet of horn
make a joyful noise to the Lord before the king.
7 Let the fullness of the sea be moved;
the world and those who dwell in it.
8 The rivers shall clap their hands together;
the mountains shall exult!
9 For he has come to judge the earth;
he shall judge the world in righteousness,
and the nations in uprightness.

99 MT = 98 LXX

A Psalm of David.

99:1 The Lord reigns; —let the people rage;
it is he that sits upon the cherubim, let the earth be moved.
2 The Lord is great in Zion,
he is high over all the people.
3 Let them give thanks to your great name;
for it is terrible and holy.
4 The king's honor loves judgment;
you have prepared equity, you have accomplished judgment and justice in Jacob.
5 Exalt the Lord our God and worship at 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, He heard them.
7 He spoke to them in a pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the ordinances which he gave them.
8 O Lord our God, you heard them;
O God, you became favorable to them,
though you exacted vengeance on all their evil plans.
9 Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy!

100 MT = 99 LXX

A Psalm for Thanksgiving.

100:1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
2 Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with exultation.
3 Know that the Lord is God;
he created us, we did not create ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter through his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with hymns;
give thanks to him, praise his name.
5 For the Lord is good, his mercy is for ever;
and his truth endures to generation and generation.

101 MT = 100 LXX

A Psalm of David.

101:1 I will sing to you, O Lord, of mercy and judgment;
I will sing a psalm, 2 and I will be wise in a blameless way.
When will you come to me?
I walked in the innocence of my heart, in the midst of my house.
3 I have not set before my eyes any unlawful thing;
I have hated transgressors.
4 A perverse heart has not cleaved to me;
I have not known an evil man,
since he turns away from me.
5 Whoever speaks secretly against his neighbor,
I have driven away from me:
he that is proud in look and insatiable in heart
with such a person I have not eaten.
6 My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land,
so that they may dwell with me:

he that walked in a perfect way is the one who has ministered to me.
 7 The proud has not dwelt in the midst of my house;
 the unjust speaker has not prospered in my sight.
 8 Early on did I kill all the sinners of the land,
 so that I might remove from the city of the Lord all that work iniquity.

102 MT = 101 LXX

A Prayer for the Poor; when he is deeply afflicted and pours out his supplication before the Lord.

102:1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, Let my cry come to you.
 2 Turn not away your face from me:
 in the day when I am afflicted, incline your ear to me:
 in the day when I shall call upon you, speedily hear me.
 3 For my days have vanished like smoke
 and my bones have been parched like a stick.
 4 I have withered like grass and my heart is dried up;
 for I have forgotten to eat my bread.
 5 Because of the voice of my groaning, my bone has cleaved to my flesh.
 6 I have become like a pelican of the wilderness;
 7 I have become like an owl in a ruined house.
 I have watched and have become as a sparrow dwelling alone on a roof.
 8 All the day long my enemies have reproached me;
 those who used to praise me have sworn against me.
 9 For I have eaten ashes as it were bread and mingled my drink with weeping;
 10 because of your anger and your wrath:
 for you have lifted me up and dashed me down.
 11 My days have declined like a shadow;
 and I am withered like grass.
 12 But you, Lord, endure for ever
 and your memorial to generation and generation.
 13 You shall arise and have mercy upon Zion:
 it is time to have mercy upon her, for the set time has come.
 14 For your servants have taken pleasure in her stones
 and they shall pity her dust.
 15 So the nations shall fear your name, O Lord
 and all kings [shall fear] your glory.
 16 For the Lord shall build up Zion and shall appear in his glory.
 17 He has had regard to the prayer of the lowly
 and has not despised their petition.
 18 Let this be written for another generation;
 the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord.
 19 For he has looked out from the height of his sanctuary;
 the Lord looked upon the earth from heaven;
 20 to hear the groaning of the fettered ones,
 to loosen the sons of the slain;
 21 to proclaim the name of the Lord in Zion,
 and his praise in Jerusalem;
 22 when the people are gathered together,
 and the kings, to serve the Lord.
 23 He answered in the way of his strength:
 tell me how few are my days.
 24 Do not take me away in the midst of my days:
 your years are through all generations.
 25 In the beginning you, O Lord, laid the foundation of the earth;

and the heavens are the works of your hands.
 26 They shall perish, but you remain:
 they all shall become old as a garment;
 and as a vestment shall you fold them and they shall be changed.
 27 But you are the same and your years shall not fail.
 28 The children of your servants shall dwell securely,
 and their seed shall prosper for ever.

103 MT = 102 LXX

A Psalm of David.

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 forget not all his praises:
 3 who forgives all your transgressions,
 who heals all your diseases;
 4 who redeems your life from corruption;
 who crowns you with mercy and compassion;
 5 who satisfies your desire with good things:
 so that your youth shall be renewed like that of the eagle.
 6 The Lord executes mercy and judgment for all that are injured.
 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his will to the children of Israel.
 8 The Lord is compassionate and merciful,
 long-suffering and full of mercy.
 9 He will not be always angry;
 neither will he be wrathful for ever.
 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
 nor repaid us according to our iniquities.
 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth,
 so has the Lord increased his mercy toward those who fear him.
 12 As far as the east is from the west,
 so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
 13 As a father pities his children,
 the Lord pities those who fear him.
 14 For he knows our frame: remember that we are dust.
 15 As for man, his days are as grass;
 as a flower of the field, so shall he flourish.
 16 For the wind passes over it and it shall not be;
 it shall know its place no more.
 17 But the mercy of the Lord is from generation to generation
 upon those who fear him,
 and his righteousness to children's children;
 18 to those who keep his covenant
 and remember his commandments to do them.
 19 The Lord has prepared his throne in the heaven;
 and his kingdom rules over all.
 20 Bless the Lord, all you his angels,
 mighty in strength, who perform his bidding,
 ready to hearken to the voice of his words.
 21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts;
 his ministers that do his will.
 22 Bless the Lord, all his works,
 in every place of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul!

104 MT = 103 LXX*A Psalm of David.*

104:1 Bless the Lord, O my soul.
 O Lord my God, you are very great;
 you have clothed yourself with praise and honor:
 2 you robe yourself with light as with a garment;
 spreading out the heaven as a curtain.
 3 who covers his chambers with waters;
 who makes the clouds his chariot;
 who walks on the wings of the wind.
 4 Who makes his angels spirits
 and his ministers a flaming fire.
 5 Who establishes the earth on her sure foundation:
 it shall not be moved for ever.
 6 The deep, as it were a garment, is his covering:
 the waters stood above the hills.
 7 At your rebuke they shall flee;
 at the voice of your thunder they shall be alarmed.
 8 They go up to the mountains and down to the plains,
 to the place which you have founded for them.
 9 You have set a bound which they shall not pass,
 neither shall they return to cover the earth.
 10 He sends forth his fountains among the valleys:
 the waters shall run between the mountains.
 11 They shall give drink to all the wild beasts of the field:
 the wild donkeys shall take of them to quench their thirst.
 12 By them shall the birds of the sky dwell:
 they shall utter a voice out of the midst of the rocks.
 13 He waters the mountains from his chambers:
 the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of your works.
 14 He makes grass to grow for the cattle
 and plants for the service of men,
 to bring bread out of the earth;
 15 and wine makes glad the heart of man,
 to make his face cheerful with oil:
 bread strengthens man's heart.
 16 The trees of the plain shall be full of sap;
 even the cedars of Lebanon which he planted.
 17 There the sparrows will build their nests;
 the stork takes the lead among them.
 18 The high mountains are a refuge for the stags
 and the rock for the rabbits.
 19 He appointed the moon for seasons:
 the sun knows his going down.
 20 You made darkness and it was night;
 in it all the wild beasts of the forest creep forth:
 21 even young lions roaring for [their] prey
 and to seek meat for themselves from God.
 22 The sun arises and they shall be gathered together,
 they shall lie down in their dens.
 23 Man shall go forth to his work
 and to his labor until the evening.
 24 How great are your works, O Lord!

in wisdom have you have made them all:
 the earth is filled with your creation.
 25 So is this great and wide sea:
 there are things creeping innumerable,
 animals both small and great.
 26 There go the ships;
 and this dragon you have made to play in it.
 27 All wait upon you, to give them their food in due season.
 28 When you have given it them, they will gather it;
 when you have opened your hand, they shall all be filled with good.
 29 But when you have turned away your face, they shall be troubled:
 you will take away their breath; they shall fail and return to their dust.
 30 You shall send forth your Spirit and they shall be created;
 and you shall renew the face of the earth.
 31 Let the glory of the Lord be for ever:
 the Lord shall rejoice in his works;
 32 who looks upon the earth and makes it tremble;
 who touches the mountains and they smoke.
 33 I will sing to the Lord while I live;
 I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
 34 Let my meditation be sweet to him:
 I will rejoice in the Lord!
 35 Let the sinners vanish from the earth,
 and transgressors, that they shall be no more.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul!

105 MT = 104 LXX

Alleluia.

105:1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
 declare his works among the heathen.
 2 Sing to him, yes, sing praises to him:
 proclaim all his wonderful works.
 3 Glory in his holy name:
 let the heart of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
 4 Seek the Lord and be strengthened;
 seek his face continually.
 5 Remember his wonderful works that he has done;
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth;
 6 you seed of Abra'am, his servants,
 you children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
 7 He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
 8 He has remembered his covenant for ever,
 the word which he commanded for a thousand generation:
 9 which he established as a covenant to Abra'am,
 He remembered his oath to Isaac.
 10 He established it to Jacob as an ordinance
 and to Israel for an everlasting covenant;
 11 saying To you will I give the land of C'anaan,
 the line of your inheritance:
 12 when they were few in number, very few and sojourners in it.
 13 They went from nation to nation and from one kingdom to another.
 14 He suffered no man to wrong them;
 He rebuked kings for their sakes:

15 saying: Touch not my anointed ones;
and do my prophets no harm.
16 Moreover, he called for a famine upon the land;
he broke the whole support of bread.
17 He sent a man before them;
Joseph was sold for a slave.
18 They hurt his feet with fetters;
his soul passed into iron,
19 until the time that his cause came on;
the word of the Lord tried him as fire.
20 The king sent [word] and released him;
even the prince of the people, let him go free.
21 He made him Lord over his house
and ruler of all his possessions;
22 to chastise his rulers at his pleasure
and to teach his elders wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt and Jacob sojourned in the land of Cham.
24 He increased his people greatly
and made them stronger than their enemies.
25 He turned their heart to hate his people,
to deal craftily with his servants.
26 He sent forth Moses his servant
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 He established among them his signs and his wonders
in the land of Cham.
28 He sent forth darkness and made it dark;
yet they rebelled against his words.
29 He turned their waters into blood and killed their fish.
30 Their land produced frogs abundantly,
in the chambers of their kings.
31 He spoke and the dog-fly came
and lice in all their coasts.
32 He turned their rain into hail
and sent flaming fire in their land.
33 He afflicted their vines and their fig trees;
and broke every tree of their coast.
34 He spoke and the locust came with innumerable caterpillars,
35 they devoured all the grass in their land
and devoured the fruit of the ground.
36 He also smote every first-born of their land,
the first-fruits of all their labor.
37 He brought them out with silver and gold;
and there was not a feeble one among their tribes.
38 Egypt rejoiced at their departing;
for the fear of them fell upon them.
39 He spread out a cloud for a covering to them
and fire to give them light by night.
40 They asked and the quail came,
He satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
41 He split the rock and the waters flowed, rivers ran in dry places.
42 For he remembered his holy word,
which he promised to Abra'am his servant.
43 He brought out his people with exultation and his chosen with joy;
44 He gave them the lands of the heathen;
and they inherited the labors of the people;

4:5 so that they might keep his ordinances and diligently seek his law.

106 MT = 105 LXX

Alleluia

106:1 Give thanks to the Lord; for he is good:
for his mercy endures for ever.
2 Who shall tell the mighty acts of the Lord?
Who shall cause all his praises to be heard?
3 Blessed are those who keep judgment
and do righteousness at all times.
4 Remember us, O Lord, with the favor you have to your people:
visit us with your salvation;
5 that we may behold the good of your elect,
that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that we may glory with your inheritance.
6 We have sinned with our fathers,
we have transgressed, we have acted unrighteously.
7 Our fathers in Egypt understood not your wonders
and remembered not the multitude of your mercy;
but they provoked him as they went up by the Red Sea.
8 Yet he saved them for his name's sake,
that he might cause his mighty 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 out of the hand of those who hated them
and redeemed them out of the hand of the enemy.
11 The water covered those who oppressed them:
there was not one of them left.
12 Then they believed his words and celebrated his praise.
13 They made haste, they forgot his works;
they did not wait for his counsel.
14 They lusted exceedingly in the wilderness
and tempted God in the dry land.
15 He gave them their request and sent fullness into their souls.
16 They also provoked Moses in the camp
and Aaron the holy one of the Lord.
17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan
and closed upon the congregation of Abiron.
18 Then a fire was kindled in their assembly
and a flame burnt up the sinners.
19 They made a calf in Choreb
and worshiped the graven image,
20 they changed their glory into the likeness
of a calf that feeds on grass.
21 They forgot God that saved them,
[God] who had accomplished great deeds in Egypt;
22 wondrous works in the land of Cham
and awesome things at the Red Sea.
23 So God said that he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,
to turn him away from the fierceness of his anger,
so that he should not destroy them.
24 Moreover, they disregarded the desirable land

and believed not his word.
 25 They murmured in their tents:
 they hearkened not to the voice of the Lord.
 26 So he lifted up his hand against them,
 to cast them down in the wilderness;
 27 and to cast down their seed among the nations,
 to scatter them in the countries.
 28 They were joined also to Beelphegor and ate the sacrifices of the dead.
 They provoked him with their devices;
 29 and destruction, was multiplied among them.
 30 Then Phinees stood up and made atonement:
 and the plague came to an end.
 31 This was counted to him for righteousness,
 to all generations for ever.
 32 They also provoked him at the water of Strife
 and Moses was hurt for their sakes;
 33 for they provoked his spirit,
 He spoke unwisely with his lips.
 34 They destroyed not the nations which the Lord told them to destroy;
 35 but were mingled with the heathen and learned their works.
 36 They served their graven images;
 and it became an offence to them.
 37 They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to devils,
 38 and shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters,
 whom they sacrificed to the idols of C'anaan;
 and the land was defiled with blood,
 39 it was polluted with their works;
 and they became immoral with their own devices.
 40 So the Lord was very angry with his people,
 He abhorred his inheritance,
 41 He delivered them into the hands of their enemies;
 and those who hated them ruled over them.
 42 Their enemies oppressed them
 and they were brought down under their hands.
 43 Many times God delivered them;
 but they provoked him by their counsel,
 they were brought low by their [own] iniquities.
 44 The Lord looked upon their affliction
 when he heard their petition.
 45 He remembered his covenant and his mind was renewed
 according to the multitude of his mercy.
 46 He caused them to be pitied
 in the sight of all who carried them captive.
 47 Save us, O Lord our God and gather us from among the heathen,
 So that we may give thanks to your holy name,
 So that we may glory in your praise.
 48 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel
 from everlasting and to ages of ages;
 and all the people shall say, Amen, Amen!

107 MT = 106 LXX

Alleluia

107:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let them say so who have been redeemed by the Lord,
whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3 and gathered them out of the countries,
from the east and west and north and south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a dry land;
they found no way to a city of habitation.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried to the Lord in their affliction,
He delivered them out of their distresses.

7 He guided them into a straight path,
So that they might go to a city of habitation.

8 Let them acknowledge to the Lord his mercies
and his wonderful works to the children of men.

9 For he satisfies the empty soul and fills the hungry soul with good things,
10 even those who sit in darkness,

and in the shadow of death, fettered in poverty and iron;

11 because they rebelled against the words of God
and provoked the counsel of the Most High.

12 So their heart was brought low with troubles;
they were weak and there was no helper.

13 Then they cried to the Lord in their affliction,
He saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
He broke their bonds asunder.

15 Let them acknowledge to the Lord his mercies
and his wonders to the children of men.

16 For he broke to pieces the brazen gates
and crushed the iron bars.

17 He helped them out of the way of their iniquity;
for they were brought low because of their iniquities.

18 Their soul began to desert all food;
and they drew near to the gates of death.

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their affliction,
He saved them out of their distresses.

20 He sent his word and healed them,
he delivered them out of their destructions.

21 Let them acknowledge to the Lord
his mercies and his wonderful works to the children of men.

22 Let them offer to him the sacrifice of praise
and proclaim this works with exultation.

23 Those who go down to the sea in ships,
doing business in many waters;

24 these men have seen the works of the Lord
and his wonders in the deep.

25 He speaks and the stormy wind arises
and its waves are lifted up.

26 They rise to the heavens and go down to the depths;
their soul melts out of anguish.

27 They are troubled, they stagger as a drunkard
and all their wisdom is swallowed up.

28 Then they cry to the Lord in their affliction,
He brings them out of their distresses.

29 He commands the storm and it is calmed
into a gentle breeze and its waves are still.

30 They are glad, because they are quiet;
 He guides them to their desired haven.
 31 Let them acknowledge to the Lord
 his mercies and his wonderful works to the children of men.
 32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people
 and praise him in the seat of the elders.
 33 He turns rivers into a desert
 and streams of water into a dry land;
 34 a fruitful land into saltness,
 for the wickedness of those who dwell in it.
 35 He turns a wilderness into pools of water
 and a dry land into streams of water.
 36 There he causes the hungry to dwell
 and they establish for themselves dwelling places.
 37 They sow fields and plant vineyards,
 and they yield fruit in abundance.
 38 He blesses them and they multiply exceedingly,
 He diminishes not the number of their cattle.
 39 Again they become few and are brought low,
 by the pressure of evils and pain.
 40 Contempt is poured upon their princes,
 He causes them to wander in a desert and trackless land.
 41 But he helps the poor out of poverty
 and makes him families as a flock.
 42 The upright shall see and rejoice;
 and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.
 43 Who is wise and will observe these things,
 and understand the mercies of the Lord?

108 MT = 107 LXX

Song of a Psalm by David

108:1 O God, my heart is ready,
 my heart is ready; I will sing and sing psalms with my glory.
 2 Awake, psaltery and harp; I will awake early.
 3 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the people;
 I will sing praise to you among the Gentiles.
 4 For your mercy is great above the heavens
 and your truth reaches to the clouds.
 5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
 and your glory above all the earth.
 6 That your beloved ones may be delivered,
 save with your right hand and hear me.
 God has spoken in his sanctuary;
 7 I will be exalted and will divide Sicima
 I and will measure out the valley of tents.
 8 Galaad is mine; and Manasses is mine;
 Ephraim is the help of my head;
 Judas is my king; 9 Moab is the holding place of my hope;
 over Idumea will I cast my sandal; the Philistines are made subject to me.
 10 Who will bring me into the fortified city?
 Or who will guide me to Idumea?
 11 Will not you, O God, who have rejected us?
 And will not you, O God, go forth with our armies?

12 Rescue us from tribulation:
for vain is the help of man.
13 Through God we shall do valiantly;
He will bring our enemies to nought.

109 MT = 108 LXX

For the end, a Psalm of David

109:1 O God, pass not over my praise in silence;
2 for the mouth of the sinner and the mouth of the crafty man
have been opened against me:
they have spoken against me with a crafty tongue.
3 They have surrounded me with words of hatred;
and fought against me without a cause.
4 Instead of loving me, they falsely accused me:
but I continued to pray.
5 They rewarded me evil for good and hatred for my love.
6 Set a sinner against him; Let the devil stand at his right hand.
7 When he is judged, let him go forth condemned:
Let his prayer become sin.
8 Let his days be few: Let another take his office of overseer.
9 Let his children be orphans and his wife a widow.
10 Let his children wander without a dwelling-place and beg:
let them be cast out of their habitations.
11 Let his creditor exact all that belongs to him:
Let strangers spoil his labors.
12 Let him have no helper;
may there be no one to have compassion on his fatherless children.
13 Let his children be given up to utter destruction:
in one generation let his name be blotted out.
14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the Lord;
Let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
15 Let them be before the Lord continually;
Let their memorial be blotted out from the earth.
16 Because he remembered not to show mercy,
but persecuted the needy and poor man
and desired to kill him in the heart.
17 He also loved cursing and it shall come upon him;
He took not pleasure in blessing,
so it shall be removed far from him.
18 Yes, he put on cursing as a garment
and it has come as water into his bowels and as oil into his bones.
19 Let it be to him as a garment
which he puts on and as a girdle with which he girds himself continually.
20 This is the dealing of the Lord
with those who falsely accuse me and of those who speak evil against my soul.
21 But you, O Lord, Lord, deal mercifully with me,
for your name's sake: for your mercy is good.
22 Deliver me, for I am poor and needy;
and my heart is troubled within me.
23 I am removed as a shadow in its descent:
I am tossed up and down like locusts.
24 My knees are weakened through fasting
and my flesh is changed because of the want of oil.

25 I became also a reproach to them:
 when they saw me they shook their heads.
 26 Help me, O Lord my God; and save me according to your mercy.
 27 Let them know that this is your hand;
 and that you, Lord, have accomplished it.
 28 Let them curse, but you shall bless:
 let those who rise up against me be ashamed,
 but let your servant rejoice.
 29 Let those who falsely accuse me be clothed with shame,
 Let them cover themselves with their shame as with a mantle.
 30 I will give thanks to the Lord abundantly with my mouth;
 and in the midst of many I will praise him.
 31 For he stood on the right hand of the poor,
 to save me from those who persecute my soul.

110 MT = 109 LXX

A Psalm of David.

110:1 The Lord¹ said to my Lord,
 Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.
 2 The Lord shall send out a rod of power for you out of Zion:
 rule you in the midst of your enemies.
 3 With you is dominion in the day of your power,
 in the splendours of your holy ones:²
 I have begotten you from the womb
 before the morning star.
 4 The Lord swore and will not repent,
 You are a priest for ever, after the order of Melchisedek.
 5 The Lord at your right hand
 has dashed in pieces kings in the day of his wrath.
 6 He shall judge among the nations,
 he shall fill up the number of corpses,
 he shall crush the heads of many on the earth.
 7 He shall drink of the brook in the way;
 therefore shall he lift up the head.

111

Alleluia

111:1 I will give you thanks, O Lord,
 with my whole heart, in the council of the upright and in the congregation.
 2 The works of the Lord are great,
 sought out according to all his will.
 3 His work is worthy of thanksgiving and honor:
 and his righteousness endures unto ages of ages.
 4 He has caused his wonderful works to be remembered:
 the Lord is merciful and compassionate.
 5 He has given food to those who fear him:
 he will remember his covenant for ever.
 6 He has declared to his people the power of his works,

¹ Greek ὁ κύριος – Hebrew Yahweh (יהוה)

² Brenton has “thy saints”

to give them the inheritance of the heathen.
 7 The works of his hands are truth and judgment:
 all his commandments are sure:
 8 established unto ages of ages, done in truth and uprightness.
 9 He sent redemption to his people:
 he commanded his covenant for ever:
 holy and fearful is his name.
 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom
 and all that act accordingly have a good understanding;
 his praise endures unto ages of ages.

112

Alleluia

112:1 Blessed is the man that fears the Lord:
 he will delight greatly in his commandments.
 2 His seed shall be mighty in the earth:
 the generation of the upright shall be blessed.
 3 Glory and riches shall be in his house;
 and his righteousness endures unto ages of ages.
 4 To the upright light has sprung up in darkness:
 he has pity, he is pitiful and merciful and righteous.
 5 The good man is he that pities and lends:
 he will direct his affairs with judgment.
 6 For he shall not be moved for ever;
 the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.
 7 He shall not be afraid of any evil report:
 his heart is ready to trust in the Lord.
 8 His heart is established, he shall not fear,
 till he shall see his desire upon his enemies.
 9 He has dispersed abroad; he has given to the poor;
 his righteousness endures unto ages of ages:
 his horn shall be exalted with honor.
 10 The sinner shall see and be angry,
 he shall gnash his teeth and consume away:
 the desire of the sinner shall perish.

113

Alleluia

113:1 Praise the Lord, you servants of his,
 praise the name of the Lord.
 2 Let the name of the Lord be blessed,
 from this present time and forevermore.
 3 From the rising of the sun to his setting,
 the name of the Lord is to be praised.
 4 The Lord is high above all the nations;
 his glory is above the heavens.
 5 Who is as the Lord our God? Who dwells in the high places,
 6 and yet looks upon the low things in heaven and on the earth:
 7 who lifts up the poor from the earth
 and raises up the needy from the dunghill;
 8 to set him with princes, even with the princes of his people:

9 who established the barren woman in a house,
as a mother rejoicing over children.

114 MT = 113 LXX

Alleluia

114:1 At the going forth of Israel from Egypt,
of the house of Jacob from a barbarous people,
2 Judea became his sanctuary and Israel his dominion.
3 The sea saw and fled: Jordan was turned back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams and the hills like lambs.
5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
And you Jordan, that you were turned back?
6 You mountains that you skipped like rams and you hills, like lambs?
7 The earth trembled at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob;
8 who turned the rock into pools of water
and the flint into fountains of water.

115 MT = 113 LXX CONTINUES

115:1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
but to your name give glory,
because of your mercy and your truth;
2 for fear that at any time the nations should say,
Where is their God?
3 But our God has done in heaven and on earth,
whatsoever he has pleased.
4 The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
the works of human hands.
5 They have a mouth, but they cannot speak;
they have eyes, but they cannot see:
6 they have ears, but they cannot hear;
they have noses, but they cannot smell;
7 they have hands, but they cannot handle;
they have feet, but they cannot walk:
they cannot speak through their throat.
8 Let those who make them become like them
and all who trust in them.
9 The house of Israel trusts in the Lord:
he is their helper and defender.
10 The house of Aaron trusts in the Lord:
he is their helper and defender.
11 Those who fear the Lord trust in the Lord:
he is their helper and defender.
12 The Lord has remembered us and blessed us:
he has blessed the house of Israel,
he has blessed the house of Aaron.
13 He has blessed those who fear the Lord,
both small and great.
14 The Lord grants blessings to you and to your children.
15 You are blessed of the Lord,
who made the heaven and the earth.

16 The heaven of heavens belongs to the Lord:
but he has given the earth to the sons of men.
17 The dead shall not praise you, O Lord,
nor any that go down to hades.
18 But we, the living, will bless the Lord,
from henceforth and forevermore.

116 MT (1-9 = 115 LXX)

Alleluia

116:1 I am well pleased, because the Lord
will hearken to the voice of my supplication.
2 Because he has inclined his ear to me,
therefore will I call upon him while I live.
3 The pangs of death surrounded me;
the dangers of hades found me:
I found affliction and sorrow.
4 Then I called on the name of the Lord:
O Lord, deliver my soul.
5 The Lord is merciful and righteous;
yes, our God has pity.
6 The Lord preserves the simple:
I was brought low, He delivered me.
7 Return to your rest, O my soul;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
8 For he has delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.
9 I shall be well-pleasing before the Lord
in the land of the living. Alleluia!

115 LXX BEGINS

10 I believed, why then I have spoken:
but I was greatly afflicted.
11 I said in my amazement, every man is a liar.
12 What shall I render to the Lord for all his rewards to me?
13 I will take the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.
14 I will pay my vows to the Lord,
in the presence of all his people.
15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
16 O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the son of your handmaid:
you have burst by bonds asunder.
17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of praise
and will call upon the name of the Lord.
18 I will pay my vows to the Lord,
in the presence of all his people,
19 in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, Jerusalem.

117 MT – 116 LXX*Alleluia*

117:1 Praise the Lord, all you nations:
praise him, all you peoples!
2 For his mercy has been abundant toward us:
and the truth of the Lord endures for ever!

118 MT – 117 LXX*Alleluia*

118:1 Give thanks to the Lord; for he is good:
for his mercy endures for ever.
2 Let now the house of Israel say, that he is good:
for his mercy endures for ever.
3 Let now the house of Aaron say, that he is good:
for his mercy endures for ever.
4 Let now all that fear the Lord say, that he is good:
for his mercy endures for ever.
5 I called on the Lord out of affliction:
He listened to me, so as to bring me into a wide place.
6 The Lord is my helper; and I will not fear what man shall do to me.
7 The Lord is my helper; and I shall see my desire upon my enemies.
8 It is better to trust in the Lord than to trust in man.
9 It is better to hope in the Lord, than to hope in princes.
10 All nations surrounded me about:
but in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
11 They completely surrounded me:
but in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
12 They surrounded me about as bees do a honeycomb
and they burst into flame as fire among thorns:
but in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
13 I was thrust and terribly shaken, that I might fall:
but the Lord helped me.
14 The Lord is my strength and my song and has become my salvation.
15 The voice of exultation and salvation
is in the tabernacles of the righteous:
the right hand of the Lord has accomplished mightily.
16 The right hand of the Lord has exalted me:
the right hand of the Lord has accomplished powerfully.
17 I shall not die, but live and tell the works of the Lord.
18 The Lord has chastened me severely:
but he has not given me up to death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness:
I will go into them and give praise to the Lord.
20 This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter by it.
21 I will give thanks to you;
because you have heard me and have become my salvation.
22 The stone which the builders rejected,
the same has become the head of the corner.
23 This has been done of the Lord;
and it is wonderful in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the Lord has made:
let us exult and rejoice in it.
25 O Lord, save now: O Lord, send now prosperity.
26 Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:
we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.
27 God is the Lord, He has shined upon us:
celebrate the feast with thick branches,
binding the victims even to the horns of the altar.
28 You are my God and I will give you thanks:
you are my God and I will exalt you.
I will give thanks to you, for you have heard me
and have become my salvation.
29 Give thanks to the Lord; for he is good:
for his mercy endures for ever.

119

Alleluia

119:1 Blessed are the blameless in the way,
who walk in the law of the Lord.
2 Blessed are those who search out his testimonies:
they will diligently seek him with the whole heart.
3 For those who work iniquity have not walked in his ways.
4 You have commanded us diligently to keep your precepts.
5 O that my ways were directed to keep your ordinances.
6 Then shall I not be ashamed
when I have respect to all your commandments.
7 I will give you thanks with uprightness of heart
when I have learnt the judgments of your righteousness.
8 I will keep your ordinances: O forsake me not greatly.
9 By which shall a young man direct his way?
By keeping your words.
10 With my whole heart have I diligently sought you:
cast me not away from your commandments.
11 I have hidden your oracles in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
12 Blessed are you, O Lord: teach me your ordinances.
13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of your mouth.
14 I have delighted in the way of your testimonies,
as much as in all riches.
15 I will meditate on your commandments and consider your ways.
16 I will meditate on your ordinances: I will not forget your words.
17 Render a recompense to your servant:
so shall I live and keep your words.
18 Unveil my eyes and I shall perceive
The wondrous things of your law.
19 I am a stranger in the earth:
hide not your commandments from me.
20 My soul has longed exceedingly for your judgments at all times.
21 You have rebuked the proud:
cursed are those who turn aside from your commandments.
22 Remove from me reproach and contempt;
for I have sought out your testimonies.
23 For princes sat and spoke against me:

but your servant was meditating on your ordinances.
 24 For your testimonies are my meditation
 and your ordinances are my counsellors.
 25 My soul has cleaved to the ground;
 revive me according to your word.
 26 I declared my ways and you did hear me:
 teach me your ordinances.
 27 Instruct me in the way of your ordinances;
 and I will meditate on your wondrous works.
 28 My soul has slumbered for weariness;¹
 strengthen me with your words.
 29 Remove from me the way of iniquity;
 and be merciful to me by your law.
 30 I have chosen the way of truth;
 and have not forgotten your judgments.
 31 I have cleaved to your testimonies, O Lord;
 do not put me to shame.
 32 I ran the way of your commandments
 when you did enlarge my heart.
 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your ordinances
 and I will seek it out continually.
 34 Instruct me and I will search out your law
 and keep it with my whole heart.
 35 Guide me in the path of your commandments;
 for I have delighted in it.
 36 Incline my heart to your testimonies
 and not to covetousness.
 37 Turn away my eyes that I may not behold vanity:
 revive me in your way. 3
 8 Confirm your oracle to your servant,
 so that he may fear you.
 39 Take away my reproach which I have feared:
 for your judgments are good.
 40 Behold, I have desired your commandments:
 revive me in your righteousness.
 41 Let your mercy come upon me, O Lord;
 even your salvation, according to your word.
 42 And so I shall render an answer to those who reproach me:
 for I have trusted in your words.
 43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth;
 for I have hoped in your judgments.
 So shall I keep your law continually, unto ages of ages.
 45 I walked also at large: for I sought out your commandments.
 46 I spoke of your testimonies before kings and was not ashamed.
 47 I meditated on your commandments,
 which I loved exceedingly.
 48 I lifted up my hands to your commandments which I loved;
 and I meditated in your ordinances.
 49 Remember your words to your servant,
 by which you have made me hope.
 50 This has comforted me in my affliction:
 for your oracle has revived me.

¹ Brenton has "sorrow"

51 The proud have transgressed exceedingly;
but I swerved not from your law.
52 I remembered your judgments of old, O Lord;
and I was comforted.
53 Despair took hold upon me, because of the sinners who forsake your law.
54 Your ordinances were my songs in the place of my sojourning.
55 I remembered your name, O Lord,
in the night and kept your law.
56 This I had, because I diligently sought your ordinances.
57 You are my portion, O Lord: I said that I would keep your law.
58 I besought your favor with my whole heart:
have mercy upon me according to your word.
59 I thought on your ways and turned my feet to your testimonies.
60 I prepared myself, (and was not terrified,) to keep your commandments.
61 The snares of sinners entangled me:
but I forgot not your law.
62 At midnight I arose, to give thanks to you
for the judgments of your righteousness.
63 I am a companion of all those who fear you
and of those who keep your commandments.
64 O Lord, the earth is full of your mercy:
teach me your ordinances.
65 You have accomplished kindly with your servant,
O Lord, according to your word.
66 Teach me kindness and instruction and knowledge:
for I have believed your commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted, I transgressed;
therefore have I kept your word.
68 Good are you, O Lord; therefore in your goodness teach me your ordinances.
69 The injustice of the proud has been multiplied against me:
but I will search out your commandments with all my heart.
70 Their heart has been curdled like milk;
but I have meditated on your law.
71 It is good for me that you have afflicted me;
that I might learn your ordinances.
72 The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver.
73 your hands have made me and fashioned me:
instruct me, that I may learn your commandments.
74 Those who fear you will see me and rejoice:
for I have hoped in your words.
75 I know, O Lord, that your judgments are righteousness
and that you in truthfulness have afflicted me.
76 Let, I pray you, your mercy be to comfort me,
according to your word to your servant.
77 Let your compassions come to me, that I may live:
for your law is my meditation.
78 Let the proud be ashamed;
for they transgressed against me unjustly:
but I will meditate in your commandments.
79 Let those who fear you and those who know you testimonies, turn to me.
80 Let my heart be blameless in your ordinances,
that I may not be ashamed.
81 My soul faints for your salvation:
I have hoped in your words.
82 My eyes failed in waiting for your word,

saying when will you comfort me?
83 For I have become as a bottle in the frost:
yet I have not forgotten your ordinances.
84 How many are the days of your servant?
When will you execute judgment for me on those who persecute me?
85 Transgressors told me subtleties;¹
but not according to your law, O Lord.
86 All your commandments are truth;
they persecuted me unjustly; help me.
87 They nearly made an end of me in the earth;
but I forsook not your commandments.
88 Revive me according to your mercy;
so shall I keep the testimonies of your mouth.
89 your word, O Lord, abides in heaven for ever.
90 your truth endures to all generations;
you have founded the earth and it abides.
91 The day continues by your arrangement;
for all things are your servants.
92 Were it not that your law is my meditation,
then I should have perished in my affliction.
93 I will never forget your ordinances;
for with them you have revived me.
94 I am yours, save me; for I have sought out your ordinances.
95 Sinners laid wait for me to destroy me;
but I understood your testimonies.
96 Have seen an end of all perfection;
but your commandment is very broad.
97 How I loved your law, O Lord!
It is my meditation all the day.
98 You have made me wiser than my enemies in your commandment;
for it is mine for ever.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers;
for your testimonies are my medication.
100 I understand more than the aged;
because I have sought out your commandments.
101 I have kept back my feet from every evil way,
that I might keep your words.
102 I have not declined from your judgments;
for you have instructed me.
103 How sweet are your oracles to my throat!
More so than honey to my mouth!
104 I gain understanding by your commandments:
therefore I have hated every way of unrighteousness;
105 Your law is a lamp to my feet and a light to my paths.
106 I have sworn and determined to keep the judgments of your righteousness.
107 I have been very greatly afflicted, O Lord:
revive me, according to your word.
108 Accept, I pray you, O Lord,
the freewill-offerings of my mouth and teach me your judgments.
109 My soul is continually in your hands;
and I have not forgotten your law.
110 Sinners spread a snare for me;

¹ Brenton has "idle tales"

but I erred not from your commandments.
111 I have inherited your testimonies for ever;
for they are the joy of my heart.
112 I have inclined my heart to perform your ordinances for ever,
in return for your mercies.
113 I have hated transgressors; but I loved your law.
114 You are my helper and my supporter;
I have hoped in your words.
115 Depart from me, you evil-doers;
for I will search out the commandments of my God.
116 Uphold me according to your word and revive me;
and make me not ashamed of my expectation.
117 Help me and I shall be saved;
and I will meditate in your ordinances continually.
118 You have brought to nought all that depart from your ordinances;
for their inward thought is unrighteous.
119 I have reckoned all the sinners of the earth as transgressors;
therefore have I loved your testimonies.
120 Penetrate my flesh with your fear;
for I am afraid of your judgments.
121 I have done judgment and justice;
deliver me not up to those who injure me.
122 Receive your servant for good:
let not the proud accuse me falsely.
123 my eyes have failed for your salvation
and for the word of your righteousness.
124 Deal with your servant according to your mercy
and teach me your ordinances.
125 I am your servant; instruct me
and I shall know your testimonies.
126 It is time for the Lord to work:
they have utterly broken your law.
127 Therefore have I loved your commandments
more than gold, or the topaz.
128 Therefore I directed myself according to all your commandments:
I have hated every unjust way.
129 Your testimonies are wonderful:
therefore my soul has sought them out.
130 The manifestation of your words will enlighten and instruct the simple.
131 I opened my mouth and drew breath:
for I earnestly longed after your commandments.
132 Look upon me and have mercy upon me,
after the manner of those who love your name.
133 Order my steps according to your word:
Let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Deliver me from the false accusation of men:
so will I keep your commandments.
135 Cause your face to shine upon your servant: and teach me your ordinances.
136 my eyes have been bathed in streams of water,
because I have not kept your law.
137 Righteous are you, O Lord and upright are your judgments.
138 You have commanded righteousness and perfect truth, as your testimonies.
139 your zeal has quite wasted me:
because my enemies have forgotten your words.
140 Your word has been very fully tried;

and your servant loves it.
141 I am young and despised:
yet I have not forgotten your ordinances.
142 your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness
and your law is truth.
143 Afflictions and distresses found me:
but your commandments were my meditation.
144 your testimonies are an everlasting righteousness:
instruct me and I shall live.
145 I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord:
I will search out your ordinances.
146 I cried to you; save me and I will keep your testimonies.
147 I arose before the dawn and cried:
I hoped in your words.
148 my eyes prevented the dawn,
that I might meditate on your oracles.
149 Hear my voice, O Lord, according to your mercy;
revive me according to your judgment.
150 They have drawn near who persecuted me unlawfully;
and they are far removed from your law.
151 You are near, O Lord; and all your ways are truth.
152 I have known of old concerning your testimonies,
that you have founded them for ever.
153 Look upon my affliction and rescue me;
for I have not forgotten your law.
154 Plead my cause and ransom me:
revive me because of your word.
155 Salvation is far from sinners:
for they have not searched out your ordinances.
156 your mercies, O Lord, are many:
revive me according to your judgment.
157 Many are those who persecute me and oppress me:
but I have not declined from your testimonies.
158 I beheld men acting foolishly and I pined away;
for they kept not your oracles.
159 Behold, I loved your commandments, O Lord:
revive me in your mercy.
160 The beginning of your words is truth;
and all the judgments of your righteousness endure for ever.
161 Princes persecuted me without a cause,
but my heart feared because of your words.
162 I will exult because of your oracles,
as one that finds much spoil.
163 I hate and abhor unrighteousness;
but I love your law.
164 Seven times in a day have I praised you
because of the judgments of your righteousness.
165 Great peace have those who love your law:
and there is no stumbling-block to them.
166 I waited for your salvation, O Lord
and loved your commandments.
167 My soul has kept your testimonies
and loved them exceedingly.
168 I have kept your commandments and your testimonies;
for all my ways are before you, O Lord.

169 Let my supplication come near before you, O Lord;
 instruct me according to your oracle.
 170 Let my petition come in before you, O Lord;
 deliver me according to your oracle.
 171 Let my lips utter a hymn
 when you shall have taught me your ordinances.
 172 Let my tongue utter your oracles;
 for all your commandments are righteous.
 173 Let your hand be prompt to save me;
 for I have chosen your commandments.
 174 I have longed after your salvation, O Lord;
 and your law is my meditation.
 175 My soul shall live and shall praise you;
 and your judgments shall help me.
 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
 seek your servant; for I have not forgotten your commandments.

120

A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)

120:1 In my affliction I cried to the Lord, He listened to me.
 2 Deliver my soul, O Lord, from unjust lips and from a deceitful tongue.
 3 What should be given to you and what should be added to you,
 for your crafty tongue?
 4 Sharpened weapons of the mighty,
 with coals of the desert.
 5 Woe is me, that my wandering is prolonged;
 I have tabernacled among the tents of Kedar.
 6 My soul has long been a sojourner;
 7 I was peaceable among those who hated peace;
 But when I spoke to them, they warred against me without a cause.

121

A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)

121:1 I lifted up my eyes to the mountains,
 from where my help shall come.
 2 My help shall come from the Lord,
 who made the heaven and the earth.
 3 Let not your foot be moved;
 Let not your keeper slumber.
 4 Behold, he that keeps Israel shall not slumber nor sleep.
 5 The Lord shall keep you:
 the Lord is your shelter upon your right hand.
 6 The sun shall not burn you by day,
 neither the moon by night.
 7 May the Lord preserve you from all evil:
 the Lord shall keep your soul.
 8 The Lord shall keep your coming in and your going out,
 from henceforth and even forevermore.

122*A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)*

122:1 I was glad when I heard them say:
 Let us go into the house of the Lord!
 2 And now our feet are standing
 in your courts, O Jerusalem.
 3 Jerusalem is built as a city
 Strongly united.
 4 For to that place the tribes went up,
 the tribes of the Lord,
 as a testimony for Israel,
 to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
 5 For there are set thrones for judgment,
 even thrones for the house of David.
 6 Pray now for the peace of Jerusalem:
 Let there be prosperity to those who love you.
 7 Let peace, I pray, be within your host
 and prosperity in your palaces.
 8 For the sake of my brothers and my neighbors,
 I have spoken peace concerning you.
 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God,
 I make petitions for your well-being.

123*A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)*

123:1 To you who dwell in heaven have I lifted up my eyes.
 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants are directed to the hands of their masters
 and as the eyes of a maidservant to the hands of her mistress;
 so our eyes are directed to the Lord our God,
 until he has mercy upon us.
 3 Have pity upon us, O Lord, have pity upon us:
 for we are exceedingly filled with scorn.
 4 Yes, our soul has been exceedingly filled with it:
 [but] let the shame be on those who are at ease
 and contempt on the proud.

124*A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)*

124:1 If it had not been that the Lord was among us,
 let Israel now say; 2 if it had not been that the Lord was among us
 when men rose up against us;
 3 truly they would have swallowed us up alive
 when their wrath was kindled against us:
 4 truly the water would have drowned us,
 our soul would have gone under the torrent.
 5 Yes, our soul would have gone under the overwhelming water.
 6 Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us for a prey to their teeth.
 7 Our soul has been delivered as a sparrow from the snare of the fowlers:
 the snare is broken and we are delivered.

8 Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

125

A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)

125:1 Those who trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion:
 he that dwells in Jerusalem shall never be moved.
 2 As the mountains are around her so is the Lord around his people,
 from henceforth and even forevermore.
 3 For the Lord will not allow the rod of sinners
 to be upon the lot of the righteous;
 for fear that the righteous should stretch forth their hands to iniquity.
 4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good
 and to those who are upright in heart.
 5 But those who turn aside to crooked ways
 the Lord will lead away with the workers of iniquity:
 but peace shall be upon Israel.

126

A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)

126:1 When the Lord turned the captivity of Zion,
 we became as comforted ones.
 2 Then was our mouth filled with joy
 and our tongue with exultation:
 then would they say among the Gentiles,
 3 The Lord has done great things among them.
 The Lord has done great things for us, we became joyful.
 4 Turn, O Lord, our captivity, as the streams in the south.
 5 Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.
 6 They went on and wept as they cast their seeds;
 but they shall surely come with exultation,
 bringing their sheaves with them.

127

A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)

127:1 Except the Lord build the house,
 those who build labor in vain:
 except the Lord keep the city,
 the watchman watches in vain.
 2 It is vain for you to rise early:
 you rise up after resting,
 you that eat the bread of grief;
 while he gives sleep to his beloved.
 3 Behold, the inheritance of the Lord,
 children, the reward of the fruit of the womb.
 4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty man;
 so are the children of those who were outcasts.
 5 Blessed is the man who shall satisfy his desire with them:
 they shall not be ashamed
 when they shall speak to their enemies in the gates.

128*A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)*

128:1 Blessed are all those who fear the Lord;
 who walk in his ways.
 2 You shall eat the labors of your hands:
 blessed are you and it shall be well with you.
 3 Your wife shall be as a fruitful vine
 on the sides of your house:
 your children as young olive-plants
 [all] around your table.
 4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed that fears the Lord.
 5 May the Lord bless you out of Zion;
 and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
 6 And may you see your children's children.
 Peace be upon Israel!

129*A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)*

129:1 Often have they warred against me from my youth,
 let Israel now say:
 2 Often have they warred against me from my youth:
 and yet they prevailed not against me.
 3 The sinners have schemed upon my back:
 they have extended their wickedness.
 4 The righteous Lord has cut asunder the necks of sinners.
 5 Let all that hate Zion be put to shame and turned back.
 6 Let them be as the grass of the house-tops,
 which withers before it is plucked up.
 7 By which the reaper fills not his hand,
 nor he that makes up the sheaves, his bosom.
 8 Neither do those who go by say,
 The blessing of the Lord be upon you:
 we have blessed you in the name of the Lord!

130*A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)*

130:1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord.
 2 O Lord, hearken to my voice;
 let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
 3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
 O Lord, who shall stand?
 4 For with you is forgiveness:
 for your name's sake 5 have I waited for you, O Lord,
 my soul has waited for your word.
 6 My soul has hoped in the Lord;
 from the morning watch till night.
 7 Let Israel hope in the Lord:
 for with the Lord is mercy and with him is plenteous redemption.
 8 He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

131*A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)*

131:1 O Lord, my heart is not exalted,
 neither have my eyes been haughtily raised:
 neither have I exercised myself in great matters,
 nor in things too wonderful for me.
 2 If I have not been humble-minded,
 but exalted my soul as a weaned child is to his mother,
 so will you recompense my soul.¹
 3 Let Israel hope in the Lord,
 from henceforth and forevermore.

132*A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)*

132:1 Lord, remember David and all his meekness:
 2 how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the God of Jacob,
 saying: 3 I will not go into the tabernacle of my house;
 I will not go up to the couch of my bed;
 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes,
 nor slumber to my eyelids, nor rest to my temples,
 5 until I find a place for the Lord, a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.
 6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephratha; we found it in the fields of the wood.
 7 Let us enter into his tabernacles:
 let us worship at the place where his feet stood.
 8 Arise, O Lord, into your rest; you and the ark of your holiness.
 9 Your priests shall clothe themselves with righteousness;
 and your saints shall exult.
 10 For the sake of your servant David
 turn not away the face of your anointed.
 11 What the Lord swore in truth to David, he will not revoke,
 saying: Of the fruit of your body will I set a king upon your throne.
 12 If your children will keep my covenant
 and these my testimonies which I shall teach them,
 their children also shall sit upon your throne for ever.
 13 For the Lord has elected Zion,
 he has chosen her for a habitation for himself,
 saying: 14 This is my rest for ever:
 here will I dwell; for I have chosen it.
 15 I will surely bless her provision:
 I will satisfy her poor with bread.
 16 I will clothe her priests with salvation;
 and her saints shall greatly exult.
 17 There will I cause to spring up a horn to David:
 I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
 18 His enemies will I clothe with a shame;
 but upon himself shall my holiness flourish.

¹ Brenton has "I shall have sinned if I have not been humble, but have exalted my soul: according to the relation of a weaned child to his mother, so will you recompense my soul"

133*A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)*

133:1 See now! what is so good, or what so pleasant,
as for brothers to dwell together?

2 It is as ointment on the head,
that ran down to the beard, even the beard of Aaron;
that ran down to the fringe of his clothing.

3 As the dew of Aermom, that comes down on the mountains of Zion:
for there, the Lord bestowed¹ the blessing, even life for ever.

134*A Song of Degrees (Song of Ascent)*

134:1 Behold now, bless you the Lord,
all the servants of the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God.

2 Lift up your hands by night in the sanctuaries and bless the Lord.

3 May the Lord, who made heaven and earth, bless you out of Zion.

135*Alleluia*

135:1 Praise the name of the Lord;
praise the Lord, you his servants,

2 who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Praise you the Lord; for the Lord is good:
sing praises to his name; for it is good.

4 For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself
and Israel for his own treasure.

5 For I know that the Lord is great
and our Lord is above all gods;

6 all that the Lord willed, he did in heaven and on the earth,
in the sea and in all deeps.

7 Who brings up clouds from the extremity of the earth:
he has made lightnings for the rain:
he brings winds out of his treasures.

8 Who stroke the first-born of Egypt, both of man and beast.

9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt,
on Pharaoh and on all his servants.

10 Who stroke many nations and killed mighty kings;

11 Seon of the Amorites, Og of Basan and all the kingdoms of C'anaan:

12 and gave their land for an inheritance,
an inheritance to Israel his people.

13 O Lord, your name endures for ever
and your memorial to all generations.

14 For the Lord shall judge his people
and comfort himself concerning his servants.

¹ Brenton has "commanded"

15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold,
the works of human hands.
16 They have a mouth, but they cannot speak;
they have eyes, but they cannot see;
17 they have ears, but they cannot hear;
for there is no breath in their mouth.
18 Let those who make them be made like to them;
and all those who trust in them.
19 O house of Israel, bless the Lord:
O house of Aaron, bless the Lord:
20 O house of Levi, bless the Lord:
you that fear the Lord, bless the Lord.
21 Blessed in Zion be the Lord,
He who dwells in Jerusalem!

136

Alleluia

136:1 Give thanks to the Lord: for he is good:
for his mercy endures for ever.
2 Give thanks to the God of gods;
for his mercy endures for ever.
3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords:
for his mercy endures for ever.
4 To him who along has accomplished great wonders:
for his mercy endures for ever.
5 To him who made the heavens by understanding;
for his mercy endures for ever.
6 To him who established the earth on the waters;
for his mercy endures for ever.
7 To him who alone made great lights;
for his mercy endures for ever.
8 The sun to rule by day;
for his mercy endures for ever.
9 The moon and the stars to rule the night;
for his mercy endures for ever.
10 To him who stroke Egypt with their first-born;
for his mercy endures for ever.
11 And brought Israel out of the midst of them;
for his mercy endures for ever:
12 with a strong hand and a high arm:
for his mercy endures for ever.
13 To him who divided the Red Sea into parts:
for his mercy endures for ever:
14 and brought Israel through the midst of it:
for his mercy endures for ever:
15 and overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea:
for his mercy endures for ever.
16 To him who led his people through the wilderness:
for his mercy endures for ever.
17 To him who stroke great kings:
for his mercy endures for ever:
18 and killed mighty kings;
for his mercy endures for ever:

19 Seon king of the Amorites:
for his mercy endures for ever:
20 and Og king of Basan:
for his mercy endures for ever:
21 and gave their land for an inheritance:
for his mercy endures for ever:
22 even an inheritance to Israel his servant:
for his mercy endures for ever.
23 For the Lord remembered us in our low estate;
for his mercy endures for ever:
24 and redeemed us from our enemies;
for his mercy endures for ever.
25 Who gives food to all flesh;
for his mercy endures for ever.
26 Give thanks to the God of heaven;
for his mercy endures for ever.

137

For David, a Psalm of Jeremias.

137:1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat;
and wept when we remembered Zion.
2 We hung our harps on the willows in the midst of it.
3 For there those who had taken us captive asked of us the words of a song;
and those who had carried us away asked a hymn, saying:
Sing us one of the songs of Zion.
4 How should we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?
5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill.
6 May my tongue cleave to my throat, if I do not remember you;
if I do not prefer Jerusalem as the chief of my joy.
7 Remember, O Lord, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem;
those who said: ruin it, ruin it, even to its foundations!
8 Wretched daughter of Babylon!
Blessed shall he be who shall reward you as you have rewarded us.
9 Blessed shall he be who shall seize and dash your infants against the rock.

138

A Psalm for David, of Aggaeus and Zacharias

138:1 I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
and I will sing psalms to you before the angels;
for you have heard all the words of my mouth.
2 I will worship toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name,
on account of your mercy and your truth;
for you have magnified your holy name above every thing.
3 In any day that I shall call upon you,
hear me speedily; you shall abundantly provide me with your power in my soul.
4 Let all the kings of the earth, O Lord,
give thanks to you; for they have heard all the words of your mouth.
5 Let them sing in the ways of the Lord;
for great is the glory of the Lord.
6 For the Lord is high and yet regards the lowly;

He knows high things from a distance.

7 Though I should walk in the midst of affliction, you will revive me; you have stretched forth your hands against the wrath of my enemies and your right hand has saved me.

8 O Lord, you shall recompense¹ on my behalf: your mercy, O Lord, endures for ever: do not neglect the works of your hands.

139

For the end, a Psalm of David

139:1 O Lord, you have tested me and known me.

2 You know my sitting down and my arising: you understand my thoughts long before [I know them].

3 You have traced my path and my bed and have foreseen all my ways.

4 For there is no unrighteous word in my tongue: behold, O Lord, you have known all things, 5 the last and the first: you have fashioned me and laid your hand upon me.

6 The knowledge of you is too wonderful for me; it is very difficult, I cannot attain to it.

7 Where shall I go from your Spirit?

And where shall I flee from my presence?

8 If I should go up to heaven, you are there: if I should go down to hades, you are present.

9 If I should spread my wings to fly away to sojourn at the extremity of the sea, it would be vain, 10 for even there your hand would guide me and your right hand would hold me.

11 When I said: Surely the darkness will cover me; even the night was light in my luxury.

12 For darkness will not be darkness with you; but night will be light as day: its darkness shall be as light to you.

13 For you, O Lord, have possessed my reins; you have helped me from my mother's womb.

14 I will give you thanks; for you are fearfully wondrous; wondrous are your works; and my soul knows it well.

15 My bones, which you made in secret were not hidden from you, nor my substance, in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my unfinished being and all men shall be written in your book; they shall be formed by day, though for a time there should be no one among them.

17 But your friends, O God, have been greatly honored by me; their rule has been greatly strengthened.

18 I will number them and they shall be multiplied beyond the sand; I awake and am still with you.

19 Oh that you would kill the wicked, O God; depart from me, you men of blood.

20 For you will say concerning their thought, that they shall take your cities in vain.

21 Have I not hated them, O Lord, those who hate you? And wasted away because of your enemies?

¹ Brenton has "recompense them"

22 I have hated them with perfect hatred;
 those who were counted as my enemies.
 23 Prove me, O God and know my heart;
 examine me and know my paths;
 24 and see if there is any way of iniquity in me
 and lead me in an everlasting way.

140

For the end, a Psalm of David

140:1 Rescue me, O Lord, from the evil man;
 deliver me from the unjust man.
 2 Who have devised injustice in their hearts;
 all the day they prepared war.
 3 They have sharpened their tongue as the tongue of a serpent;
 the poison of vipers is under their lips.
 4 Keep me, O Lord, from the hand of the sinner;
 rescue me from unjust men; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.
 5 The proud have hidden a snare for me,
 they have stretched out ropes as snares for my feet;
 they set a stumbling-block for me near the path.
 6 I said to the Lord, You are my God;
 hearken, O Lord, to the voice of my supplication.
 7 O Lord God, the strength of my salvation;
 you have protected my head in the day of battle.
 8 Deliver me not, O Lord, to the sinner, according to my desire:
 they have devised mischief against me;
 forsake me not, for fear that they should be exalted.
 9 As for the head of those who surround me,
 the mischief of their lips shall cover them.
 10 Coals of fire shall fall upon them on the earth;
 and you shall cast them down in afflictions:
 they shall not bear up under them.
 11 A talkative man shall not prosper on the earth:
 evils shall hunt the unrighteous man to destruction.
 12 I know that the Lord will uphold
 the cause of the poor and the right of the needy ones.
 13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name:
 the upright shall dwell in your presence.

141

A Psalm of David

141:1 O Lord, I have cried to you;
 hear me: attend to the voice of my supplication when I cry to you.
 2 Let my prayer arise before you as incense;
 the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.
 3 Set a watch, O Lord, on my mouth
 and a strong door about by lips.
 4 Incline not my heart to evil things,
 to find pretexts for sins,
 with me who work iniquity let me not unite with their choice ones.
 5 The righteous shall chasten me with mercy and reprove me:

but let not the oil of the sinner anoint my head:
 for yet shall my prayer also be in their pleasures.
 6 Their mighty ones have been swallowed up near the rock:
 they shall hear my words, for they are sweet.
 7 As a lump of earth is crushed upon the ground,
 our bones have been scattered by the mouth of the grave.
 8 For my eyes are to you, O Lord God:
 I have hoped in you do not take away my life.
 9 Keep me from the snare which they have set for me
 and from the stumbling blocks of those who work iniquity.
 10 Sinners shall fall by their own net:
 I am alone until I shall escape.

142

A Psalm of instruction for David when he was in the cave, —a Prayer

142:1 I cried to the Lord with my voice;
 with my voice I made supplication to the Lord.
 2 I will pour out before him my supplication:
 I will declare before him my affliction.
 3 When my spirit was fainting within me,
 then you knew my paths;
 in the very way by which I was walking,
 they hid a snare for me.
 4 I looked on my right hand and behold,
 for there was none that noticed me;
 there was no refuge to be found;
 and there was none that cared for my soul.
 5 I cried to you, O Lord and said:
 You are my hope, my portion in the land of the living.
 6 Attend to my supplication, for I am brought very low;
 deliver me from my persecutors for they are stronger than I.
 7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name,
 O Lord; the righteous shall wait for me,
 until you recompense me.

143

A Psalm of David when his son pursued him

143:1 O Lord, attend to my prayer:
 hearken to my supplication in your truth; hear me in your righteousness.
 2 Do not enter into judgment with your servant,
 for in your sight shall no man living be justified.
 3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul;
 he has brought my life down to the ground;
 he has made me to dwell in a dark place,
 as those who have been long dead.
 4 Therefore my spirit was grieved in me;
 my heart was troubled within me.
 5 I remembered the days of old;
 and I meditated on all your doings:
 yes, I meditated on the works of your hands.
 6 I spread forth my hands to you;

my soul thirsts for you, as a dry land. *Pause.*

7 Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit has failed;
turn not away your face from me,
else I shall be like to those who go down to the pit.
8 Cause me to hear your mercy in the morning;
for I have hoped in you;
make known to me, O Lord, the way by which I should walk;
for I have lifted up my soul to you.
9 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord;
for I have fled to you for refuge.
10 Teach me to do your will; for you are my God;
your good Spirit shall guide me in the straight way.
11 You shall revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake;
in your righteousness you shall bring my soul out of affliction.
12 In your mercy you will destroy my enemies
and destroy all those who afflict my soul, for I am your servant.

144

A Psalm of David concerning Goliath

144:1 Blessed be the Lord my God,
who instructs my hands for battle and my fingers for war.
2 My mercy and my refuge; my helper and my deliverer;
my protector, in whom I have trusted; who subdues my people under me.
3 Lord, what is man, that you are made known to him?
Or the son of man, that you should take him into account?
4 Man is like vanity:
his days pass as a shadow.
5 O Lord, bow your heavens and come down:
touch the mountains and they shall smoke.
6 Send lightning and you shall scatter them:
send forth your arrows and you shall defeat them.
7 Send forth your hand from on high;
rescue me and deliver me out of great waters,
out of the hand of strange children;
8 whose mouth has spoken vanity and their right hand is a right hand of iniquity.
9 O God, I will sing a new song to you:
I will play to you on a psaltery of ten strings.
10 Even to him who gives salvation to kings:
who redeems his servant David from the hurtful sword.
11 Deliver me and rescue me from the hand of strange children,
whose mouth has spoken vanity and their right hand is a right hand of iniquity;
12 whose children are as plants, strengthened in their youth:
their daughters are beautiful, sumptuously adorned like a temple.
13 Their garners are full and bursting with every kind of good;
their sheep are prolific, multiplying in their streets.
14 Their oxen are fat: there is no falling down of a hedge,
nor going out, nor cry in their folds.
15 Men bless the people to whom this lot belongs,
but blessed is the people whose God is the Lord.

145*David's Psalm of praise*

145:1 I will exalt you, my God, my king;
and I will bless your name unto ages of ages.
2 Every day will I bless you and praise your name
unto ages of ages.
3 The Lord is great and greatly to be praised;
and there is no end to his greatness.
4 Generation after generation shall praise your works
and tell of your power.
5 They shall speak of the glorious majesty of your holiness
and recount your wonders.
6 They shall speak of the power of your terrible acts;
and recount your greatness.
7 They shall utter the memory of your overflowing goodness
and shall exult in your righteousness.
8 The Lord is compassionate and merciful;
long suffering and abundant in mercy.
9 The Lord is good to those who wait on him;
and his compassions are over all his works.
10 Let all your works, O Lord, give thanks to you;
Let your saints bless you.
11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and talk of your dominion;
12 to make known to the sons of men
your power and the glorious majesty of your kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom
and your dominion endures through all generations.
The Lord is faithful in his words
and holy in all his works.
14 The Lord supports all that are falling
and sets up all that are broken down.
15 The eyes of all wait upon you;
and you give them their food in due season.
16 You open your hands and fill every living thing with pleasure.
17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways and holy in all his works.
18 The Lord is near to all that call upon him,
to all that call upon him in truth.
19 He will perform the desire of those who fear him:
He will hear their supplication and save them.
20 The Lord preserves all that love him:
but all sinners he will utterly destroy.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:
Let all flesh bless his holy name unto ages of ages.

146*Alleluia, a Psalm of Aggaeus and Zacharias*

146:1 My soul, praise the Lord.
2 While I live will I praise the Lord:
I will sing praises to my God as long as I exist.
3 Trust not in princes, nor in the children of men,

in whom there is no safety.
 4 His breath shall go forth, He shall return to his earth;
 in that day all his thoughts shall perish.
 5 Blessed is he whose helper is the God of Jacob,
 whose hope is in the Lord his God:
 6 who made heaven and earth,
 the sea and all things in them: who keeps truth for ever:
 7 who executes judgment for those who have been wronged:
 who gives food to the hungry.
 The Lord gives freedom to those in chains:
 8 the Lord gives wisdom to the blind:
 The Lord sets up the broken down:
 the Lord loves the righteous:
 the Lord preserves the strangers;
 9 he will relieve the orphan and widow:
 but he will utterly remove the way of sinners.
 10 The Lord shall reign for ever,
 even your God, O Zion, to all generations.

147 MT (1-11 = 146 LXX)

Alleluia, a Psalm of Aggaeus and Zacharias

147:1 Praise the Lord: for psalmody is a good thing;
 let praise be sweetly sung to our God.
 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
 He will gather together the dispersed of Israel.
 3 He heals the broken in heart
 and binds up their wounds.
 4 He numbers the multitudes of stars;
 and calls them all by name.
 5 Great is our Lord and great is his strength;
 and his understanding is infinite.
 6 The Lord lifts up the meek;
 but brings sinners down to the ground.
 7 Begin the song with thanksgiving to the Lord;
 sing praises on the harp to our God:
 8 who covers the heaven with clouds,
 who prepares rain for the earth,
 who causes grass to spring up on the mountains,
 [and green herb for the service of men;]
 9 and gives cattle their food
 and to the young ravens that call upon him.
 10 He will not take pleasure in the power of a horse;
 neither is he well-pleased with the strength¹ of a man.
 11 The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him
 and in all that hope in his mercy.

Alleluia, a Psalm of Aggaeus and Zacharias.

¹ Greek "legs"

147 LXX BEGINS

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem;
 praise your God, O Zion.
 13 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
 he has blessed your children within you.
 14 He makes your borders peaceful
 and fills you with the flour of wheat.
 15 He sends his oracle to the earth:
 his word will run swiftly.
 16 He gives snow like wool:
 he scatters the mist like ashes.
 17 Casting forth his ice like morsels:
 who shall stand before his cold?
 18 He shall send out his word and melt them:
 he shall blow with his wind and the waters shall flow.
 19 He sends his word to Jacob,
 his ordinances and judgments to Israel.
 20 He has not done so to any other nation;
 He has not shown them his judgments.

148 MT = 148 LXX

Alleluia, a Psalm of Aggaeus and Zacharias

148:1 Praise you the Lord from the heavens:
 praise him in the highest.
 2 Praise you him, all his angels:
 praise you him, all his armies.
 3 Praise him, sun and moon;
 praise him, all you stars and light.
 4 Praise him, you heavens of heavens
 and the water that is above the heavens.
 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
 for he spoke and they were made;
 he commanded and they were created.
 6 He has established them for ever,
 even unto ages of ages:
 he has made an ordinance and it shall not pass away.
 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you serpents and all deeps.
 8 Fire, hail, snow, ice, stormy wind;
 the things that accomplish his word.
 9 Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars:
 10 wild beasts and all cattle;
 reptiles and winged birds:
 11 kings of the earth and all peoples;
 princes and all judges of the earth:
 12 young men and virgins, old men with youths:
 13 let them praise the name of the Lord:
 for only his name is exalted;
 his praise is above the earth and heaven,
 14 He shall exalt the horn of his people,
 there is a hymn for all his saints,
 even of the children of Israel, a people who draw near to him.

149 MT = 149 LXX*Alleluia*

149:1 Sing to the Lord a new song:
his praise is in the assembly of the saints.
2 Let Israel rejoice in the one that made him;
Let the children of Zion exult in their king.
3 Let them praise his name in the dance:
let them sing praises to him with timbrel and psaltery.
4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he will exalt the meek with salvation.
5 The saints shall rejoice in glory;
And they shall exult on their beds.
6 The high praises of God shall be in their throat
and two-edged swords in their hands;
7 to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments among the peoples;
8 to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with handcuffs of iron;
9 to execute on them the judgment written:
this honor is reserved to all his saints.

150 MT = 150 LXX*Alleluia*

150:1 Praise God in his holy places:
praise him in the firmament of his power.
2 Praise him on account of his mighty acts:
praise him according to his abundant greatness.
3 Praise him with the sound of a trumpet:
praise him with psaltery and harp.
4 Praise him with timbrel and dance:
praise him with stringed instruments and the organ.
5 Praise him with melodious cymbals:
praise him with loud cymbals.
6 Let every thing that has breath praise the Lord.

151 LXX ONLY

This Psalm is a genuine one of David, though supernumerary, composed when he fought in single combat with Goliath.

151:1 I was small among my brothers and youngest in my father's house:
I tended my father's sheep.
2 My hands formed a musical instrument and my fingers tuned a psaltery.
3 Who shall tell my Lord? The Lord himself, he himself hears.
5 He sent forth his angel and took me from my father's sheep,
He anointed me with the oil of his anointing.
5 My brothers were handsome and tall;
but the Lord did not take pleasure in them.
6 I went forth to meet the Philistine, who cursed me by his idols.
7 But I drew his own sword and beheaded him,
I took away the shame from the children of Israel.

152*Prayer of Manasses*

1:1 O Lord, Almighty God of our fathers,
Abra'am, Isaac and Jacob and of their righteous seed;
2 who made heaven and earth with all their ornament;
3 who bound the sea by the word of your command;
who shut up the abyss and sealed it by your awesome and glorious name;
4 whom all men fear and tremble before your power;
5 for the majesty of your glory cannot be borne
and your angry threatening toward sinners is unbearable:
6 but your merciful promise is unmeasurable and unsearchable;
7 for you are the Most High Lord, of great compassion,
longsuffering, very merciful and repent of the evils of men.
You O Lord, according to your great goodness
have promised repentance and forgiveness to those who have sinned against you:
in your infinite mercies you have appointed repentance to sinners,
so that they may be saved.
8 You therefore, O Lord, that are the God of the just,
have not appointed repentance to the just,
as to Abra'am and Isaac and Jacob, which have not sinned against you;
but you have appointed repentance to me that am a sinner:
9 for I have sinned above the number of the sands of the sea.
My transgressions, O Lord, are multiplied:
my transgressions are multiplied and I am not worthy
to behold and see the height of heaven because of my countless iniquities.
10 I am bowed down with many iron bands,
So that I cannot lift up my head or have any release:
for I have provoked your wrath and done evil before you:
I did not your will, neither kept I your commandments:
I have set up abominations and have multiplied offences.
11 Now, therefore I bow the knee of my heart,
beseeching you of grace.
12 I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned and I acknowledge my iniquities:
13 why then, I humbly beseech you, forgive me, O Lord,
forgive me and destroy me not with my iniquities.
Be not angry with me for ever by reserving evil for me;
neither condemn me to the lower parts of the earth.
Indeed you are the God, even the God of those who repent;
14 and in me you will show all your goodness:
for you will save me though I am unworthy,
according to your great mercy.
15 Therefore I will praise you for ever
all the days of my life:
for all the powers of the heavens do praise you
and yours is the glory unto ages of ages. Amen.