

The Book of  
**Psalms**

**First Kathisma**

**Psalm 1.**

**B**lessed is the man that has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seat of the pestilent.

2 But his will is rather in the law of the Lord, and in His law will he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like the tree which is planted by the streams of the waters, which shall bring forth its fruit in its season; and its leaf shall not fall, and all things whatever he may do shall prosper.

4 Not so are the ungodly, not so; but rather they are like the chaff which the wind does hurl away from the face of the earth.

5 For this reason shall the ungodly not stand up in judgment, nor sinners in the council of the righteous. 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**Psalm 2**

**A Psalm of David,**

**W**hy have the heathen raged and the people meditated on empty things?

2 The kings of the earth were aroused, and the rulers were assembled together, against the Lord, and against His Christ.

*Interlude by Chant*

3 Let us break their bonds, and let us cast away their yoke from us.

4 He that lives in the heavens shall laugh them to scorn and the Lord shall deride them.

5 Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and in His anger shall He trouble them.

6 It was I who was established as king by Him, upon Zion His holy mountain,

7 proclaiming the commandment of the Lord. The Lord said unto me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee.

8 Ask of Me, and I will give Thee the nations for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession.

### Psalm 3

9 Thou shalt herd them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt shatter them like a potter's vessels.

10 And now, O ye kings, understand; be instructed, all ye that judge the earth.

11 Serve ye the Lord with fear, and rejoice in Him with trembling.

12 Lay hold of instruction, lest at any time the Lord is angry, and ye perish from the righteous way.

13 When quickly His wrath is kindled, blessed are all that have put their trust in Him.

### Psalm 3

**A Psalm of David. When He Fled from the Face of Absalom His Son, in the Wilderness,**

**O** Lord, why are they multiplied that afflict me? Many rise up against me.

3 Many say unto my soul: There is no salvation for him in his God.

*Interlude by Chant*

4 But Thou, O Lord, art my helper, my glory, and the one who lifts up of my head.

5 I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy mountain.

*Interlude by Chant*

6 I laid me down and slept; then I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

7 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that set themselves against me all around.

8 Arise, O Lord, save me, O my God, for Thou has struck all who without cause are mine enemies; the teeth of sinners has Thou broken.

9 The salvation of the Lord and Thy blessing is upon Thy people.

*Glory.*

### Psalm 4

**For the End: An Ode of David among the Psalms.**

**W**hen I called upon Thee, O God of my righteousness, Thou didst hearken unto me; in mine affliction Thou hast enlarged me. Have compassion on me and hear my prayer.

## Psalm 5

3 O ye sons of men, how long will ye be heavy of heart? Why do ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood?

*Interlude by Chant*

4 Know also that the Lord has made wondrous His holy one; the Lord will hearken unto me when I cry unto Him.

5 Be angry, and sin not; feel compunction upon your beds for what ye say in your hearts.

*Interlude by Chant*

6 Sacrifice a sacrifice of righteousness, and hope in the Lord.

7 Many say: Who will show unto us good things? The light of Thy face, O Lord,

8 has been shined upon us; Thou have given gladness to my heart. From the fruit of their wheat, wine, and oil are they multiplied.

9 In peace in the same place I shall lay me down and sleep. For Thou, O Lord, alone has made me to live in hope.

## Psalm 5

### For the End: A Psalm of David for Her That Obtained the Inheritance

**U**nto my words, give ear, O Lord; hear my cry.

3 Attend unto the voice of my supplication, O my King and my God; for unto Thee will I pray, O Lord.

4 In the morning Thou shall hear my voice. In the morning shall I stand before Thee, and Thou shall look upon me;

5 for not a God that allows iniquity art Thou.

6 He that works evil shall not live near Thee, nor shall transgressors abide before Thine eyes. Thou has hated all them that work iniquity;

7 Thou shall destroy all them that speak a lie. A man that is bloody and deceitful shall the Lord abhor.

8 But as for me, in the multitude of Thy mercy shall I go into Thy house; I shall worship toward Thy holy temple in fear of Thee.

9 O Lord, guide me in the way of Thy righteousness; because of mine enemies, make straight my way before Thee.

10 For in their mouth there is no truth; their heart is vain. Their throat is an open sepulcher, with their tongues have they spoken deceitfully;

## Psalm 6

11 judge them, O God. Let them fall down on account of their own devising; according to the multitude of their ungodliness, cast them out, for they have embittered Thee, O Lord.

12 And let all them be glad that hope in Thee; they shall ever rejoice, and Thou shall live among them. And all shall glory in Thee that love Thy name.

13 For Thou shall bless the righteous. O Lord, as with a shield of Thy good pleasure has Thou crowned us.

## Psalm 6

**For the End: A Psalm of David among the Hymns for the Eighth.**

**O** Lord, do not rebuke me in Thine anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath.

3 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak. Heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled,

4 and my soul is troubled greatly; and Thou, O Lord, how long?

5 Turn to me again, O Lord, deliver my soul; save me for Thy mercy's sake.

6 For in death there is none that is mindful of Thee, and in Hades who will confess Thee?

7 I toiled in my groaning; every night I will wash my bed, with tears will I water my couch.

8 Through wrath is mine eye become troubled, I have grown old among all mine enemies.

9 Depart from me all ye that work vanity, for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping.

10 The Lord has heard my supplication; the Lord has received my prayer.

11 Let all mine enemies be greatly put to shame and be troubled, let them be turned back, and speedily be greatly put to shame.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 7

**A Psalm of David. Which He Sang unto the Lord Concerning the Words of Chusi, the Son of Jemeni.**

**O** Lord my God, in Thee have I put my hope; save me from them that persecute me, and do Thou deliver me.

## Psalm 8

3 Lest at any time like a lion he seize my soul, when there is none to redeem me, or to save.

4 O Lord, my God, if I have done this, if there be injustice in my hands,

5 If I have paid back evil to them that rendered evil unto me, then let me fall back empty from mine enemies.

6 Then let the enemy pursue my soul, and take it, and let him tread down my life into the earth, and my glory let him bring down into the dust.

*Interlude by Chant*

7 Arise, O Lord, in Thine anger, exalt Thyself to the furthest boundaries of Thine enemies. And arouse Thyself, O Lord my God, in the commandment which Thou have enjoined,

8 and a congregation of peoples shall surround Thee. And for their sakes return Thou on high.

9 The Lord shall judge the peoples. Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine innocence within me.

10 Let the wickedness of sinners be ended, and do Thou guide the righteous man, O God, that searches out the hearts and reins.

11 Righteous is my help from God, Who saves them who are upright of heart.

12 God is a judge that is righteous, strong and forbearing, and do not inflict wrath every day.

13 Unless ye be converted, His glittering broadsword shall He furbish; He has bent His bow, and has made it ready.

14 And on it He has made ready the instruments of death, His arrows for them that rage hotly has He perfected.

15 Behold, he was in travail with unrighteousness, he has conceived toil and brought forth iniquity.

16 He opened a pit and dug it, and he shall fall into the hole which he hath made.

17 His toil shall turn upon his own head, and upon his own pate shall his unrighteousness come down.

18 I will give praise unto the Lord according to His righteousness, and I will chant unto the name of the Lord Most High.

## Psalm 8

**For the End: A Psalm of David Concerning the Winepresses.**

## Psalm 9

**O** Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is Thy name in all the earth! For Thy magnificence is lifted high above the heavens.

3 Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings have Thou perfected praise, because of Thine enemies, to destroy the enemy and avenger.

4 For I will behold the heavens, the works of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou has founded.

5 What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? Or the Son of Man, that Thou visited him?

6 Thou have made Him a little lower than the angels; with glory and honor have Thou crowned Him,

7 and Thou has set Him over the works of Thy hands. All things has Thou subjected under His feet,

8 sheep, and all oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea, the things that pass through the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is Thy name in all the earth!

*Glory.*

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### Psalm 9

**For the End: A Psalm of David Concerning the Hidden Things of the Son.**

**I** will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, I will tell of all Thy wonders.

3 I will be glad and rejoice in Thee, I will chant unto Thy name, O Most High.

4 When mine enemy be turned back, they shall grow weak and shall perish before Thy face,

5 For Thou has maintained my judgment and my cause; Thou has sat upon a throne, O Thou that judges righteousness.

6 Thou have rebuked the heathen, and the ungodly man hath perished; his name Thou have blotted out forever, and unto ages of ages.

7 The broadswords of the enemy have utterly failed, and his cities Thou have destroyed. The remembrance of him has perished with a resounding noise,

8 but the Lord always abides. In judgment has He prepared His throne,

9 and He himself will judge the world in righteousness; He will judge the peoples in uprightness.

## Psalm 9

10 And the Lord is become a refuge for the poor man, a helper in times of well-being and in afflictions.

11 And let them that know Thy name hope in Thee, for Thou hast not forsaken them that seek Thee, O Lord.

12 Chant unto the Lord Who lives in Zion, proclaim ye His ways among the nations.

13 For He that makes enquiry for blood hath remembered them, He hath not forgotten the cry of the paupers.

14 Have mercy on me, O Lord; see my humiliation which I have suffered from mine enemies, O Thou that does rise me up from the gates of death,

15 that I may declare all Thy praises in the gates of the daughter of Zion. We will rejoice in Thy salvation.

16 The heathen are ensnared in the destruction which they have wrought; in this snare which they hid has their foot been caught.

17 The Lord is known by the judgments which He executes; in the works of his own hands hath the sinner been caught.

### *An Ode of an Interlude by Chant*

18 Let sinners be turned away unto Hades, yea, all the nations that are forgetful of God.

19 For the poor man shall not be forgotten to the end; the patience of the paupers shall not perish forever.

20 Arise, O Lord, let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before Thee.

21 O Lord, set a lawgiver over them; let the heathen know that they are but men.

### *Interlude by Chant*

22 Why, O Lord, have Thou gone to stand afar off? Why do Thou overlook us in times of well being and in afflictions?

23 When the ungodly man is arrogant, the poor man burns within; they are caught in the counsels which they devise.

24 For the sinner praises himself in the lusts of his soul, and the unrighteous man likewise blesses himself therein.

25 The sinner hath provoked the Lord; according to the magnitude of his wrath, he does not care; God is not before him.

26 Profane are his ways in every season, Thy judgments are removed from his sight, *and* over all his enemies shall he gain dominion.

## Psalm 10

27 For he said in his heart: I shall not be shaken; from generation to generation shall I be without harm.

28 With cursing is his mouth filled, and with bitterness and deceit; under his tongue are toil and travail.

29 He sits in ambush with the rich in secret places, that he may kill the innocent; his eyes are set upon the poor man.

30 He lies in wait in a secret place like a lion in his den; he lies in wait to seize upon the poor man, to seize upon the poor man when he draws him in.

31 In his snare will he humble himself; he will bow down and fall while gaining dominion over the poor.

32 For he said in his heart: God hath forgotten; He hath turned away His face that He might not see unto the end.

33 Arise, O Lord my God, let Thy hand be lifted high; forget not Thy paupers to the end.

34 Why has the ungodly one provoked God? For he has said in his heart: He will not make enquiry.

35 Thou sees, for Thou understands travail and anger that Thou might deliver him into Thy hands. To Thee hath the beggar been abandoned; for the orphan art Thou a helper. 36 Break Thou the arm of the sinner and of the evil man; his sin shall be sought out and be found no more.

37 The Lord shall be king forever, and unto the ages of ages. Ye heathen shall perish out of His land.

38 The desire of the poor have Thou heard, O Lord; to the preparation of their heart hath Thine ear been attentive.

39 To judge for the orphan and the humble, that man may no more presume to be haughty upon the earth.

## Psalm 10

### For the End: A Psalm of David.

**I**n the Lord have I hoped; how will ye say to my soul: Flee unto the mountains like a sparrow?

2 For behold, the sinners have bent their bow, they have prepared arrows for the quiver, to shoot down in a moonless night the upright of heart.

3 For what Thou has formed they have destroyed; and the righteous man, what has he done?

4 The Lord is in His holy *temple*; the Lord, in heaven is His throne; His eyes are set upon the poor man, His eyelids examine the sons of men.

5 The Lord examines the righteous man and the ungodly; but he that loves unrighteousness hates his own soul.

## Psalm 11

6 He will rain down snares upon sinners; fire and brimstone and wind of tempest shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For the Lord is righteous and has loved righteousness; upon uprightness hath His countenance looked.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 11

### For the End: A Psalm of David for the Eighth.

**S**ave me, O Lord, for a righteous man there is no more; for truths have diminished from the sons of men.

3 Vain things have each man spoken to his neighbor; deceitful lips are in his heart, and in his heart has he spoken evils.

4 Let the Lord destroy all deceitful lips and the tongue that speaks boastful words,

5 which have said: Our tongues will we magnify, our lips are our own. Who is lord over us?

6 Because of the distress of the beggars and the groaning of the poor, now will I arise, says the Lord; I will establish them in salvation, I will be manifest therein.

7 The words of the Lord are pure words, silver that are fired, tried in the earth, brought to purity sevenfold.

8 Thou, O Lord, shall keep us and shall preserve us from this generation, and forevermore.

9 The ungodly walk *all* around; to the measure of Thy loftiness have Thou esteemed the sons of men.

## Psalm 12

### For the End: A Psalm of David.

2 How long, O Lord, will Thou utterly forget me? How long will Thou turn Thy face away from me?

3 How long shall I take counsel in my soul with grieving in my heart by day and by night? How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

4 Look upon me, hear me, O Lord my God; enlighten mine eyes, lest at any time I sleep unto death.

5 Lest at any time mine enemy say: I have prevailed against him. They that afflict me will rejoice if I am shaken; but as for me,

## Psalm 13

6 I have hoped in Thy mercy. My heart will rejoice in Thy salvation. I will sing unto the Lord, Who is my benefactor, and I will chant unto the name of the Lord Most High.

### Psalm 13

#### For the End: A Psalm of David.

**T**he fool has said in his heart: There is no God. They are become corrupt and loathsome in their ways; there is none that doeth good, no not one.

2 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the sons of men, to see if there is any that understand or seek after God.

\* 3 They are all gone astray, they are altogether useless, there is none that does good, no not one.

4 Shall not all they that work iniquity come to understanding? They that eat up my people as they eat bread have not called upon the Lord.

5 There have they feared with fear where there is no fear; for the Lord is in the generation of the righteous.

6 The counsel of the poor man have ye shamed, but the Lord is his hope.

7 Who shall give out of Zion the salvation of Israel? When the Lord hath turned back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice and Israel shall be glad.

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads verse three as follows:

“They are all gone astray, they are altogether useless, there is none that does good, no not one. Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is beneath their lips; whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; anxious are their feet to spill blood; destruction and misery are in their paths; and the path of peace they do not know; there is no fear of God before their eyes.”

*Glory.*

## Psalm 14

#### A Psalm of David.

**O** Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? And who shall dwell in Thy holy mountain?

2 He that walks blameless and works righteousness, speaking truth in his heart,

## Psalm 15

3 who has not spoken deceitfully with his tongue, neither has done evil to his neighbor, nor taken up a reproach against those near him.

4 In his sight he that works evil is set at naught, be he glorified them that fear the Lord. He gives oath to his neighbor, and forswears not.

5 He has not lent his money on usury, and has not received bribes against the innocent. He that does these things shall never be shaken.

### Psalms 15

#### A Pillar of Inscription of David.

**K**eepe me, O Lord, for in Thee have I hoped.

2 I said unto the Lord: Thou art my Lord; for of my goods, no need have Thou.

3 In the saints that are in His earth has the Lord been wondrous; He has wrought all His desires in them.

4 Their infirmities increased; thereupon they hastened. I will not assemble their assemblies of blood, nor will I make remembrance of their name through my lips.

5 The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup. Thou art He that restores mine inheritance unto me.

6 Portions have fallen to me that are among the best, for mine inheritance is most excellent to me.

7 I will bless the Lord Who has given me understanding; moreover, even till night have my reins instructed me.

8 I beheld the Lord ever before me, for He is at my right *hand*, that I might not be shaken.

9 Therefore did my heart rejoice and my tongue was glad; moreover, my flesh shall tabernacle in hope.

10 For Thou will not abandon my soul in Hades, nor will Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou has made known to me the ways of life, Thou will fill me with gladness with Thy countenance; delights are in Thy right *hand* forever.

### Psalm 16

#### A Prayer of David.

**H**earken, O Lord, unto my righteousness, attend unto my supplication. Give ear unto my prayer, which comes not from deceitful lips.

## Psalm 16

2 From before Thy face let my judgment come forth, let mine eyes behold uprightness.

3 Thou have proved my heart, Thou have visited it in the night, Thou have tried me by fire, and unrighteousness was not found in me.

4 That my mouth might not speak of the works of men, for the sake of the words of Thy lips have I kept the ways that are hard.

5 Set my footsteps in Thy paths, that my steps may not be shaken.

6 I have cried for Thou have hearkened unto me, O God. Incline Thine ear unto me, and hearken unto my words.

7 Let Thy mercies be made wonderful, O Thou that saves them that hope in Thee. From them that have resisted Thy right *hand*,

8 keep me, \* O Lord, as the apple of Thine eye. In the shelter of Thy wings will Thou shelter me,

9 from the face of the ungodly which have oppressed me. Mine enemies have surrounded my soul,

10 they have enclosed themselves with their own fat, and their mouth has spoken pride.

11 They that cast me out have now encircled me, they have set their eyes to look askance on the earth.

12 They have taken me as might a lion ready for his prey and as might a lion's whelp that lives in hiding.

13 Arise, O Lord, overtake them and trip their heels; deliver my soul from ungodly men, Thy sword from the enemies of Thy hand.

14 O Lord, from Thy few do Thou separate them from the earth in their life; yea, with Thy hidden treasures hath their belly been filled. They have satisfied themselves like \* swine and have left the remnants to their babes.

15 But as for me, in righteousness shall I appear before Thy face; I shall be filled when Thy glory is made manifest to me.

### Glory.

\* The phrase "O Lord" is omitted from the *Septuagint* text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and the Zoe Brotherhood as well as omitted from *Codex Vaticanus*.

\* *Codex Alexandrinus* and the text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood read: "children". However, *Codex Vaticanus* and *Codex Sinaiticus*, according to Alfred Rahlfs' critical apparatus in his *Septuaginta*, support the reading of "swine".

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Psalm 17

**For the End, for the Child of the Lord, David: What Things He Spoke unto the Lord, Even the Words of this Ode, in the Day Wherein the Lord Delivered Him out of the Hands of All His Enemies, and out of the Hand of Saul; 2 And He Said:**

**I** will love Thee, O Lord, my strength;

3 the Lord is my foundation, and my refuge, and my deliverer. My God is my helper, and I will hope in Him, my defender, and the horn of my salvation, and my helper.

4 With praise will I call upon the name of the Lord, and from mine enemies shall I be saved.

5 The pangs of death surrounded me, and the torrents of iniquity sorely troubled me.

6 The pangs of Hades encircled me, around the snares of death have overtaken me.

7 And in mine affliction I called upon the Lord, and unto my God I cried; He heard my voice out of His holy temple, and my cry before Him shall enter into His ears.

8 And the earth shook and was made to tremble, and the foundations of the mountains were troubled and were shaken, because God was angry with them.

9 There went up smoke in His wrath, and fire from His countenance set all aflame; coals were kindled there from.

10 And He bowed the heavens and came down, and thick darkness was under His feet.

11 And He mounted upon cherubim and flew; He flew upon the wings of the winds.

12 And He made darkness His hiding place, His tabernacle *all* around Him, dark water in the clouds of the air.

13 From the far-shining radiance that was before Him there passed by clouds, hail, and coals of fire.

14 And the Lord thundered out of heaven, and the Most High gave forth His voice.

15 And He sent forth His arrows, and scattered them; and lightning He multiplied, and troubled them sorely.

## Psalm 17

16 And the well-springs of the waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were revealed at Thy rebuke, O Lord, at the on breathing of the spirit of Thy wrath.

17 He sent from on high, and He took me; He received me out of many waters.

18 He will deliver me from mine enemies which are mighty and from them that hate me, for they are stronger than I.

19 They overtook me in the day of mine affliction, and the Lord became my firm support.

20 And He led me forth into a spacious place; He will deliver me, because He desired me.

21 And the Lord will recompense me according to my righteousness, and according to the purity of my hands will He recompense me.

22 For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and I have not acted impiously toward my God.

23 For all his judgments are before me, and His statutes departed not from me.

24 And I shall be blameless with Him, and I shall keep myself from mine iniquity.

25 And the Lord will reward me according to my righteousness and according to the purity of my hands before His eyes.

26 With the holy man will Thou be holy, and with the innocent man will Thou be innocent.

27 And with the elect man will Thou be elect, and with the perverse will Thou be perverse.

28 For Thou will save a humble people, and Thou will humble the eyes of the arrogant.

29 For Thou will light my lamp, O Lord my God, Thou will enlighten my darkness.

30 For by Thee shall I be delivered from a host of robbers, and by my God shall I leap over a wall.

31 As for my God, blameless is His way; the words of the Lord are tried in the fire; defender is He of all that hope in Him.

32 For who is god, save the Lord? And who is god, save our God?

33 It is God, Who girded me with power, and has made my path blameless,

34 Who makes my feet like the feet of a hart, and sets me upon high places,

35 Who teaches my hands for war; and Thou made mine arms a bow of brass.

## Psalm 17

36 And Thou gave me the shield of salvation, and Thy right hand has upheld me. And Thine instruction has corrected me even unto the end; yea, Thine instruction, the same will teach me.

37 Thou have enlarged my steps under me, and the tracks of my feet are not weakened.

38 I shall pursue mine enemies and I shall overtake them, and I shall not turn back until they fail.

39 I shall greatly afflict them, and they shall not be able to stand; they shall fall under my feet.

40 For Thou have girded me with power for war, in subjection under me have Thou bound the feet of all them that rose up against me.

41 And Thou have made mine enemies turn their back before me and them that hate me have Thou utterly destroyed.

42 They cried, and there was no savior - even to the Lord, and He hearkened not to them.

43 And I will grind them fine as dust before the face of the wind; I will trample them down as mud in the streets.

44 Deliver me from the gainsaying of the people; Thou will set me at the head of nations. A people whom I knew not have served me;

45 no sooner than their ear had heard, they obeyed me. Sons that are strangers have lied unto me;

46 sons that are strangers have grown old, and they have limped away from their paths.

47 The Lord lives, and blessed is my God, and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

48 O God Who gives avengement unto me and has subdued peoples under me,

49 O my Deliverer from enemies which are prone to anger, from them that arise up against me will Thou lift me high; from the unrighteous man deliver me.

50 For this cause will I confess Thee among the nations, O Lord, and unto Thy name will I chant.

51 It is He that magnifies the salvation of His king and works mercy for His \* anointed one, for David, and for his seed unto eternity.

*Glory.*

\* Literally: "Christ".

## Psalm 18

### Psalm 18 For the End: A Psalm of David.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of His hands.

3 Day unto day pours forth speech, and night unto night proclaims knowledge.

4 There are neither tongues nor words in which their voices are not heard.

5 Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

6 In the sun has He set His tabernacle; and He, like a bridegroom coming forth from his chamber, will rejoice like a giant to run his course.

7 From the outermost border of heaven is His going forth, and His goal is unto the outermost part of heaven, and there shall no man hide himself from His heat.

8 The law of the Lord is blameless, converting souls; the testimony of the Lord is trustworthy, bringing wisdom to infants.

9 The statutes of the Lord are upright, gladdening the heart; the commandment of the Lord is *exceedingly* bright, enlightening the eyes.

10 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever and ever; the judgments of the Lord are true, altogether justified,

11 More to be desired than gold and much precious stone, and sweeter than honey and the honeycomb.

12 Yea, for Thy servant keeps them; in keeping them there is much reward.

13 As for transgressions, who will understand them? From my secret sins cleanse me,

14 and from those of others spare Thy servant. If they have not dominion over me, then blameless shall I be, and I shall be cleansed from great sin.

15 And the sayings of my mouth shall be unto Thy good pleasure, and the meditation of my heart shall be before Thee forever, O Lord, my Helper and Redeemer.

### Psalm 19 For the End: A Psalm of David.

The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

3 Let Him send forth unto thee help from His sanctuary, and out of Zion let Him help thee.

## Psalm 20

4 Let Him remember every sacrifice of thine, and thy whole burnt offering let Him fatten.

*Interlude by Chant*

5 The Lord grants thee according to thy heart, and fulfils all thy purposes.

6 We will rejoice in Thy salvation, and in the name of the Lord our God shall we be magnified. The Lord fulfils all thy requests.

7 Now have I known that the Lord has saved His \* anointed one; He will hearken unto Him out of His holy heaven; in mighty deeds is the salvation of His right *hand*.

8 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

9 They have tripped and have fallen, but we are raised and are set upright.

10 O Lord, save the king, and hearken unto us in the day when we call upon Thee.

\* Literally: "Christ".

## Psalm 20

### For the End: A Psalm of David.

**O** Lord, in Thy strength the king shall be glad, and in Thy salvation shall he rejoice exceedingly.

3 The desire of his heart has Thou granted unto him, and have not denied him the requests of his lips.

*Interlude by Chant*

4 Thou went before him with the blessings of goodness; Thou have set upon his head a crown of precious stone.

5 He asked life of Thee, and Thou gave him length of days unto ages of ages.

6 Great is his glory in Thy salvation; glory and majesty shall Thou lay upon him.

7 For Thou shall give him blessing forever and ever, Thou shall gladden him in joy with Thy countenance.

8 For the king hopes on the Lord, and through the mercy of the Most High shall he not be shaken.

9 Let Thy hand be found on all Thine enemies; let Thy right *hand* find all that hate Thee.

## Psalm 21

10 For Thou wilt make them as an oven of fire in the time of Thy presence; the Lord in His wrath will trouble them sorely and fire shall devour them.

11 Their fruit wilt Thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from the sons of men,

12 for they have intended evil against Thee, they have devised counsels which they shall not be able to establish.

13 For Thou shalt make them turn their backs; among those that are Thy remnant, Thou shalt make ready their countenance.

14 Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength; we will sing and chant of Thy mighty deeds.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 21

**For the End: A Psalm of David concerning Help That Cometh in the Morning.**

**O** God, my God, attend to me; why have Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions.

3 My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? And by night, and it shall not be unto folly for me.

4 But as for Thee, Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel.

5 In Thee have our fathers hoped; they hoped, and Thou didst deliver them.

6 Unto Thee they cried, and were saved; in Thee they hoped, and were not brought to shame.

7 But as for me, I am a worm, and not a man, a reproach of men, and the outcast of the people.

8 All that look upon me have laughed me to scorn; they have spoken with their lips and have wagged their heads:

9 He hoped in the Lord; let Him deliver him; let Him save him, for He desires him.

10 For Thou art He that drew me forth from the womb; my hope from the breasts of my mother.

11 On Thee was I cast from the womb; from my mother's womb, Thou art my God.

12 Depart not from me, for tribulation is near, for there is none to help me.

13 Many bullocks have encircled me, fat bulls have surrounded me.

14 They have opened their mouth against me, as might a lion ravenous and roaring.

15 I have been poured out like water, and scattered are all my bones; my heart is become like wax melting in the midst of my bowels.

16 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue has cleaved to my throat, and into the dust of death have Thou brought me down.

## Psalm 22

17 For many dogs have encircled me, the congregation of evil doers has surrounded me; they have pierced My hands and My feet.

18 They have numbered all my bones, and they themselves have looked and stared upon me.

19 They have parted my garments amongst themselves, and for my cloak have they cast lots.

20 But Thou, O Lord, remove not Thy help far from me; attend unto mine aid.

21 Rescue my soul from the broadsword, even this only-begotten one of mine from the hand of the dog.

22 Save me from the mouth of the lion, and my lowliness from the horns of the one-horned *animal*.

23 I will declare Thy name unto my brothers; in the midst of the assembly will I hymn *to* Thee.

24 Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him; all ye that are of the seed of Jacob, glorify Him; let all fear Him that are of the seed of Israel.

25 For He has not set at naught nor abhorred the supplications of the pauper, nor has He turned His face from me; and when I cried unto Him, He hearkened unto me.

26 From Thee is my praise; in the great assembly will I confess Thee; my vows will I pay before them that fear Thee.

27 The poor shall eat and be filled, and they that seek the Lord shall praise Him; their hearts shall live forever and ever.

28 All the ends of the earth shall remember and shall turn unto the Lord, and all the kindred of the nations shall worship before Him.

29 For the kingdom is the Lord's and He Himself is sovereign of the nations.

30 All they that are fat upon the earth have eaten and worshipped; all they that go down into the earth shall fall down before Him. Yea, my soul lives for Him,

31 and my seed shall serve Him. The generation that comes shall be told of the Lord,

32 and they shall proclaim His righteousness to a people that shall be born, which the Lord has made.

## Psalm 22 A Psalm of David.

**T**he Lord is my shepherd, and I shall not want.

2 In a place of green pasture, there has He made me to live; beside the water of rest hath He nurtured me.

## Psalm 23

3 He has converted my soul; He has led me on the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

4 For though I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they have comforted me.

5 Thou have prepared a table for me in the presence of them that afflict me. Thou have anointed my head with oil, and Thy cup which fills me, how excellent it is!

6 And Thy mercy shall pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord \* forever.

\* Literally: "unto length of days".

## Psalm 23

### A Psalm of David, For One Sabbath.

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, the world, and all that live therein.

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

3 Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place?

4 He that is innocent in hands and pure in heart, who has not received his soul in vain, and has not sworn deceitfully to his neighbor.

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

6 This is the generation of them that seek the Lord, of them that seek the face of the God of Jacob.

*Interlude by Chant*

7 Lift up your gates, O ye rulers; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting gates, and the King of Glory shall enter in.

8 Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in war.

9 Lift up your gates, O ye rulers; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting gates, and the King of Glory shall enter in.

10 Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory.

*Glory.*

Fourth Kathisma

Psalm 24  
A Psalm of David.

Unto Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul, O my God.

2 In Thee have I trusted; let me never be put to shame, nor let mine enemies laugh me to scorn.

3 Yea, let none that wait on Thee be put to shame; let them be ashamed which are lawless without a cause.

4 Make Thy ways, O Lord, known unto me and teach me Thy paths.

5 Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, for Thou art God my Savior; for on Thee have I waited all the day long.

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

7 The sins of my youth and mine ignorance remember not; according to Thy mercy remember Thou me, for the sake of Thy goodness, O Lord. 8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore will He set a law for them that sin in the way.

9 He will guide the meek in judgment, He will teach the meek His ways.

10 All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth, unto them that seek after His covenant and His testimonies.

11 For the sake of Thy name, O Lord, be gracious unto my sin; for it is great.

12 Who is the man that fears the Lord? He will set him a law in the way which He has chosen.

13 His soul shall live among good things, and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 The Lord is the strength of them that fear Him, and His covenant shall be manifested unto them.

15 Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He it is that will draw my feet out of the snare.

16 Look upon me, and have mercy on me; for I am one only-begotten and poor.

17 The afflictions of my heart are multiplied; bring me out from my necessities.

18 Behold my lowliness and my toil, and forgive all my sins.

19 Look upon my enemies, for they are multiplied, and with an unjust hatred they have hated me.

20 Guard my soul and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I have hoped in Thee.

## Psalm 25

21 The innocent and the upright have cleaved unto me, for I waited on Thee, O Lord.

22 Deliver Israel, O God, out of all his afflictions.

### Psalm 25 David's.

**J**udge me, O Lord, for in mine innocence have I walked; and hoping in the Lord I shall not grow weak.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; prove with fire my reins and my heart.

3 For Thy mercy is before mine eyes, and I have been well-pleasing in Thy truth.

4 I have not sat with the council of vanity, nor shall I go in with them that transgress the law.

5 I have hated the congregation of evildoers, and with the ungodly I will not sit.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence and I will compass Thine altar, O Lord

7 that I may hear the voice of Thy praise and tell of all Thy wondrous works.

8 O Lord, I have loved the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory resides. 9 Destroy not my soul with the ungodly, nor my life with men of blood,

10 in whose hands are iniquities; their right *hand* is full of bribes.

11 As for me, in mine innocence have I walked; redeem me, O Lord, and have mercy on me.

12 My foot hath stood in uprightness; in the congregations will I bless Thee, O Lord.

### Psalms 26 David's. Before He was Anointed.

**T**he Lord is my light and my savior; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the defender of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked draw near against me to eat my flesh, they that afflict me and are mine enemies, they themselves became weak and they fell.

3 Though a host should array itself against me, my heart shall not be afraid; though war should rise up against me, in this have I hoped.

## Psalm 27

4 One thing have I asked of the Lord, this will I seek after: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, that I may behold the delight of the Lord, and that I may visit His holy *temple*.

5 For He hid me in His tabernacle in the day of my troubles, He sheltered me in the secret place of His tabernacle, upon a rock has He exalted me.

6 And now, behold, He exalted my head above mine enemies. I went around and I sacrificed in His tabernacle a sacrifice of praise and jubilation; I will sing and I will chant unto the Lord.

7 Hearken, O Lord, unto my voice, wherewith I cried; have mercy on me, and hearken unto me.

8 My heart said unto Thee: I will seek the Lord. My face has sought after Thee; Thy face, O Lord, will I seek.

9 Turn not Thy face from me and turn not away in anger from Thy servant. Be Thou my helper; cast me not utterly away, and forsake me not, O God my Savior.

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

11 Set me a law, O Lord, in Thy way, and lead me in the right path because of mine enemies.

12 Deliver me not over unto the souls of them that afflict me, for unjust witnesses are raised up against me, and injustice has lied to itself.

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

14 Wait on the Lord; be thou manful, and let thy heart be strengthened, and wait on the Lord.

*Glory.*

### Psalm 27 David's.

**U**nto Thee, O Lord, will I cry; O my God, be not silent unto me, lest, if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2 Hearken, O Lord, unto \* the voice of my supplication when I pray unto Thee, when I lift up my hands toward Thy holy *temple*.

\* 3 Draw not my soul in with sinners and with the workers of unrighteousness destroy me not, who speak peace with their neighbors, but evils are in their hearts.

4 Give unto them, O Lord, according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors; according to the work of their hands, give unto them. Render their reward unto them.

## Psalm 28

5 For they have not understood the works of the Lord, and the works of His hands. Thou shalt destroy them, and shall not build them up.

6 Blessed is the Lord, because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

7 The Lord is my helper and my defender; my heart has hoped in Him, and I am helped and my flesh hath flourished again, and out of my desire will I confess Him.

8 The Lord is the strength of His people and the champion of salvation for His \* anointed one.

9 Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; shepherd them and bear them up unto eternity.

\* The *Septuagint* version of the Psalms in the famous Moscow Edition of 1821, pursuant to its English translation in *The Psalter According to the Seventy*, as published by Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, Massachusetts, omits the phrase: "... the voice of..."

\* The *Septuagint* version of the Psalms in the famous Moscow Edition of 1821, pursuant to its English translation in *The Psalter According to the Seventy*, as published by Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, Massachusetts, has the following alternate reading of verse three:

"Draw me not in with sinners, and with the workers of unrighteousness destroy me not..."

\* Literally: "Christ".

## Psalm 28

### A Psalm of David. A Processional of the Tabernacle.

**B**ring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring unto the Lord the sons of rams; bring unto the Lord glory and honor,

2 bring unto the Lord the glory due unto 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 the many waters.

4 The voice of the Lord in might, the voice of the Lord in majesty,

5 the voice of the Lord Who breaks the cedars, yea; the Lord will break the cedars of Lebanon.

6 And He will break them small like the calf of Lebanon, and His beloved is like a son of the one-horned *animals*.

7 The voice of the Lord Who divided the flame of fire,

8 The voice of the Lord Who shakes the wilderness, yea, the Lord will shake the wilderness of Kades.

9 The voice of the Lord gathers the hind, and shall reveal the thickets of oak and in His temple every man say, Glory.

## Psalm 29

10 The Lord resides in the flood, yea; the Lord shall sit as King forever.

11 The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

### Psalms 29

#### For the End: A Canticle Psalm at the Dedication of the House of David.

**I** will exalt Thee, O Lord, for Thou have upheld me, and have not made my enemies to rejoice over me.

3 O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou have healed me.

4 O Lord, Thou have brought up my soul out of Hades; Thou hast saved me from them that go down into the pit.

5 Chant unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

6 For wrath is in His anger, but in His will there is life; at evening shall weeping find lodging, but in the morning rejoicing.

7 And I said in my prosperity: I shall remain unshaken forever.

8 O Lord, by Thy will have Thou granted power to my beauty, but Thou have turned away Thy face, and I am become troubled.

9 Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, and unto my God will I make supplication. 10 What profit is there in my blood when I go down into corruption? Shall dust confess Thee, or declare Thy truth?

11 The Lord has heard me and has had mercy on me; the Lord became my helper.

12 Thou have turned my mourning into joy for me, Thou did rend my sackcloth and did gird me with gladness,

13 That my glory may chant unto Thee, and that I may not be pierced with sorrow; O Lord my God, I will confess Thee forever.

*Glory.*

### Psalm 30

#### For the End: A Psalm of David. In Time of Sudden Fear.

**O**n Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me not be put to shame in the age to come; in Thy righteousness deliver me, and rescue me.

3 Bow down Thine ear unto me, make haste to rescue me, be Thou unto me a God to defend me and a house of refuge to save me.

4 For my strength and my refuge art Thou, and for Thy name's sake will Thou guide me and nourish me.

## Psalm 30

5 Thou will bring me out of this snare which they have hid for me, for Thou art my defender, O Lord.

6 Into Thy hands I will commit my spirit; Thou have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

7 Thou have hated them that cling to empty vanities; but I have hoped in the Lord.

8 I will rejoice and be glad in Thy mercy, for Thou have regarded my lowliness; Thou have saved my soul out of necessities,

9 And have not shut me up in the hands of enemies; Thou have set my feet in a spacious place.

10 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am afflicted; mine eye is troubled with anger, as also my soul and my belly.

11 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with groaning; my strength has grown weak in poverty, and my bones are troubled.

12 I am become a reproach among all mine enemies, and greatly for my neighbors also, and a fear to mine acquaintances. They that saw me without fled from me.

13 I am forgotten by the heart like a dead man. I am become like a broken vessel.

14 For I have heard the reproach of many that dwell round about; when they assembled together against me, they devised to take away my life.

15 But as for me, I have hoped in Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my God;

\* 16 in Thy hands are my lot. Deliver me from the hands of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

17 Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant, save me in Thy mercy.

18 O Lord, let me not be put to shame, for I have called upon Thee; let the ungodly be put to shame and let them be brought down into Hades.

19 Speechless be the deceitful lips which speak iniquity against the righteous man with arrogance and contempt.

20 How great is the multitude of Thy goodness, O Lord, which Thou have hid for them that fear Thee, which Thou have done for them that hope in Thee before the sons of men.

21 Thou shall hide them in the secrecy of Thy presence from the disturbance of men; Thou shall shelter them in the tabernacle from contradiction of tongues.

22 Blessed is the Lord, for He has made His mercy wondrous in a fortified city.

23 But as for me, I said in mine ecstasy: I am cast away from the presence of Thine eyes. Therefore have Thou heard the voice of my supplication when I cried unto Thee.

## Psalm 31

24 O love ye the Lord, all ye His saints, for the Lord requires truth; and unto them that act with exceeding pride, He renders them their due.

25 Be ye manful, and let your heart be strengthened, all ye that hope in the Lord.

\* Alfred Rahlfs' *Septuaginta* reads the beginning of verse sixteen as follows: "in Thy hands are my times", which can also be translated as "in Thy hands are *all* the times of my life".

### Psalm 31 David's. Concerning Instruction.

**B**lessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputes not sin, and in whose mouth there is no guile.

3 Because I kept silence, my bones are waxed old through my crying all the day long.

4 For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me, I was reduced to misery whilst the thorn stuck fast in me.

*Interlude by Chant*

5 Mine iniquity have I acknowledged, and my sin have I not hid. I said: I will confess mine iniquities before the Lord against myself. And Thou forgives the ungodliness of my heart.

*Interlude by Chant*

6 For this shall every one that is holy pray unto Thee in a seasonable time; moreover, in a flood of many waters shall they not come near unto him.

7 Thou art my refuge from the affliction which surrounds me; O my Rejoicing, deliver me from them which have encircled me.

*Interlude by Chant*

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in this way which thou shall go; I will fix Mine eyes upon thee.

9 Be ye not as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding; whose jaws thou must hold with \* bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

## Psalm 32

10 Many are the scourges of the sinner, but mercy shall encircle him that hope in the Lord.

11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous; and glory, all ye that are upright of heart.

### *Glory.*

\* *Codex Vaticanus* has these words reversed and reads: "bridle and bit".

## Fifth Kathisma

### Psalm 32

*David's. Without Superscription among the Hebrews.*

**R**ejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is good for the upright.

2 Give praise to the Lord with the harp, chant unto Him with the ten stringed psaltery.

3 Sing unto Him a new song, chant well unto Him with jubilation.

4 For the word of the Lord is true, and all His works are in faithfulness.

5 \* The Lord loves mercy and judgment; the earth is full of the mercy *of the* Lord.

6 By the Word of the Lord were the heavens established, and all the might of them by the \* Spirit of His mouth,

7 Who gathered together as into a wineskin the waters of the sea, Who laid up the abysses in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord, and let all the inhabitants of the world be shaken before Him.

9 For He spoke and they came into being; He commanded, and they were created.

10 The Lord scattered the plans of the heathens, He put aside the devices of the peoples, and He brought to naught the plans of rulers.

11 But the counsel of the Lord abided unto eternity, the thoughts of His heart unto generation and generation.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He hath chosen for His inheritance.

13 The Lord looked down from heaven; He beheld all the sons of men.

14 From His habitation which He prepared, He looked upon all the inhabitants of the earth,

15 He that alone fashioned the heart of them, Who understands all their works.

## Psalm 33

16 A king is not saved by great might, nor shall a giant be saved by the magnitude of his own strength.

17 Futile is the horse for salvation, nor by the magnitude of his might shall he be saved.

18 Behold, the eyes of the Lord are upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy.

19 To deliver their souls from death, and to nourish them in famine.

20 Our soul shall wait for the Lord, for he is our helper and our defender.

21 For our heart shall be glad in Him, and in His holy name have we hoped.

22 Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.

\* *Codex Alexandrinus* adds: "The Lord" to the beginning of this verse. *Codex Vaticanus* and the text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and the Zoe Brotherhood omit this phrase and read this verse as follows: "He loves mercy and judgment; the earth is full of the mercy of the Lord".

\* *Or*: "breath".

## Psalm 33

### David's. When He Changed His Countenance before Abimelek, and Was Dismissed, and Went Away.

**I** will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

3 In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad.

4 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

5 I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my tribulations.

6 Come unto Him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed.

7 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his tribulations.

8 The angel of the Lord will encamp around them that fear Him, and will deliver them.

9 O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that hopes in Him.

10 O fear the Lord, all ye His saints; for there is no want to them that fear Him.

11 Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing.

## Psalm 34

*Interlude by Chant*

12 Come ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

13 What man is there that desires life, who loves to see good days?

14 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

15 Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

16 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are opened unto their supplication.

17 The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, utterly to destroy the remembrance of them from the earth.

18 The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations.

19 The Lord is near unto them that are of a contrite heart, and He will save the humble of spirit.

20 Many are the tribulations of the righteous, and the Lord shall deliver them out of them all.

21 The Lord keeps all their bones, not one of them shall be broken.

22 The death of sinners is evil, and they that hate the righteous shall do wrong.

23 The Lord will redeem the souls of His servants, and none of them will do wrong that hope in Him.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 34

David's.

**J**udge them, O Lord that do me injustice; war against them that war against me.

2 Take hold of weapon and shield, and arise unto my help.

3 Draw out a broadsword, and shut the way against them that persecute me; say to my soul: I am thy salvation.

4 Let them that seek my soul be shamed and confounded. Let them be turned back, and be utterly put to shame, they that devise evils against me.

5 Let them become as dust before the face of the wind, an angel of the Lord also afflicting them.

6 Let their way become darkness and a sliding, an angel of the Lord also pursuing them.

7 For without cause have they secretly prepared for my destruction in their snare, without reason have they cast reproach on my soul.

## Psalm 34

8 Let a snare come upon him, which he knows not; and let the trap, which he has hidden, catch him, and into that same snare let him fall.

9 But my soul shall rejoice in the Lord, it shall delight in His salvation.

10 All my bones shall say: \* Lord, O Lord, who is like unto Thee? Delivering the beggar from the hand of them that are stronger than he, yea, poor man and pauper from them that despoil him.

11 Unjust witnesses rose up against me; things I knew not they asked me.

12 They repaid me with evil things for good, and barrenness for my soul.

13 But as for me, when they troubled me, I put on sackcloth. And I humbled my soul with fasting, and my prayer shall return to my bosom.

14 As though it had been a neighbor, as though it had been our brother, so sought I to please; as one mourning and sad of countenance, so humbled I myself.

15 Yet against me they rejoiced and gathered together; scourges were gathered together upon me, and I knew it not. They were rent asunder, yet not pricked at heart;

16 they tempted me, they mocked me with mockery, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 O Lord, when will Thou look upon me? Deliver my soul from their evil doing, even this only begotten one of mine from the lions.

18 I will confess Thee, \* O Lord, in the great congregation; among a mighty people will I praise Thee.

19 Let them not rejoice against me that unjustly are mine enemies, they that hate me without a cause, and wink with their eyes.

20 For peaceably indeed they spoke unto me, but in their wrath were they devising deceits.

21 And they opened wide their mouth against me; they said: Well done, well done, our eyes have seen it.

22 Thou have seen it, O Lord; keep not silence. O Lord, depart not from me.

23 Arise, O Lord, and be attentive unto my judgment, my God, and my Lord, unto my cause.

24 Judge me, O Lord, according to Thy righteousness; O Lord my God, let them not rejoice against me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts: Well done, well done, our soul. Let them not say: We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be shamed and confounded together who rejoice at my woes. Let them be clothed with shame and confusion who speak boastful words against me.

## Psalm 35

27 Let them rejoice and be glad who desire the righteousness of my cause, and let them that desire the peace of Thy servant say continually: The Lord be magnified.

28 And my tongue shall treat of Thy righteousness and of Thy praise all the day long.

\* *Codex Alexandrinus* and the *Septuagint* version of the Psalms in the famous Moscow Edition of 1821 add the word "Lord" where *Codex Vaticanus* and the text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood omit this word.

\* The word "O Lord" is omitted from the text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood, as well as from *Codex Sinaiticus*, *Codex Alexandrinus* and the *Septuagint* version of the Psalms in the famous Moscow Edition of 1821. However, Alfred Rahlfs' *Septuaginta* includes this word.

## Psalm 35

### For the End: Of David, the Child of the Lord,

The transgressor, that he may sin, says to himself, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

3 For he hath wrought craftiness before Him, lest he should find his iniquity and hate it.

4 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit, he has not willed to understand how to do good.

5 Iniquity has he devised upon his bed, he hath set himself in every way that is not good, and evil has he not abhorred.

6 O Lord, Thy mercy is in heaven, and Thy truth reaches unto the clouds.

7 Thy righteousness is as the mountains of God; Thy judgments are a great abyss. Men and beasts will thou save, O Lord.

8 How Thou has multiplied Thy mercy, O God! Let the sons of men hope in the shelter of Thy wings.

9 They shall be drunk with the fatness of Thy house, and of the torrent of Thy delight shall Thou make them to drink.

10 For in thee is the fountain of life, in Thy light shall we see light.

11 O continue Thy mercy unto them that know Thee, and Thy righteousness unto the upright of heart.

12 Let not the feet of pride come against me, nor let the hand of a sinner move me.

13 Yonder be fallen all they that work iniquity; they are cast out, and shall not be able to stand.

*Glory.*

Psalm 36  
David's.

**W**orry not thyself because of evildoers, nor envy them that work iniquity.  
2 For like grass quickly shall they be withered, and like green herbs quickly shall they fall away.  
3 Hope in the Lord, and do good, and dwell on the earth, and like a shepherd shall thou be fed with its riches.  
4 Delight thyself in the Lord, and He will give thee the asking of thy heart.  
5 Disclose unto the Lord thy way, and trust in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.  
6 And He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light and thy judgment as the noonday.  
7 Submit thyself unto the Lord and supplicate Him; worry not thyself because of him that prospers in his way, nor because of a man that does iniquity.  
8 Cease from wrath and forsake anger; fret not thyself so as to do evil.  
9 For evildoers shall utterly perish, but they that wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.  
10 And yet a little while, and the sinner shall not be, and thou shall seek for his place, and shall not find it.  
11 But the meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in an abundance of peace.  
12 The sinner will diligently keep watch over the righteous man and will gnash with his teeth upon him.  
13 But the Lord shall laugh at him, because He foresees that his day will come.  
14 The sinners have drawn a broadsword; they have bent their bow, to cast down poor man and pauper, to slay the upright in heart.  
15 Let their broadsword enter into their own hearts and let their bows be broken.  
16 Better is the little which the just *man* has than the great riches of sinners.  
17 For the arms of the sinners shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.  
18 The Lord knows the ways of the blameless and their inheritance shall be forever.  
19 They shall not be put to shame in an evil time, and in days of famine they shall be filled.  
20 But the sinners shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord, in the moment when they are glorified and exalted, vanish away, and like smoke have vanished away.

## Psalm 36

21 The sinner borrows and will not repay, but the just man shows mercy and gives.

22 For they that bless him shall inherit the earth, but they that curse him shall utterly perish.

23 By the Lord are the steps of a man rightly directed, and His way shall he greatly desire.

24 When he falls he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds his hand.

25 I have been young, and now indeed I am old, and I have not seen the righteous man forsaken, or his seed begging *for* bread.

26 All the day long the righteous show mercy, and lend, and his seed shall be unto blessing.

27 Decline from evil and do well, and dwell unto ages of ages.

28 For the Lord loves judgment, and He will not forsake His holy ones; they shall be kept forever. But the wicked shall be banished, and the seed of the ungodly shall be utterly destroyed.

29 The righteous shall inherit the earth and shall dwell therein unto ages of ages.

30 The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak of judgment.

31 The law of his God is in his heart, and his steps shall not be tripped.

32 The sinner watches the righteous one, and seeks to kill him.

33 But the Lord will not abandon him to his hands, nor in any way condemn him when He judges him.

34 Wait on the Lord and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee to inherit the earth; when sinners are utterly destroyed, thou shall see it.

35 I have seen the ungodly man highly exalted and lifting himself up like the cedars of Lebanon.

36 And I passed by, and behold, he was not; and I sought him, and place was not to be found.

37 Keep innocence, and behold uprightness, for there is a remnant for the peaceable man.

38 But the transgressors shall be utterly destroyed together, and the remnants of the ungodly shall be utterly destroyed.

39 But the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord, and He is their defender in a time of affliction.

40 And the Lord shall help them and shall deliver them, and He will rescue them from sinners and will save them because they hoped in Him.

*Glory.*

Sixth Kathisma

Psalm 37

A Psalm of David. In Remembrance. Concerning the Sabbath.

O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath.

3 For Thine arrows are fastened in me, and Thou has laid Thy hand heavily upon me.

4 There is no healing in my flesh in the face of Thy wrath; and there is no peace in my bones in the face of my sins.

5 For mine iniquities are raised higher than my head; as a heavy burden have they pressed heavily upon me.

6 My bruises are become noisome and corrupt in the face of my folly.

7 I have been wretched and utterly bowed down until the end; all the day long I went with downcast face.

\* 8 For my loins are filled with mocking, and there is no healing in my flesh.

9 I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly, I have roared from the groaning of my heart.

10 O Lord, before Thee is all my desire, and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

11 My heart is troubled, my strength has failed me; and the light of mine eyes, even this is not with me.

12 My friends and my neighbors drew near over against me and stood, and my nearest of kin stood afar off.

13 And they that sought after my soul used violence; and they that sought evils for me spoke vain things and craftiness all the day long did they meditate.

14 *But* as for me, like a deaf man I heard them not, and was as a speechless man that opened not his mouth.

15 And I became as a man that hears not, and that has in his mouth no reproofs.

16 For in Thee have I hoped, O Lord; Thou will hearken unto me, O Lord my God.

17 For I said: Let never mine enemies rejoice over me; yea, when my feet were shaken, those men spoke boastful words against me.

18 For I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me.

19 For I will declare mine iniquity, and I will take heed concerning my sin.

20 But mine enemies live and are made stronger than I, and they that hated me unjustly are multiplied.

\* 21 They that render me evil for good slandered me, because I pursued \* goodness.

## Psalm 38

22 Forsake me not, O Lord my God, depart not from me.

23 Be attentive unto my help, O Lord of my salvation.

\* *Codex Vaticanus* and *Codex Sinaiticus* read: "For my soul is filled with mocking, and there is no healing in my flesh."

\* The text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood states that some LXX manuscripts add this phrase as an additional reading to verse twenty-one. Alfred Rahlfs' *Septuaginta* also lists this further reading, but has it in brackets indicating that this further reading does not belong to the original LXX text as found in the ancient LXX manuscripts of Codices *Vaticanus*, *Siniaticus* and *Alexandrinus*. The additional reading is as follows:

"And have rejected me, the beloved one, like a hideous corpse." (cf. Is. 14:19).

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "Justice".

## Psalm 38

### For the End: An Ode of David for Idithum.

I said: I will take heed to my ways lest I sin with my tongue. I set a guard for my mouth, when the sinner stood up against me.

3 I was dumb and was humbled, and held my peace, even from good, and my sorrow was stirred anew.

4 My heart grew hot within me, and in my meditation a fire was kindled. I spoke with my tongue:

5 O Lord, make me to know mine end, and the number of my days, what it is that I may know what I lack.

6 Behold, Thou have made my days \* as the span of a hand and my being is as nothing before Thee. Nay, all things are vanity, every man living.

*Interlude by Chant*

7 Surely man walks about like a phantom, nay; in vain does he disquiet himself. He lay up treasure, and knows not for whom he shall gather it.

8 And now, what is my patient endurance? Is it not the Lord? Yea, my hope is from Thee. \*

9 From all mine iniquities deliver me; Thou have made me a reproach to the foolish.

10 I was made dumb and opened not my mouth, for Thou have made me.

11 Take away from me Thy scourges; for from the strength of Thy hand I have fainted.

## Psalm 39

12 With reproof for iniquity has Thou chastened man, and has made his life to melt away like a spider; nay, in vain does every man disquiet himself.

*Interlude by Chant*

13 Harken unto my prayer, O Lord, and unto my supplication; give ear unto my tears. Be not silent, for I am a sojourner with Thee, and a stranger, as were all my fathers.

14 Spare me, that I may be refreshed before I go hence, and be no more.

\* *Codex Vaticanus* and *Codex Sinaiticus* read: "old".

\* *Codex Vaticanus* has an *Interlude by Chant* (i.e. *Diapsalma*) between verses eight and nine. However, this is not present in the text of the Moscow Edition of 1821 or in the text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood.

### Psalm 39 For the End: A Psalm of David.

**W**ith patience I waited patiently for the Lord, and He was attentive unto me, and He hearkened unto my supplication.

3 And He brought me up out of the pit of misery, and from the mire of clay. And He set my feet upon a rock, and He ordered my steps aright.

4 And He has put into my mouth a new song, a hymn unto our God. Many shall see, and shall fear, and shall hope in the Lord.

5 Blessed is the man, whose hope is in the name of the Lord, and who has not looked upon vanities and false frenzies.

6 Many, O Lord my God, are Thy wonders which Thou have wrought, and Thy thoughts there is none that shall be likened unto Thee. I declared and spoke: They are multiplied beyond number.

7 Sacrifice and offering has Thou not desired, but \* *a* body have Thou prepared for me. Whole burnt offerings and oblations for sin has Thou not demanded.

8 Then I said: Behold, I am come, in the heading of the book it is written concerning me;

9 to do Thy will, O my God and Thy law is in the midst of my bowels.

10 I have proclaimed the good tidings of Thy righteousness in the great congregation; lo, my lips I shall not restrain; Lord, Thou know it.

11 Thy righteousness have I not hid in my heart; Thy truth and Thy salvation have I declared. I have not concealed Thy mercy, nor Thy truth, from the great assemblage.

## Psalm 40

12 But Thou, O Lord, remove not Thy compassions far from me; let Thy mercy and Thy truth continually helps me.

13 For evils without number have encompassed me; mine iniquities took hold of me, and I became unable to see. They are multiplied more than the hairs of my head, and my heart has failed me.

14 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, be attentive unto helping me.

15 Let them be shamed and confounded together which seek after my soul, to destroy it. Let them be turned back and confounded that desire evils for me.

16 Let them quickly receive shame for their reward, who say to me: Well done, well done.

17 Let them rejoice and be glad in Thee all they that seek after Thee, O Lord; and let them that love Thy salvation continually say: The Lord be magnified.

18 But as for me, a poor man am I and a pauper; the Lord will care for me. My helper and my defender art Thou, O my God; do not tarry.

\* Alfred Rahlfs' *Septuaginta*, citing to the Gallic Psalter, reads: "ears have thou prepared for me".

### *Glory.*

## Psalm 40

### For the End: A Psalm of David.

**B**lessed is the man that has understanding for the poor man and the pauper; in an evil day the Lord will deliver him.

3 May the Lord keep him, and make him to live, and make him blessed upon the earth, and never surrender him into the hands of his enemies.

4 May the Lord help him on his bed of pain, the whole of his confinement in his sickness have Thou turned to the better.

5 I said: O Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

6 Mine enemies have spoken evil things against me: When shall he die, and when shall his name perish?

7 And though he came in to see me, his heart spoke vanity; he gathered iniquity unto himself; he went forth, and spoke in a like manner.

8 All mine enemies whispered against me, against me they devised evils for me.

9 An unjust word they set against me: Can it be that he that sleeps shall rise up again?

## Psalm 41

10 Yea, even the man of my peace in whom I hoped, who ate of my bread, has magnified the lifting of heels against me.

11 But Thou, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, and I will requite them.

12 By this I know that Thou have delighted in me, because mine enemy shall not rejoice over me.

13 And because of mine innocence Thou have helped me, and have established me before Thee forever.

14 Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. So be it. So be it.

## Psalm 41

**For the End: For the Instruction to the Sons of Kore, a Psalm of David, Without Superscription among the Hebrews.**

**A**s the hart pants after the fountains of water, so pants my soul after Thee, O God.

3 My soul thirsted for God, the mighty, the living; when shall I come, and appear before the face of God?

4 My tears have been my bread by day and by night, whilst it is said to me daily: Where is thy God?

5 These things have I remembered, and I poured out my soul within me, for I shall go to the place of the wondrous tabernacle, even to the house of God, with a voice of rejoicing and thanksgiving, yea, of the sound of them that keep festival.

6 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why do thou disquiet me? Hope in God, for I will give thanks unto Him; He is the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

7 Within me my soul has been troubled; therefore will I remember Thee from the land of Jordan and Ermoniem, from the little mountain.

8 Deep calls unto deep, at the voice of Thy cataracts; all Thy billows and Thy waves have passed over me.

9 By day the Lord will command His mercy, and \* by night His ode shall be with me, my prayer unto the God of my life.

10 I will say unto God: Thou art my helper. Why have Thou forgotten me? And wherefore go I with downcast face while mine enemy afflicts me?

11 Whilst my bones were broken, mine enemies reproached me; while they said to me daily: Where is thy God?

12 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why do thou disquiet me? Hope in God, for I will give thanks unto Him; He is the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

## Psalm 42

\* *Codex Vaticanus* and *Codex Sinaiticus* read: "...manifest it by night,"

### Psalm 42

**For the End: A Psalm of David. Without Superscription among the Hebrews.**

**J**udge me, O God, and give judgment in my cause, against a nation that is not holy; from a man unjust and crafty deliver me.

2 For Thou, O God, art my strength. Wherefore have Thou cast me off? And wherefore go I with downcast face while mine enemy afflicts me?

3 O send out Thy light and Thy truth; they have guided me along the way, and have brought me unto Thy holy mountain, and unto Thy tabernacles.

4 And I shall go in unto the altar of God, unto God Who gives gladness to my youth; I will give praise unto Thee, O God, my God, with the harp.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why do thou disquiet me? Hope in God, for I will give thanks unto Him; He is the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

*Glory.*

### Psalm 43

**For the End: For Instruction to the Sons of Kore.**

**O** God, with our ears have we heard, for our fathers have told us the work which Thou had wrought in their days, in the days of old.

3 Thy hand utterly destroyed the heathen, and in their stead Thou did plant them; Thou did bring evils upon those peoples, and did cast them out.

4 For not by their own broadsword did they inherit the land, nor did their own arm save them, But Thy right *hand*, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy countenance, because Thou were well pleased in them.

5 Thou Thyself art my King, and my God, Thou that commands the salvation of Jacob.

6 Through Thee shall the horn of our strength push down our enemies, and through Thy name shall we bring to naught them that rise up against us.

7 For not in my bow will I hope, and my broadsword shall not save me.

8 For Thou have saved us from them that afflict us, and them that hate us have Thou put to shame.

9 In God we will boast all the day long, and in Thy name will we give praise in the age to come.

*Interlude by Chant*

## Psalm 43

10 But now Thou have cast us off and put us to shame, and will not go forth, O God, with our hosts.

11 Thou have made us to turn back before our enemies, and they that hate us took spoils for themselves.

12 Thou have given us up as sheep to be eaten, and among the nations have Thou scattered us.

13 Thou have sold Thy people without a price, and there was no gain in the selling of us.

14 Thou have made us a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and derision to them that are around us.

15 Thou have made us a byword among the nations, a shaking of head among the peoples.

16 All the day long my disgrace is before me, and the shame of my face has covered me,

17 Because of the voice of him that reproaches and reviles, because of the face of the enemy and pursuer.

18 All this has come upon us, and we have not forgotten Thee, nor have we dealt unrighteously in Thy covenant.

19 Though our heart hath not turned back, yet Thou have turned aside our paths from Thy ways.

20 For Thou have humbled us in a place of affliction, and the shadow of death has covered us.

21 If we have forgotten the name of our God, and if we have stretched out our hands to a strange god,

22 shall not God search out these things? For He knows the secrets of the heart.

23 For Thy sake we are slain all the day long, we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

24 Rise up, why do Thou sleep, O Lord? Arise, and cast us not off at the end.

25 Wherefore turn Thou Thy face away? Do Thou forget our poverty and our affliction?

26 For our soul hath been humbled down to the dust, our belly hath cleaved to the earth.

27 Arise, O Lord, help us, and redeem us for Thy name's sake.

## Psalm 44

### Psalm 44

#### For the End: Concerning Those Verses That Are to be Alternated, for Instruction to the Sons of Kore. An Ode Concerning the Beloved One.

**M**y heart has poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king; my tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.

3 Comely art Thou in beauty more than the sons of men; grace has been poured forth on Thy lips, wherefore God has blessed Thee forever.

4 Gird Thy broadsword upon Thy thigh, O Mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty.

5 And bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king, because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and Thy right *hand* shall guide Thee wondrously.

6 Thine arrows are sharp, O Mighty One, (under Thee shall peoples fall) sharp in the heart of the enemies of the king.

7 Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom.

8 Thou have loved righteousness and hated iniquity. Wherefore God, Thy God, has anointed Thee with the oil of gladness more than Thy fellows.

9 Myrrh and stacte and kasia exhale from Thy garments, from the ivory palaces, whereby they have made Thee glad,

10 they the daughters of kings in Thine honor. At Thy right *hand* stood the queen, arrayed in a vesture of in woven gold, adorned in varied colors.

11 Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear; and forget thine own people and thy father's house.

12 And the King shall greatly desire thy beauty, for He Himself is thy Lord,

\* 13 and thou shall worship Him. And the daughters of Tyre with gifts, *yea* the rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance.

\* 14 All the glory of the daughter of the King is within, with gold fringed garments is she arrayed, adorned in varied colors.

15 The virgins that follow after her shall be brought unto the King; those near her shall be brought unto Thee.

16 They shall be brought with gladness and rejoicing, they shall be brought into the temple of the King.

17 In the stead of thy fathers, sons are born to thee; thou shall make them rulers over all the earth.

18 I shall commemorate thy name in every generation and generation. Therefore shall peoples give praise unto thee forever, and unto the ages of ages.

## Psalm 45

\* The famous Moscow Edition of 1821 of the *Septuagint*, as translated into English by Holy Transfiguration Monastery in their work: *The Psalter According to the Seventy*, reads verse thirteen as follows: "and thou shall worship Him. And the daughters of Tyre shall worship Him with gifts; the rich among the people shall entreat Thy countenance." Alfred Rahlfs' *Septuaginta* supports this reading, but omits: "and thou shall worship him..."

\* *Codex Vaticanus* and *Codex Sinaiticus* read verse fourteen as follows: "Even with all the glory of the daughter of the King of Esevov, with gold fringed garments is she arrayed, adorned in varied colors".

### Psalm 45

#### For the End: A Psalm of David. Concerning Hidden Things, for the Sons of Kore.

**O**ur God is refuge and strength, a helper in afflictions which mightily befall us.

3 Therefore shall we not fear when the earth be shaken, nor when the mountains be removed into the heart of the seas.

4 Their waters roared and were troubled; the mountains were troubled by His might.

*\* Interlude by Chant*

5 The rushing of the river makes glad the city of God; the Most High has hallowed His tabernacle.

6 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be shaken; God shall help her \* right early in the morning.

7 The nations were troubled, kingdoms tottered, the Most High gave forth His voice, the earth was shaken.

8 The Lord of hosts is with us, our helper is the God of Jacob.

*Interlude by Chant*

9 Come and behold the works of God, what marvels He has wrought on the earth.

10 Making wars to cease unto the ends of the earth. He will crush the bow and will shatter the weapon, and shields will He utterly burn with fire.

11 Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

12 The Lord of hosts is with us, our helper is the God of Jacob.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 46

\* *Codex Vaticanus* omits an *Interlude by Chant* (i.e. *Diapsalma*) between verses four and five.

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "...with His countenance".

## Seventh Kathisma

### Psalm 46

#### For the End: A Psalm Concerning the Sons of Kore.

Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing,  
3 For the Lord Most High is terrible, a great King over all the earth.  
4 He has subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.  
5 He has chosen us for His inheritance, the beauty of Jacob, which He  
loved.

*Interlude by Chant*

6 God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet.  
7 O chant unto our God, chant ye; chant unto our King, chant ye.  
8 For God is king of all the earth, O chant ye with understanding.  
9 God is king over the nations; God sits upon His holy throne.  
10 The rulers of the peoples are gathered together with the God of  
Abraham; for God's mighty ones of the earth are greatly exalted.

### Psalm 47

#### An Ode for the Sons of Kore, for the Second Day of the Week.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His  
holy mountain,

3 in the well-rooted joy of all the earth. The mountains of Zion on the sides  
of the north, the city of the great King.

4 God is known in her towers, when He comes to help her.

5 For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together.

6 When they saw her thus they marveled, they were troubled, they were  
shaken,

7 trembling took hold of them; there were pangs as of a woman in travail.

8 With a vehement wind shall Thou shatter the ships of Tharsis.

9 Even as we have heard, so too we have seen in the city of the Lord of  
hosts, in the city of our God. God has laid her foundations unto eternity.

## Psalm 48

*Interlude by Chant*

10 We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people.

11 According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise also unto the ends of the earth; Thy right *hand* is full of righteousness.

12 Let Mount Zion be glad, and let the daughters of Judea rejoice, because of Thy judgments, O Lord.

13 Encircle Zion and encompass her; tell her story in her towers.

14 Set your hearts upon her strength, and consider her bulwarks, that ye may tell it to another generation.

15 For He is our God forever, yea forever and ever; He shall shepherd us unto the ages.

## Psalm 48

### For the End: A Psalm for the Sons of Kore.

**H**ear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world,  
3 both ye that are born of earth, and ye sons of men, rich and poor men together.

4 My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

5 I will incline mine ear unto a parable, I will unfold my problem on the psaltery.

6 Wherefore should I fear in an evil day? The iniquity at my heel shall encompass me about.

7 There is some that trust in their strength, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.

8 A brother cannot redeem; shall a man redeem? He shall not give to God a ransom for himself,

9 nor the price of the redemption of his own soul, though he hath labored forever,

10 and shall live to the end. For he shall not see corruption,

11 when he shall see wise men dying. The mindless man and the witless shall perish together, and they shall leave their riches to others.

12 And their graves shall be their houses unto eternity, their dwelling places unto generation and generation, though they have called their lands after their own names.

13 And man, being in honor, did not understand; he is compared to the mindless cattle, and is become like unto them.

## Psalm 49

14 This way of theirs is a stumbling block for them, yet afterwards they will please with their mouth.

*Interlude by Chant*

15 Like sheep they are laid in Hades, death shall be their shepherd. And the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning, and their help shall wax old in Hades; they have been cast out from their glory.

16 Yet God shall redeem my soul out of the hand of Hades, when he receives me.

*Interlude by Chant*

17 Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, nor when the glory of his house is increased.

18 For when he dies he shall carry nothing away, nor shall his glory descend after him.

19 For his soul shall be blessed in his lifetime; he will acknowledge Thee while Thou do well unto him.

20 He shall enter into the generation of his fathers; he shall not see light unto eternity.

21 And man, being in honor, did not understand; he is compared to the mindless cattle, and is become like unto them.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 49 A Psalm of Asaph.

**T**he God of gods, the Lord, has spoken, and He has called the earth from the rising of the sun and unto the setting thereof.

2 Out of Zion is the magnificence of His comeliness.

3 God shall come visibly, yea, our God, and shall not keep silence. Fire shall blaze before Him, and around Him shall there be a mighty tempest.

4 He shall summon heaven above and the earth that He may judge His people.

5 Gather together unto Him His holy ones who have established His covenant upon sacrifices.

6 And the heavens shall declare His righteousness, for God is judge.

*Interlude by Chant*

## Psalm 49

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak unto thee, O Israel, and I will testify against thee; I am God, thy God.

8 Not for sacrifices will I reprove thee; nay, thy whole burnt offerings are continually before Me.

9 I will not welcome bullocks out of thy house, nor he-goats out of thy flocks.

10 For Mine are all the beasts of the field, cattle on the mountains, and oxen.

11 I know all the fowls of the air, and with Me is the beauty of the field.

12 If I hunger, not to thee will I tell it; for Mine is the world, and the fullness thereof.

13 Shall I eat of the flesh of bulls? Or the blood of goats, shall I drink it?

14 Sacrifice unto God a sacrifice of praise, and pay unto the Most High thy vows.

15 And call upon Me in the day of thine affliction, and I will deliver thee, and thou shall glorify Me.

### *Interlude by Chant*

16 But unto the sinner God has said: Why declare thou My statutes and take up My covenant in thy mouth?

17 Thou have hated instruction, and have cast out My words behind thee.

18 If thou saw a thief, thou did run with him; and with the adulterer thou have set thy portion.

19 Thy mouth has abounded with evil, and thy tongue hath woven deceits.

20 Thou did sit down and speak against thy brother, and against thine own mother's son thou did lay a stumbling block;

21 these things thou did, and I kept silence. Thou did think an iniquity that I should be like unto thee; I will reprove thee, and bring thy sins before thy face.

22 Wherefore, understand these things, ye that forget God, lest He snatch you away and there be none to deliver you.

23 A sacrifice of praise shall glorify Me, and there is the way wherein I shall show unto him My salvation.

## Psalm 50

### Psalm 50

**For the End: A Psalm of David. When Nathan the Prophet Came unto Him.  
When He Went in unto Bersabee, the Wife of Urias.**

**H**ave mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgression.

4 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

5 For I know mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me.

6 Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil before Thee, that Thou might be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged.

7 For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me.

8 For behold, Thou have loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom have Thou made manifest unto me.

9 Thou shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shall wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

10 Thou shall make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice.

11 Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

12 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

13 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

14 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me.

15 I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee.

16 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness.

17 O Lord, Thou shall open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

18 For if Thou had desired sacrifice, I had given it; with whole burnt offerings Thou shall not be pleased.

19 A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise.

20 Do well, O Lord, in Thy good pleasure unto Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.

21 Then shall Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole burnt offerings. Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

*Glory.*

Psalm 51

**For the End: Concerning the Instruction by David. When Doek the Idumean Came, and Declared to Saul, and Said unto Him: David is come to the House of Abimelek.**

**W**hy do thou boast in evil, O mighty *man*, and in iniquity all the day long?

4 Thy tongue has devised unrighteousness, like a sharpened razor have thou wrought deceit.

5 Thou have loved evil more than goodness, unrighteousness more than to speak righteousness.

*Interlude by Chant*

6 Thou have loved all the words of engulfing ruin, and a deceitful tongue.

7 Wherefore, God will destroy thee at the end, He will pluck thee out and remove thee from thy dwelling place, and thy root out of the land of the living.

*Interlude by Chant*

8 The righteous shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, and say:

9 Behold, this is the man that made not God his helper, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his vanity.

10 But as for me, I am like a fruitful olive tree in the house of the Lord; I have hoped in the mercy of God forever, and unto the ages of ages.

11 I will give praise unto Thee forever, for what Thou have done, and I will wait on Thy name, for it is good before Thy saints.

Psalm 52

**For the End: Concerning Maeleth. Concerning Instruction by David.**

**T**he fool has said in his heart: There is no God. They are corrupt and are abominable in iniquities; there is none that does good.

3 God looked down from heaven upon the sons of man, to see if there be any that understand or seek after God.

4 They are all gone astray; they are altogether rendered useless; there is none that does good, no not one.

5 Shall not all they that work iniquity come to understanding, they that eat up my people as they eat bread? They have not called upon the Lord.

## Psalm 53

6 There have they feared with fear where no fear is. For God has scattered the bones of man pleasers; they have been put to shame, because God has set them at naught.

7 Who shall give out of Zion the salvation of Israel? When God hath turned back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice and Israel shall be glad.

## Psalm 53

**For the End: Among the Hymns of Instruction by David. When the Ziphites Came, and Said to Saul: Behold, is not David Hidden with Us?**

**O** God, in Thy name save me, and in Thy strength do Thou judge me.

4 O God, hearken unto my prayer, give ear unto the words of my mouth.

5 For strangers are risen up against me, and mighty men have sought after my soul and have not set God before themselves.

*Interlude by Chant*

6 For behold, God helps me, and the Lord is the protector of my soul.

7 He will bring evils upon mine enemies. Utterly destroy them by Thy truth.

8 Willingly shall I sacrifice unto Thee; I will confess Thy name, O Lord, for it is good.

9 For out of every affliction have Thou delivered me, and mine eye has looked down upon mine enemies.

## Psalm 54

**For the End: Among the Hymns of Instruction by David.**

**G**ive ear, O God, unto my prayer, and disdain not my supplication;

3 attend unto me, and hear me. I was grieved in my meditation, and I was troubled

4 at the voice of the enemy and at the oppression of the sinner; because they have turned iniquity upon me and with wrath were they angry against me.

5 My heart is troubled within me, and the terror of death is fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling are come upon me, and darkness has covered me.

7 And I said: Who will give me wings like a dove? And I will fly, and be at rest.

8 Behold, I have fled afar off and have dwelt in the wilderness.

## Psalm 54

*Interlude by Chant*

9 I waited for God that saves me from faintheartedness and from tempest.

10 Plunge them into the depths, O Lord, and divide their tongues, for I have seen iniquity and gainsaying in the city.

11 Day and night they go around her upon her walls; iniquity and toil and unrighteousness are in the midst of her.

12 And usury and deceit have not departed from her streets.

13 For if mine enemy had reviled me, I might have endured it. And if he that hated me had spoken boastful words against me, I might have hid myself from him.

14 But thou it was, O man of like soul with me, my guide and my familiar friend,

15 Thou who together with me did sweeten my repasts; in the house of God I walked with thee in oneness of mind.

16 Let death come upon such ones, and let them go down alive into Hades. For wickedness is in their dwellings, and in the midst of them.

17 As for me, unto God have I cried, and the Lord hearkened unto me.

18 Evening, and morning, and noonday will I tell of it and will declare it, and He will hear my voice.

19 He will redeem my soul in peace from them that draw near unto me, for they among many were with me.

20 God will hear, and He will humble them, He that is before the ages.

*Interlude by Chant*

For to them there is no requital, because they have not feared God;

21 He has stretched forth His hand in retribution. They have defiled His covenant;

22 they were scattered by the wrath of His countenance, and their hearts have convened. Their words were smoother than oil, and yet they are darts.

23 Cast thy care upon the Lord, and He will nourish thee; He will never permit the righteous to be shaken.

24 But Thou, O God, shall bring those men down into the pit of destruction. Bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but as for me, O Lord, I will hope in Thee.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 55

### Eighth Kathisma

#### Psalm 55

**For the End: Concerning the People Distant from the Holies. By David, for a Pillar Inscription. When the Foreigners Took Him in Geth.**

**H**ave mercy on me, O God, for man has trodden me down all the day long; making war, he has afflicted me.

3 Mine enemies have trodden me down all the day long, for many are they that war against me from on high.

4 By day I shall not fear; but as for me, I will hope in Thee.

5 In God will I commend my words, in God I have set my hope; I will not fear what flesh shall do to me.

6 All the day long they detested my words, all their thoughts were against me for evil.

7 They will live near and will hide themselves; they will watch where I set my heel, even as they have waited for my soul.

8 On no account will Thou save them, in wrath will Thou bring down the peoples, O God.

9 My life have I declared unto Thee; Thou has set my tears before Thee.

10 Even as in Thy promise, mine enemies shall be turned back. In what day whatever I shall call upon Thee, behold, I know that Thou art God.

11 In God will I praise His word, in the Lord will I praise His speech;

12 in God have I put my hope, I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

13 In me, O God, there are vows, which I will render in praise of Thee.

14 For Thou has delivered my soul from death, \* mine eyes from tears, and my feet from sliding, that I may be well pleasing before the Lord in the light of the living.

\* The phrase "...mine eyes from tears," is not present in the text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood. This phrase is only present in the 1821 Moscow Edition of the *Septuagint*.

#### Psalm 56

**For the End: Destroy not. By David; for a Pillar Inscription. When He Fled from the Presence of Saul to the Cave.**

**H**ave mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for my soul trusted in Thee. And in the shadow of Thy wings will I hope, until iniquity shall pass away.

## Psalm 57

3 I will cry unto God the Most High, unto God my benefactor.  
4 He has sent out of heaven and saved me, He has given to reproaching them that were trampling me down.

*Interlude by Chant*

God has sent forth His mercy and His truth,  
5 and has delivered my soul from the midst of lions' cubs; I lay me down to sleep as one troubled. As for the sons of men, their teeth are weapons and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

6 Be Thou exalted above the heavens, O God, and Thy glory above all the earth.

7 They have prepared a snare for my feet, and bowed down my soul. They have dug a pit before my face and have fallen into it themselves.

*Interlude by Chant*

8 Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory.

9 Awake, O my glory; awake, O psaltery and harp; I myself will awake at dawn.

10 I will confess Thee among the peoples, O Lord, I will chant unto Thee among the nations.

11 For magnified even unto the heavens is Thy mercy, and Thy truth even unto the clouds.

12 Be Thou exalted above the heavens, O God, and Thy glory above all the earth.

## Psalm 57

**For the End: Destroy not. By David; For a Pillar Inscription.**

**I**f ye indeed speak of righteousness, judge rightly, ye sons of men.  
3 For in your heart ye work iniquity in the earth; your hands weave unrighteousness.  
4 Even from the womb, sinners are estranged; even from the belly, they are gone astray, they have spoken lies.  
5 Their rage is like that of a serpent, like that of an asp that is deaf and stopped her ears,  
6 Which shall not hearken to the voice of the charmers, nor is spellbound by the spells of a wizard. \*

## Psalm 58

7 God will shatter their teeth in their mouth, the great teeth of the lions the Lord has broken.

8 They shall vanish like passing waters; He will bend His bow till they are weakened.

9 Like wax that is melted shall they be taken away; fire has fallen upon them and they saw not the sun.

10 Before your thorns can know their brier, while they are yet alive, in His wrath shall He swallow them up.

11 The righteous *man* shall be glad, when he sees the avengement; he shall wash his hands in the blood of the sinner.

12 And man shall say: If indeed there is fruit for the righteous *man*, there is indeed a God that judges them upon the earth.

### *Glory.*

\* The text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood reads verse six as follows: "Which shall not hearken to the voice of the wizard charming and the administering of spells by *the wise*".

## Psalm 58

### **For the End: Destroy not. By David; For a Pillar Inscription. When Saul Sent and Watched His House to Kill Him.**

**R**escue me from mine enemies, O God, and from them that rise up against me redeem me.

3 Deliver me from them that work iniquity, and from men of blood do Thou save me.

4 For lo, they have hunted after my soul, the mighty have set upon me. Neither is it mine iniquity, O Lord, nor my sin;

5 without iniquity I ran, and directed my steps; arise to meet me, and behold.

6 And Thou, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, be attentive to visit all the heathen; be not merciful to any that work iniquity.

### *Interlude by Chant*

7 They shall return at evening, and shall hunger like dogs, and shall go around the city.

8 Behold, they shall utter sounds with their mouth, and a sword is in their lips: For whom, say they, has heard?

## Psalm 59

9 And Thou, O Lord, shall laugh them to scorn; Thou shall bring to naught all the heathen.

10 O my Strength, I will keep watch for Thee, for Thou, O God, art my helper.

11 As for my God, His mercy shall go before me; my God shall make it manifest unto me among mine enemies.

12 Slay them not, lest at any time they forget Thy law; scatter them by Thy power, and bring them down, O Lord my defender.

\* 13 The sin of their mouth is the speech of their lips; yea, let them be taken captive in their pride. And from their curse and falsehood shall their final destruction be made known,

\* 14 in the wrath of their utter destruction, and they shall be no more. And they shall know that God is sovereign of Jacob and of the ends of the earth.

*Interlude by Chant*

15 They shall return at evening, and shall hunger like dogs, and shall go round about the city.

16 They shall be scattered abroad that they may eat; if they be not satisfied, they shall murmur.

17 But as for me, I will sing of Thy power; and in the morning I will rejoice in Thy mercy. For Thou art become my helper and my refuge in the day of my tribulation.

18 Thou art my helper, unto Thee will I chant; for Thou, O God, art my helper; O my God, Thou art my mercy.

\* The text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood cites to an alternative reading of verse thirteen that also affects verse fourteen. The reading is as follows"

"The sin of their mouth is the speech of their lips; yea, let them be taken captive in their pride. And from their curse and falsehood shall their final destruction be made known. *They shall fall* in the wrath of their utter destruction, and they shall be no more. And they shall know that God is sovereign of Jacob and of the ends of the earth."

## Psalm 59

**For the End: Concerning Those Verses That Are to be Alternated; Furthermore, for the Pillar Inscription of David, for Instruction When He Had Burned Mesopotamia of Syria and Syrian Sobal, and Joab Had Returned and Had Smitten Edom. Even Twelve Thousand in the Valley of Salt.**

O God, Thou have cast off and have destroyed us; Thou have been wroth and have had pity upon us.

## Psalm 60

4 Thou made the earth to quake and troubled it; heal the breaches thereof, for it has been shaken.

5 Thou have shown Thy people hard things, Thou have made us to drink the wine of contrition.

6 Thou have given a sign unto them that fear Thee that they may flee from before the face of the bow.

*Interlude by Chant*

7 That Thy beloved ones may be delivered, save Thou with Thy right *hand* and hearken unto me.

8 God has spoken in His holy *sanctuary*: I will rejoice and I will divide Sikima, and the vale of tabernacles will I measure out.

9 Mine is Galaad, and Mine is Manasse, and Ephraim is the strength of My head. Judah is My king,

10 Moab is the cauldron of My hope. Upon Idumea will I stretch out My shoe; the \* foreign tribes have been subjected unto Me.

11 Who will bring me into a fortified city? Or who will lead me into Idumea?

12 Will Thou not, O God, Who has spurned us? And will Thou not, O God, go forth with our forces?

13 Give us help from affliction, for vain is the salvation of man.

14 In God we shall work mighty deeds, and He will bring to naught them that afflict us.

\* Or: "Philistines".

## Psalm 60

**For the End: Among the Hymns of David.**

**H**earken, O God, unto my supplication; attend unto my prayer.

3 From the ends of the earth unto Thee have I cried, when my heart was despondent; on a rock have Thou lifted me on high. Thou have guided me,

4 for Thou art become my hope, a tower of strength against the face of the enemy.

5 I will dwell in Thy tabernacle unto the ages; I shall be sheltered in the shelter of Thy wings.

*Interlude by Chant*

## Psalm 61

6 For Thou, O God have heard my prayers; Thou have given an inheritance to them that fear Thy name.

7 Days shall Thou add to the days of the king, his years unto days for generation and generation.

8 He shall abide before the face of God in the age to come. As for His mercy and truth, who shall seek them out?

9 So will I chant unto Thy name unto the ages, that I may pay my vows from day to day.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 61

### For the End: A Psalm of David Concerning Idithum.

**S**hall not my soul be subjected to God? For from Him is my salvation.

3 For He is my God, my savior and my helper, and I shall be shaken no more.

4 How long do ye assail a man? Ye kill, all of you, as ye might assail a leaning wall and a tottering rampart.

5 But they made plans to cast aside mine honor, they ran in falsehood; with their mouth they bless, but with their heart they curse.

*Interlude by Chant*

6 But be subject unto God, O my soul, for from Him is my patient endurance.

7 For He is my God, my savior and my helper, and I shall not be moved from hence.

8 In God is my salvation and my glory; He is the God of my help, and my hope is in God.

9 Hope in Him, all ye congregation of the peoples; pour out your hearts before Him, for God is our helper.

*Interlude by Chant*

10 For the sons of men are vain, the sons of men are a lie in the balance; out of vanity they gather themselves together that they might do injustice.

11 Set not your hopes on injustice, and lust not after plunder; if riches flow in, set not your hearts thereon.

12 Once has God spoken; these two things have I heard, that dominion belonged to God,

## Psalm 62

13 and mercy is Thine, O Lord; for thou wilt render to every man according to his works.

### Psalm 62

#### A Psalm of David. When He Was in the Wilderness of Judea.

O God, thou art my God, unto Thee I rise early at dawn. My soul has thirsted for Thee; how often has my flesh longed after Thee in a land barren and untrodden and unwatered.

3 So in the holy *sanctuary* have I appeared before Thee to see Thy power and Thy glory.

4 For Thy mercy is better than lives; my lips shall praise Thee.

5 So shall I bless Thee in my life, and in Thy name will I lift up my hands.

6 As with marrow and fatness let my soul be filled, and with lips rejoicing shall my mouth praise Thee.

7 If I remembered Thee on my bed, at the dawn I meditated on Thee.

8 For Thou art become my helper; in the shelter of Thy wings will I rejoice.

9 My soul has cleaved after Thee, Thy right *hand* has been quick to help me.

10 But as for these, in vain have they sought after my soul; they shall go into the nethermost parts of the earth,

11 they shall be surrendered unto the edge of the broadsword; portions for foxes shall they be.

12 But the king shall be glad in God, everyone shall be praised that swears by Him; for the mouth of them is stopped that speak unjust things.

### Psalm 63

#### For the End: A Psalm of David.

Hearken, O God, unto my prayer, when I make supplication unto Thee; rescue my soul from fear of the enemy.

3 Shelter me from the concourse of them that do wickedness, from the multitude of them that work unrighteousness.

4 They have sharpened their tongues like a broadsword; they have bent their bow, a bitter thing

5 that they may shoot in secret at the blameless man. Suddenly shall they shoot at him and shall not fear;

6 they have strengthened themselves in a wicked word. They have spoken of hiding snares; they said: Who shall see them?

7 They have searched after iniquity, in searching they are grown weary of searching. A man shall draw near, and the heart is deep;

## Psalm 64

8 and God shall be exalted. As an arrow of infants are their blows,  
\* 9 and their tongues are made strength less against them. All that saw them were troubled,  
10 and every man was afraid. And they declared the works of God, and His deeds they understood.  
11 The righteous *man* shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him; and all the upright in heart shall be praised.

### *Glory.*

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads verse nine as follows: "and their tongues have treated Him with contempt. All that saw them were troubled".

## Ninth Kathisma

### Psalm 64

**For the End: A Cantic Psalm of David, an Ode Sung by Jeremiah and Ezekiel and the Captive People When They Were About to Depart.**

**T**o Thee is due praise, O God, in Zion; and unto Thee shall a vow be rendered in Jerusalem.

3 Hearken unto my prayer, for unto Thee shall all flesh come.

4 The words of lawless *men* have overpowered us, but to our ungodliness shall Thou be merciful.

5 Blessed is he whom Thou have chosen and have taken to Thyself; he shall dwell in Thy courts. We shall be filled with the good things of Thy house; holy is Thy temple,

6 wonderful in righteousness. Hearken unto us, O God our Savior, Thou hope of all the ends of the earth and of them that be far off at sea,

7 Who sets fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded around with power,

8 Who troubles the hollow of the sea; as for the roar of its waves, who shall withstand them? The heathen shall be troubled,

9 and the dwellers of the farthest regions shall be afraid at Thy signs; Thou shall make the outgoings of the morning and the evening to delight.

10 Thou has visited the earth and abundantly watered her; Thou have multiplied the means of enriching her. The river of God is filled with waters; Thou has prepared their food, for thus is the preparation thereof.

11 Do Thou make her furrows drunk with water, multiply her fruits; in her showers will she be glad when she sprouts forth.

## Psalm 65

12 Thou shall bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness, and Thy plains shall be filled with fatness.

13 Enriched shall be the mountains of the wilderness, and the hills shall be girded with rejoicing.

14 The rams of the flock have clothed themselves with fleece, and the valleys shall abound with wheat; they shall cry aloud, yea, they shall chant hymns unto Thee.

## Psalm 65

### For the End: A Psalmic Ode of Resurrection.

**S**hout with jubilation unto the Lord all the earth; chant you unto His name, give glory in praise of Him.

3 Say unto God: How awesome are Thy works! In the multitude of Thy power shall Thine enemies be proved false unto Thee.

4 Let all the earth worship Thee and chant unto Thee; let them chant unto Thy name, O Most High.

*Interlude by Chant*

5 Come and see the works of the Lord, how awesome He is in His counsels, more than the sons of men,

6 He turned the sea into dry *land*; in the river shall they pass through on foot. There shall we rejoice in Him,

7 in Him that is ruler in His sovereignty forever. His eyes look upon the nations; let not them that embitter Him be exalted in themselves.

*Interlude by Chant*

8 O bless our God, ye nations, and make the voice of His praise to be heard,

9 Who has established my soul in life, and permitted not my feet to be shaken.

10 For Thou have proved us, O God, and by fire have Thou tried us even as silver is tried by fire.

11 Thou have brought us into the snare, Thou have laid afflictions upon our back.

12 Thou made men to mount upon our heads. We went through fire and water, and Thou did bring us out into refreshment.

**Psalm 66**

13 I will go into Thy house with a whole burnt offering; to Thee will I pay my vows,

14 which my lips pronounced and which my mouth had spoken in mine affliction.

15 Whole burnt offerings full of marrow will I offer unto Thee, with incense and rams; oxen and goats will I offer unto Thee.

*Interlude by Chant*

16 Come and hear, and I will declare unto you, all ye that fear God, what things He has done for my soul.

17 Unto Him with my mouth have I cried, and I exalted Him with my tongue.

18 If in my heart I regarded unrighteousness, let the Lord not hear me.

19 Wherefore God has hearkened unto me, He has been attentive to the voice of my supplication.

20 Blessed is God Who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy away from me.

**Psalm 66**

**For the End: Among the Hymns. A Canticle Psalm of David.**

**G**od be gracious unto us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us \* and have mercy on us.

*Interlude by Chant*

3 That we may know upon the earth Thy way, among all the nations Thy salvation.

4 Let the peoples give Thee praise, O God, let all the peoples praise Thee.

5 Let the nations be glad and rejoice, for Thou shall judge peoples with uprightness; and nations shall Thou guide upon the earth.

*Interlude by Chant*

6 Let the peoples give Thee praise, O God, let all the peoples praise Thee;

7 the earth has yielded her fruit. Let God, our God, bless us;

8 let God bless us, and let all the ends of the earth fear Him.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 67

\* This phrase is omitted from the text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood, but is present in the 1821 Moscow Edition of the *Septuagint*.

### Psalm 67 For the End: A Cantic Psalm of David.

Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.

3 As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire, so let sinners perish at the presence of God.

4 And let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice in the presence of God, let them delight in gladness.

5 Sing unto God, chant unto His name; prepare you the way for Him that rides upon the setting of the sun. Lord is His name; yea, rejoice before Him.

6 Let them be troubled at His presence, Who is a father of orphans and a judge to the widows. God is in His holy place.

7 God settles the solitary in a house, mightily leading forth them that were shackled, and likewise them that embitter Him, them that reside in tombs.

8 O God, when Thou went forth before Thy people, when Thou did traverse the wilderness.

*Interlude by Chant*

9 The earth was shaken and the heavens dropped dew, at the presence of the God of Sinai, at the presence of the God of Israel.

10 A rain freely given shall Thou ordain, O God, for Thine inheritance; yea, it became weak, but Thou shall restore it.

11 Thy living creatures shall live therein; Thou have prepared it in Thy goodness for the poor man, O God.

12 The Lord shall give speech with great power to them that bring good tidings.

13 He that is the King of the hosts of His beloved one shall divide the spoils for the beauty of the house.

14 Even if ye sleep among the lots, ye shall have the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her pinions of sparkling gold.

15 When He that is in the heavens ordained kings over her, they shall be made snow white in Selmon.

16 The mountain of God is a \* butter mountain, a \* curdled mountain, a \* butter mountain.

## Psalm 67

17 Why suppose you that there are other \* curdled mountains? This is the mountain wherein God is pleased to live, yea, for the Lord will reside therein to the end.

18 The chariot host of God is ten thousand fold, yea, thousands of them that abound in number; the Lord is among them at Sinai, in His holy *place*.

19 Thou has ascended on high, Thou led captivity captive, Thou did receive gifts among men (yea, for they were disobedient) that Thou might live there.

20 Blessed is the Lord God; blessed is the Lord day by day; the God of our salvation shall prosper us \* along the way.

*Interlude by Chant*

21 Our God is the God of salvation, and the pathways leading forth from death are those of the Lord's Lord.

22 But God shall crush the heads of His enemies, the hairy crown of them that continue in their trespasses.

23 The Lord said: I will return from Basan. I will return in the deeps of the sea.

24 That thy foot may be dipped in blood, yea, the tongue of thy dogs in that of thine enemies.

25 Thy processions have been seen, O God, the processions of my God, of my King Who is in His holy *sanctuary*.

26 Rulers went before, and after them the chanters, in the midst of tambourine-playing maidens.

27 In congregations bless ye God, the Lord from the well springs of Israel.

28 Yonder is Benjamin the younger in rapture, the rulers of Judah their governors, the rulers of Zabulon, the rulers of Nephthalim.

29 Give Thou command, O God, unto Thy hosts; strengthen, O God, this which Thou has wrought in us.

30 Because of Thy temple in Jerusalem, kings shall bring gifts unto Thee.

31 Rebuke the wild beasts of the reed, that congregation of bulls among the heifers of the peoples, lest they exclude them that have been proved like silver. Scatter the nations that desire wars.

32 Ambassadors shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall hasten to stretch out her hand unto God.

33 Ye kingdoms of the earth sing unto God; chant ye unto the Lord,

*Interlude by Chant*

## Psalm 68

\* 34 unto Him that rides the heaven of heaven towards the \* dayspring. Behold, He will utter with His voice a voice of power.

35 Give ye glory unto God; His magnificence is over Israel and His power is in the clouds.

36 Wondrous is God in His saints; the God of Israel, He will give power and strength unto His people. Blessed is God.

### *Glory.*

\* Or: "rich", or "fat".

\* Literally: "curdled like cheese".

\* The phrase: "...along the way" is not present in the text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood or in codices *Vaticanus*, *Alexandrinus* and *Sinaiticus*.

\* The text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood read verse thirty-four as follows:

"Chant ye unto God that rides the heaven or heaven towards the dayspring."

\* Or: "east".

## Psalm 68

### **For the End: Concerning Those Verses That Are to be Alternated. A Psalm of David.**

**S**ave me, O God, for the waters are come in unto my soul.

3 I am stuck fast in the mire of the deep, and there is no sure standing. I am come into the deeps of the sea, and a tempest has overwhelmed me.

4 I am grown weary with crying, my throat is become hoarse; from my hoping in my God, mine eyes have failed me.

5 They that hate me without a cause are multiplied more than the hairs of my head. Mine enemies are grown strong; they that persecute me unjustly; then did I restore that which I took not away.

6 O God, Thou know my foolishness, and my transgressions are not hid from Thee.

7 Let not them that wait on Thee be ashamed for my sake, O Lord, Thou Lord of hosts. Nor let them that seek after Thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

8 Because for Thy sake I have borne reproach, shame hath covered my face.

## Psalm 68

9 I am become a stranger unto my brothers, and an alien unto the sons of my mother.

10 For the zeal of Thy house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of them that reproach Thee are fallen on me.

11 Yea, with fasting I covered my soul, and it was turned into a reproach for me.

12 And I made sackcloth my clothing, and I became a proverb to them.

13 And they prated against me, they that sit in the gates; and they made a song about me, they that drink wine.

14 But as for me, with my prayer I cry unto Thee, O Lord; it is time for Thy good pleasure. O God, in the multitude of Thy mercy hearken unto me, in the truth of Thy salvation.

15 Save me from the mire, that I be not stuck therein; let me be delivered from them that hate me and from the deeps of the waters.

16 Let not the tempest of water overwhelm me, nor let the deep swallow me up, nor let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

17 Hearken unto me, O Lord, for Thy mercy is good; according to the multitude of Thy compassions, look upon me.

18 Turn not Thy countenance away from Thy servant, for I am afflicted; quickly hearken unto me.

19 Attend unto my soul and deliver it; because of mine enemies, rescue me.

20 For Thou knows my reproach, my shame and my humiliation. Before Thee are all that afflict me.

21 My soul has awaited reproach and misery. And I waited for one that would grieve with me, but there was no one; and for them that would comfort me, but I found none.

22 And they gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

23 Let their table before them be for a snare, for recompense and for a stumbling block.

24 Let their eyes be darkened that they may not see, and their back do Thou continually bow down.

25 Pour out upon them Thy wrath, and let the fury of Thy wrath take hold upon them.

26 Let their habitation be made desolate, and in their tents let there be none to reside.

27 For they persecuted him whom Thou has smitten, and to the pain of my wounds have they added.

28 Add iniquity to their iniquity, and let them not enter into Thy righteousness.

## Psalm 69

29 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and with the righteous let them not be written.

30 Poor and in sorrow am I; may Thy salvation, O God, be quick to help me.

31 I will praise the name of my God with an ode; I will magnify Him with praise.

32 And this shall please God more than a young calf that has horns and hooves.

33 Let beggars behold it and be glad; seek after God, and your soul shall live.

34 For the Lord has hearkened unto the poor and has not despised them that are fettered for His sake.

35 Let the heavens and the earth praise Him, the sea and all the creeping things therein.

36 For God will save Zion, and the cities of Judea shall be built; and they shall live therein and inherit it.

37 And the seed of Thy servants shall possess it, and they that love Thy name shall live therein.

## Psalm 69

**For the End: David's. In Remembrance. That the Lord May Save Me.**

**O** God, be attentive unto helping me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

3 Let them be shamed and confounded that seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and brought to shame that desire evils against me.

4 Let them be turned back straightway in shame that say unto me: Well done! Well done!

5 Let them be glad and rejoice in Thee all that seek after Thee, O God, and let them that love Thy salvation say continually: The Lord be magnified.

6 But as for me, I am poor and needy; O God, come unto mine aid. My helper and my deliverer art Thou, O Lord; make no long tarrying.

*Glory.*

**Tenth Kathisma**

**Psalm 70**

**David's. A Psalm of the Sons of Jonadab and the First That Were Taken Away Captive. Without Superscription among the Hebrews.**

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me not be put to shame in the age to come;

2 in Thy righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline Thine ear unto me and save me.

3 Be Thou unto me a God that is my defender and a place of strength that Thou may save me, for Thou art my foundation and refuge.

4 O my God, deliver me out of the hand of the sinner, out of the hand of the transgressor and the unrighteous man.

5 For Thou art my patience, O Lord; O Lord, Thou art my hope from my youth.

6 On Thee have I been made fast from the womb; from my mother's womb Thou art my protector. In Thee continually is my singing of praise;

7 I am become as a wonder to many, and Thou art my strong helper.

8 Let my mouth be filled with praise, that I may hymn Thy glory and Thy majesty all the day long.

9 Cast me not away in the time of mine old age; when my strength fails, forsake me not.

10 For mine enemies have spoken against me, and they that watch my soul took counsel together,

11 saying: God has forsaken him; pursue him and take him for there is none to deliver him.

12 My God, be not far off from me; my God, be attentive unto helping me.

13 Let them be put to shame and brought to naught that falsely accuse my soul; let them be covered with shame and confusion, they that seek evils for me.

14 But as for me, I will ever hope in Thee, and I will add to all Thy praise.

\* 15 My mouth shall declare Thy righteousness, all the day long Thy salvation; for I know not the reckoning thereof.

16 I will commence in the might of the Lord; O Lord, I will make mention of the righteousness which is Thine alone.

17 O my God, Thou have taught me from my youth, and till now will I declare Thy wondrous works.

18 And, even unto old age and the dignity of years, my God, forsake me not, until I declare Thy mighty arm to every generation that is to come,

## Psalm 71

19 Yea, Thy sovereignty and Thy righteousness, O God, and declare even to the heights the great things which Thou has done for me. O God, who is like unto Thee?

\* 20 How great are the many and evil afflictions which Thou have showed unto me; yet, having returned, Thou made me to live, and out of the depths of the earth Thou brought me up. Thou have multiplied Thy magnificence over me; and having returned, Thou have comforted me, and out of the depths of the earth Thou brought me up.

21 Thou have multiplied Thy magnificence over me; and having returned, Thou have comforted me, \*and out of the depths of the earth again Thou brought me up.

22 Therefore also will I confess Thee \* among the peoples, O Lord, with instruments of psalmody; with the harp I will chant of Thy truth unto Thee, O God, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall rejoice when I chant unto Thee, yea, even my soul which Thou have redeemed.

24 Moreover my tongue will meditate on Thy righteousness all the day long, when they be put to shame and confounded which seek evils for me.

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads verse fifteen as follows: "My mouth shall declare Thy righteousness, all the day long Thy salvation; for I know not the affairs of men".

\* The text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe brotherhood read verse twenty somewhat differently, and is translated as follows:

"How great are the many and evil afflictions which Thou have showed unto me; yet, having returned, Thou made me to live, and out of the depths of the earth again Thou brought me up."

\* Alfred Rahlfs' *Septuaginta* has this last portion of verse twenty-one bracketed which indicates, in Rahlfs' opinion that the phrase does not belong to the original LXX text.

\* The phrase "...among the peoples" is not present in the text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood or in codices *Vaticanus*, *Alexandrinus* and *Sinaiticus*.

## Psalm 71 For the End: A Psalm of David, for Solomon.

O God, give Thy judgment to the king, and Thy righteousness to the son of the king,

2 that he may judge Thy people with righteousness, and Thy poor with judgment.

## Psalm 71

3 Let the mountains receive peace for the people, and let the hills receive righteousness.

4 He shall judge the beggars among the people, and shall save the sons of the poor, and shall humble the false accuser.

5 And He shall continue as long as the sun, and before the moon from generation to generation.

6 He shall come down like rain upon a fleece, and like rain-drops that fall upon the earth.

7 In His days shall righteousness dawn forth an abundance of peace, until the moon be taken away.

8 And He shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the rivers even unto the ends of the inhabited earth.

9 Before Him shall the Ethiopians fall down, and His enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tharsis and the islands shall bring gifts, kings of the Arabians and of Saba shall bring presents.

11 And all the kings \* of the earth shall worship Him, all the nations shall serve Him.

12 For He has delivered the beggar from the oppressor, and the poor man for whom there was no helper.

13 He shall spare the poor man and the pauper, and the souls of the poor shall He save.

14 From usury and from injustices shall He redeem their souls, and precious shall be His name before them.

15 And He shall live, and there shall be given unto Him of the gold of Arabia, and they shall make prayer concerning Him always; all the day long shall they bless Him.

16 He shall be a support in the earth on the summits of the mountains; exalted more than Lebanon shall be His fruit, and they of the city shall flourish like the grass of the earth.

17 His name shall be blessed unto the ages, before the sun does His name continue. And in Him shall be blessed all the tribes of the earth, all the nations shall call Him blessed.

18 Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel, Who alone does wonders.

19 And blessed is the name of His glory forever, and unto the ages of ages. And all the earth shall be filled with His glory. So be it. So be it.

\* The hymns of David the son of Jesse are ended

*Glory.*

## Psalm 72

\* *Codex Sinaiticus* and the text published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and the Zoe Brotherhood add the phrase: "of the earth".

\* The phrase: "The hymns of David the son of Jesse are ended" is omitted from the 1821 Moscow Edition of the *Septuagint*. Further, Alfred Rahlfs' *Septuagint* lists this phrase as verse twenty where the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood text does versify it, but has it as a stand along phrase at the end of Psalm 71.

### Psalm 72

#### A Psalm for Asaph; an Ode to the Assyrian.

**H**ow good is God to Israel, to them that are upright of heart!  
2 But as for me, my feet were all but shaken; my steps well nigh had slipped.  
3 For I was jealous of the transgressors, when I beheld the peace of sinners.  
4 For they make no sign of refusal in the time of their death, and they have steadfastness in the time of their scourging.  
5 They are not in such toils as other men, nor with other men shall they be scourged.  
6 Wherefore, their pride has utterly mastered them, they have wrapped themselves in their injustice and ungodliness.  
7 Their injustice shall go forth as out of fatness, they have passed through to their heart's intent.  
8 They have thought and spoken in wickedness, they have spoken unrighteousness in arrogance.  
9 They have set their mouth against heaven, and their tongue rove in the earth.  
10 Therefore shall my people return hither, and full days shall be found in them.  
11 And they said: How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?  
12 Behold, these are the sinners; they prosper in this age and have obtained riches.  
13 And I said: Surely in vain have I kept justice in my heart and washed my hands among the innocent.  
14 And I became a man scourged all the day long, and reproof was mine in every morning.  
15 And I said: I shall speak thus: Behold, I should have broken covenant with the generation of Thy sons.  
16 And I sought to understand, but this was toilsome in my sight,  
17 until I come into the holy sanctuary of God and understand their end.

## Psalm 73

18 Surely, for their crafty dealings Thou have appointed evils for them; Thou have cast them down in their exaltation.

19 How are they come unto desolation in a moment! They have ceased to be; they have perished because of their iniquity.

20 As a dream of one who wakes, O Lord, in Thy city Thou shall bring their image to naught.

\* 21 For my heart was fired and my reins have been changed;

22 *and* I was brought to naught and knew it not. I became as a beast before Thee,

23 *and* I am ever with Thee. Thou have held me by my right hand,

24 and by Thy counsel Thou has guided me, and with glory have Thou taken me to Thyself.

25 For what have I in heaven? And besides Thee, what have I desired upon earth?

26 My heart and my flesh have failed, O God of my heart; and God is my portion forever.

27 For behold, they that remove themselves from Thee shall perish; Thou has destroyed all that go a whoring from Thee.

28 But it is good for me to cleave unto God, to put my hope in the Lord, that I may declare all Thy praises in the gates of the daughter of Zion.

\* *Codex Vaticanus* and *Codex Sinaiticus* read verse twenty-one as follows:

“For my heart has rejoiced and my reins have been changed”.

## Psalm 73

### Asaph's. Concerning Instruction.

**O** God, why have Thou cast us off unto the end? Why has Thine anger raged against the sheep of Thy pasture?

2 Remember Thy congregation which Thou have purchased from the beginning. Thou have redeemed the rod of Thine inheritance, this Mount Sion wherein Thou has resided.

3 Lift up Thy hands against their pride at the end, against the things which the enemy hath wickedly done in Thy holy *place*.

4 And they that hate Thee have boasted in the midst of Thy feast. They set up their ensigns, yea, signs (though they knew it not)

5 as it were for the departing on high.

6 As in a forest of trees, with axes they cut down the doors thereof together, with two edged axe and mason's hammer have they broken it down.

## Psalm 73

7 With fire have they burned down Thy holy sanctuary, they have profaned even unto the ground the habitation of Thy name.

8 They said in their heart, even the whole kindred of them together: Come, let us abolish all the feasts of God from the earth.

9 Our signs have we not seen; there is no more any prophet, and he will know us no more.

10 How long, O God, shall the enemy utter reproaches? Shall the adversary provoke Thy name to the end?

11 Wherefore turn away Thy hand and Thy right *hand* out of the midst of Thy bosom forever?

12 But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 Thou did establish the sea by Thy might; Thou did break the heads of the dragons in the water.

14 Thou did crush the head of the dragon; Thou gave him as food to the Ethiopian peoples.

15 Thou have cloven fountains and torrents, Thou have dried up the rivers of Etham.

16 Thine is the day and Thine is the night; Thou have perfected the light and the sun.

17 Thou have made all the borders of the earth; summer and spring have Thou fashioned.

18 Be mindful of this \* Thy creation. The enemy has reproached the Lord, and a mindless people have provoked Thy name.

19 O deliver not unto beasts the soul which does confess Thee; of the souls of Thy paupers be not forgetful unto the end.

20 Look Thou upon Thy covenant, for the dark places of the earth are filled with the houses of iniquity.

21 Let not the humbled and shamed man be turned away; the beggar and the poor man shall praise Thy name.

22 Arise, O God, judge Thine own cause; remember the reproach made against Thee by the mindless man all the day long.

23 Forget not the voice of Thy suppliants; the prides of them that hate Thee ascend continually.

### *Glory.*

\* The Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood text omit the phrase: "Thy creation". This phrase is also found in *Codex Vaticanus*.

**Psalm 74**

**For the End: Destroy not. A Canticle Psalm for Asaph.**

**W**e will confess Thee, O God, we will confess Thee, and we will call upon Thy name.

3 I will tell of all Thy wonders. When I am given the appointed time, I will judge uprightly.

4 The earth is melted and all that dwell therein; it is I that made steadfast the pillars thereof.

*Interlude by Chant*

5 I said to the transgressors: Do not transgress; and to the sinners: Lift not up the horn.

6 Lift not up your horn on high, and speak not unrighteousness against God.

7 For judgment comes not from the byways, nor from the west, nor from the desert mountains;

8 for God is judge. This man He humbled, and another He exalted;

9 for in the hand of the Lord there is a brimming cup of unmingled wine. And He has inclined it from side to side, but the dregs thereof were not fully emptied out; all the sinners of the earth shall drink of them.

10 But as for me, I will rejoice forever; I will chant unto the God of Jacob. And all the horns of the sinners will I break, but the horn of the righteous man shall be exalted.

**Psalm 75**

**For the End: Among the Hymns. A Psalm for Asaph, an Ode to the Assyrian.**

**I**n Judea is God known, His name is great in Israel.

3 And His place has been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion.

4 There did He break the power of the bow, the weapon and the broadsword and the battle.

*Interlude by Chant*

5 Thou shine wondrously from the everlasting mountains;

6 all the foolish of heart were troubled. They have slept their sleep, and all the men of wealth have found nothing in their hands.

## Psalm 76

7 At Thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, they that had mounted upon horses fell  
aslumber.

8 Thou art to be feared, and who shall withstand Thee? \* From thenceforth  
is Thy wrath;

9 Thou did cause judgment to be heard from heaven. The earth feared and  
was still,

10 when God rose to judgment to save all the meek of the earth.

*Interlude by Chant*

11 For the inward thought of man shall give praise unto Thee, and the  
remainder of his inward thought shall keep a feast to Thee.

12 Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God; all that are around  
Him shall bring gifts, To Him that is to be feared and take away the spirits of  
princes, to Him that is to be feared among the kings of the earth.

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "From Thy wrath".

## Psalm 76

### For the End: A Psalm for Asaph Concerning Idithum.

With my voice unto the Lord have I cried, with my voice unto God, and  
He was attentive unto me.

3 In the day of mine affliction I sought out God, with my hands upraised  
by night before Him, and I was not deceived. My soul refused to be comforted;

4 I remembered God and I was gladdened; I spoke in idleness and my  
spirit became faint-hearted.

*Interlude by Chant*

\* 5 Mine eyes were wakeful before the watches; I was troubled and spoke  
not.

6 I thought upon the days of old, and the years of ages past I called to  
mind, and I meditated.

7 By night I pondered in my heart, and my spirit searched diligently.

8 Will the Lord then cast me off unto the ages, and will He be favorable no  
more?

9 Or will He cut off His mercy unto the end? Has He brought to an end  
His word from generation to generation?

## Psalm 76

10 Or will the Lord forget to be merciful? Or in His wrath will He shut up His compassions forever?

*Interlude by Chant*

11 And I said: Now have I made a beginning; this change has been wrought by the right *hand* of the Most High.

12 I remembered the works of the Lord; for I will remember Thy wonders from the beginning.

13 And I will meditate on all Thy works and I shall ponder upon Thy ways.

14 O God, in the holy sanctuary is Thy way. What God is as great as our God?

15 Thou art God Who works wonders. Thou have made known Thy power among the peoples;

16 with Thine arm have Thou redeemed Thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

*Interlude by Chant*

17 The waters saw Thee, O God; the waters saw Thee and were afraid; the abysses were troubled.

18 Great was the resounding sound of the waters, the clouds gave forth a voice. Yea, for thine arrows passed abroad;

19 the voice of Thy thunder is in their rolling. And Thy lightnings have lightened the world; the earth was shaken and it trembled.

20 In the sea are Thy byways, and Thy paths in many waters; and Thy footsteps shall not be known.

21 Thou led Thy people as sheep by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

***Glory.***

\* *Codex Vaticanus* and *Codex Sinaiticus* read verse five as follows:

“All mine enemies set a watch *against me*, I was troubled, and spoke not”.

## Psalm 77

### Eleventh Kathisma

#### Psalm 77 Concerning Instruction. For Asaph.

Give heed, O my people, to my law; incline your ear unto the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter dark sayings which have been from the beginning.

3 Even those things that we have heard and have known and which our fathers have told us.

4 They were not hid from their children in another generation. They declared the praises of the Lord and His mighty acts and His wonders which He wrought.

5 And He raised up a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, Even those things He had commanded our fathers, to make the same known unto their sons,

6 that another generation might know, Even the sons about to be born, that they in turn might arise and declare them unto their sons,

7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but seek after His commandments,

8 That they might not be as their fathers, a generation perverse and provoking, a generation that set not their heart aright, and which kept not their spirit steadfast with God.

9 The sons of Ephraim that bend and shoot with bows turned back in the day of battle.

10 They kept not the covenant of God, and in His law they were not fain to walk.

11 And they forgot His benefits and His wonders that He had showed to them,

12 even the wonders He had done in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, and in the plains of Tanis.

13 He divided the sea, and brought them through; He made the waters to stand as in a wineskin.

14 And He guided them with a cloud by day, and all the night with a light of fire.

15 He divided the rock in the wilderness, and gave them to drink as in a great deep.

16 And He led forth water out of the rock, and brought down waters like rivers.

## Psalm 77

17 And they added yet more sin against Him, they embittered the Most High in the waterless place.

18 And they made trial of God in their hearts, by asking food for their souls.

19 And they spoke against God, and they said: Cannot God prepare a table in the wilderness?

20 Because He struck a rock, and waters streamed forth, and the torrents overflowed, Cannot He give bread also, or prepare a table for His people?

21 Wherefore, the Lord heard and was stirred up, and a fire was kindled in Jacob, and wrath rose up against Israel,

22 because they believed not in God, nor hoped in His salvation.

23 And He commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

24 and rained manna on them to eat, and bread of heaven did He give unto them.

25 Man ate the bread of angels; provision He sent them to the full.

26 He removed the south wind from heaven, and brought in by His might the southwest wind.

27 And He rained on them flesh as it were dust, and feathered birds like the sands of the sea,

28 Which fell in the midst of their camp, around their tents.

29 And they ate and were filled exceedingly, and their desire did He give unto them;

30 nor were they deprived of their desire. But while their food was yet in their mouth,

31 the wrath of God rose up against them. And He killed their stout ones, and shackled the choice men of Israel.

32 In all these things they sinned the more, and believed not in His wonders.

33 And their days were consumed in vanity, and their years with haste.

34 When He killed them, then they sought after Him, and they turned back and enquired early after God.

35 And they remembered that God is their helper, and that God the Most High is their redeemer.

36 And they loved Him with their mouth, and with their tongue they lied to Him,

37 for their heart was not right with Him, nor were they faithful in His covenant.

38 But He is compassionate and will be gracious unto their sins, and He will not destroy. And many a time will He turn His anger away, and will not kindle His entire wrath.

## Psalm 77

39 And He remembered that they are but flesh, breath which passes away and comes not back again.

40 How often did they embitter Him in the wilderness, and move Him to wrath in the waterless land!

41 They turned back and made trial of God and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They remembered not His hand, nor the day wherein He redeemed them from the hand of the oppressor,

43 how He had wrought in Egypt His signs, and His marvels in the plain of Tanis.

44 And He had turned into blood their rivers and their rainfalls that they might not drink.

45 He had sent against them the dog-fly, and it devoured them; and the frog, and it destroyed them.

46 And He had given to the cankerworm their fruits, and their labors to the locust.

47 And He destroyed with hail their vine, and their mulberry trees with frost.

48 And He had given over to the hail their cattle, and their substance to the fire.

49 And He sent forth against them the wrath of His anger, anger and wrath and affliction, a mission performed by evil angels.

50 He had made a path for His wrath, and He spared not from death their souls, and their cattle He shut up in death.

51 And He had struck every firstborn in the land of Egypt, the firstlings of all their labors, in the tabernacles of Ham.

52 And He took away His people as sheep, and He led them forth as a flock in the wilderness.

53 And He guided them in hope and they feared not, and the sea covered up their enemies.

54 And He brought them unto the mountain of His holy sanctuary, this mountain which His right *hand* had gained as a possession.

55 He cast out the heathen from before their face, and apportioned them an inheritance by lot. And He settled in their tents the tribes of Israel.

56 But they tempted and embittered God the Most High, and His testimonies they did not keep.

57 And they turned back and broke covenant, even as their fathers did; they became like unto a crooked bow.

58 And they provoked Him to wrath among their hills, and with their graven images they moved Him to jealousy.

## Psalm 78

59 God heard and regarded them no more, and set Israel utterly at naught.  
60 And He rejected His dwelling at Silom, His dwelling where He had dwelt among men.

61 And He gave over to captivity their strength, and their beauty into the hands of enemies.

62 And with a broadsword He enclosed His people, and His inheritance did He regard no more.

63 Fire consumed their young men, and their virgins lamented not.

64 Their priests fell by the broadsword, and none shall weep for their widows.

65 And the Lord awoke as one that sleeps, like a mighty man grown cloyed with wine.

66 And He struck His enemies upon their backs, reproach everlasting He gave to them.

67 And He rejected the dwelling of Joseph, and He chose not the tribe of Ephraim.

68 And He chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved.

69 And He built His holy sanctuary like that of a one-horned *animal*; on the earth He established it forever.

70 And He chose out David His servant, and took him up from the flocks of sheep,

71 from following the ewes great with young He took him, to shepherd Jacob His servant, and Israel His inheritance.

72 And he did shepherd them in the innocence of his heart, and by the skillfulness of his hands he guided them.

*Glory.*

### Psalm 78 A Psalm for Asaph.

**O** God, the heathen are come into Thine inheritance, they have defiled Thy holy temple; they have made Jerusalem as it were the hut of an orchard keeper.

2 They have made the dead bodies of Thy servants to be food for the birds of heaven, the flesh of Thy saints for the beasts of the earth.

3 They have poured out their blood like water around Jerusalem, and there was none to bury them.

4 We are become a reproach among our neighbors, a scorn and derision to them that are around us.

## Psalm 79

5 How long, O Lord, will Thou be wroth unto the end? Shall Thy jealousy be kindled like fire?

6 Pour out Thy wrath upon the nations that know Thee not, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon Thy name,

7 for they have devoured Jacob, and his place have they made desolate.

8 O remember not our iniquities of old; let Thy compassions quickly go before us, O Lord, for we are become exceedingly poor.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the sake of the glory of Thy name; O Lord, deliver us and be gracious unto our sins for Thy name's sake,

10 lest haply the nations say: Where is their God? Yea, make known among the nations before our eyes the vengeance for Thy servant's blood which has been shed.

11 Let there come before Thee the groaning of them that be in fetters. According to the greatness of Thine arm, show Thy care for the sons of the slain.

12 Render to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached Thee, O Lord;

13 for we are Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture. We will confess Thee, O God, forever; unto generation and generation we will declare Thy praise.

## Psalm 79

**For the End: Concerning Those Verses That Are to be Alternated. A Testimony for Asaph; a Psalm Concerning the Assyrian.**

**O** Shepherd of Israel, attend, Thou that leads Joseph like a sheep. Thou that sits on the cherubim, manifest Thyself.

3 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasse, stir up Thy might and come to save us.

4 O God, make us to return and cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

5 O Lord God of hosts, how long will Thou be wroth against the prayer of Thy servants?

6 Will Thou feed us with the bread of tears, and will Thou give us for drink tears in measure?

7 Thou have made us a gainsaying among our neighbors, and our enemies have scoffed at us.

8 O Lord of hosts, make us to return and cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

*Interlude by Chant*

## Psalm 80

9 A vine have Thou brought out of Egypt, Thou have cast out the heathen and planted it.

10 Thou have prepared the way before it, and Thou have planted the roots thereof, and it filled the earth.

11 The shadows thereof covered the mountains and the boughs thereof the cedars of God.

12 It stretched forth its shoots unto the sea, and its branches unto the rivers.

13 Why have Thou broken down the hedge thereof, and all that pass along the way do pluck the fruit?

14 The boar of the forest has laid it to waste, and the wild beast has devoured it.

15 O God of hosts, return again; and look down from heaven and behold, and visit this vine,

16 and perfect that which Thy right *hand* has planted, and look upon the son of man whom Thou made strong for Thyself.

17 It is burned with fire and is dug up; at the rebuke of Thy face they shall perish.

18 Let Thy hand be upon the man of Thy right *hand*, and upon the son of man whom Thou made strong for Thyself.

19 And we will not depart from Thee; Thou shall quicken us, and we will call upon Thy name.

20 O Lord God of hosts, make us to return and cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

## Psalm 80

**For the End: A Canticle Psalm for \* Asaph Concerning the Winepresses.**

**R**ejoice in God our helper; shout with joy to the God of Jacob.

3 Take up a psalm, and bring the tambourine, the pleasant psaltery with the harp.

4 Sound the trumpet at the new moon, in the notable day of \* our feast.

5 For this is an ordinance for Israel and a judgment of the God of Jacob.

6 He ordained it for a testimony in Joseph when he went out from the land of Egypt; a tongue which he knew not did he hear.

7 He removed his back from burdens; his hands had slaved at the basket.

8 Thou did call upon Me in affliction, and I delivered thee; I heard thee in the secret place of the tempest, I made trial of thee at the water of gainsaying.

*Interlude by Chant*

## Psalm 81

9 Hear, O My people, and I will speak unto thee, O Israel, and I will testify unto thee; if thou hears Me,

10 there shall be in thee no new god, nor shall thou worship an alien god,

11 for I am the Lord thy God Who led thee out of the land of Egypt. Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it.

12 And My people heard not My voice, and Israel gave no heed unto Me.

13 And I let them go according to the ways of their hearts; they shall walk in their own ways.

14 If My people had heard of Me, if Israel had walked in My ways,

15 Quickly would I have humbled their enemies, and upon their oppressors would I have laid My hand.

16 The enemies of the Lord have lied unto Him, but in that age their time shall come.

17 And He fed them with the fat of the wheat, and with honey out of the rock He satisfied them.

### *Glory.*

\* *Codex Alexandrinus* reads: "David".

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "your feast".

## Psalm 81 A Psalm for Asaph.

\* **G**od stood in the congregation of the gods, and in the midst He shall stand out among gods.

2 How long will ye judge unrighteously and accept the person of sinners?

### *Interlude by Chant*

3 Judge for the orphan and the poor man, do justice to the humble and the pauper.

4 Rescue the poor man and the needy; from the hand of the sinner deliver him.

5 They have not known, nor understood; they walk in darkness. Let all the foundations of the earth be shaken.

6 I said: Ye are gods, and all of you the sons of the Most High.

7 But like men ye die, and like one of the rulers do ye fall.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth, for Thou shall have an inheritance among all the nations.

## Psalm 82

\* *Codex Vaticanus* and the text of the Apostoliki Diakonia and the Zoe Brotherhood read verse one as follows:

“God stood in the congregation of the gods, and in the midst He shall judge gods”.

### Psalm 82 A Psalmic Ode for Asaph.

**O** God, who shall be likened unto Thee? Be Thou not silent, neither be still, O God.

3 For behold, Thine enemies have made a noise, and they that hate Thee have lifted up their heads.

4 Against Thy people have they taken wicked counsel, and have conspired against Thy saints.

5 They said: Come, let us utterly destroy them that they may be no more a nation, and let the name of Israel be remembered no more.

6 For they have conspired with oneness of mind together, against Thee have they made a covenant;

7 even the tents of the Idumeans and the Ismaelites, Moab and the Hagarenes,

8 Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, and foreigners with them that dwell at Tyre.

9 And, for even Assur is come with them; they are become a help for the sons of Lot.

*Interlude by Chant*

10 Do unto them as Thou didst unto Madiam and Sisara, as unto Jabin at the brook of Kisson.

11 They were utterly destroyed in Aendor, they became as dung for the earth.

12 Make their rulers like Oreb and Zev and Zevvee and Salmana. Yea, all their rulers

13 who said: Let us take to ourselves for an inheritance the \* holy sanctuary of God.

14 O my God, make them like a wheel, as stubble before the face of the wind,

15 as fire which shall burn the forest, as a flame which shall consume the mountains.

16 So shall Thou pursue them with Thy tempest, and in Thy wrath shall Thou trouble them.

## Psalm 83

17 Fill their faces with dishonor, and they shall seek Thy name, O Lord.

18 Let them be shamed and troubled unto ages of ages, and let them be confounded and destroyed.

19 And let them know that Thy name is Lord; Thou alone art Most High over all the earth.

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "altar".

## Psalm 83

**For the End: Concerning the Winepresses; For the Sons of Kore.**

**H**ow beloved are Thy dwellings, O Lord of hosts;

3 my soul longs and faints for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh have rejoiced in the living God.

4 And the sparrow has found herself a house, and the turtledove a nest for herself where she may lay her young, Even Thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

5 Blessed are they that live in Thy house; unto ages of ages shall they praise Thee.

*Interlude by Chant*

6 Blessed is the man whose help is from Thee; he has made ascents in his heart,

7 in the vale of weeping, in the place which he has appointed. Yea, for the lawgiver will give blessings;

8 they shall go from strength to strength, the God of gods shall be seen in Zion.

9 O Lord of hosts, hearken unto my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.

*Interlude by Chant*

10 O God, our defender, behold, and look upon the face of Thine anointed one.

11 For better is one day in Thy courts than thousands elsewhere. I have chosen rather to be an outcast in the house of my God than to live in the tents of sinners.

12 For the Lord loves mercy and truth, God will give grace and glory; the Lord will not withhold good things from them that walk in innocence.

13 O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that hopes in Thee.

**Psalm 84**  
**For the End: A Psalm for the Sons of Kore.**

**T**hou has been gracious, O Lord, unto Thy land; Thou has turned back the captivity of Jacob.

3 Thou have forgiven the iniquities of Thy people, Thou has covered all their sins.

*Interlude by Chant*

4 Thou have made Thy entire wrath to cease, Thou has turned back from the wrath of Thine anger.

5 Turn us back, O God of our salvation, and turn away Thine anger from us.

6 Will Thou be angered with us unto the ages? Or will Thou draw out Thy wrath from generation to generation?

7 O God, Thou will turn and quicken us, and Thy people shall be glad in Thee.

8 Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy, and Thy salvation do Thou give unto us.

9 I will hear what the Lord God will speak in me; for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints and to them that turn their heart unto Him.

10 Surely near unto them that fear Him is His salvation, that glory may reside in our land.

11 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

12 Truth is sprung up out of the earth, and righteousness has looked down from heaven.

13 Yea, for the Lord will give goodness, and our land shall yield her fruit.

14 Righteousness shall go before Him and shall set His footsteps in the way.

*Glory.*

**Twelfth Kathisma**

**Psalm 85**  
**A Prayer of David.**

**B**ow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hearken unto me, for poor and needy am I.

## Psalm 86

2 Preserve my soul, for I am holy; save Thy servant, O my God, that hopes in Thee.

3 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for unto Thee will I cry all the day long;  
4 make glad the soul of Thy servant, for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul.

5 For Thou, O Lord art good and gentle, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

6 Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer, and attend unto the voice of my supplication.

7 In the day of mine affliction have I cried unto Thee, for Thou have heard me.

8 There is none like unto Thee among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like unto Thy works.

9 All the nations whom Thou have made shall come and shall worship before Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy name.

10 For Thou art great and works wonders; Thou alone art God.

11 Guide me, O Lord, in Thy way, and I will walk in Thy truth; let my heart rejoice that I may fear Thy name.

12 I will confess Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Thy name forever.

13 For great is Thy mercy upon me, and Thou has delivered my soul from the nethermost Hades.

14 O God, transgressors have risen up against me, and the assembly of the mighty has sought after my soul, and they have not set Thee before them.

15 And Thou, O Lord my God, art compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy, and true.

16 Look upon me and have mercy upon me; give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and save the son of Thy handmaiden.

17 Work in me a sign unto good, and let them that hate me behold and be put to shame; for Thou, O Lord, has helped me and comforted me.

## Psalm 86

### A Canticle Psalm, for the Sons of Kore.

**H**is foundations are in the holy mountains;

2 the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O City of God.

*Interlude by Chant*

## Psalm 87

4 I will make mention of Raab and Babylon to them that know me. And Behold, the foreigners and Tyre and the people of the Ethiopians, these were born there.

5 A man will say: Mother Zion; and: That man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself has founded her.

6 The Lord shall tell it in the writ of the peoples and the rulers, even these that were born in her.

*Interlude by Chant*

7 How joyous are all they that have their habitation in Thee.

## Psalm 87

**A Psalmic Ode for the Sons of Kore. For the End: Concerning the Response of Maeleth. Concerning the Giving of a Wise Instruction to Aemon the Israelite.**

**O** Lord God of my salvation, by day have I cried and by night before Thee.

3 Let my prayer come before Thee, bow down Thine ear unto my supplication. \*

4 For filled with evils is my soul, and my life unto Hades has drawn near.

5 I am counted with them that go down into the pit; I am become as a man without help, free among the dead,

\* 6 like the bodies of the killed that sleep in the grave, whom Thou remembers no more, and they are cut off from Thy hand.

7 They laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness and in the shadow of death.

8 Against me is Thine anger made strong, and all Thy billows have Thou brought upon me.

*Interlude by Chant*

9 Thou have removed my friends afar from me; they have made me an abomination unto themselves. I have been delivered up, and have not come forth.

10 Mine eyes are grown weak from poverty. I have cried unto Thee, O Lord, the whole day long; I have stretched out my hands unto Thee.

11 Nay, for the dead will Thou work wonders? Or shall physicians raise them up that they may give thanks unto Thee?

12 Nay, shall any in the grave tell of Thy mercy, and of Thy truth in that destruction?

## Psalm 88

13 Nay, shall Thy wonders be known in that darkness, and Thy righteousness in that land that is forgotten?

14 But as for me, unto Thee, O Lord, have I cried; and in the morning shall my prayer come before Thee.

15 Wherefore, O Lord, do Thou cast off my \* soul and turn Thy face away from me?

16 A poor man am I, and in troubles from my youth; yea, having been exalted, I was humbled and brought to distress.

17 Thy furies have passed upon me, and Thy terrors have sorely troubled me.

18 They came around me like water, all the day long they compassed me about together.

19 Thou have removed afar from me friend and neighbor, and mine acquaintances because of my misery.

### *Glory.*

\* *Codex Vaticanus* adds: "O Lord" to the end of verse three.

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads verse six as follows:

"like the bodies of the killed, cast out, that sleep in the grave, whom Thou remembers no more, and they are cut off from Thy hand".

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "prayer".

\* *Codex Vaticanus* and *Codex Sinaiticus* read verse nineteen as follows:

"Thou have removed afar from me *every* friend, and mine acquaintances because of my misery".

## Psalm 88

### **Concerning Instruction; for Etham the Israelite.**

**O**f Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. Unto generation and generation will I declare Thy truth with my mouth.

3 For Thou have said: Mercy shall be built up forever. In the heavens shall Thy truth be established.

4 I have made a covenant with My chosen ones, I have sworn unto David My servant:

5 I will establish thy seed until eternity, and build up thy throne unto generation and generation.

## Psalm 88

*Interlude by Chant*

6 The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints.

7 For who in the clouds shall be compared unto the Lord? And who shall be likened to the Lord among the sons of God?

8 God Who is glorified in the council of the saints is great and terrible towards all that are around Him.

9 O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto Thee? Mighty art Thou, O Lord, and Thy truth is around Thee.

10 Thou art sovereign over the strength of the sea, and the tumult of her waves Thou makes calm.

11 Thou have brought the proud man low as the corpse of one slain, and with the arm of Thy power have Thou scattered Thine enemies.

12 Thine are the heavens, and Thine is the earth; the world and the fullness thereof have Thou founded.

13 The north and the sea have Thou created. Tabor and Ermon shall rejoice in Thy name.

14 Thine is the arm that has strength. Let Thy hand be strengthened, let Thy right *hand* be lifted up on high.

15 Righteousness and judgment are the establishment of Thy throne. Mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.

16 Blessed are the people that know jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy face shall they walk

17 and in Thy name shall they rejoice all the day long, and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

18 For the boast of their strength art Thou, and in Thy good pleasure shall our horn be lifted high.

19 For from the Lord is our defense, yea, from the Holy One of Israel, our King.

20 At that time Thou spoke in a vision to Thy sons, and Thou did say: I have bestowed help on one that is mighty, I have raised up one chosen out of My people.

21 I have found David My servant, with My holy \* oil have I anointed him.

22 For My hand shall be unto him an ally, and Mine arm shall strengthen him.

23 No advantage shall his enemy have over him, nor shall the son of iniquity avail to hurt him any more.

24 And I will cut down his enemies before his face, and them that hate him shall I put to flight.

## Psalm 88

25 And My truth and My mercy shall be with him, and in My name shall his horn be lifted high.

26 And I will set his hand in the sea and his right *hand* in the rivers.

27 He shall call upon Me and shall say: My Father art Thou, my God, and the helper of my salvation.

28 And as for Me, I will make him My firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

29 Forever shall I keep for him My mercy, and My covenant shall be faithful unto him.

30 And I will establish his seed unto ages of ages, and his throne shall be as the days of heaven.

31 If his sons forsake My law, and if they walk not in My judgments,

32 If My statutes they profane, and keep not My commandments,

33 I will visit their iniquities with a rod, and their injustices with scourges.

34 But My mercy will I not disperse away from them, nor will I wrong them in My truth.

35 Nor will I profane My covenant, nor the things that proceed from My lips will I make void.

36 Once have I sworn by My holiness that to David I will not lie;

37 his seed forever shall abide. And his throne shall be as the sun before Me,

38 and as the moon that is established for ever, and is a faithful witness in the sky.

### *Interlude by Chant*

39 But Thou have cast off and brought to naught, Thou have been troubled with Thine anointed.

40 Thou have destroyed the covenant of Thy servant, Thou have profaned his sanctuary unto the earth.

41 Thou have broken down all his hedges, Thou have made his strongholds to be his terror.

42 All have despoiled him that pass along the way, he is become a reproach unto his neighbors.

43 Thou have exalted the right *hand* of them that afflict him, Thou have gladdened all his enemies.

44 Thou have turned away the help of his broadsword, and have not helped him in the battle.

45 Thou have made an end of his purification, his \* throne unto the earth have Thou cast down.

## Psalm 89

46 Thou have shortened the days of his time, Thou have poured down shame upon him.

*Interlude by Chant*

47 How long, O Lord, does Thou turn away unto the end? Shall Thy wrath burn like fire?

48 Remember what my substance is. Nay, have Thou created all the sons of man in vain?

49 Who is the man that shall live and not see death? Can he deliver his soul out of the hand of Hades?

*Interlude by Chant*

50 Where are Thine ancient mercies, O Lord, which Thou swore unto David in Thy truth?

51 Remember, O Lord, the reproach of Thy servants, which I have endured in my bosom from many nations,

52 wherewith Thine enemies have reproached, O Lord, wherewith they have reproached the recompense of Thine anointed.

53 Blessed is the Lord forever. So be it. So be it.

*Glory.*

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "mercy".

\* *Codex Alexandrinus* reads: "time".

## Psalm 89

### A Prayer of Moses, the Man of God.

**L**ord, Thou have been our refuge in generation and generation.

2 Before the mountains came to be and the earth was formed and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting Thou art.

3 Turn not man away unto lowliness; yea, Thou hast said: Turn back, ye sons of men.

4 For a thousand years in Thine eyes, \* O Lord, are but as yesterday that is past, and as a watch in the night.

5 Things of no account shall their years be; in the morning like grass shall man pass away.

## Psalm 90

6 In the morning shall he bloom and pass away, in the evening shall he fall and grow withered and dry.

7 For we have fainted away in Thy wrath, and in Thine anger have we been troubled.

8 Thou have set our iniquities before Thee; our lifespan is in the light of Thy countenance.

9 For all our days are faded away and in Thy wrath are we fainted away; our years have, like a spider, spun out their tale.

10 As for the days of our years, in their span they be threescore years and ten. And if we be in strength, mayhap fourscore years; and what is more than these is toil and travail. For mildness is come upon us, and we shall be chastened.

11 Who knows the might of Thy wrath?

12 And out of fear of Thee, who can recount Thine anger? So make Thy right hand known to me, and to them that in their heart are instructed in wisdom.

13 Return, O Lord; how long? And be Thou entreated concerning Thy servants.

14 We were filled in the morning with Thy mercy, O Lord, and we rejoiced and were glad.

15 In all our days, let us be glad for the days wherein Thou didst humble us, for the years wherein we saw evils.

16 And look upon Thy servants, and upon Thy works, and do Thou guide their sons.

17 And let the brightness of the Lord our God be upon us, and the works of our hands do Thou guide aright upon us, \* yea, the work of our hands do Thou guide aright.

\* *Codex Alexandrinus* adds: "O Lord".

\* *Codex Vaticanus* omits the phrase: "yea, the work of our hands do Thou guide aright". However, this phrase is found in *Codex Alexandrinus*, *Codex Sinaiticus*, the 1821 Moscow Edition of the *Septuagint*, and the text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood.

## Psalm 90

### A Canticle Praise of David. Without Superscription among the Hebrews.

**H**e that dwells in the help of the Most High shall abide in the shelter of the God of heaven.

2 He shall say unto the Lord: Thou art my helper and my refuge. He is my God, and I will hope in Him.

3 For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunters and from every troubling word.

## Psalm 91

4 With His shoulders will He overshadow thee, and under His wings shall thou have hope. With a shield will His truth encompass thee;

5 thou shall not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flies by day,

6 nor for the thing that walks in darkness, nor for the mishap and demon of noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right *hand*, but unto thee shall it not come near.

8 Only with thine eyes shall thou behold, and thou shall see the reward of sinners.

9 For Thou, O Lord, art my hope. Thou made the Most High thy refuge;

10 No evils shall come near thee, and no scourge shall draw near unto thy dwelling.

11 For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 On their hands shall they bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Upon the asp and basilisk shall thou tread, and thou shall trample upon the lion and dragon.

14 For he has set his hope on Me, and I will deliver him; I will shelter him because he has known My name.

15 He shall cry unto Me, and I will hearken unto him. I am with him in affliction, and I will rescue him and glorify him.

16 With length of days will I satisfy him, and I will show him My salvation.

*Glory.*

### Thirteenth Kathisma

#### Psalm 91

#### A Canticle Psalm, for the Day of the Sabbath.

**I**t is good to give praise unto the Lord, and chant unto Thy name, O Most High,

3 to proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night,

4 on a psaltery of ten strings, with an ode upon the harp.

5 For Thou has gladdened me, O Lord, by Thy deeds, and in the works of Thy hands will I rejoice.

6 How great are Thy works, O Lord, exceeding deep are Thy thoughts.

7 A mindless man shall not know it, nor shall a stupid man understand it.

## Psalm 92

8 When the sinners spring up like grass, and all that work iniquity look loftily down, It is that they may be utterly destroyed unto ages of ages;

9 but Thou art Most High forever, O Lord.

\* 10 For behold, Thine enemies, O Lord, for behold, Thine enemies shall perish; and scattered shall be all they that work iniquity.

11 And lifted high as that of a one-horned *animal* shall be my horn, and mine old age shall be strengthened with rich \* oil.

12 And mine eye has looked down upon mine enemies, and mine ear shall hear concerning the wicked that rise up against me.

13 The righteous man shall flourish like a palm tree, and like a cedar in Lebanon shall he be multiplied.

14 They that are planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of our God they shall blossom forth.

15 They shall still increase in a ripe old age, and happy shall they be to proclaim that upright is the Lord \* our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads verse ten as follows: "For behold, Thine enemies shall perish; and scattered shall be all they that work iniquity". The text published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood reads verse ten as follows: "For behold, Thine enemies, O Lord, behold, Thine enemies shall perish; and scattered shall be all they that work iniquity".

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "mercy".

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "my".

## Psalm 92

### **A Cantic Praise of David: For \* the Day before the Sabbath. When the Land Was First Inhabited.**

**T**he Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength and He has girt Himself. For He established the world which shall not be shaken.

2 Thy throne is prepared of old; Thou art from everlasting.

3 The rivers have lifted up, O Lord, the rivers have lifted up their voices; \* the rivers will lift up their waves.

4 At the voices of many waters. Wonderful are the surgings of the sea, wonderful on high is the Lord.

5 Thy testimonies are made very sure. Holiness becomes Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

\* *Codex Alexandrinus* reads: "the Sabbath day".

## Psalm 93

\* *Codex Alexandrinus* adds the phrase: "the rivers will lift up their waves" at the end of verse three.

### Psalm 93

#### A Psalm of David, for the Fourth Day of the Week.

The Lord is the God of vengeance; the God of vengeance has spoken openly.

2 Be Thou exalted, O Thou that judges the earth; render the proud their due.

3 How long shall sinners, O Lord, how long shall sinners boast?

4 How long shall they utter and speak unrighteousness, how long shall they speak, all they that work iniquity?

5 Thy people, O Lord, have they brought low, and to Thine inheritance have they done hurt.

6 Widow and orphan have they killed, and the proselyte have they murdered.

7 And they said: The Lord shall not see it, nor will the God of Jacob perceive it.

8 Understand then, ye mindless ones among the people; and ye fools, at length be wise.

9 He that planted the ear, shall He not hear? Or He that formed the eye, does He not perceive?

10 He that chastens the heathen, shall He not rebuke? He that teaches man knowledge?

11 The Lord knows the thoughts of men, that they are vain.

12 Blessed is the man whom Thou shall chasten, O Lord; and out of Thy law shall Thou instruct him,

13 that Thou may give him rest from evil days, until a pit be dug for the sinner.

14 For the Lord will not cast off His people, nor will He forsake His inheritance,

15 until righteousness return unto judgment, and all that are upright of heart be nigh thereto.

*Interlude by Chant*

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Or who will stand up with me against the workers of iniquity?

17 Unless the Lord had brought me help, my soul had well near sojourned in Hades.

## Psalm 94

18 Whenever I said: My foot has slipped; Thy mercy, O Lord, brought help unto me.

\* 19 According to the multitude of my sorrows in my heart, Thy consolations \* brought gladness unto my soul.

20 Let not the throne of iniquity have fellowship with Thee, which makes mischief in the name of the law.

21 They shall hunt down the soul of the righteous man, and the innocent blood shall they condemn.

22 Yea, the Lord is become my refuge, and my God the helper of my hope.

23 And the Lord shall give back to them their own iniquity, and according to their wickedness the Lord God shall make them to be seen no more.

### *Glory.*

\* *Codex Vaticanus* and the text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood add "O Lord". *Codex Alexandrinus* omits "O Lord".

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "brought love".

## Psalm 94

### **A Cantic Praise of David. Without Superscription among the Hebrews.**

Come let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior.

2 Let us come before the face of His countenance with thanksgiving, and with psalms let us shout in jubilation unto Him.

\* 3 For the Lord is a great God and a great king over all the earth.

4 For \* in His hand are the ends of the earth, and the heights of the mountains are His.

5 For the sea is His, and He made it; and the dry land His hands have fashioned.

6 O come, let us worship and fall down before Him, and let us weep before the Lord Who 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 ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the \* provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness.

9 For your fathers tempted Me, they proved Me and saw My works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and I said: They do always err in their hearts. And they have not known My ways,

11 so I swore in Mine anger: They shall not enter into My rest.

## Psalm 95

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads verse three as follows: "For the Lord is a great God and a great king over all the gods".

\* *Codex Vaticanus* adds the following phrase in the beginning of verse four: "For the Lord will not cast off His people".

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "irritation".

### Psalm 95

#### **A Cantic Praise. David's When the House Was Built After the Captivity. Without Superscription among the Hebrews.**

**O** sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth.

2 Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; proclaim from day to day the good tidings of His salvation.

3 Declare among the nations His glory, and among all people His wonders.

4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations are demons, but the Lord made the heavens.

6 Praise and beauty are before Him, holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

7 Bring to the Lord, ye kindred of the nations, bring to the Lord glory and honor;

8 bring to the Lord the glory due unto His name. Bring sacrifices, and go into His courts;

9 worship the Lord in His holy court. Let the earth be shaken at His presence;

10 say among the nations that the Lord is king. For He has established the world which shall not be shaken; He shall judge the people in uprightness.

11 Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice; let the sea be shaken, and the fullness thereof.

12 The plains shall be joyful, and all the things therein. Then shall all the trees of the forest rejoice

13 at the presence of the Lord, for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness and the people with His truth.

## Psalm 96

### Psalm 96

David's. When the Land Was Restored to Him. Without Superscription among the Hebrews.

The Lord is king, let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are around Him; righteousness and judgment are the establishment of His throne.

3 Fire shall go before Him, and shall burn up His enemies around.

4 His lightning has shone forth throughout the world; the earth saw it and was shaken.

5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of all the earth.

6 The heavens declared His righteousness, and all the peoples saw His glory.

7 Let all be put to shame that worship graven things that boast themselves of their idols. Worship Him, all ye His angels.

8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judea rejoiced because of Thy judgments, O Lord.

9 For Thou art Lord Most High over all the earth, Thou art exalted far above all the gods.

10 Ye that love the Lord, see to it that ye hate evil. The Lord preserves the souls of His saints; from the hand of the sinner shall He deliver them.

11 A light has dawned forth for the righteous man, and gladness for the upright of heart.

12 Be glad in the Lord, O ye righteous, and give thanks for the remembrance of His holiness.

*Glory.*

### Psalm 97

A Psalm of David.

O sing unto the Lord a new song, for the Lord has wrought wondrous things. His right *hand* and His holy arm have wrought salvation for Him.

2 The Lord has made known His salvation, in the sight of the nations has He revealed His righteousness.

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 with jubilation unto the Lord, all the earth; sing and rejoice and chant psalms.

## Psalm 98

5 Chant you unto the Lord with a harp, with the harp and with the voice of a psalm,

6 with trumpets of metal, and with a voice of a trumpet of horn. Shout with jubilation before the Lord our King.

7 Let the sea be shaken and the fullness thereof, the world and all they that dwell therein.

\* 8 The rivers shall clap their hands together; the mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He comes;

9 yea, He is come to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the people with uprightness.

\* *Codex Vaticanus* and the text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and the Zoe Brotherhood read verse eight as follows: "The rivers shall clap their hands together; the mountains shall rejoice". *Codex Alexandrinus* supports the longer reading of verse eight that is found in the body of the text.

## Psalm 98 A Psalm of David.

**T**he Lord is king, let the people rage; He sits on the cherubim, let the earth be shaken.

2 The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess Thy great name, for it is terrible and holy.

4 And the king's honor loves judgment. Thou has prepared uprightness; judgment and righteousness in Jacob have Thou wrought.

5 Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship the footstool of His feet; for He is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among them that call upon His name, they called upon the Lord, and He hearkened unto them;

7 in a pillar of cloud He spoke unto them. For they kept His testimonies and His ordinances which He gave them.

8 O Lord our God, Thou didst hearken unto them; O God, Thou wert fain to be entreated for them, and yet took vengeance on all their devices.

9 Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for holy is the Lord our God.

## Psalm 99 A Psalm of David; for a Thank-offering.

**S**hout with jubilation unto God, all the earth,

## Psalm 100

2 serve the Lord with gladness. Come before His presence with rejoicing.  
3 Know you that the Lord Himself is our God; it is He that has made us,  
and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.  
4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, into His courts with hymns; give  
thanks unto Him. Praise His name,  
5 for the Lord is good; His mercy endures forever and His truth unto  
generation and generation.

### Psalm 100 A Psalm of David.

Of mercy and judgment will I sing unto Thee, O Lord;  
2 I will chant and have understanding in a blameless path. When wilt  
Thou come unto me? I have walked in the innocence of my heart in the midst of  
my house.  
3 I have no unlawful thing before mine eyes; the workers of transgressions  
I have hated. A crooked heart has not cleaved unto me.  
4 As for the wicked man who turned from me, I knew him not.  
5 Him that privately talked against his neighbor did I drive away from  
me. With him whose eye was proud and his heart insatiate, I did not eat.  
6 Mine eyes were upon the faithful of the land that they might sit with me;  
the man that walked in the blameless path, he ministered unto me.  
7 The proud doer dwelt not in the midst of my house; the speaker of  
unjust things prospered not before mine eyes.  
8 In the morning I killed all the sinners of the land, utterly to destroy out  
of the city of the Lord all them that work iniquity.

*Glory.*

## Fourteenth Kathisma

### Psalm 101 A Prayer of the Poor Man. When He Was Despondent, and Poured out His Supplication before the Lord.

O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come unto Thee.  
3 Turn not Thy face away from me; in the day when I am afflicted, incline  
Thine ear unto me. In the day when I call upon Thee, quickly hearken unto me.  
4 For my days are vanished like smoke, and my bones consumed like  
wood for the burning.

## Psalm 101

5 I am smitten like grass, and withered is my heart, for I forgot to eat my bread.

6 By reason of the voice of my groaning, my bone hath cleaved unto my flesh.

7 I am become like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl in a ruined house.

8 I have watched, and am like a sparrow that sits alone upon the housetop.

9 The whole day long mine enemies reproached me, and they that praised me made an oath against me.

10 For before the face of Thy wrath and Thine anger I ate ashes like bread, and my drink I mingled with weeping;

11 for after uplifting me, Thou have dashed me down.

12 My days like a shadow have declined, and I like grass am withered.

13 But Thou, O Lord, forever abide, and Thy remembrance is unto generation and generation.

14 Thou shall rise up and have pity upon Zion, for it is time to have compassion on her, yea, the time is come.

15 For Thy servants have taken pleasure in her stones, and they shall feel pity for her dust.

16 And the nations shall fear Thy name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

17 For the Lord shall build up Zion, and He shall be seen in His glory.

18 He has regarded the prayer of the humble, and has not despised their supplication.

19 Let this be written for another generation, and the people that are being created shall praise the Lord.

20 For He has looked out from His holy height, the Lord from heaven has looked upon the earth,

21 to hear the groaning of them that be in fetters, to loose the sons of the slain,

22 to declare in Zion the name of the Lord, and His praise in Jerusalem,

23 when the peoples are gathered together and the kings to serve the Lord.

24 He answered Him in the way of his strength: The fewness of my days declare unto me;

25 take me not away at the half of my days; in generations and generations are Thy years.

26 In the beginning, O Lord, Thou did lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Thy hands.

## Psalm 102

27 They shall perish, but Thou abide; and all like a garment shall grow old, And as a vesture shall Thou fold them, and they shall be changed;

28 but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.

29 The sons of Thy servants shall have their dwelling, and their seed forever shall be guided aright.

## Psalm 102 David's.

**B**less 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 \* that He has done for thee,

3 Who is gracious unto all thine iniquities, Who healed all thine infirmities,

4 Who redeemed thy life from corruption, Who crowned thee with mercy and compassion,

5 Who fulfilled thy desire with good things; thy youth shall be renewed as the eagle's.

6 The Lord performed deeds of mercy, and executed judgment for all them that are wronged.

7 He has made His ways known unto Moses, unto the sons of Israel the things that He has willed.

8 Compassionate and merciful is the Lord, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy;

9 not unto the end will He be angered; neither unto eternity will He be distressed.

10 Not according to our iniquities has He dealt with us, neither according to our sins has He rewarded us.

11 For according to the height of heaven from the earth, the Lord has made His mercy to prevail over them that fear Him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our iniquities from us.

13 Like as a father has compassion upon his sons, so has the Lord had compassion upon them that fear Him;

14 for He knows whereof we are made, \* He has remembered that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are as the grass; as a flower of the field, so shall he blossom forth.

16 For when the wind is passed over it, then it shall be gone, and no longer will it know the place thereof.

17 But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, even unto eternity, upon them that fear Him. And His righteousness is upon sons of sons,

## Psalm 103

18 upon them that keep His testament and remember His commandments to do them.

19 The Lord in heaven has prepared His throne and His kingdom rules over all.

20 Bless the Lord, all ye His angels, mighty in strength, that perform His word, to hear the voice of His words.

21 Bless the Lord, all ye His hosts, His ministers that do His will.

22 Bless the Lord, all ye His works, in every place of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

### *Glory.*

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "His praises".

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "remember that we are dust".

## Psalm 103

### David's. Concerning the Formation of the World.

**B**less the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou has been magnified exceedingly, confession and majesty has Thou put on,

2 Who covers Thyself with light as with a garment, Who stretches out the heaven as it were a curtain;

3 Who supports His chambers in the waters, Who appoints the clouds for His ascent, Who walks upon the wings of the winds,

4 Who makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a \* flame of fire.

5 Who establishes the earth in her sureness thereof; it shall not be turned back forever and ever.

6 The abyss like a garment is His mantle; upon the mountains shall the waters stand.

7 At Thy rebuke they will flee, at the voice of Thy thunder shall they be afraid.

8 The mountains rise up and the plains sink down, unto the place where Thou have established them.

9 Thou appointed a bound that they shall not pass, neither return to cover the earth.

10 He sends forth springs in the valleys; between the mountains will the waters run.

11 They shall give drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild asses will wait to quench their thirst.

## Psalm 103

12 Beside them will the birds of the heaven lodge, from the midst of the rocks will they give voice.

13 He waters the mountains from His chambers; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Thy works.

14 He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men, to bring forth bread out of the earth;

15 and wine makes glad the heart of man. To make his face cheerful with oil; and bread strengthened man's heart.

16 The trees of the plain shall be satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon, which Thou have planted.

17 There will the sparrows make their nests; the house of the heron is chief among them.

18 The high mountains are a refuge for the harts, and so is the rock for the \* hares.

19 He has made the moon for seasons; the sun knows his going down.

20 Thou appointed the darkness, and there was the night, wherein all the beasts of the forest will go abroad.

21 Young lions roaring after their prey, and seeking their food from God.

22 The sun arises, and they are gathered together, and they lay them down in their dens.

23 But man shall go forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening.

24 How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom have Thou made them all; the earth is filled with Thy creation.

25 So is this great and spacious sea, therein are things creeping innumerable, small living creatures with the great.

26 There go the ships; there this dragon, whom Thou have made to play \* therein.

27 All things wait on Thee, to give them their food in due season.

28 When Thou gives it them, they will gather it. When Thou open Thy hand, all things shall be filled with goodness.

29 When Thou turn away Thy face, they shall be troubled. Thou will take their spirit, and they shall cease; and unto their dust shall they return.

30 Thou will send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created; and Thou shall renew the face of the earth.

31 Let the glory of the Lord be unto the ages; the Lord will rejoice in His works.

32 Who looked on the earth and made it tremble, Who touched the mountains and they smoke.

33 I will sing unto the Lord throughout my life, I will chant to my God for as long as I have my being.

34 May my words be sweet unto Him, and I will rejoice in the Lord.

## Psalm 104

35 O that sinners would cease from the earth and they that work iniquity, that they should be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

### *Glory.*

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "flaming fire".

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "hyraxes".

\* The text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood reads: "in her". However, the Zoe Brotherhood text lists "therein" as an alternate reading.

## Psalm 104 Alleluia.

**O** give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His name; declare among the nations His works.

2 Sing unto Him and chant unto Him; tell forth all His wonders.

3 Glory in His holy name; let the heart of them be glad that seek the Lord.

4 Seek ye the Lord, and be strengthened; seek ye His face at all times.

5 Remember His wonders which He wrought, His marvels, and the judgments of His mouth,

6 ye that are the seed of Abraham, His servants, ye sons of Jacob, His chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God, in all the earth are His judgments.

8 He has remembered His covenant unto eternity, the word which He commanded unto a thousand generations,

9 Which He made to Abraham, and His oath to Isaac.

10 And He established it to Jacob for an ordinance and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,

11 saying: Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the portion of your inheritance.

12 When they were few in number, very few and travelers therein,

13 and they went from nation to nation and from one kingdom to another people.

14 He allowed no man to wrong them; and He reproved kings for their sake, saying:

15 Touch not Mine anointed ones, and to My prophets do no evil.

16 And He called a famine upon the land; He broke all the staff of bread.

17 He sent a man before them; Joseph was sold for a slave.

18 They humbled his feet with fetters; his life was spent in irons,

## Psalm 104

19 until his word came to pass. The oracle of the Lord proved him.  
20 The king sent and loosed him, even the ruler of the people, and released him.  
21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler over all his substance,  
22 to instruct his rulers as himself, and to teach his elders wisdom.  
23 And Israel went into Egypt, and Jacob traveled in the land of Ham.  
24 And He increased His people greatly, and made them stronger than their enemies.  
25 He turned their heart to hate His people, to deal craftily with His servants.  
26 He sent forth Moses His servant, Aaron whom He had chosen for Himself.  
27 He set in them the words of His signs and of His marvels in the land of Ham.  
28 He sent forth darkness and made it dark, for they were embittered against His words.  
29 He turned their waters into blood, and He killed their fish.  
30 Their land teemed with frogs, even unto the secret chambers of their kings.  
31 He spoke, and the dog-fly came, and gnats in all their borders.  
32 He gave them hail for rain, flaming fire in their land.  
33 And He struck their vines and their fig trees, and broke every tree of their border.  
34 He spoke, and the locust came, and the caterpillar and that without number,  
35 and devoured all the grass in their land, and devoured all the fruit of their land.  
36 And He struck every firstborn of their land, the firstlings of all their labor.  
37 And He led them out with silver and gold, and there was not among their tribes one man that was feeble.  
38 Egypt was glad when they departed, for fear of them had fallen upon them.  
39 He spread out a cloud for a shelter to them, and a fire to give them light by night.  
40 They made request and the quail came, and with the bread of heaven He filled them.  
41 He clave the rock and the waters flowed, in waterless places rivers ran.  
42 For He remembered His holy word which He spoke unto Abraham His servant.

## Psalm 105

43 And He led forth His people with rejoicing, and His chosen ones with gladness.

44 And He gave unto them the lands of the heathen, and the labors of peoples they inherited,

45 that they might keep His statutes and might seek after his law.

*Glory.*

### Fifteenth Kathisma

#### Psalm 105

#### Alleluia.

**O** give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

2 Who shall tell of the mighty acts of the Lord? Who shall make all his praises to be heard?

3 Blessed are they that keep judgment and do righteousness at all times.

4 Remember us, O Lord, in Thy favor for Thy people; visit us with Thy salvation

5 that we may see it in the goodness of Thy chosen that we may be glad in the gladness of Thy nation that we may glory with Thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have done iniquity, *and* we have done unrighteousness.

7 Our fathers in Egypt understood not Thy wonders, and they remembered not the multitude of Thy mercy. And they embittered Thee as they went up by the Red Sea.

8 And He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make known His mighty power.

9 And He rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up; and He led them into the deep as in a wilderness.

10 And He saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of enemies.

11 The waters covered their oppressors; not one of them was left.

12 And they believed His word, and they sang His praise.

13 They made haste, they forgot His works, *and* they awaited not His counsel.

14 And they desired a desire in the wilderness, and made trial of God in the waterless place.

15 And He gave them their request, and sent forth fullness into their souls.

## Psalm 105

16 And they provoked Moses in the camp, and Aaron the holy one of the Lord.

17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered over the congregation of Abiron.

18 And a fire was kindled in their congregation, a flame burned up the sinners.

19 And they made a calf in Horeb, and they worshipped the graven thing.

20 And they changed His glory into the likeness of a calf that eats grass.

21 And they forgot God Who had saved them, Who had done great things in Egypt,

22 wonders in the land of Ham, terrible things at the Red Sea.

23 And He said that He would destroy them, had not Moses His chosen stood in the breach before Him, to turn away His wrath, lest He should destroy them.

24 And they set at naught the desirable land; they believed not His word.

25 And they murmured in their tents; they hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.

26 And He lifted up His hand against them, to cast them down in the wilderness,

27 to cast down their seed among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 And they were made initiates of Baalphegor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 And they provoked Him with their inventions, and destruction was multiplied among them.

30 And Phineas stood up and made appeasement; and the plague was abated.

31 And it was counted unto him for righteousness, unto generation and generation for evermore.

32 And they provoked Him at the Water of Gainsaying, and Moses suffered hurt for their sakes;

33 for they embittered his spirit, and he gave judgment with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the heathen, concerning which the Lord had spoken to them,

35 and they mingled among the nations and learned their works;

36 and they served their graven things, and it became for them a stumbling block.

37 And they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto demons.

38 And they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the graven things of Canaan. And the land was befouled with the blood of murder,

## Psalm 106

39 and it was defiled with their works; and they went a whoring with their own inventions.

40 And with anger was the Lord wroth against His people, and He abhorred His inheritance.

41 And He gave them into the hands of enemies, and they that hated them were lords over them.

42 And their enemies afflicted them; and they were humbled under their hands.

43 Many times He delivered them; but they embittered Him with their counsel, and they were humbled in their iniquities.

44 And the Lord saw when they were in affliction, when He hearkened unto their supplication.

45 And He remembered His covenant and repented according to the multitude of His mercy.

46 And He caused them to be pitied in the sight of all that had taken them captive.

47 Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may confess Thy holy name, that we may glory in Thy praise.

48 Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting; and all the peoples shall say: So be it. So be it.

*Glory.*

**Psalm 106**

**Alleluia.**

**O** give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures for ever.

2 So let them say that have been redeemed by the Lord, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

3 From the lands has He gathered them, from the east, from the west, from the north, and from the sea.

4 They wandered in the wilderness, in a waterless land; they found not the path to a city of habitation.

5 Hungering and thirsting, their soul within them fainted.

6 And they cried unto the Lord in their affliction, and out of their distresses He delivered them.

7 And He guided them into the right way that they might go to a city for habitation.

8 Let them give thanks unto the Lord for His mercies, and for His wondrous works for the sons of men.

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9 For He satisfied the empty soul, and the hungry soul has He filled with good things.

10 As for them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death, fettered with beggary and iron,

11 because they were embittered against the sayings of God and provoked the counsel of the Most High,

12 and, with labors was their heart brought low; they waxed feeble, and there was none to help.

13 And they cried unto the Lord in their affliction, and out of their distresses He saved them.

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

15 Let them give thanks unto the Lord for His mercies, and for His wondrous works for the sons of men.

16 For He shattered the gates of brass, and broke the bars of iron.

17 He helped them out of the way of their lawlessness; for on account of their iniquities had they been brought low.

18 All food did their soul abhor, and they drew near even unto the gates of death.

19 And they cried unto the Lord in their affliction, and out of their distresses He saved them.

20 He sent forth His Word and He healed them, and He delivered them from their corruption.

21 Let them give thanks unto the Lord for His mercies, and for His wondrous works for the sons of men.

22 And let them sacrifice to Him a sacrifice of praise, and let them proclaim His works with rejoicing.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, doing their work in many waters,

24 these have seen the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep.

25 He spoke, and a wind of tempest arose, and the waves thereof were lifted up.

26 They mount as high as the heavens, and they go down into the abysses; their soul was melted with evils.

27 They were troubled, and they reeled like one drunken, and all their wisdom was swallowed up.

28 And they cried unto the Lord in their affliction, and out of their distresses He brought them.

29 And He commanded the tempest, and it was calmed into a breeze, and the waves thereof fell silent.

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30 And they were glad, because they were quiet, and He guided them to \* the haven of His will.

31 Let them give thanks unto the Lord for His mercies, and for His wondrous works for the sons of men.

32 Let them exalt Him in the assembly of the people, and in the seat of the elders let them praise Him.

33 He turned rivers into a wilderness, and the coursings of waters into a thirsting land,

34 a fruitful land into saltiness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 He turned a wilderness into pools of waters, and a parched land into streams of water.

36 And He made the hungry to dwell therein, and they established cities for habitation.

37 And they sowed field and planted vineyards, and they made fruits of increase.

38 And He blessed them and they were multiplied greatly, and He diminished not the number of their cattle.

39 And again they became few and were brought low by affliction, evils, and sorrows.

40 Contempt was poured out upon their rulers, and He caused them to wander in a land untrodden, where there is no way.

41 And He helped the poor man out of his poverty, and made his kindred like a flock.

42 The upright shall see it and shall be glad, and all iniquity shall stop its mouth.

43 Who is wise and will keep these things, and will understand the mercies of the Lord?

### *Glory.*

\* *Codex Vaticanus* and Sahidic versions of the Psalter in the Coptic Orthodox Church read: "the haven of their will". *Codex Sinaiticus* and *Codex Alexandrinus* support the reading found in the body of the text.

## Psalm 107 A Psalmic Ode of David.

**R**eady is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory.

## Psalm 108

3 \* Awake, O my glory; awake, O psalter and harp; I myself will awake at dawn.

4 I will confess Thee among the peoples, O Lord, I will chant unto Thee among the nations.

5 For great above the heavens is Thy mercy, and even unto the clouds is Thy truth.

6 Be Thou exalted above the heavens, O God, and Thy glory above all the earth.

7 That Thy beloved ones may be delivered, save Thou with Thy right *hand* and hearken unto me.

8 God has spoken in His holy sanctuary: I will be exalted, and I will divide Sikima, and the vale of tabernacles will I measure out.

9 Mine is Galaad, and Mine is Manasse's, and Ephraim is the protection of My head. Judah is My king,

10 Moab is the cauldron of My hope. Upon Idumea will I stretch out My shoe; the \* foreign tribes have been subjected unto Me.

11 Who will bring me into a fortified city? Or who will lead me into Idumea?

12 Will Thou not, O God, Who have spurned us? And will Thou not, O God, go forth with our forces?

13 Give us help from affliction, for vain is the salvation of man.

14 In God we shall work mighty deeds, and He will bring to not our enemies.

\* The phrase "Awake, O my glory" is omitted from the text as published by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood, and is also omitted from the great codices of *Vaticanus*, *Sinaiticus* and *Alexandrinus*.

\* Or: "Philistines".

## Psalm 108 For the End: A Psalm of David.

**O** God, my praise does not pass over in silence;

2 for the mouth of the sinner and the mouth of the deceitful man are opened against me. They have spoken against me with a deceitful tongue,

3 and with words of hatred have they encompassed me, and they have warred against me without a cause.

4 In return for my love, they have falsely accused me; but as for me, I gave myself to prayer.

5 And they repaid me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

6 Set Thou a sinner over him, and let the devil stand at his right *hand*.

## Psalm 108

7 When he is judged, let him go forth condemned, and let his prayer become sin.

8 Let his days be few, and his bishopric let another take.

9 Let his children be orphans, and his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be vagabonds without a dwelling place and let them beg; let them be cast out from their ruined dwellings.

11 Let his creditor search out all his substance, and let strangers plunder all his labors.

12 Let there be for him no helper, nor anyone to pity his orphaned children.

13 Let his children be given over to utter destruction; in a single generation let his name be blotted out.

14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the Lord, and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

15 Let them be before the Lord continually, and let the memory of them perish from off the earth,

16 because he remembered not to show mercy; and persecuted a man that was poor and a beggar, and one broken in heart, that he might kill him.

17 And he loved cursing, and it shall come upon him; and he delighted not in blessing, and it shall be far from him.

18 And he put on cursing like a garment, and it went in like water into his bowels, and like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be for him like a garment wherewith he is clothed, and like a girdle wherewith continually he is girded.

20 This is the dealing of the Lord with them that slander me, and with them that speak evil things against my soul.

21 And Thou, O Lord, O Lord, deal Thou with me for Thy name's sake; for Thy mercy is good. Deliver me,

22 for a poor man is I and a pauper, and my heart is troubled within me.

23 Like a shadow when it declines am I taken away, I am shaken off as the locusts.

24 My knees are grown weak through fasting, and my flesh is changed for want of oil.

25 And I am become a reproach unto them; they saw me and wagged their heads.

26 Help me, O Lord my God, and save me according to Thy mercy.

27 And let them know that this is Thy hand and that Thou, O Lord, have wrought it.

28 They will curse, and Thou will bless; let them that rise up against me be put to shame, but Thy servant shall be glad.

## Psalm 109

29 Let them that slander me be clothed with confusion, and let them be covered with shame as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth, and in the midst of many will I praise Him,

31 for He has stood at the right hand of the poor, to save my soul from them that persecute me.

*Glory.*

## Sixteenth Kathisma

### Psalm 109 A Psalm of David.

**T**he Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies the footstool of Thy feet.

2 A scepter of power shall the Lord send unto Thee out of Zion; rule Thou in the midst of Thine enemies.

3 With Thee is dominion in the day of Thy power, in the splendor of Thy saints. From the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee.

4 The Lord has sworn and will not repent: Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchisedek.

5 The Lord at Thy right *hand* has broken kings in the day of His wrath.

6 He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill them with dead bodies, He shall crush the heads of many upon the earth.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way; therefore shall He lift up His head.

### Psalm 110 Alleluia.

**I** will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, in the council of the upright and in the congregation.

2 Great are the works of the Lord, sought out in all the things that He has willed.

3 Confession and majesty are His work, and His righteousness abides unto ages of ages.

4 He made a remembrance of His wondrous deeds; merciful and compassionate is the Lord;

5 He has given food to them that fear Him. He will be mindful forever of His covenant.

## Psalm 111

6 The power of His works has He declared unto His people, That He may give them the inheritance of the nations.

7 The works of His hands are truth and judgment. Faithful are all His commandments,

8 confirmed unto ages of ages, made in truth and uprightness.

9 He has sent redemption unto His people, He has enjoined His covenant forever; holy and terrible is His name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and all they that foster this have a good understanding. His praise abides unto ages of ages.

### Psalm 111 Alleluia.

**B**lessed is the man that fears the Lord; in His commandments shall he greatly delight.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon the earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Glory and riches shall be in his house, and his righteousness abides unto ages of ages.

4 There has risen up in darkness a light for the upright; he is merciful and compassionate and righteous.

5 A good man is he that is compassionate and lends; he shall order his words with judgment,

6 for he shall remain unshaken forever. In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be;

7 he shall not be afraid of evil tidings. His heart is ready to hope in the Lord.

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he look down upon his enemies.

9 He has dispersed, he has given to the poor, his righteousness abides unto ages of ages; his horn shall be exalted with glory.

10 The sinner shall see and be angered, he shall gnash with his teeth and melt away; the desire of the sinner shall perish.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 112

### Psalm 112

#### Alleluia.

**P**raise the Lord, O ye servants, praise ye the name of the Lord.  
2 Blessed be the name of the Lord from henceforth and forevermore.  
3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is to be praised.  
4 High above all the nations is the Lord; above the heavens is His glory.  
5 Who is like unto the Lord our God? Who lives on high  
6 and looks down on things that are lowly, in heaven and on the earth,  
7 Who raises up the poor man from the earth, and from the dunghill lifts up the pauper,  
8 that He may seat him with rulers, with the rulers of His people,  
9 Who makes the barren woman to live in a house and be a mother rejoicing over children.

### Psalm 113

#### Alleluia.

**W**hen Israel went out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among a barbarous people,  
2 Judea became His holy sanctuary, Israel His dominion.  
3 The sea beheld and fled, Jordan turned back.  
4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the hills like lambs of flocks.  
5 What troubles thee, O sea that thou fled? And thou Jordan, that thou did turn back?  
6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams, and ye hills like lambs of flocks?  
7 At the presence of the Lord the earth was shaken, at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
8 Who turned the rock into pools of waters, and the precipice into fountains of waters.  
9 Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy and Thy truth,  
10 lest haply the heathen say: Where is their God?  
11 But our God is in heaven and on earth; all things whatever He has willed, He has done.  
12 The idols of the nations are of silver and gold, the works of the hands of men.  
13 They have a mouth, but shall not speak; eyes have they, and shall not see.

## Psalm 114

14 Ears have they, and shall not hear; noses have they, and shall not smell.  
15 Hands they have, and shall not feel; feet have they, and shall not walk;  
they shall make no sound in their throat.  
16 Let those that make them become like unto them, and all that put their  
trust in them.  
17 The house of Israel hath hoped in the Lord; their helper and defender is  
He.  
18 The house of Aaron has hoped in the Lord; their helper and defender is  
He.  
19 They that fear the Lord have hoped in the Lord; their helper and  
defender is He.  
20 The Lord being mindful of us, has blessed us. He has blessed the house  
of Israel; He has blessed the house of Aaron,  
21 He has blessed them that fear the Lord, the little with the great.  
22 The Lord grant you increase, to you and to your sons.  
23 Ye are blessed of the Lord, Who made heaven and the earth.  
24 The heaven of heaven belongs to the Lord, but the earth He gave unto  
the sons of men.  
25 Not the dead shall praise Thee, O Lord, nor any that go down to Hades.  
26 But we the living will bless the Lord from henceforth and forevermore.

## Psalm 114 Alleluia.

**I** am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.  
2 For He has inclined His ear unto me, and in my days will I call upon  
Him.  
3 The pangs of death have encompassed me; the perils of Hades have  
found me. Tribulation and sorrow have I found,  
4 and I called upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, deliver my soul.  
5 Merciful is the Lord and righteous, and our God has mercy.  
6 The Lord preserves the infants; I was brought low and He saved me.  
7 Return, O my soul, unto thy rest, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully  
with thee.  
8 For He has delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my  
feet from sliding.  
9 I will be well pleasing before the Lord in the land of the living.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 115

### Psalm 115

#### Alleluia.

**I** believed wherefore I spoke; I was humbled exceedingly.  
2 As for me, I said in mine ecstasy: Every man is a liar.  
3 What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He has rendered unto me?  
4 I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.  
5 My vows unto the Lord will I pay in the presence of all His people.  
6 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.  
7 O Lord, I am Thy servant; I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaid. Thou have broken my bonds asunder,  
8 I will sacrifice a sacrifice of praise unto Thee, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.  
9 My vows unto the Lord will I pay in the presence of all His people,  
10 in the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.

### Psalm 116

#### Alleluia.

**O** praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.  
2 For He has made His mercy to prevail over us, and the truth of the Lord abides forever.

### Psalm 117

#### Alleluia.

**O** give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.  
2 Let the house of Israel now say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever.  
3 Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever.  
4 Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever.  
5 Out of mine affliction I called upon the Lord, and He heard me and brought me into a broad place.  
6 The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.  
7 The Lord is my helper, and I shall look down upon mine enemies.  
8 It is better to trust in the Lord than to trust in man.

## Psalm 117

- 9 It is better to hope in the Lord than to hope in rulers.
- 10 All the nations encompassed around me, and by the name of the Lord I warded them off.
- 11 Surrounding me they compassed me, and by the name of the Lord I warded them off.
- 12 They compassed me about like unto bees around a honeycomb, and they burst into flame like a fire among the thorns, and by the name of the Lord I warded them off.
- 13 I was pushed and overturned that I might fall, and the Lord was quick to help me.
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation.
- 15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous. The right *hand* of the Lord has wrought strength,
- 16 the right *hand* of the Lord has exalted me, and the right *hand* of the Lord has wrought strength.
- 17 I shall not die, but live, and I shall tell of the works of the Lord.
- 18 With chastisement has the Lord chastened me, but He has not given me over unto death.
- 19 Open unto me the gates of righteousness; I will enter therein and give thanks unto the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter in thereat.
- 21 I will give thanks unto Thee; for Thou has heard me and art become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.
- 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, and has appeared unto us. Ordain a feast with thick boughs, even unto the horns of the altar.
- 28 Thou art my God, and I will confess Thee; Thou art my God, and I will exalt Thee. I will give thanks unto Thee, for Thou hast heard me, and Thou art become my salvation.
- 29 O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 118

### Seventeenth Kathisma

#### Psalm 118

#### Alleluia.

**B**lessed are the blameless in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that search out His testimonies; with their whole heart shall they seek after Him.

3 For they that work iniquity have not walked in His ways.

4 Thou have enjoined Thy commandments that we should keep them most diligently.

5 Would that my ways were directed to keep Thy statutes.

6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I look on all Thy commandments.

7 I will confess Thee with uprightness of heart, when I have learned the judgments of Thy righteousness.

8 I will keep thy statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

9 Wherewithal shall a young man correct his way? By keeping Thy words.

10 With my whole heart have I sought after Thee, cast me not away from Thy commandments.

11 In my heart have I hid Thy sayings that I might not sin against Thee.

12 Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of Thy mouth.

14 In the way of Thy testimonies have I found delight, as much as in all riches.

15 On Thy commandments will I ponder, and I will understand Thy ways.

16 On Thy statutes will I meditate; I will not forget Thy words.

17 Give reward unto Thy servant, quicken me and I will keep Thy words.

18 O unveil mine eyes, and I shall perceive wondrous things out of Thy law.

19 I am a traveler on the earth; hide not from me Thy commandments.

20 My soul has longed to desire Thy judgments at all times.

21 Thou have rebuked the proud; cursed are they that decline from Thy commandments.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt, for after Thy testimonies have I sought.

23 For rulers sat and they spoke against me, but Thy servant pondered on Thy statutes.

24 For Thy testimonies are my meditation, and Thy statutes are my counselors.

25 My soul has cleaved unto the earth; quicken me according to Thy word.

## Psalm 118

26 My ways have I declared, and Thou have heard me; teach me Thy statutes.

27 Make me to understand the way of Thy statutes, and I will ponder on Thy wondrous works.

28 My soul has slumbered from despondency, strengthen me with Thy words.

29 Remove from me the way of unrighteousness, and with Thy law have mercy on me.

30 I have chosen the way of truth, and Thy judgments have I not forgotten.

31 I have cleaved to Thy testimonies, O Lord; put me not to shame.

32 The way of Thy commandments have I run, when Thou did enlarge my heart.

33 Set before me for a law, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I will seek after it continually.

34 Give me understanding, and I will search out Thy law, and I will keep it with my whole heart.

35 Guide me in the path of Thy commandments, for I have desired it.

36 Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies and not unto covetousness.

37 Turn away mine eyes that I may not see vanity, quicken Thou me in Thy way.

38 Establish for Thy servant Thine oracle unto fear of Thee.

39 Remove my reproach which I have feared, for Thy judgments are good.

40 Behold, I have longed after Thy commandments; in Thy righteousness quicken me.

41 Let Thy mercy come also upon me, O Lord, even Thy salvation according to Thy word.

42 So shall I give an answer to them that reproach me, for I have hoped in Thy words.

43 And take not utterly out of my mouth the word of truth, for in Thy judgments have I hoped.

44 So shall I keep Thy law continually, forever, and unto the ages of ages.

45 And I walked in spaciousness, for after Thy commandments have I sought.

46 And I spoke of Thy testimonies before kings, and I was not ashamed.

47 And I meditated on Thy commandments which I have greatly loved.

48 And I lifted up my hands to Thy commandments which I have loved, and I pondered on Thy statutes.

49 Remember Thy words to Thy servant, wherein Thou have made me to hope.

## Psalm 118

50 This has comforted me in my humiliation, for Thine oracle has quickened me.

51 The proud have transgressed exceedingly, but from Thy law have I not declined.

52 I remembered Thy judgments of old, O Lord, and was comforted.

53 Despondency took hold upon me because of the sinners who forsake Thy law.

54 Thy statutes were my songs in the place of my traveling.

55 I remembered Thy name in the night, O Lord, and I kept Thy law.

56 This has happened unto me because I sought after Thy statutes.

57 Thou art my portion, O Lord; I said that I would keep Thy law.

58 I entreated Thy countenance with my whole heart: Have mercy on me according to Thy word.

59 I have thought on Thy ways, and I have turned my feet back to Thy testimonies.

60 I made ready, and I was not troubled, that I might keep Thy commandments.

61 The cords of sinners have entangled me, but Thy law have I not forgotten.

62 At midnight I arose to give thanks unto Thee for the judgments of Thy righteousness.

63 I am a partaker with all them that fear Thee, and with them that keep Thy commandments.

64 The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy; teach me Thy statutes.

65 Thou have dealt graciously with Thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word.

66 Goodness and discipline and knowledge teach Thou me, for in Thy commandments have I believed.

67 Before I was humbled, I transgressed; therefore Thy saying have I kept.

68 Thou art good, O Lord, and in Thy goodness teach me Thy statutes.

69 Multiplied against me has been the unrighteousness of the proud; but as for me, with my whole heart will I search out Thy commandments.

70 Curdled like milk is their heart; but as for me, in Thy law have I meditated.

71 It is good for me that Thou have humbled me, that I might learn Thy statutes.

72 The law of Thy mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 118

73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding and I will learn Thy commandments.

74 They that fear Thee shall see me and be glad, for on Thy words have I set my hope.

75 I have known, O Lord, that Thy judgments are righteousness, and with truth have Thou humbled me.

76 Let now Thy mercy be my comfort, according to Thy saying unto Thy servant.

77 Let Thy compassions come upon me and I shall live, for Thy law is my meditation.

78 Let the proud be put to shame, for unjustly have they transgressed against me; but as for me, I will ponder on Thy commandments.

79 Let those that fear Thee return unto me, and those that know Thy testimonies.

80 Let my heart be blameless in Thy statutes, that I may not be put to shame.

81 My soul fainted for Thy salvation; on Thy words have I set my hope.

82 Mine eyes are grown dim with waiting for Thine oracle; they say: When will Thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a wine-skin in the frost; yet Thy statutes have I not forgotten.

84 How many are the days of Thy servant? When will Thou execute judgment for me on them that persecute me?

85 Transgressors have told me fables, but they are not like Thy law, O Lord.

86 All Thy commandments are truth. Without a cause have men persecuted me; do Thou help me.

87 They well near made an end of me on the earth; but as for me, I forsook not Thy commandments.

88 According to Thy mercy quicken me, and I will keep the testimonies of Thy mouth.

89 Forever, O Lord, Thy word abides in heaven.

90 Unto generation and generation is Thy truth; Thou has laid the foundation of the earth, and it abides.

91 By Thine ordinance does the day abide, for all things are Thy servants.

92 If Thy law had not been my meditation, then should I have perished in my humiliation.

93 I will never forget Thy statutes, for in them have Thou quickened me.

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## Psalm 118

- 94 I am Thine, save me; for after Thy statutes have I sought.
- 95 Sinners have waited for me to destroy me; but Thy testimonies have I understood.
- 96 Of all perfection have I seen the outcome; exceeding spacious is Thy commandment.
- 97 O how I have loved Thy law, O Lord! The whole day long it is my meditation.
- 98 Above mine enemies have Thou made me wise in Thy commandment, for it is mine forever.
- 99 Above all that teach me have I gained understanding, for Thy testimonies are my meditation.
- 100 Above mine elders have I received understanding, for after Thy commandments have I sought.
- 101 From every way that is evil have I restrained my feet that I might keep Thy words.
- 102 From Thy judgments have I not declined, for Thou have set a law for me.
- 103 How sweet to my palate are Thy sayings! More sweet than honey to my mouth.
- 104 From Thy commandments have I gained understanding; therefore have I hated every way of unrighteousness.
- 105 Thy law is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my paths.
- 106 I have sworn and resolved that I will keep the judgments of Thy righteousness.
- 107 I was humbled exceedingly; O Lord, quicken me according to Thy word.
- 108 The free will offerings of my mouth be Thou now pleased to receive, O Lord, and teach me Thy judgments.
- 109 My soul is in Thy hands continually, and Thy law have I not forgotten.
- 110 Sinners have set a snare for me, yet from Thy commandment have I not strayed.
- 111 I have inherited Thy testimonies forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart.
- 112 I have inclined my heart to perform Thy statutes forever for recompense.
- 113 Transgressors have I hated, but Thy law have I loved.
- 114 My helper and my protector art Thou; on Thy words have I set my hope.
- 115 Depart from me, ye evil-doers, and I will search out the commandments of my God.

## Psalm 118

116 Uphold me according to Thy saying and quicken me, and turn me not away in shame from mine expectation.

117 Help me, and I shall be saved; and I will meditate on Thy statutes continually.

118 Thou has set at naught all that depart from Thy statutes, for unrighteous is their inward thought.

119 I have reckoned as transgressors all the sinners of the earth, therefore have I loved Thy testimonies.

120 Nail down my flesh with the fear of Thee, for of Thy judgments am I afraid.

121 I have wrought judgment and righteousness; O give me not up to them that wrong me.

122 Receive Thy servant unto good; let not the proud falsely accuse me.

123 Mine eyes have failed with waiting for Thy salvation, and for the word of Thy righteousness.

124 Deal with Thy servant according to Thy mercy, and teach me Thy statutes.

125 I am Thy servant; give me understanding, and I shall know Thy testimonies.

126 It is time for the Lord to act; for they have dispersed Thy law.

127 Therefore have I loved Thy commandments more than gold and topaz.

128 Therefore I directed myself according to all Thy commandments; every way that is unrighteous have I hated.

129 Wonderful are Thy testimonies; therefore hath my soul searched them out.

130 The unfolding of Thy words will give light and understanding unto babes.

131 I opened my mouth and drew in my breath, for I longed for Thy commandments.

### *Glory.*

132 Look upon me and have mercy on me, according to the judgment of them that love Thy name.

133 My steps do Thou direct according to Thy saying, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Deliver me from the false accusation of men, and I will keep Thy commandments.

135 Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant, and teach me Thy statutes.

## Psalm 118

136 Mine eyes have poured forth streams of waters, because I kept not Thy law.

137 Righteous art Thou, O Lord, and upright are Thy judgments.

138 Thou has ordained as Thy testimonies exceeding righteousness and truth.

139 My zeal for Thee has made me to pine away, because mine enemies have forgotten Thy words.

140 Thine oracle is tried with fire to the uttermost, and Thy servant has loved it.

141 I am young and accounted as nothing, yet Thy statutes have I not forgotten.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Thy law is truth.

143 Tribulations and necessities have found me, Thy commandments are my meditation.

144 Thy testimonies are righteousness forever; give me understanding and I shall live.

145 I have cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord, and I will seek after Thy statutes.

146 I have cried unto Thee; save me, and I will keep Thy testimonies.

147 I arose in the dead of night and I cried; on Thy words have I set my hope.

148 Mine eyes woke before the morning that I might meditate on Thy sayings.

149 Hear my voice, O Lord, according to Thy mercy; according to Thy judgment, quicken me.

150 They have drawn near that lawlessly persecute me, but from Thy law are they far removed.

151 Near art Thou, O Lord, and all Thy \* ways are truth.

152 From the beginning I have known from Thy testimonies that Thou have founded them forever.

153 Behold my humiliation and rescue me, for Thy law have I not forgotten.

154 Judge my cause and redeem me; for Thy word's sake quicken me.

155 Far from sinners is salvation, for they have not sought after Thy statutes.

156 Thy compassions are many, O Lord; according to Thy judgment quicken me.

157 Many are they that persecute me and afflict me; from Thy testimonies have I not declined.

## Psalm 118

158 I beheld men acting foolishly and I pined away, because they kept not Thy sayings.

159 Behold, how I have loved Thy commandments; O Lord, in Thy mercy, quicken me.

160 The beginning of Thy words is truth, and all the judgments of Thy righteousness endure forever.

161 Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, and because of Thy words my heart has been afraid.

162 I will rejoice in Thy sayings as one that finds great spoil.

163 Unrighteousness have I hated and abhorred, but Thy law have I loved.

164 Seven times a day have I praised Thee for the judgments of Thy righteousness.

165 Much peace has they that love Thy law, and for them there is no stumbling block.

166 I awaited Thy salvation, O Lord, and Thy commandments have I loved.

167 My soul has kept Thy testimonies and has loved them exceedingly.

168 I have kept Thy commandments and Thy testimonies, for all my ways are before Thee, O Lord.

169 Let my supplication draw near before Thee, O Lord; according to Thine oracle give me understanding.

170 Let my petition come before Thee, O Lord; according to Thine oracle deliver me.

171 My lips shall pour forth a hymn when Thou have taught me Thy statutes.

172 My tongue shall speak of Thy sayings, for all Thy commandments are righteousness.

173 Let Thy hand be for saving me, for I have chosen Thy commandments.

174 I have longed for Thy salvation, O Lord, and Thy law is my meditation.

175 My soul shall live and shall praise Thee, and Thy judgments will help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; O seek Thy servant, for I have not forgotten Thy commandments.

*Glory.*

\* *Codex Alexandrinus* reads: "commands".

## Psalm 119

### Eighteenth Kathisma

#### Psalm 119 An Ode of Ascents.

**U**nto the Lord in mine affliction have I cried, and He heard me.  
2 O Lord, deliver my soul from unrighteous lips and from a crafty tongue.  
3 What shall be given unto thee and what shall be added unto thee for thy crafty tongue?  
4 The arrows of the mighty one, sharpened with coals of the desert.  
5 Woe is me, for my traveling is prolonged; I have tented with the tenting of Kedar.  
6 My soul has long been a traveler.  
7 With them that hate peace I was peaceable; when I spoke unto them, they warred against me without a cause.

#### Psalm 120 An Ode of Ascents.

**I** have lifted up mine eyes to the mountains, from whence comes my help.  
2 My help comes from the Lord, Who has made heaven and the earth.  
3 Give not thy foot unto moving, and may He not slumber that keeps thee.  
4 Behold, He shall not slumber nor shall He sleep, He that keeps Israel.  
5 The Lord shall keep thee; the Lord is thy shelter at thy right hand.  
6 The sun shall not burn thee by day or the moon by night.  
7 The Lord shall keep thee from all evil; the Lord shall guard thy soul.  
8 The Lord shall keep thy coming in and thy going out, from henceforth and forevermore.

#### Psalm 121 An Ode of Ascents.

**I** was glad because of them that said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.  
2 Our feet have stood in thy courts, O Jerusalem.  
3 Jerusalem is built as a city which its inhabitants share in concord.  
4 For there the tribes went up, the tribes of the Lord, as a testimony for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

## Psalm 122

5 For there are set thrones unto judgment, thrones over the house of David.

6 Ask now for the things which are for the peace of Jerusalem and for the prosperity of them that love thee.

7 Let peace be now in thy strength, and prosperity in thy palaces.

8 For the sake of my brothers and my neighbors, I spoke peace concerning thee.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, I have sought good things for thee.

## Psalm 122 An Ode of Ascents.

**U**nto Thee have I lifted up mine eyes, unto Thee that lives in heaven.

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hands of their masters, as the eyes of the handmaid look unto the hands of her mistress, so do our eyes look unto the Lord our God, until He take pity on us.

3 Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for greatly are we filled with abasement.

4 Greatly has our soul been filled therewith; let reproach come upon them that prosper, and abasement on the proud.

## Psalm 123 An Ode of Ascents.

**H**ad it not been that the Lord was with us, let Israel now say,

2 had it not been that the Lord was with us, When men rose up against us,

3 then had they swallowed us up alive. When their wrath raged against us,

4 then had the water overwhelmed us. Our soul has passed through a torrent;

5 then had our soul passed through the water that is irresistible.

6 Blessed be the Lord Who has not given us to be a prey to their teeth.

7 Our soul like a sparrow was delivered out of the snare of the hunters. The snare is broken, and we are delivered.

8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who hath made heaven and the earth.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 124

### Psalm 124 An Ode of Ascents.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion; he that lives at Jerusalem, nevermore shall he be shaken.

2 Mountains are around her, and the Lord is around His people from henceforth and forevermore.

3 For the Lord will not permit the rod of sinners to be upon the lot of the righteous, lest the righteous stretch forth their hands unto iniquities.

4 Do good, O Lord, unto them that are good and unto the upright of heart.

5 But them that turn aside unto crooked ways shall the Lord lead away with the workers of iniquity; peace be upon Israel.

### Psalm 125 An Ode of Ascents.

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we became as men that are comforted.

2 Then was our mouth filled with joy, and our tongue with rejoicing. Then shall they say among the nations: The Lord has done great things unto them.

3 The Lord has done great things among us, and we are become glad.

4 Turn again, O Lord, our captivity, like streams in the south.

5 They that sow with tears shall reap with rejoicing.

6 In their going they went, and they wept as they \* cast their seeds. But in their coming shall they come with rejoicing, bearing their sheaves.

\* Alfred Rahlfs' *Septuaginta* reads: "were carrying", but fails to cite his source for such reading.

### Psalm 126 An Ode of Ascents.

Except the Lord build the house, in vain do they labor that build it. Except the Lord guard the city, in vain does he watch that guards her.

2 It is vain for you to rise at dawn. Ye that eat the bread of sorrow, rouse yourselves after resting, when He has given sleep to His beloved.

3 Behold, sons are the heritage of the Lord, the reward of the fruit of the womb.

4 Like arrows in the hand of a mighty man, so are the sons of them that were outcasts.

**Psalm 127**

5 Blessed is he that shall fulfill his desires with them; they shall not be put to shame when they speak to their enemies in the gates.

**Psalm 127**  
**An Ode of Ascents.**

**B**lessed are all they that fear the Lord, that walk in His ways.

2 Thou shalt eat the fruit of thy labors; blessed art thou, and well shall it be with thee.

3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine on the sides of thy house, Thy sons like young olive trees around thy table.

4 Behold, so shall the man be blessed that fears the Lord.

5 The Lord bless thee out of Zion, and may thou see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6 And may thou see thy son's sons; peace be upon Israel.

**Psalm 128**  
**An Ode of Ascents.**

**M**any a time have they warred against me from my youth, let Israel now say,

2 many a time have they warred against me from my youth, and yet they have not prevailed against me.

3 The sinners wrought upon my back, they lengthened out their iniquity.

4 The Lord is righteous; He has cut asunder the necks of sinners.

5 Let them be put to shame and turned back, all they that hate Zion.

6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which before it is plucked up is withered away.

7 Wherefore the reaper fills not his hand, nor does he that gathers sheave his bosom.

8 Nor have they that passed by said: The blessing of the Lord comes upon you; we have blessed you in the name of the Lord.

*Glory.*

**Psalm 129**  
**An Ode of Ascents.**

**O**ut of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;

## Psalm 130

2 O Lord, hear my voice. Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

3 If Thou should mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 For with Thee there is forgiveness.

5 For Thy \* name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul has waited patiently for \* Thy word.

6 My soul has hoped in the Lord. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope in the Lord.

7 For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

8 and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

\* According to Alfred Rahlfs' *Septuaginta, Codex Veronensis* reads: "law's sake".

\* *Codex Sinaiticus* reads: "His law". Other manuscripts, not cited by the Apostoliki Diakonia and Zoe Brotherhood texts, or by Alfred Rahlfs' *Septuaginta*, read: "His word".

## Psalm 130 An Ode of Ascents. \*

**O** Lord, my heart is not exalted, nor are mine eyes become lofty. Nor have I walked in things too great or too marvelous for me.

\* 2 If I were not humble minded but exalted my soul, as one weaned from his mother, so would Thou requite my soul.

3 Let Israel hope in the Lord, from henceforth and forevermore.

\* *Codex Alexandrinus* adds: "for David".

\* The text of the Zoe Brotherhood cites an alternative reading, without cite, that reads as follows: "If, instead of bearing the best testimony I exalted my soul, as one weaned from his mother, so would Thou requite my soul".

## Psalm 131 An Ode of Ascents.

**R**emember, O Lord, David and all his meekness.

2 How he made an oath unto the Lord, and vowed unto the God of Jacob:

3 I shall not go into the dwelling of my house; I shall not ascend upon the bed of my couch,

4 I shall not give sleep to mine eyes, nor slumber to mine eyelids, nor rest to my temples,

## Psalm 132

- 5 until I find a place for the Lord, a habitation for the God of Jacob.  
6 Lo, we have heard of it in Ephratha, we have found it in the plains of the wood.  
7 Let us go forth into His tabernacles, let us worship at the place where His feet have stood.  
8 Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the Ark of Thy holiness.  
9 Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness, and Thy righteous shall rejoice.  
10 For the sake of David Thy servant, turn not Thy face away from Thine \* anointed one.  
11 The Lord has sworn in truth unto David, and He will not annul it: Of the fruit of thy loins will I set upon thy throne.  
12 If thy sons keep My covenant and these testimonies which I will teach them, Their sons also shall sit forever on thy throne.  
13 For the Lord has elected Zion, He has chosen her to be a habitation for Himself.  
14 This is My rest forever and ever; here will I dwell, for I have chosen her.  
15 Blessing, I will bless her \* pursuit; her beggars will I satisfy with bread.  
16 Her priests will I clothe with salvation, and her saints with rejoicing shall rejoice.  
17 There will I make to spring forth a horn for David; I have prepared a lamp for My Christ.  
18 His enemies will I clothe with shame, but upon Him shall My sanctification flourish.

\* Or: "Christ".

\* The text of the Zoe Brotherhood reads: "door". Codices *Sinaiticus* and *Alexandrinus* read: "widow". The reading in the text, however, is supported by Lucian's recension of the *LXX*.

### Psalm 132 An Ode of Ascents.\*

**B**ehold now, what is so good or as joyous as for brothers to live together in unity?

2 It is like the oil of myrrh upon the head, which runs down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, which runs down to the fringe of his raiment.

3 It is like the dew of Aermom, which comes down upon the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

## Psalm 133

\* *Codex Alexandrinus* adds: "for David".

### Psalm 133 An Ode of Ascents.

**B**ehold now, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God,  
2 in the nights lift up your hands unto the holies, and bless the Lord.  
3 The Lord bless thee out of Zion, He that made heaven and the earth.

*Glory.*

## Nineteenth Kathisma

### Psalm 134 Alleluia.

**P**raise ye the name of the Lord; O ye servants, praise the Lord,  
2 ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.  
3 Praise ye the Lord, for the Lord is good; chant unto His name, for it is good.  
4 For the Lord has chosen Jacob unto Himself, Israel for His own possession.  
5 For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.  
6 All that the Lord has willed He has done, in heaven and on the earth, in the seas and in all the abysses.  
7 Bringing clouds up from the uttermost parts of the earth, lightnings for the rain has He made. He brings winds out of His treasures;  
8 He struck the firstborn of Egypt, from man unto beast.  
9 He sent forth signs and marvels in the midst of thee, O Egypt, on Pharaoh and on all his servants.  
10 He struck many nations and killed mighty kings.  
11 Seon, King of the Amorites, and Og, King of the land of Basan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan.  
12 And He gave their land for an inheritance, an inheritance for Israel His people.  
13 O Lord, Thy name endures forever, and Thy memorial unto generation and generation.  
14 For the Lord will judge His people, and because of His servants shall He be comforted.

## Psalm 135

15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the works of the hands of men.

16 They have a mouth but shall not speak; eyes have they and shall not see.

17 Ears have they and shall not hear, nor is there any breath in their mouth.

18 Let those that make them become like unto them, and all they that put their trust in them.

19 O house of Israel, bless ye the Lord. O house of Aaron, bless ye the Lord.

20 O house of Levi, bless ye the Lord. Ye that fear the Lord, bless you the Lord.

21 Blessed is the Lord out of Zion, Who lives in Jerusalem.

## Psalm 135

### Alleluia.

**O** give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

2 O give thanks unto the God of gods; for His mercy endures forever.

3 O give thanks unto the Lord of lords; for His mercy endures forever.

4 To Him Who alone has wrought great wonders; for His mercy endures forever.

5 To Him that made the heavens with understanding; for His mercy endures forever.

6 To Him that established the earth upon the waters; for His mercy endures forever.

7 To Him Who alone has made great lights; for His mercy endures forever.

8 The sun for dominion of the day; for His mercy endures forever.

9 The moon and the stars for dominion of the night; for His mercy endures forever.

10 To Him that smote Egypt with their firstborn; for His mercy endures forever,

11 and led forth Israel out of the midst of them; for His mercy endures forever.

12 With a strong hand and a lofty arm; for His mercy endures forever.

13 To Him that divided the Red Sea into parts; for His mercy endures forever.

14 And led Israel through the midst thereof; for His mercy endures forever,

## Psalm 136

15 and overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea; for His mercy endures forever.

16 To Him that led His people through the wilderness; for His mercy endures forever. \*

17 To Him that struck great kings; for His mercy endures forever,

18 and killed mighty kings; for His mercy endures forever,

19 Seon, king of the Amorites; for His mercy endures forever,

20 and Og, king of the land of Basan; for His mercy endures forever,

21 and gave their land for an inheritance; for His mercy endures forever,

22 an inheritance for Israel His servant; for His mercy endures forever.

23 For in our humiliation the Lord remembered us; for His mercy endures forever.

24 And redeemed us from our enemies; for His mercy endures forever.

25 He that gives food to all flesh; for His mercy endures forever.

26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven, for His mercy endures forever. \*

\* The Sahidic versions of the Psalter in the Coptic Orthodox Church, according to Alfred Rahfls' *Septuaginta*, add: "Who brought forth water from the sharp edged rock".

\* The Gallic Psalter, according to Alfred Rahlfs' *Septuaginta*, adds: "O give thanks unto the Lord of lords, for His mercy endures forever".

## Psalm 136

**\* For David. By Jeremias, in the Captivity.**

**B**y the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and we wept when we remembered Zion.

2 Upon the willows in the midst thereof did we hang our instruments.

3 For there, they that had taken us captive asked us for words of song. And they that had led us away asked us for a hymn, saying: Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

4 How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right *hand* be forgotten.

6 Let my tongue cleave to my throat, if I remember thee not, if I set not Jerusalem above all other, as at the head of my joy.

7 Remember, O Lord, the sons of Edom, in the day of Jerusalem, Who said: Lay waste, lay waste to her, even to the foundations thereof.

8 O daughter of Babylon, thou wretched one, blessed shall he be who shall reward thee wherewith thou have rewarded us.

9 Blessed shall he be who shall seize and dash thine infants against the rock.

*Glory.*

\* *Codex Alexandrinus* omits: "For David".

**Psalm 137**  
**David's. Of Aggeus and Zacharias.**

**I** will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; and before angels will I chant unto Thee, for Thou have heard all the words of my mouth.

2 I will worship towards Thy holy temple and confess Thy name, for Thy mercy and for Thy truth; for Thou have magnified Thy holy name above all that is.

3 In whatsoever day I call upon Thee, quickly hearken unto me; Thou shall abundantly endow my soul with Thy strength.

4 Let all the kings of the earth, O Lord, confess Thee, for they have heard all the words of Thy mouth.

5 And let them sing in the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For the Lord is exalted, yet on lowly things He looks; and things haughty He knows from afar.

7 Though I should walk in the midst of affliction, Thou shall quicken me; against the wrath of mine enemies have Thou stretched forth Thy hands, and Thy right *hand* has saved me.

8 The Lord shall give recompense in my behalf. O Lord, Thy mercy endures forever; disdain not the work of Thy hands.

**Psalm 138**  
**For the End. David's. A Psalm \* of Zacharias in the Dispersion.**

**O** Lord, Thou have proved me and Thou knows me;  
2 Thou knows my sitting down and my rising up. Thou have discerned my thoughts from afar;

3 my path and my lot have Thou traced out, and have foreseen all my ways,

4 for there is no guile in my tongue.

5 Behold, Lord, Thou knows all things, the last and the first; Thou have fashioned me and have laid Thy hand upon me.

6 Thy knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is mighty, I cannot attain unto it.

7 Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? And from Thy presence whither shall I flee?

## Psalm 138

8 If I go up into heaven, Thou art there; if I go down into Hades, Thou art present there.

9 If I take up my wings toward the dawn, and make mine abode in the uttermost parts of the sea,

10 and even there shall Thy hand guide me, and Thy right *hand* shall hold me.

11 And I said: Surely darkness shall tread me down, and the night shall be turned into light in my delight.

12 For darkness will not be darkness with Thee, and night shall be bright as the day; as is the darkness thereof, even so shall the light thereof be.

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

14 I will confess Thee, for awesomely art Thou, wondrous, marvelous are Thy works, and my soul knows it right well.

15 My bones are not hid from Thee, which Thou made in secret; nor my substance in the nethermost parts of the earth.

16 My being while it was still unformed Thine eyes did see, and in Thy book shall all men be written; day by day they are formed, when as yet there be none of them.

17 But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord; their principalities are made exceeding strong.

18 I will count them, and they shall be multiplied more than the sand; I awoke and I am still with Thee.

19 Surely Thou will kill the sinners, O God. Ye men of blood, depart from me,

20 for Thou will say concerning their thoughts that in vain shall they take Thy cities.

21 As for them that hate Thee, O Lord, have I not hated them? And because of Thine enemies have I not pined away?

22 With perfect hatred have I hated them; they are reckoned enemies with me.

23 Prove me, O God, and know my heart; examine me and know my paths.

24 And see if the way of iniquity be in me, and guide me in the way everlasting.

\* *Codex Alexandrinus* adds the phrase: "of Zaharias in the Dispersion".

**Psalm 139**  
**For the End. A Psalm of David.**

**R**escue me, O Lord, from the evil man; from the unjust man deliver me.  
3 Who have devised injustice in their heart; all the day long have they arrayed themselves for wars.  
4 They have whetted their tongue like that of a serpent; the venom of asps is under their lips.

*Interlude by Chant*

5 Keep me, O Lord, from the hand of the sinner; rescue me from unjust men who have devised to undermine my steps.  
6 The proud have hid a snare for me, and with cords have they spread a snare for my feet; stumbling-blocks near the paths have they set for me.

*Interlude by Chant*

7 I said unto the Lord: Thou art my God; give ear, O Lord, unto the voice of my supplication.  
8 Lord, O Lord, Thou strength of my salvation, Thou have overshadowed my head in the day of battle.  
9 Because of my desire, O Lord, give me not up unto the sinner. They have taken counsel against me; forsake me not, lest they should be exalted.

*Interlude by Chant*

10 As for the head of those that encircle me, the mischief of their lips shall cover them.  
11 Coals shall fall upon them; in fire shall Thou cast them down, and they shall not stand in afflictions.  
12 A babbling man shall not prosper on the earth; evils shall hunt an unjust man to his destruction.  
13 I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the poor and the justice of the paupers.  
14 Surely the righteous shall confess Thy name, and the upright shall dwell in Thy presence.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 140

### Psalm 140 A Psalm of David.

Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me; attend to the voice of my supplication when I cry unto Thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth as incense before Thee, the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

3 Set, O Lord, a watch before my mouth, and a door of enclosure round about my lips.

4 Incline not my heart unto words of evil, to make excuse with excuses in sins, with men that work iniquity; and I will not join with their chosen.

5 The righteous man will chasten me with mercy and reprove me; as for the oil of the sinner, let it not anoint my head. For yet more is my prayer in the presence of their pleasures;

6 swallowed up near by the rock have their \* judges been. They shall hear my words, for they are sweetened.

7 As a clod of earth is broken upon the earth, so have their bones been scattered near unto Hades.

8 For unto Thee, O Lord, O Lord, are mine eyes, in Thee have I hoped; take not my soul away.

9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and from the stumbling blocks of them that work iniquity.

10 The sinners shall fall into their own net; I am alone until I pass by.

\* Codices *Vaticanus*, *Alexandrinus* and *Sinaiticus* read: "strong ones" or "mighty ones".

## Psalm 141

### Instruction by David. When He Was in the Cave Praying.

With my voice unto the Lord have I cried, with my voice unto the Lord have I made supplication.

3 I will pour out before Him my supplication, mine affliction before Him will I declare.

4 When my spirit was fainting within me, then Thou knew my paths. In this way wherein I have walked they hid for me a snare.

5 I looked upon my right *hand*, and beheld, and there was none that did know me. Flight has failed me, and there is none that watch out for my soul.

6 I have cried unto Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my hope, my portion art Thou in the land of the living.

**Psalm 142**

7 Attend unto my supplication, for I am brought very low. Deliver me from them that persecute me, for they are stronger than I.

8 Bring my soul out of prison that I may confess Thy name. The righteous shall wait patiently for me until Thou shall reward me.

**Psalm 142**

**David's. When His Son \* Abessalom Pursued Him.**

**O** Lord, hear my prayer, give ear unto my supplication in Thy truth; hearken unto me in Thy righteousness.

2 And enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has humbled my life down to the earth. He has sat me in darkness as those that have been long dead,

4 and my spirit within me is become despondent; within me my heart is troubled.

5 I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Thy works, I pondered on the creations of Thy hands.

6 I stretched forth my hands unto Thee; my soul thirsts after Thee like a waterless land.

*Interlude by Chant*

7 Quickly hear me, O Lord; my spirit has fainted away. Turn not Thy face away from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear Thy mercy in the morning; for in Thee have I put my hope. Cause me to know, O Lord, the way wherein I should walk; for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul.

9 Rescue me from mine enemies, O Lord; unto Thee have I fled for refuge.

10 Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness;

11 for Thy name's sake, O Lord, shall Thou quicken me. In Thy righteousness shall Thou bring my soul out of affliction,

12 and in Thy mercy shall Thou utterly destroy mine enemies. And Thou shall cut off all them that afflict my soul, for I am Thy servant.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 143

\* The *Septuagint* version of the Psalms in the famous Moscow Edition of 1821, pursuant to its English translation in *The Psalter According to the Seventy*, as published by Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, Massachusetts, adds the name "Abessalom". This is not present in the Zoe Brotherhood and Apostoliki Diakonia text or in any of the great codices of *Vaticanus*, *Sinaiticus* or *Alexandrinus*.

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### Psalm 143 David's. Concerning Goliath.

**B**lessed is the Lord my God, Who teaches my hands for battle and my fingers for war.

2 My mercy and my refuge, my helper and my deliverer, My defender is He; and in Him have I hoped, Who subjected my people under me.

3 O Lord, what is man that Thou art made known unto him? Or the son of man, that Thou takes account of him?

4 Man is like unto vanity, his days like a shadow pass away.

5 O Lord, bow down the heavens and come down; touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Flash forth lightning, and Thou shall scatter them; send forth Thine arrows, and Thou shall trouble them.

7 Send forth Thy hand from on high; rescue and deliver me from many waters, from the hand of the sons of aliens,

8 whose mouth has spoken vanity; and their right hand is the right hand of unrighteousness.

9 O God, a new song shall I sing unto Thee; with the psaltery of ten strings shall I chant unto Thee,

10 Who gives salvation unto kings, Who redeems David Thy servant from the evil broadsword.

11 Deliver me and rescue me from the hand of the sons of aliens whose mouth hath spoken vanity, and their right *hand* is the right *hand* of unrighteousness.

\* 12 whose sons are like new plants, strongly planted in their youth, their daughters prettified, and lavishly adorned like unto a temple.

13 Their garners are full, bursting forth with all manner of store; their sheep are abundant in young, multiplying in their gateways.

14 Their oxen are fat; there is no breach of wall, or any passage, nor any outcry in their streets.

15 They have called the people blessed who fare thus; but blessed is the people whose God is the Lord.

## Psalm 144

\* Alfred Rahlfs' *Septuaginta* reads verse twelve as follows:

“whose sons are like newly planted oak trees in their youth, their daughters prettified, and lavishly adorned like unto a temple”.

### Psalm 144 David's. A Psalm of Praise.

**I** will exalt Thee, O my God, my king, and I will bless Thy name for ever, yea, forever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy name for ever, yea, forever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and exceedingly to be praised, and of His greatness there is no end.

4 Generation and generation shall praise Thy works, and Thy power shall they declare.

5 Of the majesty of the glory of Thy holiness shall they speak, and they shall tell of Thy wonders.

6 And the power of Thine awesome deeds shall they relate, and they shall tell of Thy majesty.

7 The memory of the multitude of Thy goodness shall they pour forth, and in Thy righteousness shall they rejoice.

8 Compassionate and merciful is the Lord, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy.

9 The Lord is good to all, and His compassions are over all His works.

10 Let all Thy works, O Lord, give praise to Thee, and let Thy righteous ones bless Thee.

11 Of the glory of Thy kingdom shall they speak, and shall tell of Thy dominion,

12 to make Thy dominion known to the sons of men, and the glory of the majesty of Thy kingdom.

13 Thy kingdom is the kingdom of all the ages, and Thy sovereignty is in every generation and generation. Faithful is the Lord in all His words, and holy in all His works.

14 The Lord upholds all that are falling, and sets up all that are broken down.

15 The eyes of all look to Thee with hope, and Thou gave them their food in due season.

16 Thou opened Thy hand and filled every living thing with Thy favor.

17 Righteous is the Lord in all His ways, and holy in all His works.

## Psalm 145

18 The Lord is near unto all that call upon Him, to all that call on Him in truth.

19 The will of them that fear Him shall He do, and their supplication shall He hear, and He shall save them.

20 The Lord preserves all that love Him, but all the sinners shall He utterly destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless His holy name, forever, yea, and forever and ever.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 145

### Alleluia. Of Aggeus and Zacharias.

**P**raise the Lord, O my soul.

2 I will praise the Lord in my life, I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being.

3 Trust ye not in rulers, in the sons of men, in whom there is no salvation.

4 His \* spirit shall go forth, and he shall return unto his earth. In that day all his thoughts shall perish.

5 Blessed is he of whom the God of Jacob is his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

6 Who has made heaven and the earth, the sea and all that is therein, Who keeps truth unto eternity,

7 Who executes judgment for the wronged, Who gives food unto the hungry. The Lord makes loose the fettered,

8 the Lord makes wise the blind; the Lord sets aright the fallen; the Lord loves the righteous;

9 the Lord preserves the proselytes. He shall adopt for His own the orphan and widow, and the way of sinners shall He destroy.

10 The Lord shall be king unto eternity; thy God, O Zion, unto generation and generation.

\* Or: "breath".

## Psalm 146

### Alleluia. Of Aggeus and Zacharias.

**P**raise ye the Lord, for a psalm is a good thing; let praise be sweet unto our God.

**Psalm 147**

2 The Lord built up Jerusalem; He shall gather together the dispersed of Israel.

3 He healed the broken in heart and bound their fractures together.

4 He numbered the multitude of the stars and called them all by name.

5 Great is our Lord, and great is His strength, and of His understanding there is no measure.

6 The Lord lifted up the meek, but humbled sinners to the earth.

7 Begin your song to the Lord with thanksgiving, chant unto God with the harp,

8 To Him that covered heaven with clouds, Who prepared rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains, and green herb for the service of man,

9 Who gives to the beasts their food, and to the younglings of the ravens which call upon Him.

10 He shall not delight in the strength of a horse, nor in the legs of man is He well pleased.

11 The Lord is well pleased in them that fear Him, and in them that hope in His mercy.

**Psalm 147**

**Alleluia. Of Aggeus and Zacharias.**

**P**raise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

2 For He has strengthened the bars of thy gates, He has blessed thy sons within thee.

3 He brought peace upon thy borders, and with the fatness of the wheat He filled thee.

4 He sent His saying unto the earth; right swiftly runs His word.

5 He gives His snow like wool; the mist He sprinkles like ashes.

6 He hurls His ice like morsels. Who shall stand before His cold?

7 He shall send forth His word and melt them; His wind shall blow and the waters shall flow.

8 He declared His word unto Jacob, His statutes and judgments to Israel.

9 He has not dealt so with every nation, nor has He shown His judgments unto them.

*Glory.*

## Psalm 148

### Psalm 148 Allelui. Of Aggeus and Zacharias.

**P**raise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.  
2 Praise Him, all ye His angels; praise Him, all ye His hosts.  
3 Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light.  
4 Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens.  
5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; for He spoke, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created.  
6 He established them forever, yea, forever and ever; He has set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.  
7 Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all ye abysses,  
8 Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word,  
9 The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars,  
10 The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds,  
11 kings of the earth, and all peoples, rulers and all the judges of the earth,  
12 young men and virgins, elders with the younger;  
13 let them praise the name of the Lord, for exalted is the name of Him alone. His praise is above the earth and heaven.  
14 And He shall exalt the horn of His people. This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw near unto Him.

### Psalm 149 Alleluia.

**S**ing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.  
2 Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King.  
3 Let them praise His name in the dance; with the tambourine and the psaltery let them chant unto Him.  
4 For the Lord takes pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with salvation.  
5 The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.  
6 The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged broadswords shall be in their hands,  
7 to do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the peoples,  
8 to bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron,  
9 to do among them the judgment that is written. This glory shall be to all His saints.

**Psalm 150**  
**Alleluia.**

**P**raise ye God in His saints, praise Him in the firmament of His power.  
2 Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.  
3 Praise Him with the sound of trumpet, praise Him with the psaltery and harp.  
4 Praise Him with tambourine and dance, praise him with strings and flute.  
5 Praise Him with tuneful cymbals; praise Him with cymbals of jubilation.  
Let every *thing with* breath praise the Lord.

*Glory, Both Now, Alleluia*

**Psalm 151**  
**This Psalm Is One Written By David's Own Hand, though It Is Not Numbered With the 150 Psalms. Composed When He Fought In Single Combat With \*Goliath.**

**I** was the smallest among my brothers, and the youngest in the house of my father; I did shepherd the sheep of my father.  
2 My hands made an instrument, and my fingers fashioned a psaltery.  
3 And who shall tell my Lord? The Lord Himself, He Himself shall hearken.  
4 He sent forth His angel and took me from the flocks of my father, and anointed me with the oil of His anointing.  
5 My brothers were big and good, yet the Lord took no pleasure in them.  
6 I went forth to meet the \* alien, and he cursed me by his idols.  
7 But I drew his own sword and beheaded him, and took away the reproach from the sons of Israel.

\* *Codex Vaticanus* reads: "Goliad"

\* Or: "Philistine".