

VERSES:

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with Your servant; for no one living is righteous before You.

For the enemy has pursued me; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that You have done; I muse on what Your hands have wrought.

I stretch out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.

Make haste to answer me, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I put my trust.

Teach me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.

Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies! I have fled to You for refuge!

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This setting is in the responsorial style. The chanter begins by singing the refrain (in melody) which is repeated (in parts) by all the singers. Each verse of the Psalm, intoned by the chanter, is answered with the singing of the refrain. At the end of the Psalm the chanter sings (in melody) the first half of the refrain, which is concluded (in parts) by all the singers.

- Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on a level path!
- For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In Your righteousness bring me out of trouble!
- And in Your steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am Your servant.

