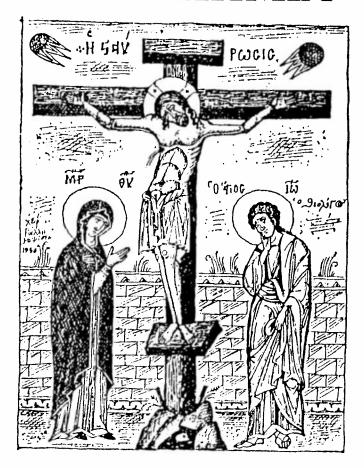
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# The Lamentations before the Holy Sepulchre

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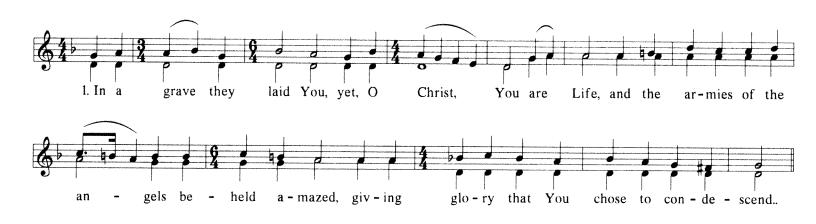
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# The Lamentations First Stasis

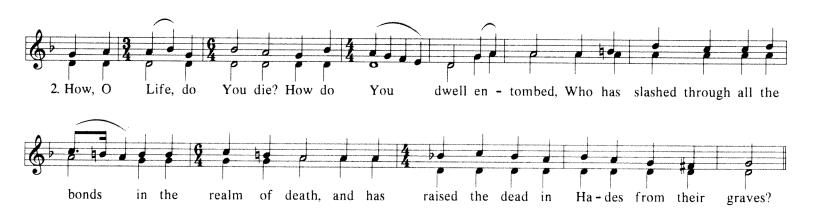
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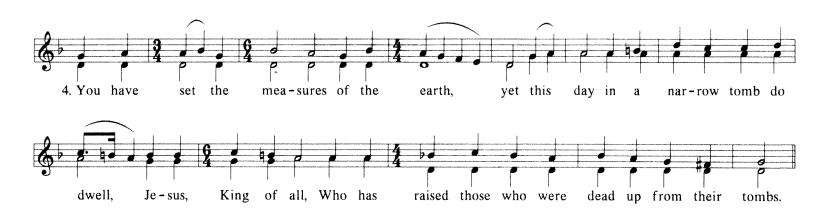
1. Blessed are the blameless in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.



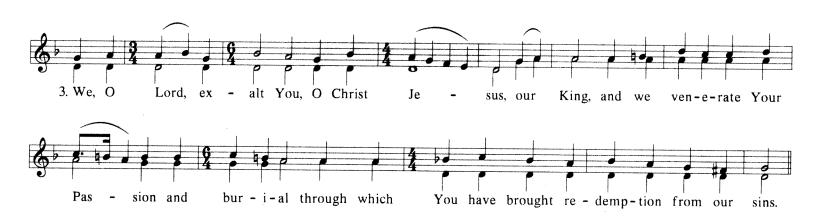
2. Blessed are they that search out his testimonies: they will diligently seek him with the whole heart.



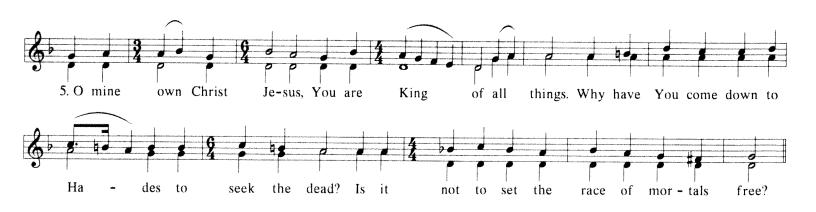
3. Thou hast commanded us diligently to keep thy precepts.



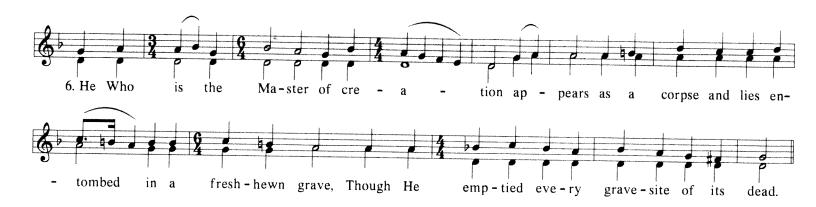
4. O, that my ways were directed to keep thine ordinances.



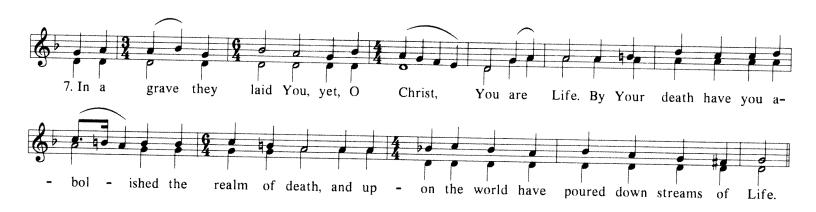
5. I will keep thine ordinances: O forsake me not greatly.



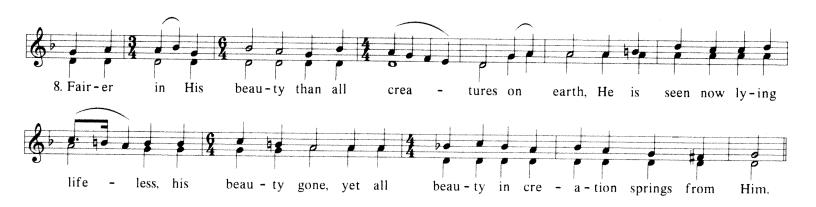
6. With my whole heart have I diligently sought thee: cast me not away from thy commandments.



7. Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.



8. I have delighted in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.



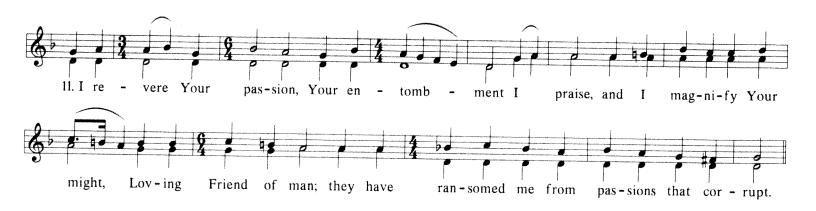
9. I will meditate on thine ordinances: I will not forget thy words.



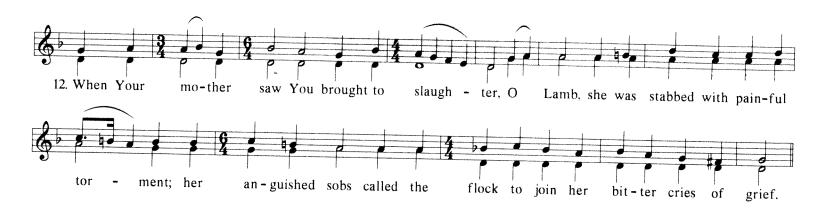
10. Render a recompense to thy servant: so shall I live, and keep thy words.



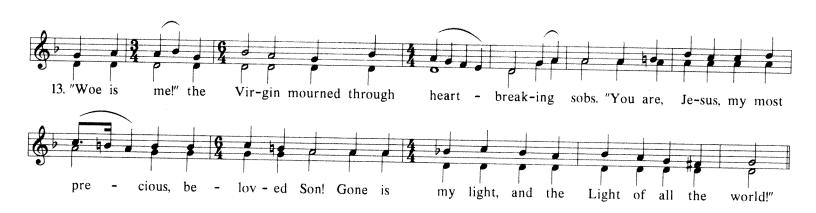
11. I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.



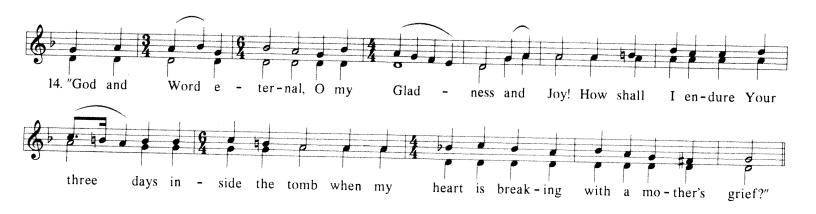
12. My soul has longed exceedingly for thy judgments at all times.



13. Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have sought out thy testimonies.



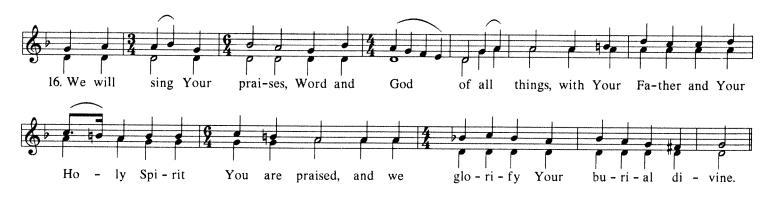
14. For princes sat and spoke against me: but thy servant was meditating on thine ordinances.



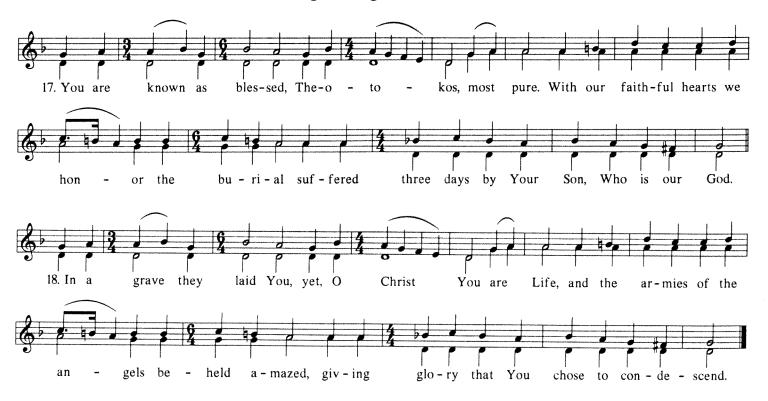
#### 15. The law of thy mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver.



#### Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit!



#### Both now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen!

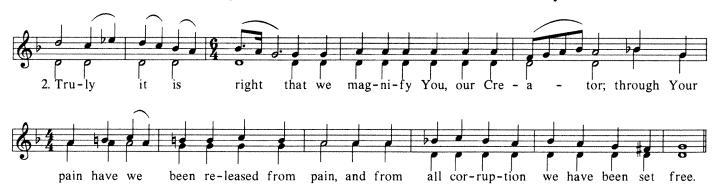


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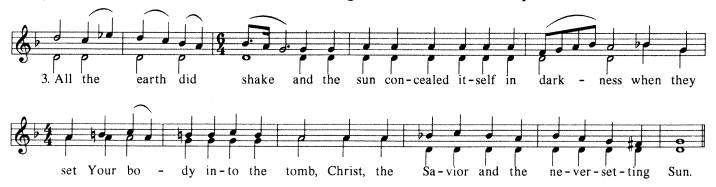
1. My soul has cleaved to the ground; enliven thou me according to thy word.



2. For thy testimonies are my meditation, and thine ordinances are my counselors.



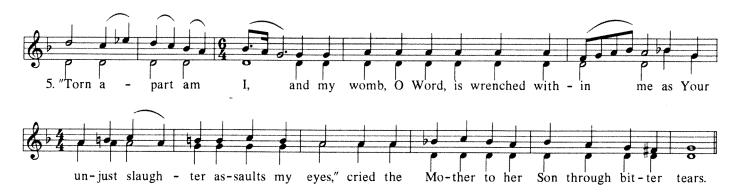
3. My soul has slumbered for sorrow; strengthen thou me with thy words.



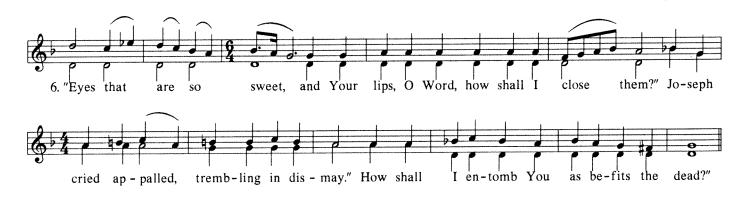
4. I have chosen the way of truth; and have not forgotten thy judgments.



5. I have cleaved to thy testimonies, O Lord; put me not to shame.



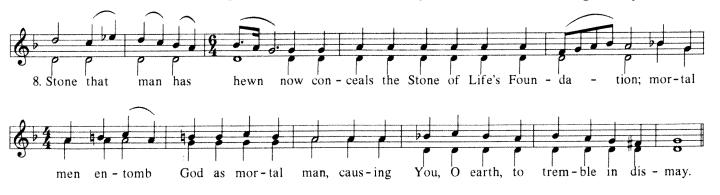
6. I ran the way of thy commandments, when thou didst enlarge my heart.



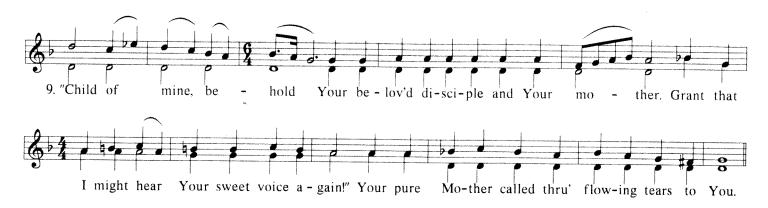
7. Take away my reproach which I have feared: for thy judgments are good.



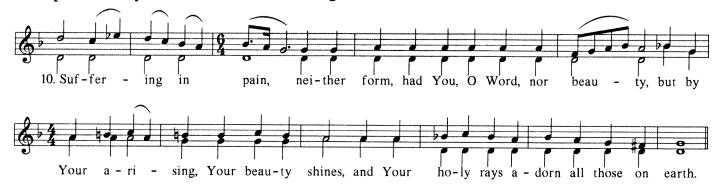
8. And let thy mercy come upon me, O Lord; even thy salvation, according to thy word.



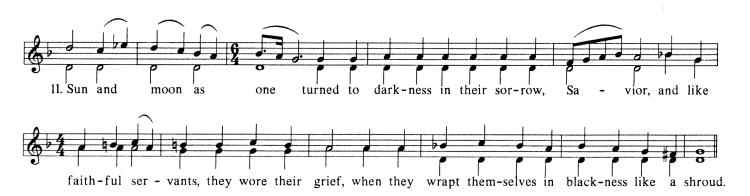
9. And so I shall render an answer to them that reproach me: for I have trusted in thy words.



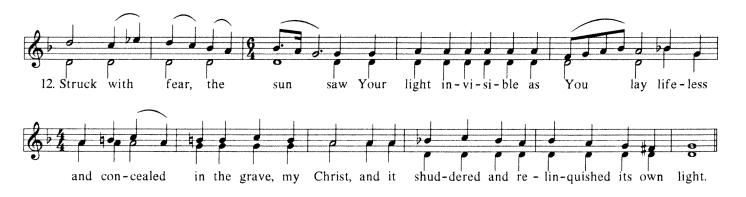
10. I spoke of thy testimonies before kings, and was not ashamed.



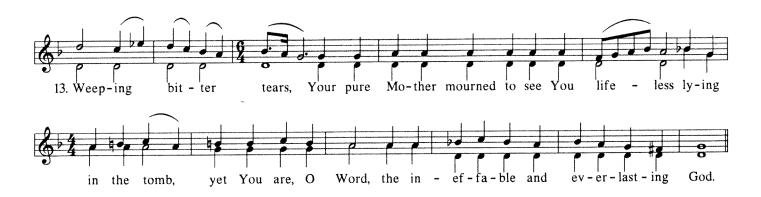
11. Remember thy words to thy servant, wherein thou hast made me hope.



12. This has comforted me in mine affliction: for thine oracle has enlivened me. 5



#### 13. Thou art my portion, O Lord: I said that I would keep thy law



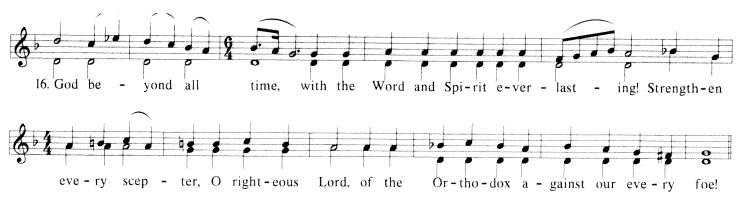
#### 14. I prepared myself and was not terrified to keep thy commandments.



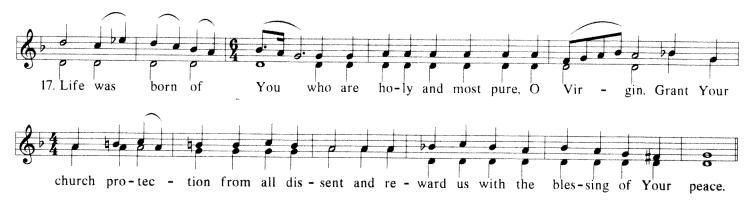
#### 15. The snares of sinners entangled me: but I forgot not thy law.



#### 16. Lord, the earth is full of thy mercy: teach me thine ordinances.



#### Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit!

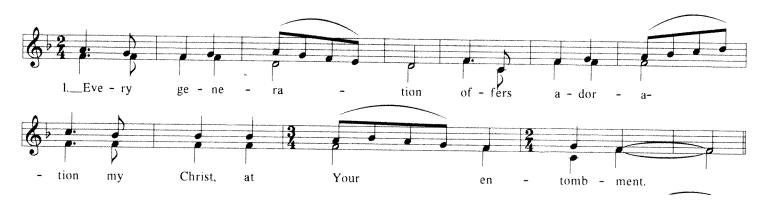


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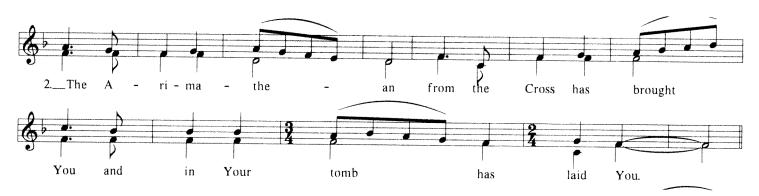


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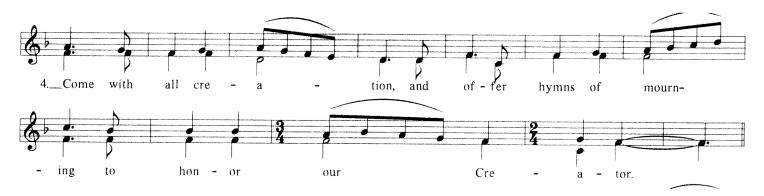
1. They that fear thee will see me and rejoice: for I have hoped in thy words.



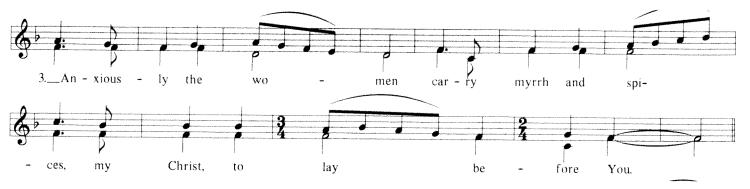
2. My soul faints for thy salvation: I have hoped in thy words



3. Mine eyes failed in waiting for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?



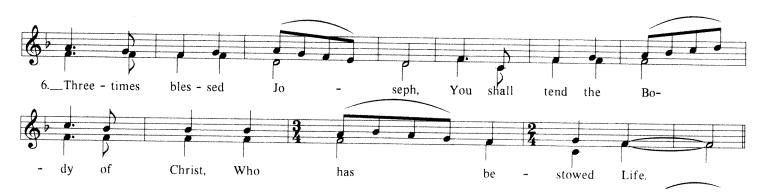
4. When wilt thou execute judgment for me on them that persecute me?



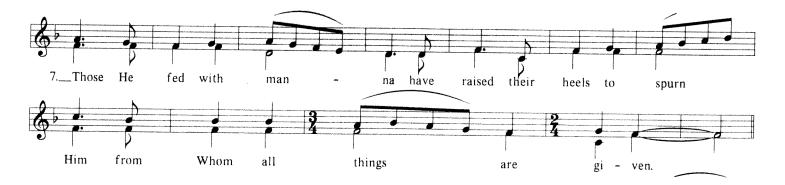
5. Transgressors told me idle tales; but not according to thy law, O Lord.



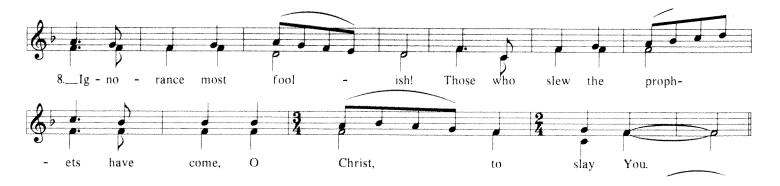
6. All thy commandments are truth; they persecuted me unjustly; help thou me!



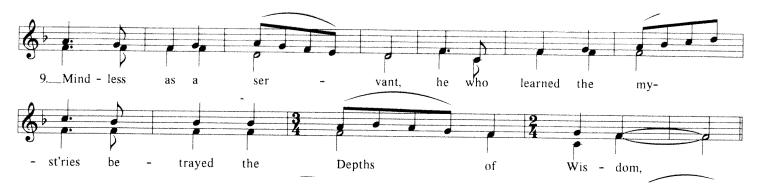
7. They nearly made an end of me in the earth; but I forsook not thy commandments.



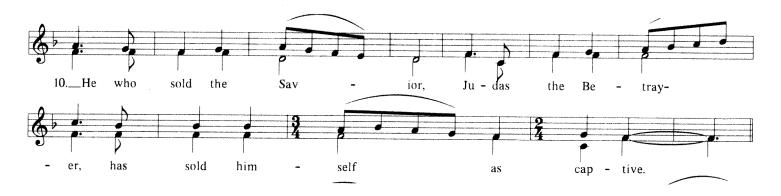
8. Thy word, O Lord, abides in heaven for ever.



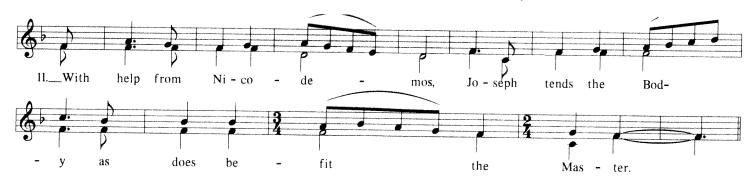
9. Were it not that thy law is my meditation, then I should have perished in mine affliction.



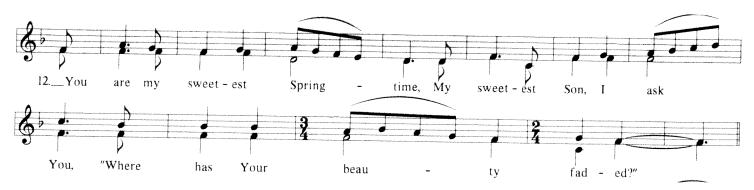
10. I am thine, save me; for I have sought out thine ordinances.



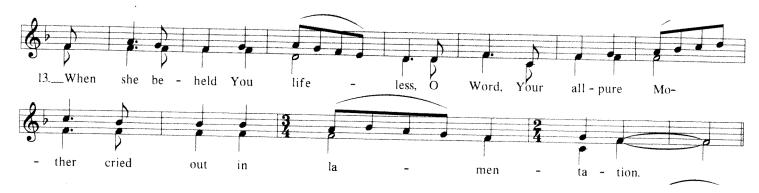
11. Sinners laid wait for me to destroy me; but I understood thy testimonies.



12. I have been very greatly afflicted, O Lord: quicken me, according to thy word.



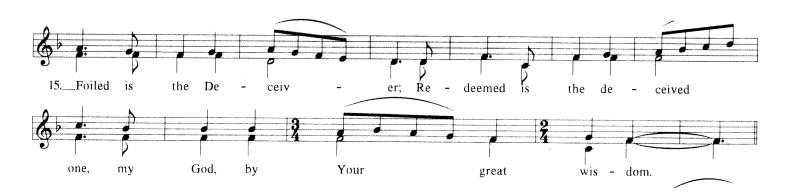
13. My soul is continually in thine hands; and I have not forgotten thy law.



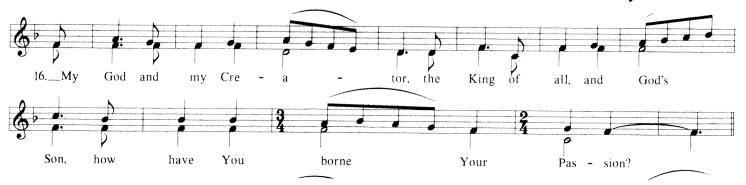
14. Behold, I have loved thy commandments, O Lord: quicken me in thy mercy.



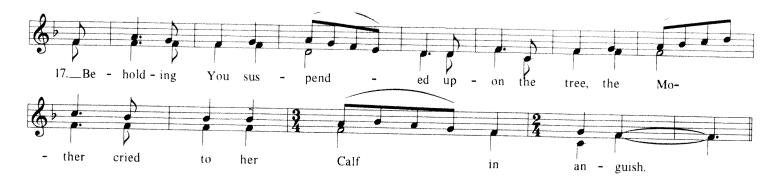
15. The beginning of thy words is truth; and all the judgments of thy righteousness endure for ever.



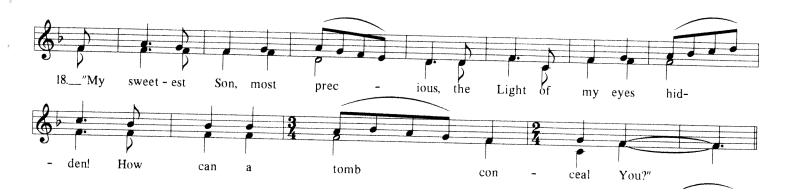
16. Princes persecuted me without a cause, but my heart feared because of thy words.



17. Let my petition come in before thee, O Lord; deliver me according to thine oracle.



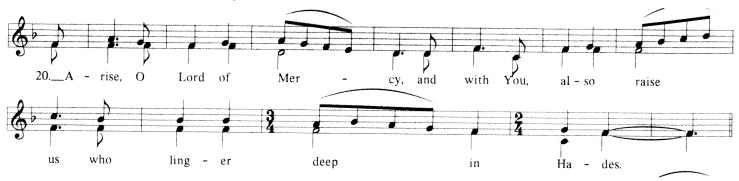
18. Let thine hand be prompt to save me; for I have chosen thy commandments.



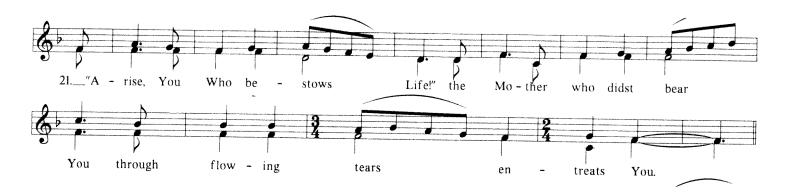
19. My soul shall live, and shall praise thee; and thy judgments shall help me.



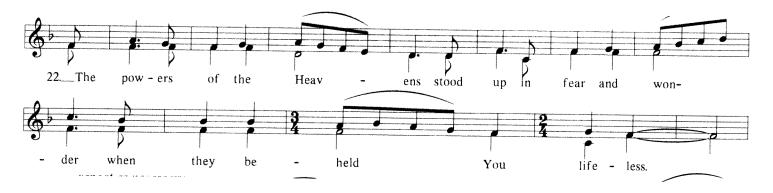
20. The injustice of the proud has been multiplied against me: but I will search out thy commandments with all my heart.



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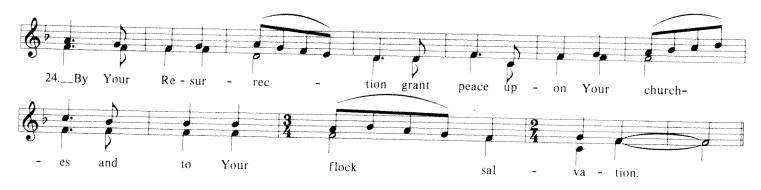
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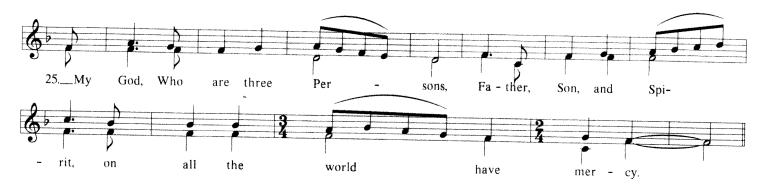
23. Lord, the earth is full of thy mercy: teach me thine ordinances.



24. The injustice of the proud has been multiplied against me: but I will search out thy commandments with all my heart.



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