Leader: 1 O Jehovah my God, in Thee do I take refuge:

Save me from all them that pursue me, and deliver me,

Response: 2 Lest they tear my soul like a lion,

Rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

Leader: 3 O Jehovah my God, if I have done this;

If there be iniquity in my hands;

Response: 4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me

(Yea, I have delivered him that without cause was mine adversary;)

Leader: 5 Let the enemy pursue my soul, and overtake it;

Yea, let him tread my life down to the earth,

And lay my glory in the dust.

Response: 6 Arise, O Jehovah, in Thine anger;

Lift up Thyself against the rage of mine adversaries,

And awake for me; Thou hast commanded judgment.

Leader: 7 And let the congregation of the peoples compass Thee about;

And over them return Thou on high

Response: 8 Jehovah ministereth judgment to the peoples:

Judge me, O Jehovah, according to my righteousness, and to mine integrity that is in me.

Leader: 9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish Thou the righteous:

For the righteous God trieth the minds and hearts.

Response: 10 My shield is with God,

Who saveth the upright in heart.

11 God is a righteous judge,

Yea, a God that hath indignation every day.

Leader: 12 If a man turn not, he will whet his sword;

He hath bent his bow, and made it ready;

Response: 13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death;

He maketh his arrows fiery *shafts*.

Leader: 14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity;

Yea, he hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

Response: 15 He hath made a pit, and digged it,

And is fallen into the ditch which he made.

Leader: 16 His mischief shall return upon his own head,

And his violence shall come down upon his own pate.

Response: 17 I will give thanks unto Jehovah according to His righteousness,

And will sing praise to the name of Jehovah Most High.