Leader: 1 Yahweh, my God, I take refuge in You.

Save me from all those who pursue me, and deliver me,

Response: 2 lest they tear apart my soul like a lion,

ripping it in pieces, while there is no one to deliver.

Leader: 3 Yahweh, my God, if I have done this,

if there is iniquity in my hands,

Response: 4 if I have rewarded evil to him who was at peace with me

(yes, I have delivered him who without cause was my adversary),

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

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

and lay my glory in the dust.

Response: 6 Arise, Yahweh, in Your anger.

Lift up Yourself against the rage of my adversaries.

Awake for me. You have commanded judgment.

Leader: 7 Let the congregation of the peoples surround You

Rule over them on high.

Response: 8 Yahweh administers judgment to the peoples.

Judge me, Yahweh, according to my righteousness,

and to my integrity that is in me.

Leader: 9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end,

but establish the righteous;

their minds and hearts are searched by the righteous God.

Response: 10 My shield is with God,

who saves the upright in heart.

11 God is a righteous judge,

yes, a God who has indignation every day.

Leader: 12 If a man doesn’t repent, he will sharpen his sword;

he has bent and strung his bow.

Response: 13 He has also prepared for himself the instruments of death.

He makes ready his flaming arrows.

Leader: 14 Behold, he travails with iniquity

Yes, he has conceived mischief,

and brought out falsehood.

Response: 15 He has dug a hole,

and has fallen into the pit which he made.

Leader: 16 The trouble he causes shall return to his own head.

His violence shall come down on the crown of his own head.

Response: 17 I will give thanks to Yahweh according to his righteousness,

and will sing praise to the name of Yahweh Most High.