Leader: 1 I love thee, O Jehovah, my strength.

Response: **2 Jehovah is my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer;**

**My God, my Rock, in whom I will take refuge;**

**My Shield, and the Horn of my Salvation, my high Tower.**

Leader: 3 I will call upon Jehovah, who is worthy to be praised:

So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Response: **4 The cords of death compassed me,**

**And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.**

Leader: 5 The cords of Sheol were round about me;

The snares of death came upon me.

Response: **6 In my distress I called upon Jehovah,**

**And cried unto my God:**

**He heard my voice out of His temple,**

**And my cry before Him came into His ears.**

Leader: 7 Then the earth shook and trembled;

The foundations also of the mountains quaked

And were shaken, because He was wroth.

Response: **8 There went up a smoke out of His nostrils,**

**And fire out of His mouth devoured:**

**Coals were kindled by it.**

Leader: 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;

And thick darkness was under His feet.

Response: **10 And He rode upon a cherub, and did fly;**

**Yea, He soared upon the wings of the wind.**

Leader: 11 He made darkness His hiding-place, His pavilion round about Him,

Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

Response: **12 At the brightness before Him his thick clouds passed,**

**Hailstones and coals of fire.**

Leader: 13 Jehovah also thundered in the heavens,

And the Most High uttered His voice,

Hailstones and coals of fire.

Response: **14 And He sent out His arrows, and scattered them;**

**Yea, lightnings manifold, and discomfited them.**

Leader: 15 Then the channels of waters appeared,

And the foundations of the world were laid bare,

At Thy rebuke, O Jehovah,

At the blast of the breath of Thy nostrils.

Response: **16 He sent from on high, He took me;**

**He drew me out of many waters.**

Leader: 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy,

And from them that hated me; for they were too mighty for me.

Response: **18 They came upon me in the day of my calamity;**

**But Jehovah was my stay.**

Leader: 19 He brought me forth also into a large place;

He delivered me, because He delighted in me.

Response: **20 Jehovah hath rewarded me according to my righteousness;**

**According to the cleanness of my hands hath He recompensed me.**

Leader: 21 For I have kept the ways of Jehovah,

And have not wickedly departed from my God.

Response: **22 For all His ordinances were before me,**

**And I put not away His statutes from me.**

Leader: 23 I was also perfect with Him,

And I kept myself from mine iniquity.

Response: **24 Therefore hath Jehovah recompensed me according to my righteousness,**

**According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyesight.**

Leader: 25 With the merciful Thou wilt show Thyself merciful;

With the perfect man Thou wilt show Thyself perfect;

Response: **26 With the pure Thou wilt show Thyself pure;**

**And with the perverse Thou wilt show thyself froward.**

Leader: 27 For Thou wilt save the afflicted people;

But the haughty eyes Thou wilt bring down.

Response: **28 For Thou wilt light my lamp:**

**Jehovah my God will lighten my darkness.**

Leader: 29 For by Thee I run upon a troop;

And by my God do I leap over a wall.

Response: **30 As for God, His way is perfect:**

**The word of Jehovah is tried;**

**He is a shield unto all them that take refuge in Him.**

Leader: 31 For who is God, save Jehovah?

And who is a rock, besides our God,

Response: **32 The God that girdeth me with strength,**

**And maketh my way perfect?**

Leader: 33 He maketh my feet like hinds’ *feet*:

And setteth me upon my high places.

Response: **34 He teacheth my hands to war;**

**So that mine arms do bend a bow of brass.**

Leader: 35 Thou hast also given me the shield of Thy salvation;

And Thy right hand hath holden me up,

And Thy gentleness hath made me great.

Response: **36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,**

**And my feet have not slipped.**

Leader: 37 I will pursue mine enemies, and overtake them;

Neither will I turn again till they are consumed.

Response: **38 I will smite them through, so that they shall not be able to rise:**

**They shall fall under my feet.**

Leader: 39 For Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle:

Thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

Response: **40 Thou hast also made mine enemies turn their backs unto me,**

**That I might cut off them that hate me.**

Leader: 41 They cried, but there was none to save;

Even unto Jehovah, but He answered them not.

Response: **42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind;**

**I did cast them out as the mire of the streets.**

Leader: 43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people;

Thou hast made me the head of the nations:

A people whom I have not known shall serve me.

Response: **44 As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me;**

**The foreigners shall submit themselves unto me.**

Leader: 45 The foreigners shall fade away,

And shall come trembling out of their close places.

Response: **46 Jehovah liveth; and blessed be my rock;**

**And exalted be the God of my salvation,**

Leader: 47 Even the God that executeth vengeance for me,

And subdueth peoples under me.

Response: **48 He rescueth me from mine enemies;**

**Yea, Thou liftest me up above them that rise up against me;**

**Thou deliverest me from the violent man.**

Leader: 49 Therefore I will give thanks unto Thee, O Jehovah, among the nations,

And will sing praises unto Thy name.

Response: **50 Great deliverance giveth He to His king,**

**And showeth lovingkindness to His anointed,**

**To David and to his seed, for evermore.**