Leader: 1 I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.

Response: **2 The Lord is my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my Buckler, and the Horn of my Salvation, and my high Tower.**

Leader: 3 I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Response: **4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.**

Leader: 5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

Response: **6 In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry came before Him, even into His ears.**

Leader: 7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved 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 darkness was under His feet.

Response: **10 And He rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, He did fly upon the wings of the wind.**

Leader: 11 He made darkness His secret place; His pavilion round about Him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

Response: **12 At the brightness that was before Him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.**

Leader: 13 The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave His voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

Response: **14 Yea, He sent out His arrows, and scattered them; and He shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.**

Leader: 15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at Thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of Thy nostrils.

Response: **16 He sent from above, He took me, He drew me out of many waters.**

Leader: 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

Response: **18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay.**

Leader: 19 He brought me forth also into a large place; He delivered me, because He delighted in me.

Response: **20 The Lord 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 the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

Response: **22 For all His judgments were before me, and I did not put away His statutes from me.**

Leader: 23 I was also upright before Him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

Response: **24 Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in His eyesight.**

Leader: 25 With the merciful Thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man Thou wilt shew Thyself upright;

Response: **26 With the pure Thou wilt shew Thyself pure; and with the froward Thou wilt shew Thyself froward**

Leader: 27 For Thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.

Response: **28 For Thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.**

Leader: 29 For by Thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

Response: **30 As for God, His way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him.**

Leader: 31 For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?

Response: **32 It is 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 a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.**

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, that my feet did not slip.**

Leader: 37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

Response: **38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen 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 given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.**

Leader: 41 They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the Lord, 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 dirt in the streets.**

Leader: 43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and Thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me.

Response: **44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.**

Leader: 45 The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

Response: **46 The Lord liveth; and blessed be my Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.**

Leader: 47 It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.

Response: **48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, Thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.**

Leader: 49 Therefore will I give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and sing praises unto Thy name

Response: **50 Great deliverance giveth He to His king; and sheweth mercy to His anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.**