Leader: 1 As the deer pants for the water brooks,

so my soul pants after You, God.

Response: **2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

**When shall I come and appear before God?**

Leader: 3 My tears have been my food day and night,

while they continually ask me, “Where is your God?”

Response: **4 These things I remember, and pour out my soul within me,**

**how I used to go with the crowd, and led them to God’s house,**

**with the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keeping a holy day.**

Leader: 5 Why are you in despair, my soul?

Why are you disturbed within me?

Hope in God!

For I shall still praise Him for the saving help of His presence.

Response: **6 My God, my soul is in despair within me.**

**Therefore I remember You from the land of the Jordan,**

**the heights of Hermon, from the hill Mizar.**

Leader: 7 Deep calls to deep at the noise of Your waterfalls.

All Your waves and Your billows have swept over me.

Response: **8 Yahwehwill command His loving kindness in the daytime.**

**In the night His song shall be with me:**

**a prayer to the God of my life.**

Leader: 9 I will ask God, my rock, “Why have You forgotten me?

Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?”

Response: **10 As with a sword in my bones, my adversaries reproach me,**

**while they continually ask me, “Where is your God?”**

Leader: 11 Why are you in despair, my soul?

Why are you disturbed within me?

Response: **Hope in God! For I shall still praise Him,**

**the saving help of my countenance, and my God.**