Leader: 1 We have heard with our ears, O God,

Our fathers have told us,

What work Thou didst in their days,

In the days of old.

Response: **2 Thou didst drive out the nations with Thy hand;**

**But them Thou didst plant:**

**Thou didst afflict the peoples;**

**But them Thou didst spread abroad.**

Leader: 3 For they gat not the land in possession by their own sword,

Neither did their own arm save them;

But Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy countenance,

Because Thou wast favorable unto them.

Response: **4 Thou art my King, O God:**

**Command deliverance for Jacob.**

Leader: 5 Through Thee will we push down our adversaries:

Through Thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

Response: **6 For I will not trust in my bow,**

**Neither shall my sword save me.**

Leader: 7 But Thou hast saved us from our adversaries,

And hast put them to shame that hate us.

Response: **8 In God have we made our boast all the day long,**

**And we will give thanks unto Thy name for ever.**

Leader: 9 But now Thou hast cast *us* off, and brought us to dishonor,

And goest not forth with our hosts.

Response: **10 Thou makest us to turn back from the adversary;**

**And they that hate us take spoil for themselves.**

Leader: 11 Thou hast made us like sheep *appointed* for food,

And hast scattered us among the nations.

Response: **12 Thou sellest Thy people for nought,**

**And hast not increased *Thy wealth* by their price.**

Leader: 13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbors,

A scoffing and a derision to them that are round about us.

Response: **14 Thou makest us a byword among the nations,**

**A shaking of the head among the peoples.**

Leader: 15 All the day long is my dishonor before me,

And the shame of my face hath covered me,

Response: **16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth,**

**By reason of the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: 17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten Thee,

Neither have we dealt falsely in Thy covenant.

Response: **18 Our heart is not turned back,**

**Neither have our steps declined from Thy way,**

Leader: 19 That Thou hast sore broken us in the place of jackals,

And covered us with the shadow of death.

Response: **20 If we have forgotten the name of our God,**

**Or spread forth our hands to a strange god;**

Leader: 21 Will not God search this out?

For He knoweth the secrets of the heart.

Response: **22 Yea, for Thy sake are we killed all the day long;**

**We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.**

Leader: 23 Awake, why sleepest Thou, O Lord?

Arise, cast *us* not off for ever.

Response: **24 Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face,**

**And forgettest our affliction and our oppression?**

Leader: 25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust:

Our body cleaveth unto the earth.

Response: **26 Rise up for our help,**

**And redeem us for Thy lovingkindness’ sake.**