Leader: 1 Do ye indeed in silence speak righteousness?

Do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

Response: **2 Nay, in heart ye work wickedness;**

**Ye weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth.**

Leader: 3 The wicked are estranged from the womb:

They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.

Response: **4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent:**

***They are* like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear,**

Leader: 5 Which hearkeneth not to the voice of charmers,

Charming never so wisely.

Response: **6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth:**

**Break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Jehovah.**

Leader: 7 Let them melt away as water that runneth apace:

When he aimeth his arrows, let them be as though they were cut off.

Response: **8 *Let them be* as a snail which melteth and passeth away,**

***Like* the untimely birth of a woman, that hath not seen the sun.**

Leader: 9 Before your pots can feel the thorns,

He will take them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike.

Response: **10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance:**

**He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked;**

**11 So that men shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous:**

**Verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth.**