Leader: 1 O God, why hast Thou cast *us* off for ever?

Why doth Thine anger smoke against the sheep of Thy pasture?

Response: **2 Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast gotten of old,**

**Which Thou hast redeemed to be the tribe of Thine inheritance;**

***And* mount Zion, wherein Thou hast dwelt.**

Leader: 3 Lift up Thy feet unto the perpetual ruins,

All the evil that the enemy hath done in the sanctuary.

Response: **4 Thine adversaries have roared in the midst of Thine assembly;**

**They have set up their ensigns for signs.**

Leader: 5 They seemed as men that lifted up

Axes upon a thicket of trees.

Response: **6 And now all the carved work thereof**

**They break down with hatchet and hammers.**

Leader: 7 They have set Thy sanctuary on fire;

They have profaned the dwelling-place of Thy name *by casting it* to the ground.

Response: **8 They said in their heart, Let us make havoc of them altogether:**

**They have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.**

Leader: 9 We see not our signs:

There is no more any prophet;

Neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

Response: **10 How long, O God, shall the adversary reproach?**

**Shall the enemy blaspheme Thy name for ever?**

Leader: 11 Why drawest Thou back Thy hand, even Thy right hand?

*Pluck it* out of thy bosom *and* consume *them*.

Response: **12 Yet God is my King of old,**

**Working salvation in the midst of the earth.**

Leader: 13 Thou didst divide the sea by Thy strength:

Thou brakest the heads of the sea-monsters in the waters.

Response: **14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces;**

**Thou gavest him to be food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.**

Leader: 15 Thou didst cleave fountain and flood:

Thou driedst up mighty rivers.

Response: **16 The day is Thine, the night also is Thine:**

**Thou hast prepared the light and the sun.**

Leader: 17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth:

Thou hast made summer and winter.

Response: **18 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O Jehovah,**

**And that a foolish people hath blasphemed Thy name.**

Leader: 19 Oh deliver not the soul of Thy turtle-dove unto the wild beast:

Forget not the life of Thy poor for ever.

Response: **20 Have respect unto the covenant;**

**For the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of violence.**

Leader: 21 Oh let not the oppressed return ashamed:

Let the poor and needy praise Thy name.

Response: **22 Arise, O God, plead Thine own cause:**

**Remember how the foolish man reproacheth Thee all the day.**

Leader: 23 Forget not the voice of Thine adversaries:

Response: **The tumult of those that rise up against Thee ascendeth continually.**