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 purchased of old; the rod of Thine inheritance, which Thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein Thou hast dwelt.**

Leader: 3 Lift up Thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

Response: **4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of Thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs.**

Leader: 5 A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

Response: **6 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.**

Leader: 7 They have cast fire into Thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of Thy name to the ground.

Response: **8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: 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 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme Thy name for ever?**

Leader: 11 Why withdrawest Thou thy hand, even Thy right hand? pluck it out of Thy bosom.

Response: **12 For 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 dragons in the waters.

Response: **14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.**

Leader: 15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the 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 Lord, and that the foolish people have blasphemed Thy name.**

Leader: 19 O deliver not the soul of Thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation 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 cruelty.**

Leader: 21 O 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 daily.**

Leader: 23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies:

Response: **the tumult of those that rise up against Thee increaseth continually.**