Leader: 1 I will sing of the lovingkindness of Jehovah for ever:

With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.

Response: **2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever;**

**Thy faithfulness wilt Thou establish in the very heavens.**

Leader: 3 I have made a covenant with my chosen,

I have sworn unto David My servant:

Response: **4 Thy seed will I establish for ever,**

**And build up thy throne to all generations.**

Leader: 5 And the heavens shall praise Thy wonders, O Jehovah;

Thy faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

Response: **6 For who in the skies can be compared unto Jehovah?**

**Who among the sons of the mighty is like unto Jehovah,**

Leader: 7 A God very terrible in the council of the holy ones,

And to be feared above all them that are round about Him?

Response: **8 O Jehovah God of hosts,**

**Who is a mighty one, like unto Thee, O Jehovah?**

**And Thy faithfulness is round about Thee.**

Leader: 9 Thou rulest the pride of the sea:

When the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

Response: **10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain;**

**Thou hast scattered Thine enemies with the arm of Thy strength.**

Leader: 11 The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine:

The world and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them.

Response: **12 The north and the south, Thou hast created them:**

**Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Thy name.**

Leader: 13 Thou hast a mighty arm;

Strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand.

Response: **14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Thy throne:**

**Lovingkindness and truth go before Thy face.**

Leader: 15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound:

They walk, O Jehovah, in the light of Thy countenance.

Response: **16 In Thy name do they rejoice all the day;**

**And in thy righteousness are they exalted.**

Leader: 17 For Thou art the glory of their strength;

And in Thy favor our horn shall be exalted.

Response: **18 For our shield belongeth unto Jehovah;**

**And our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Leader: 19 Then Thou spakest in vision to Thy saints,

And saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty;

I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

Response: **20 I have found David my servant;**

**With my holy oil have I anointed him:**

Leader: 21 With whom my hand shall be established;

Mine arm also shall strengthen him.

Response: **22 The enemy shall not exact from him,**

**Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.**

Leader: 23 And I will beat down his adversaries before him,

And smite them that hate him.

Response: **24 But my faithfulness and my lovingkindness shall be with him;**

**And in my name shall his horn be exalted.**

Leader: 25 I will set his hand also on the sea,

And his right hand on the rivers.

Response: **26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father,**

**My God, and the rock of my salvation.**

Leader: 27 I also will make him *my* first-born,

The highest of the kings of the earth.

Response: **28 My lovingkindness will I keep for him for evermore;**

**And my covenant shall stand fast with him.**

Leader: 29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever,

And his throne as the days of heaven.

Response: **30 If his children forsake my law,**

**And walk not in mine ordinances;**

Leader: 31 If they break my statutes,

And keep not my commandments;

Response: **32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod,**

**And their iniquity with stripes.**

Leader: 33 But my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him,

Nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

Response: **34 My covenant will I not break,**

**Nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.**

Leader: 35 Once have I sworn by my holiness:

I will not lie unto David:

Response: **36 His seed shall endure for ever,**

**And his throne as the sun before me.**

Leader: 37 It shall be established for ever as the moon,

And *as* the faithful witness in the sky.

Response: **38 But Thou hast cast off and rejected,**

**Thou hast been wroth with Thine anointed.**

Leader: 39 Thou hast abhorred the covenant of Thy servant:

Thou hast profaned his crown *by casting it* to the ground.

Response: **40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges;**

**Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.**

Leader: 41 All that pass by the way rob him:

He is become a reproach to his neighbors.

Response: **42 Thou hast exalted the right hand of his adversaries;**

**Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.**

Leader: 43 Yea, Thou turnest back the edge of his sword,

And hast not made him to stand in the battle.

Response: **44 Thou hast made his brightness to cease,**

**And cast his throne down to the ground.**

Leader: 45 The days of his youth hast Thou shortened:

Thou hast covered him with shame.

Response: **46 How long, O Jehovah? wilt thou hide Thyself for ever?**

***How long* shall Thy wrath burn like fire?**

Leader: 47 Oh remember how short my time is:

For what vanity hast Thou created all the children of men!

Response: **48 What man is he that shall live and not see death,**

**That shall deliver his soul from the power of Sheol?**

Leader: 49 Lord, where are Thy former lovingkindnesses,

Which Thou swarest unto David in Thy faithfulness?

Response: **50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of Thy servants;**

**How I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the mighty peoples,**

Leader: 51 Wherewith Thine enemies have reproached, O Jehovah,

Wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of Thine anointed.

Response: **52 Blessed be Jehovah for evermore.**

**Amen, and Amen.**