Leader: 1 I will sing of the mercies of the Lord 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 shalt 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 Lord: Thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

Response: **6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?**

Leader: 7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him.

Response: **8 O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto Thee? or to Thy faithfulness round about Thee?**

Leader: 9 Thou rulest the raging 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 Thy strong arm.**

Leader: 11 The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them.

Response: **12 The north and the south Thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Thy name.**

Leader: 13 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand.

Response: **14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.**

Leader: 15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.

Response: **16 In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted.**

Leader: 17 For Thou art the glory of their strength: and in Thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

Response: **18 For the Lord is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.**

Leader: 19 Then Thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, 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 upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.**

Leader: 23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

Response: **24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.**

Leader: 25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

Response: **26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.**

Leader: 27 Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

Response: **28 My mercy 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 my judgments;**

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 Nevertheless 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 that 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 a faithful witness in heaven.

Response: **38 But Thou hast cast off and abhorred, Thou hast been wroth with Thine anointed.**

Leader: 39 Thou hast made void 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 strong holds to ruin.**

Leader: 41 All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.

Response: **42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.**

Leader: 43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

Response: **44 Thou hast made his glory 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, Lord? wilt Thou hide Thyself for ever? shall Thy wrath burn like fire?**

Leader: 47 Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast Thou made all men in vain?

Response: **48 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?**

Leader: 49 Lord, where are Thy former lovingkindnesses, which Thou swarest unto David in Thy truth?

Response: **50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of Thy servants; how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people;**

Leader: 51 Wherewith Thine enemies have reproached, O Lord; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of Thine anointed.

Response: **52 Blessed be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.**