Leader: 1 Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

Response: **2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? who can shew forth all His praise?**

Leader: 3 Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

Response: **4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people: O visit me with Thy salvation;**

Leader: 5 That I may see the good of Thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation, that I may glory with Thine inheritance.

Response: **6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.**

Leader: 7 Our fathers understood not Thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of Thy mercies; but provoked Him at the sea, even at the Red sea.

Response: **8 Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make His mighty power to be known.**

Leader: 9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so He led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

Response: **10 And He saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.**

Leader: 11 And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

Response: **12 Then believed they His words; they sang His praise.**

Leader: 13 They soon forgat His works; they waited not for His counsel:

Response: **14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.**

Leader: 15 And He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

Response: **16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the Lord.**

Leader: 17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan and covered the company of Abiram.

Response: **18 And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.**

Leader: 19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

Response: **20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an othat eateth grass.**

Leader: 21 They forgat God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

Response: **22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea.**

Leader: 23 Therefore He said that He would destroy them, had not Moses His chosen stood before Him in the breach, to turn away His wrath, lest He should destroy them.

Response: **24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not His word:**

Leader: 25 But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.

Response: **26 Therefore He lifted up His hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:**

Leader: 27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

Response: **28 They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.**

Leader: 29 Thus they provoked Him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

Response: **30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.**

Leader: 31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

Response: **32 They angered Him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:**

Leader: 33 Because they provoked His Spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

Response: **34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the Lord commanded them:**

Leader: 35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

Response: **36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.**

Leader: 37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,

Response: **38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.**

Leader: 39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

Response: **40 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against His people, insomuch that He abhorred His own inheritance.**

Leader: 41 And He gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.

Response: **42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.**

Leader: 43 Many times did He deliver them; but they provoked Him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.

Response: **44 Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, when He heard their cry:**

Leader: 45 And He remembered for them His covenant, and repented according to the multitude of His mercies.

Response: **46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.**

Leader: 47 Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto Thy holy name, and to triumph in Thy praise.

Response: **48 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord.**