

# 4

*Cum invocarem*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
  
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"
  
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
  
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
  
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.
  
- 6 Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
  
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
  
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

# 7

*Domine, Deus meus*

- 1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you; \*  
save and deliver me from all who pursue me;
- 2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces \*  
and snatch me away with none to deliver me.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done these things: \*  
if there is any wickedness in my hands,
- 4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, \*  
or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;
- 5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, \*  
trample my life into the ground,  
and lay my honor in the dust.
- 6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; \*  
rise up against the fury of my enemies.
- 7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; \*  
let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.
- 8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; \*  
O LORD, judge the nations.
- 9 Give judgment for me according to my  
righteousness, O LORD, \*  
and according to my innocence, O Most High.
- 10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,  
but establish the righteous; \*  
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

- 11 God is my shield and defense; \*  
he is the savior of the true in heart.
- 12 God is a righteous judge; \*  
God sits in judgment every day.
- 13 If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; \*  
he will bend his bow and make it ready.
- 14 He has prepared his weapons of death; \*  
he makes his arrows shafts of fire.
- 15 Look at those who are in labor with wickedness, \*  
who conceive evil, and give birth to a lie.
- 16 They dig a pit and make it deep \*  
and fall into the hole that they have made.
- 17 Their malice turns back upon their own head; \*  
their violence falls on their own scalp.
- 18 I will bear witness that the LORD is righteous; \*  
I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## Hebrews 3:1-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling, consider that Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses also 'was faithful in all God's house.' Yet Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honour than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that would be spoken later. Christ, however, was faithful over God's house as a son, and we are his house if we hold firm the confidence and the pride that belong to hope.

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,  
'Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,  
as on the day of testing in the wilderness,  
where your ancestors put me to the test,  
though they had seen my works for forty years.  
Therefore I was angry with that generation,  
and I said, "They always go astray in their hearts,  
and they have not known my ways."  
As in my anger I swore,  
"They will not enter my rest." '

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**