

Refrain: You, O Lord, will bless the righteous.

1 Give ear to my words, O Lord; □

consider my lamentation.

2 Hearken to the voice of my crying, my King and my God, □

for to you I make my prayer.

3 In the morning, Lord, you will hear my voice; □

early in the morning I make my appeal to you, and look up.

4 For you are the God who takes no pleasure in wickedness; □

no evil can dwell with you. [R]

5 The boastful cannot stand in your sight; □

you hate all those that work wickedness.

6 You destroy those who speak lies; □

the bloodthirsty and deceitful the Lord will abhor.

7 But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy,

I will come into your house; □

I will bow down towards your holy temple in awe of you. [R]

8 Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness,

because of my enemies; □

make your way straight before my face.

9 For there is no truth in their mouth,

in their heart is destruction, □

their throat is an open sepulchre,

and they flatter with their tongue.

10 Punish them, O God; ☩

let them fall through their own devices.

11 Because of their many transgressions cast them out, ☩

for they have rebelled against you. [R]

12 But let all who take refuge in you be glad; ☩

let them sing out their joy for ever.

13 You will shelter them, ☩

so that those who love your name may exult in you.

14 For you, O Lord, will bless the righteous; ☩

and with your favour you will defend them as with a shield.

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Lord, protect us from the deceit

of flattering tongues and lying lips;

give us words of life which speak your truth

and bless your name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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