1 As the deer longs for the water brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; when shall I come before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my bread day and night, while all day long they say to me, "Where is now your God?"

4 Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: how I went with the multitude and led the procession to the house of God, with the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among those who kept holy day.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 O put your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

7 My soul is heavy within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from Hermon and the hill of Mizar.

8 Deep calls to deep in the thunder of your waterfalls; all your breakers and waves have gone over me.
10 The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; through the night his song will be with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I say to God my rock, ♦ Why have you forgotten me, and why do I go so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?

12 As they crush my bones, my enemies mock me; while all day long they say to me, ‘Where is now your God?’

13 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?

14 O put your trust in God; who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Come, creator Spirit, source of life; sustain us when our hearts are heavy,
and our wells have run dry,

for you are the Father’s gift,
with him who is our living water,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

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