Refrain: The Lord ransoms the life of his servants.

1 Many a time have they fought against me from my youth, may Israel now say; but they have not prevailed against me.

2 The ploughers ploughed upon my back and made their furrows long.

3 But the righteous Lord has cut the cords of the wicked in pieces. [R]

4 Let them be put to shame and turned backwards, as many as are enemies of Zion.

5 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, which withers before it can grow,

6 So that no reaper can fill his hand, nor a binder of sheaves his bosom;

7 And none who go by may say, The blessing of the Lord be upon you.

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Jesus our redeemer,

you bore the cut of the lash
for us and our salvation;

help us to bear our sufferings

and to share in the affliction

of all who suffer for your holy name.

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