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Morning Worship 10:30 AM
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Heidelberg Catechism:

Q. 7. What is the source of this corruption of human nature?

A. The fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are all conceived and born in a sinful condition.

Romans 5:12: Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death went over all men: in whom all men have sinned.

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AGAWAM. C.M.

William B. Bradbury

1. With sup - pli - ca - ting cry to God My voice shall lift - ed be;


Ev'n un - to God I lift my voice, And He will an - swer me.

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| 2. Through all the day I sought the Lord,
When troubles on me pressed;
Through all the night I stretched my
My soul refused to rest. [hands; | 6. Forever will the Lord cast off
And gracious be no more?
Forever is His mercy gone?
Fails His word evermore? |
| 3. I to remembrance God recalled,
But trouble still remained;
And overwhelmed my spirit was
While I in grief complained. | 7. To give His grace, O can it be
That God forgotten hath?
And that His tender mercies He
Hath shut up in His wrath? |
| 4. Mine eyes debarred from sleep and rest
Thou makest still to wake;
My trouble is so great that I
Unable am to speak. | 8. Then did I say, That surely this
Is mine infirmity;
I'll mind the years of the right hand
Of Him that is Most High. |
| 5. I thought on days and years of old,
Recalled my songs by night;
I with my heart communed; my soul
Made earnest search for light. | 9. Yea, I remember will the deeds
Accomplished by the Lord;
The wonders done of old by Thee
I surely will record. |
| 10. I also will of all Thy work
My meditation make;
And of Thy doings to discourse
Great pleasure I will take. | |


PSALM 77

EFFINGHAM. C. M.


Musikalisches Handbuch



11. O God, most ho - ly is Thy way With-in Thy sanc - tu - 'ry;

And what god is so great in power As is our God Most High?



12. Thou art the God of wondrous deeds
Performed by Thy right hand;
Thy strength Thou hast made known
The tribes of ev'ry land. | among

15. The clouds in water forth were poured;
Sound loudly did the sky;
And swiftly through the world abroad
Thine arrows fierce did fly.

13. To Thine own people with Thine arm
Thou didst redemption bring;
To Jacob's sons and to the tribes
From Joseph's house that spring.

16. Amid the whirlwinds of the sky
Thy voice in thunder pealed;
Thy lightnings lightened up the world;
The earth with trembling reeled.

14. The waters saw Thee, O my God;
The waters saw Thee well;
The depths were overcome with fear;
Yea, trembling on them fell.

17. Thy paths were in the waters great;
Thy way was in the sea;
Thy footsteps in the mighty deep
Were hidden from the eye.

18. Thy people like a flock of sheep
Were led at Thy command,
By Moses and by Aaron kept,
And guided by their hand.

Ezekiel 22

1 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea, thou shalt shew her all her abominations.

3 Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD, The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come, and maketh idols against herself to defile herself.

4 Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed; and hast defiled thyself in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come even unto thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries.

5 Those that be near, and those that be far from thee, shall mock thee, which art infamous and much vexed.

6 Behold, the princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their power to shed blood.

⁷ In thee have they set light by father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.

⁸ Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths.

⁹ In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness.

¹⁰ In thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was set apart for pollution.

¹¹ And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter.

¹² In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD.

¹³ Behold, therefore I have smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee.

¹⁴ Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it.

¹⁵ And I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee.

¹⁶ And thou shalt take thine inheritance in thyself in the sight of the heathen, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

¹⁷ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

¹⁸ Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are even the dross of silver.

¹⁹ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

²⁰ As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you.

²¹ Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.

²² As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

²³ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

²⁴ Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

²⁵ There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

²⁶ Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

²⁷ Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

²⁸ And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

²⁹ The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

³⁰ And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

³¹ Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

John 1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

¹⁶ And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

¹⁷ For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

¹⁹ And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

²⁰ And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

²¹ And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

²² Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

²³ He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

²⁴ And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

²⁵ And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

²⁶ John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

²⁷ He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

²⁸ These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

³⁰ This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

³¹ And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

³² And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

³³ And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

³⁴ And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

³⁵ Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

³⁶ And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

³⁷ And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸ Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

³⁹ He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰ One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

⁴¹ He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

⁴³ The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

⁴⁴ Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵ Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

⁴⁶ And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

⁴⁸ Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

⁴⁹ Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

⁵⁰ Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

⁵¹ And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS
PSALM 79

ST. ANDREW. C. M.

Tans'ur's New Harmony of Zion

1. O God, up - on Thy her - i - tage The hea-then en - trance made;
Thy ho - ly place they have de-filed, In heaps Je - rus'-lem laid.

2. They cast Thy servants' bodies out
To fowls of heav'n for meat;
The flesh of Thy dear saints they gave
The beasts of earth to eat.
3. Their blood about Jerusalem
Like water they have shed;
And of their number none remained
To bury them when dead.
4. And to our neighbors a reproach
Most base become are we;
A scorn and laughing-stock to them
That round about us be.
5. How long, Jehovah? evermore
Wilt Thou still keep Thine ire?
And shall Thy fervent jealousy
Forever burn like fire?
6. Thy fury on the nations pour
That never have Thee known,
And on those kingdoms which Thy name
Have never called upon.
7. For these are they who have devoured
Thy servant Jacob's race,
And they all waste and desolate
Have made his dwelling-place.

Hebrews 9

1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.

3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;

5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

⁸ The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

⁹ Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

¹⁰ Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

¹¹ But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

¹² Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

¹³ For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

¹⁴ How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

¹⁵ And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

¹⁶ For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

¹⁷ For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

¹⁸ Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.

¹⁹ For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,

²⁰ Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

²¹ Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

²² And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

²³ It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

²⁴ For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

²⁵ Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

²⁶ For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

²⁷ And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

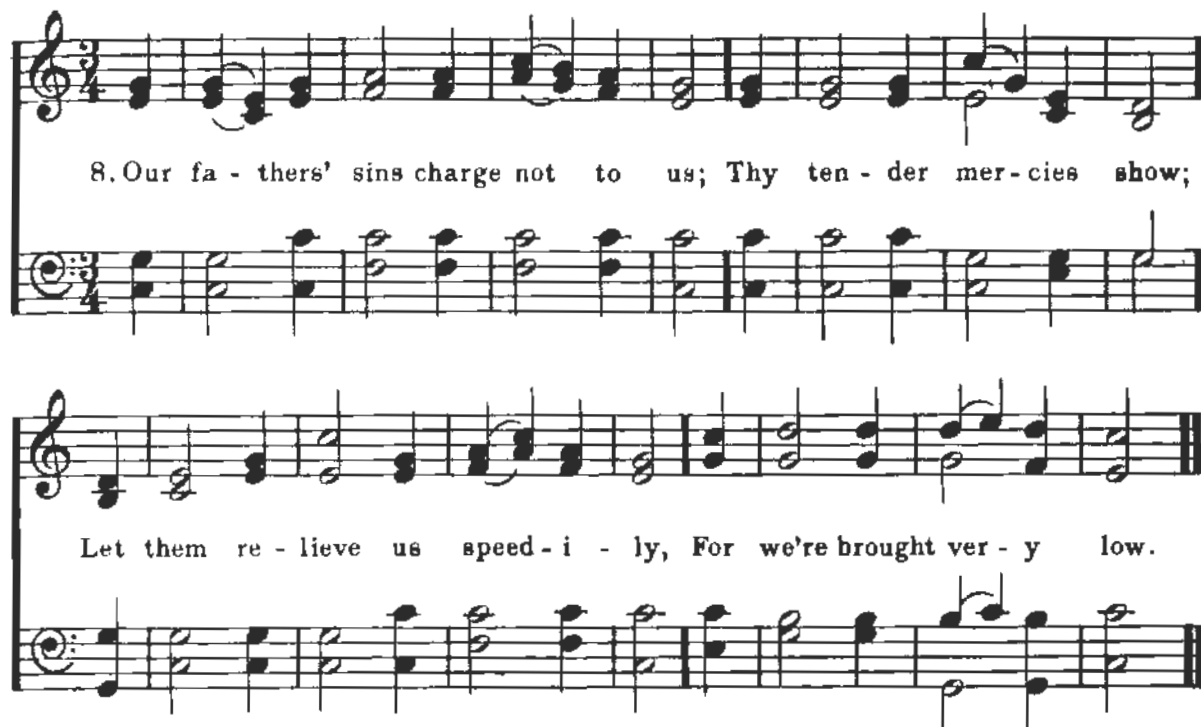
²⁸ So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

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PRAYER. C. M.

William U. Butcher



8. Our fa - thers' sins charge not to us; Thy ten - der mer - cies show;

Let them re - lieve us speed - i - ly, For we're brought ver - y low.

9. For Thy name's glory help, O God;
Thou hast our Saviour been;
Deliver us, for Thy name's sake;
O purge away our sin.
10. Why say the heathen, Where's their God?
Thine own avenging might,
For Thy saints' blood poured out, make known
'Mong heathen in our sight.
11. O let the pris'ner's sighs ascend
Before Thy sight on high;
Preserve those in Thy mighty power
That are condemned to die.
12. And to our neighbor's bosom cause
It sev'n-fold rendered be,
For that reproach which in their spite,
O Lord, they cast on Thee.
13. So we Thy people and Thy flock
Will ever thank Thy name;
And unto generations all
We will Thy praise proclaim.

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ILLA. C. M. D.

Louis Spohr

1. O ye my peo-ple, to my law At-ten-tive-ly give ear; The words that from my

mouth pro-ceed In-cline your-selves to hear. 2. My mouth shall speak a par-a-ble, In

say-ings dark of old; The same which we have heard and known As by our fathers told.

3. We will not hide them from their sons,
But tell the coming race
Jehovah's praises and His strength,
The wonders of His grace.

4. His word He unto Jacob gave,
His law to Israel;
And bade our fathers teach their sons
That they should know them well;

5. That so the race which was to come
His deeds might learn and know;
That sons unborn might all these things
To their descendants show;

6. That they might set their hope in God
And follow His commands;
That they might nevermore forget
The works of God's own hands;

7. And might not like their fathers be
Of stiff rebellious mind,
A race not right in heart with God,
To faithlessness inclined;

8. The sons of Ephr'im, who nor bows
Nor other arms did lack,
When as the day of battle was,
Faint-hearted they turned back.

9. They kept not covenant with God
Nor walked in His commands;
Forgot the wonders He had shown,
The doings of His hands.

10. Things marvelous He brought to pass
Before their fathers' sight;
In Egypt's land, in Zoan's field
He showed His wondrous might.

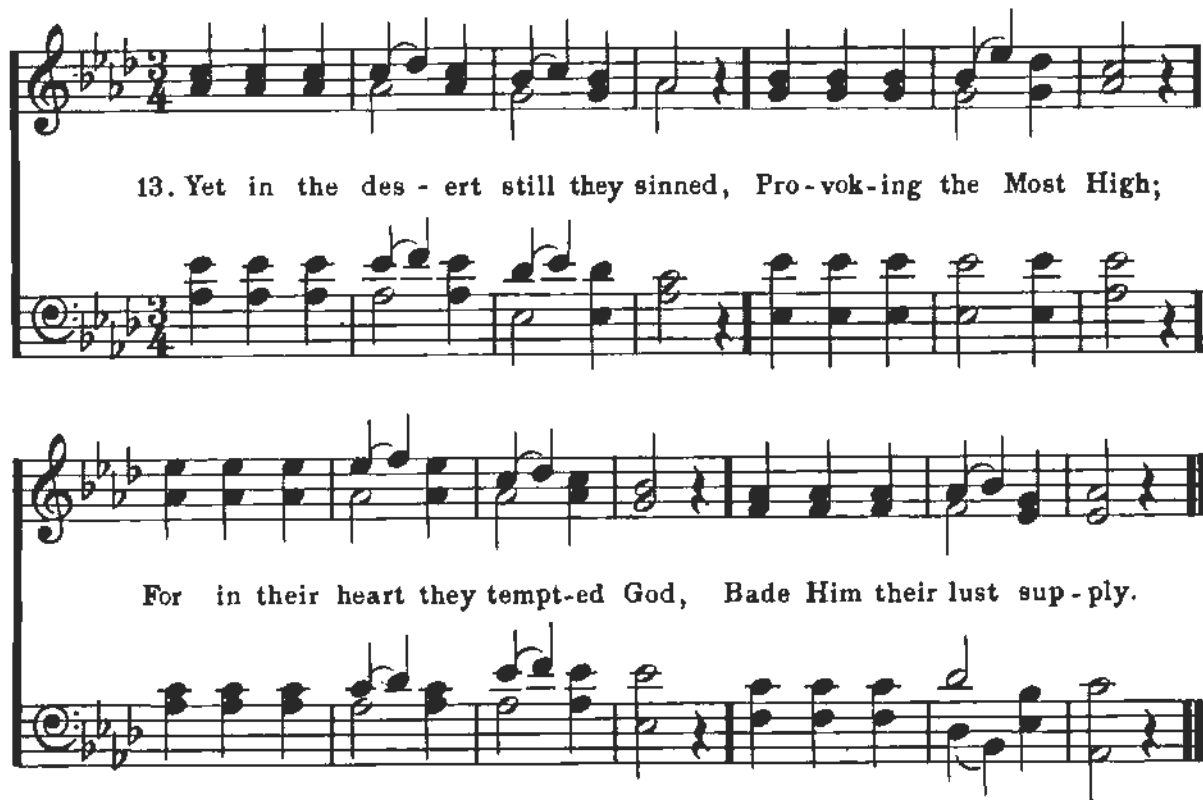
11. He clave the sea and made them pass;
The waters stood aside;
By day He led them with a cloud;
All night a flame was guide.

12. He clave the rocks and gave them
As from the depths below; [drink,
He from the rock brought running
streams,
Like floods made waters flow.

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TABLER. C.M.

E. H. Frost



13. Yet in the des - ert still they sinned, Pro-vok-ing the Most High;
For in their heart they tempt-ed God, Bade Him their lust sup - ply.

14. They spake against their God; they
Can evèn God provide [said,
A table in the wilderness
That we may be supplied?

15. Behold, He smote the rock and
thence
Came streams of water great;
But can He give His people bread
And send them flesh to eat?

16. Jehovah heard; His wrath arose
And kindled to a flame;
On Jacob, yea, on Israel
His indignation came.

17. For they would not believe in God,
Nor trust His saving love;
Yet opened He the doors of heav'n,
Commanded skies above,

18. He rained down manna from above;
He sent them bread from heav'n;
And man partook of angels' food,
In rich abundance giv'n.

19. In heav'n He made the east wind blow;
The south wind owned His hand. _
As dust He rained down flesh on them,
Winged fowl as ocean's sand.

20. He let it fall amid their camp
And all their lust supplied;
So they did eat and well were filled;
Their greed He satisfied.

21. They from their lust were not
estranged;
While flesh their mouth supplied,
The wrath of God against them rose;
The flower of Isr'el died.

Matthew 1

¹ The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;

³ And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram;

⁴ And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon;

⁵ And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

⁶ And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias;

⁷ And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa;

⁸ And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias;

⁹ And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias;

¹⁰ And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias;

¹¹ And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon:

¹² And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel;

¹³ And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor;

¹⁴ And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud;

¹⁵ And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob;

¹⁶ And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

²⁰ But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

²² Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

²⁴ Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

²⁵ And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

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ANCYRA. C. M. D.

Benjamin C. Unseld

22. But still they sinned, nor yet be-lieved His won-drous works and ways. With ter-ror He con-
sumed their years, In van-i - ty their days. 23. But when He slew them, then they did To
seek Him show de-sire; Yea, they re-turned, and af-ter God Right ear-ly did in-quire.

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| <p>24. And that their God had been their
They did remember then; [rock
That He Who is the Most High God
Had their redeemer been. [Him,</p> <p>25. Yet with their mouth they flattered
And with their tongue they lied;
Their heart was not sincere with Him;
His cov'nant they denied.</p> <p>26. But their perverseness He forgave,
In mercy would not slay;
Nor stirred up all His wrath, but oft
His anger turned away.</p> <p>27. For He remembered that they were
But dust and mortal men,
A breath that passeth soon away
And cometh not again.</p> <p>28. How oft they grieved Him in the
How oft did they rebel; [wilds;
Provoked and tried the Holy One,
The God of Israel.</p> <p>29. And they remembered not His hand,
Nor kept in mind the day
When He redeemed them from the
Of their fierce enemy; [power</p> | <p>30. How He in Egypt wonders wrought
And signs in Zoan's field;
He turned their rivers into blood;
Their streams no drink would yield.</p> <p>31. He sent among them swarms of flies,
And frogs their land to spoil;
He gave their increase to the worm,
To locusts all their toil.</p> <p>32. He killed their tender vines with hail,
Their sycamores with frost; [bolts;
He smote their flocks with thunder-
'Mid hail their herds were lost.</p> <p>33. He poured upon them all His wrath;
His anger on them turned;
He sent His angels to destroy;
His indignation burned.</p> <p>34. He did not spare their soul from death,
But for His wrath made way;
And over to the pestilence
He gave their life a prey.</p> <p>35. And over Egypt's land He smote
Their firstborn, and their pride,
Until in all the tents of Ham
Their chief of strength had died.</p> |
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Joshua 9

¹ And it came to pass, when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard thereof;

² That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

³ And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,

⁴ They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

⁵ And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy.

⁶ And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

⁷ And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites,
Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we
make a league with you?

⁸ And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants.
And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from
whence come ye?

⁹ And they said unto him, From a very far country
thy servants are come because of the name of the
LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him,
and all that he did in Egypt,

¹⁰ And all that he did to the two kings of the
Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of
Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at
Ashtaroath.

¹¹ Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our
country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you
for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto
them, We are your servants: therefore now make ye
a league with us.

¹² This our bread we took hot for our provision out of
our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you;
but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy:

¹³ And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

¹⁴ And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD.

¹⁵ And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

¹⁶ And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them.

¹⁷ And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjathjearim.

¹⁸ And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

¹⁹ But all the princes said unto all the congregation,
We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of
Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.

²⁰ This we will do to them; we will even let them
live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath
which we sware unto them.

²¹ And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but
let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water
unto all the congregation; as the princes had
promised them.

²² And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto
them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying,
We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us?

²³ Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none
of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of
wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.

²⁴ And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was
certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy
God commanded his servant Moses to give you all
the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the
land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid
of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

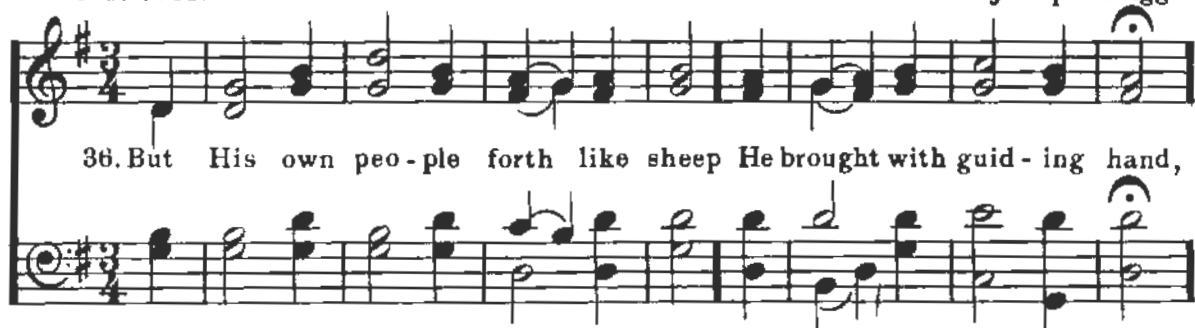
²⁵ And now, behold, we are in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.

²⁶ And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not.

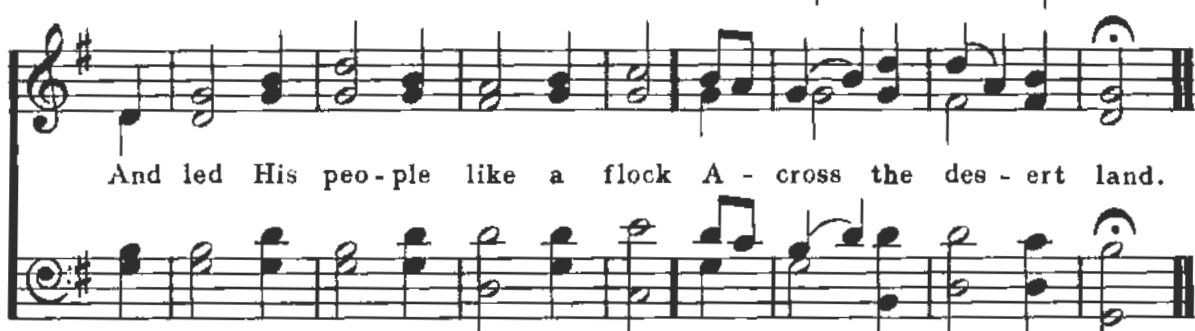
²⁷ And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

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PSALM 78

Joseph Grigg



36. But His own peo - ple forth like sheep He brought with guid - ing hand,



And led His peo - ple like a flock A - cross the des - ert land.

37. He led them safely on the way;
No fear could them confound;
But in the overwhelming sea
Their enemies were drowned.

The holy mountain which for them
Was gotten by His hand.

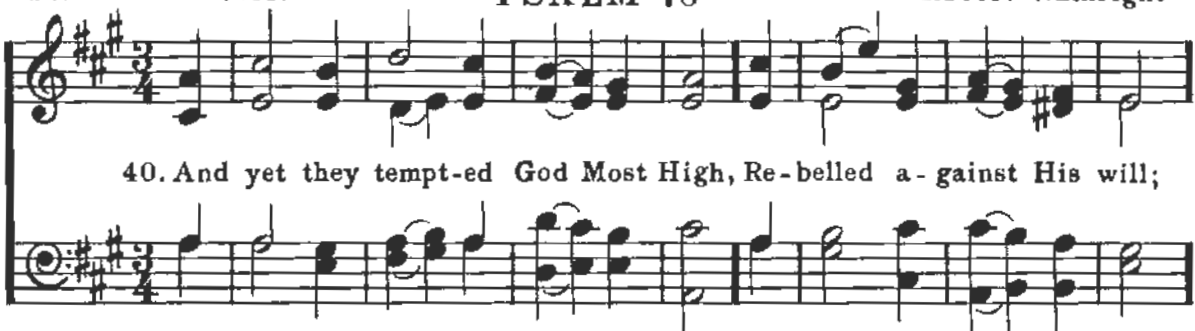
38. He brought them to the sacred place,
The border of His land,

39. For them He drove the nations out;
The tribes of Israel
Received inheritance by lot
In Canaan's tents to dwell.

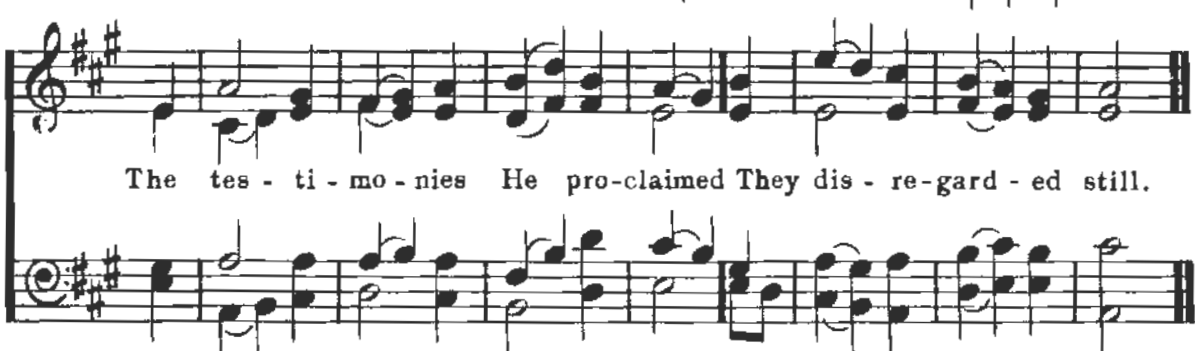
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PSALM 78

Robert Wainright



40. And yet they tempt-ed God Most High, Re-belled a - gainst His will;



The tes - ti - mo - nies He pro - claimed They dis - re - gard - ed still.

41. They like their fathers backward turned
In treachery and pride;
Like shafts from a deceitful bow
They all were turned aside.

42. For they provoked him with their
Until His anger burned; [shrines
He with their graven images
To jealousy was turned.

43. God heard in wrath and much ab-
His people Isr'el then; [horred
And even Shiloh's tent forsook,
Which He had placed with men.

44. And He His strength delivered up
To sore captivity;
He left His glory in the hand
Of His proud enemy.


45. His people also to the sword
In anger o'er He turned;
Against His own inheritance
His indignation burned.

46. Their young men were devoured by
Their maidens were unwed; [fire;
And when their priests fell by the
No tears their widows shed. [sword


PSALM 78

ST. AMBROSE, C. M.


Charles Steggall



47. Then waked the Lord as one from sleep, As one whom wine doth cheer;



His foes He back-ward drove and smote With end-less shame and fear.



48. The tent of Joseph He refused,
Nor Ephr'im's tribe approved;
But made His choice of Judah's tribe,
The Zion Mount He loved.

50. Of David, His own servant, then
He also choice did make;
And even from the folds of sheep
He called and did him take.

49. And He His sanctuary built
Ev'n like a palace high;
And like the earth which He did found
To perpetuity.

51. From waiting on the ewes with lambs
He brought him forth to feed
His Israel, His heritage,
His people, Jacob's seed.

52. So with integrity of heart
He did them rule and feed;
And by his skilfulness of hand,
He did them safely lead.

Deuteronomy 19

1 When the LORD thy God hath cut off the nations, whose land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses;

2 Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

3 Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither.

4 And this is the case of the slayer, which shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso killeth his neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past;

5 As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live:

6 Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past.

⁷ Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee.

⁸ And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;

⁹ If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three:

¹⁰ That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee.

¹¹ But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities:

¹² Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

¹³ Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

¹⁴ Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

¹⁵ One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

¹⁶ If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong;

¹⁷ Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days;

¹⁸ And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother;

¹⁹ Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.

²⁰ And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.

²¹ And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

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