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A Psalm of Asaph.

Truly God is good to | Israel, Even to such as are of a | clean heart.

But as for me, my feet were | almost gone; My steps had | well nigh slipped.

For I was envious at the | **fool**ish, When I saw the prosperity of the | **wick**ed.

For there are no bands | in their death: But their | strength is firm.

They are not in trouble as other men; Neither are they plagued like other men.

Therefore pride compasseth them about | as a chain; Violence covereth them as a | garment.

Their eyes stand out with | fatness:

They have more than | heart could wish.

They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning op-|**pres**sion: They speak |loftily.

They set their mouth against the | **heav**ens, And their tongue walketh | through the earth.

Therefore his people return | **hith**er:
And waters of a full cup are wrung | out to them.

And they say, How doth | **God** know? And is there knowledge in | the most High?

Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper | in the world; They increase in | riches.

Verily I have cleansed my | heart in vain, And washed my hands in inno- | cency.

For all the day long have I | **been** plagued, And chastened every | **morn**ing.

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If I say, I will | speak thus;

Behold, I should offend against the generation of thy | **child**ren.

When I thought to know this, it was too painful | for me;

Until I went into the sanctuary of God; //then understood | I their end.

Surely thou didst set them in slippery | places:

Thou castedst them down into de-|struction.

How are they brought into desolation, as in a | moment!

They are utterly consumed with | terrors.

As a dream when one a- | waketh;

So, O Lord, when thou awakest, //thou shalt despise their | image.

Thus my | heart was grieved,

And I was pricked | in my reins.

So foolish was I, and | ignorant:

I was as a beast be- | fore thee.

Nevertheless I am continually | with thee:

Thou hast holden me by my right hand.

Thou shalt guide me with thy | counsel,

And afterward receive me to | **glo**ry.

Whom have I in heaven | **but** thee?

And there is none upon earth that I desire be- | **side** thee.

My flesh and my heart | faileth:

But God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

For, lo, they that are far from thee shall | **per**ish:

Thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring | **from** thee.

But it is good for me to draw | near to God:

I have put my trust in the Lord God, //that I may declare | all thy works.

Lead On, O King Eternal

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Maschil of Asaph.

O God, why hast thou cast us off for | ever?

Why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy | pasture?

Remember thy congre-|gation, Which thou hast purchased | of old;

The rod of thine in- | heritance, Which thou | hast redeemed;

This mount | **Zi**on, Wherein | thou hast dwelt.

Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual deso-|lations; Even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctu-|ary.

Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congre-|gations; They set up their ensigns |for signs.

A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the | **thick** trees. But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and | **ham**mers.

They have cast fire into thy sanctu- | ary,

They have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name | to the ground.

They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them to-|gether: They have burned up all the synagogues of God | in the land.

We see not our signs: //there is no more any | **pro**phet: Neither is there among us any that knoweth | **how** long.

O God, how long shall the adversary | reproach? Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for | ever?

Why withdrawest thou thy hand, //even thy | right hand? Pluck it out of thy | bosom.

For God is my | King of old, Working salvation in the midst | of the earth.

Thou didst divide the sea | by thy strength:

Thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the | waters.

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Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in | **pieces**,

And gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the | wilderness.

Thou didst cleave the fountain | and the flood: Thou driedst up mighty | rivers.

The day is thine, the night also | **is** thine: Thou hast prepared the light | and the sun.

Thou hast set all the borders | of the earth:
Thou hast made summer and | winter.

Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, | O LORD, And that the foolish people have blasphemed | thy name.

O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the | wicked: Forget not the congregation of thy poor for | ever.

Have respect unto the | covenant: For the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of | cruelty.

O let not the oppressed re- | turn ashamed: Let the poor and needy | praise thy name.

Arise, O God, plead | thine own cause:

Remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee | daily.

Forget not the voice of thine | enemies:

The tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continu- | ally.

O God of Earth and Altar



Music: English traditional melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 Text: Gilbert Keith Chesterton, 1906 KING'S LYNN 76.76.76.76. To the chief Musician, Al-taschith, A Psalm or Song of Asaph.

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, //unto thee do | we give thanks: For that thy name is near thy wondrous | works declare.

When I shall receive the congregation // I will judge up- | rightly.

The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: // I bear up the pillars | of it.

Selah.

I said unto the fools, // Deal not | foolishly: And to the wicked, Lift not | up the horn:

Lift not up your | horn on high: Speak not with a | stiff neck.

For promotion cometh neither | from the east, Nor from the west, nor | from the south.

But God | is the judge:

He putteth down one, and setteth up a- | **noth**er.

For in the hand of the LORD there | is a cup, And the | wine is red;

It is full of | **mix**ture; And he poureth out | of the same:

But the dregs thereof, // all the wicked of the earth shall | wring them out, And | drink them.

But I will declare for | ever; I will sing praises to the God of | Jacob.

All the horns of the wicked also will I | **cut** off; But the horns of the righteous shall be ex- | **al**ted.

Gloria Patri



O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus



All Peoples, Clap Your Hands for Joy



I Bind unto Myself Today

Saint Patrick's Breastplate





I Bind unto Myself Today

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Music 1: Irish traditional melody; arr. Charles Villiers Stanford, 1902

Music 2: Irish traditional melody

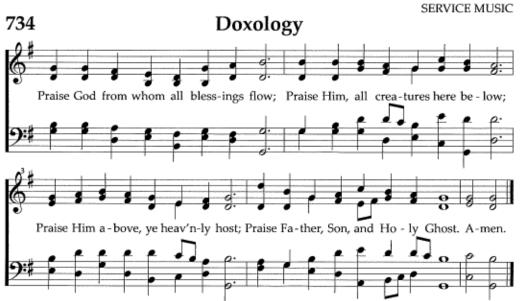
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