Che Eleventh Day at Morning Prayer

PSALM 56 Miserere mei. Deus

Tone IB9



BE MERciful unto me, O God, for man goeth a/bout to devour me; * he is daily fight/ing, and troubling me.

- 2. Mine enemies are daily at hand to / swallow me up; * for they be many that fight against me, O / thou Most Highest.
- 3. Nevertheless, though I am / sometime afraid; * yet put / I my trust in thee.
- 4. I will praise God, be/cause of his word: * I have put my trust in God, and will not fear what flesh / can do unto me.
- 5. They / daily mistake my words; * and all that they imagine is to / do me evil.
- 6. They hold all together, and / keep themselves close, * and mark my steps, when they lay / wait for my soul.
- 7. Shall they es/cape for their wickedness? * thou, O God, in thy displea/sure shalt cast them down.
- 8. Thou tellest my wanderings; † put my tears / into thy bottle: * are not these things no/ted in thy book?
- 9. Whensoever I call upon thee, then shall mine ene/mies be put to flight: * this I know; for God / is on my side.
- 10. In God's / word will I rejoice; * in the Lord's word / will I comfort me.
- 11. Yea, in / God have I put my trust; * I will not be afraid what man / can do unto me.
- 12. Unto thee, O God, / will I pay my vows; * unto thee / will I give thanks.
- 13. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my / feet from falling, * that I may walk before God in the light / of the living.

Glory be to the / Father, and to the Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, * world / without end. Amen.

Tone VIII 6



- BE MERciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in / thee; * and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyran/ny be over past.
- 2. I will call unto the Most High / God, * even unto the God that shall perform the cause / which I have in hand.
- 3. He shall send from / heaven, * and save me from the reproof of him / that would eat me up.
- 4. God shall send forth his mercy and / truth: * my soul is / among lions;
- 5. And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on / fire, * whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their / tongue a sharp sword.
- 6. Set up thyself, O God, above the / heavens; * and thy glory / above all the earth.
- 7. They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my / soul; * they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the / midst of it themselves.
- 8. My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is / fixed; * I will / sing and give praise.
- 9. Awake up, my glory; † awake, lute and / harp: * I myself will a/wake right early.
- 10. I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the / peoples; * and I will sing unto thee a/mong the nations.
- 11. For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the / heavens, * and thy truth / unto the clouds.
- 12. Set up thyself, O God, above the / heavens; * and thy glory / above all the earth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the / Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost.

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Tone VII 4



ARE YOUR minds set upon righteousness, O ye / congregation? * and do ye judge the thing that is right, / O ye sons of men?

- 2. Yea, ye imagine mischief in your / heart upon the earth, * and your hands / deal with wickedness.
- 3. The ungodly are froward, even / from their mother's womb; * as soon as they are born, they go a/stray, and speak lies.
- 4. They are as venomous as the poison / of a serpent, * even like the deaf adder, that / stoppeth her ears;
- 5. Which refuseth to hear the / voice of the charmer, * charm he / never so wisely.
- 6. Break their teeth, O / God, in their mouths; * smite the jaw-bones of the / lions, O Lord.
- 7. Let them fall away like water that / runneth apace; * when they shoot their arrows, / let them be rooted out.
- 8. Like wax that is melted shall they be / taken away; * fire hath fallen upon them and they / saw not the sun.
- 9. Or ever your / pots be made hot with thorns, * he shall take them away with a whirlwind, the green and the / burning alike.
- 10. The righteous shall rejoice when he / seeth the vengeance; * he shall wash his footsteps in the blood of / the ungodly.
- 11. So that a man shall say, Verily there is a re/ward for the righteous; * doubtless there is a God that / judgeth the earth.

Glory be to the / Father, and to the Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost.

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