

## The fourteenth Day at Evening Prayer

PSALM 73 *Quam bonus Israel!*

Tone VII 7



TRULY God is loving / unto Israel: \* even unto such as are / of a  
clean heart.

2. Nevertheless my / feet were almost gone, \* my / treadings had well  
nigh slipt.

3. And why? I was grieved / at the wicked: \* I do also see the ungodly  
in / such prosperity.

4. For they are in no / peril of death; \* but are / lusty and strong.

5. They come in no mis/fortune like other folk; \* neither are they /  
plagued like other men.

6. And this is the cause that they are so / holden with pride, \* and  
cruelty covereth them / as a garment.

7. Their eyes / swell with fatness, \* and they do / even what they lust.

8. They corrupt other and speak of / wicked blasphemy; \* their talking  
is a/gainst the Most High.

9. For they stretch forth their mouth / unto the heaven, \* and their  
tongue / goeth through the world.

10. Therefore fall the / people unto them, \* and thereout suck they  
no / small advantage.

11. Tush say they, how should / God perceive it? \* is there  
knowledge / in the Most High?

12. Lo these are / the ungodly, \* these prosper in the world, and these  
have riches / in possession:

13. And I said, Then have I / cleansed my heart in vain, \* and washed  
my hands in / innocency.

14. All the day long have / I been punished, \* and chastened / ev'ry  
morning.

15. Yea and I had almost said / even as they; \* but lo, then I should  
have condemned the generation / of thy children.

16. Then thought I to / understand this; \* but it / was too hard for me,

17. Until I went into the sanctu/ary of God: \* then understood I the /  
end of these men;



18. Namely how thou dost set them in / slippery places, \* and casteth them / down and destroyest them.
19. O how sudden/ly do they consume, \* perish and / come to a fearful end!
20. Yea, even like as a dream when / one awaketh; \* so shalt thou make their image to vanish / out of the city.
21. - / Thus my heart was grieved, \* and it went / even through my reins.
22. So foolish was / I and ignorant, \* even as it were a / beast before thee.
23. Nevertheless I am / alway by thee; \* for thou hast holden me / by my right hand.
24. Thou shalt guide me / with thy counsel, \* and after that re/ceive me with glory.
25. Whom have I in / heaven but thee? \* and there is none upon earth that I desire in com/parison of thee.
26. My flesh and / my heart faileth; \* but God is the strength of my heart, and my / portion for ever.
27. For lo, they that for/sake thee shall perish; \* thou hast destroyed all them that are un/faithful unto thee.
28. But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my / trust in the Lord God, \* and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the / daughter of Sion.
- 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.

PSALM 74 *Ut quid, Deus?*

Tone II 1



O GOD, wherefore art thou absent from us so / long? \* why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of / thy pasture?



2. O think upon thy congrega/tion, \* whom thou hast purchased and / redeemed of old.
3. Think upon the tribe of thine in/heritance, \* and Mount Sion wherein / thou hast dwelt.
4. Lift up thy feet, that thou mayest utterly destroy every / enemy, \* which hath done evil in thy sanc/tuary.
5. Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congrega/tions, \* and set up their banners / for tokens.
6. He that hewed timber afore out of the thick / trees, \* was known to bring it to an ex/cellent work.
7. But now they break down all the carved wood there/of \* with axes / and hammers.
8. They have set fire upon thy holy / places, \* and have defiled the dwellingplace of thy Name, even un/to the ground.
9. Yea they said in their hearts, Let us make havoc of them alto/gether: \* thus have they burnt up all the houses of God / in the land.
10. We see not our tokens; † there is not one prophet / more; \* no not one is there among us that understand/eth any more.
11. O God, how long shall the adversary do this dis/honour? \* shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name / for ever?
12. Why withdrawest thou thy / hand? \* why pluckest thou not thy right hand out of thy bosom to consume / the enemy?
13. For God is my King of / old; \* the help that is done upon earth he doeth / it himself.
14. Thou didst divide the sea through thy / power; \* thou brakest the heads of the dragons in / the waters.
15. Thou smotest the heads of leviathan in / pieces, \* and gavest him to be meat for the people of / the wilderness.
16. Thou broughtest out fountains and waters out of the hard / rocks; \* thou driedst up migh/ty waters.
17. The day is thine and the / night is thine; \* thou hast prepared the light / and the sun.
18. Thou hast set all the borders of the / earth; \* thou hast made summer / and winter.



19. Remember this O Lord, how the enemy hath re/buked; \* and how the foolish people hath blas/phemed thy Name.
  20. O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the / enemies; \* and forget not the congregation of the poor / for ever.
  21. Look upon the / covenant; \* for all the earth is full of darkness and cruel ha/bitations.
  22. O let not the simple go away a/shamed; \* but let the poor and needy give praise un/to thy Name.
  23. Arise O God, maintain thine own / cause; \* remember how the foolish man blasphemeth / thee daily.
  24. Forget not the voice of thine / enemies: \* the presumption of them that hate thee increaseth e/ver more and more.
- 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 with/out end. Amen.