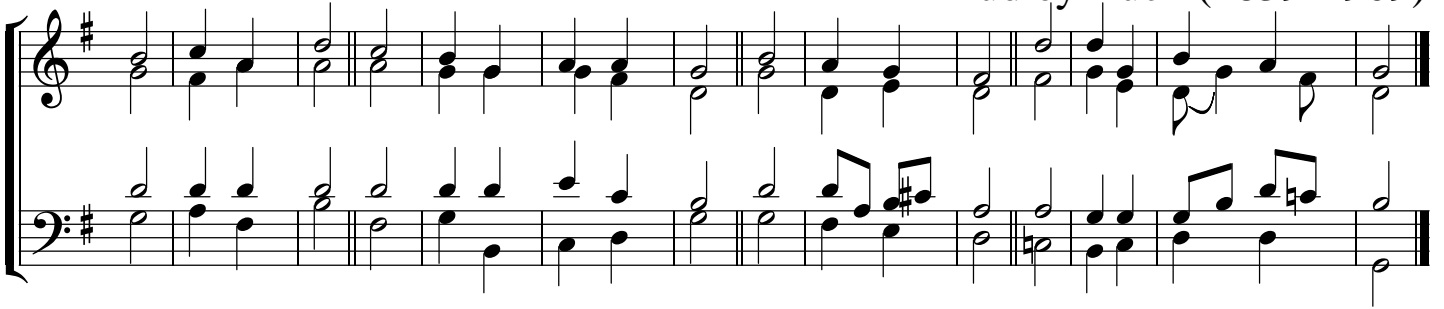


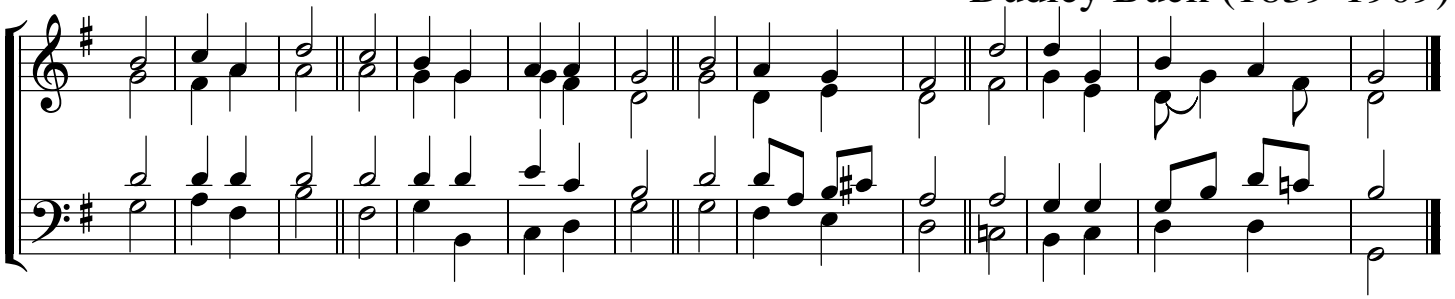
Psalm 73

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1. Truly, God is | good to | Israel, *
to those | who are | pure in | heart.
2. But as for me, my feet had | nearly | slipped; *
I had almost | tripped and | fallen.
3. Because I | envied • the | proud *
and saw the pros- | peri- • ty | of the | wicked.
4. For they | suffer • no | pain, *
and their | bodies • are | sleek and | sound;
5. In the misfortunes of others they | have no | share; *
they are not af- | flicted • as | others | are;
6. Therefore they wear their pride | like a | necklace *
and wrap their violence a- | bout them | like a | cloak.
7. Their iniquity comes from | **gross** | minds, *
and their hearts over- | flow with | wicked | thoughts.
8. They scoff and | speak mal- | iciously; *
out of their | haughti- • ness they | plan op- | pression.
9. They set their minds a- | gainst the | heavens, *
and their evil | speech runs | through the | world.
10. And so the people | turn to | them *
and | find in | them no | fault.
11. They say, "How | should God | know? *
is there | knowledge • in | the Most | High?"
12. So then, these are the wicked; *
always at ease, they increase their wealth.
13. In vain have I kept my | **heart** | clean, *
and | washed my | hands in | innocence.
14. I have been afflicted | all day | long, *
and | punished | ev'ry | morning.

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15. Had I gone on | speaking • this | way, *
I should have betrayed the gener- | ation | of your | children.
16. When I tried to under- | stand new | things, *
it | was too | hard for | me.
17. Until I entered the sanctu- | ary • of | God *
and discovered the | **end** | of the | wicked.
18. Surely, you set them in | slipp'ry | places; *
you | cast them | own in | ruin.
19. Oh, how suddenly do they | come to • de- | struction, *
come to an end, and | **per-** | ish from | terror!
20. Like a dream when one a- | wakens, • O | Lord, *
when you arise you will | make their | image | vanish.
21. When my mind be- | came em- | bittered, *
I was sorely | wounded | in my | heart.
22. I was stupid and had no | under- | standing; *
I was like a brute | **beast** | in your | presence.
23. Yet I am | always | with you; *
you hold me | by my | **right** | hand.
24. You will guide me | by your | counsel, *
and afterwards re- | **ceive** | me in | glory.
25. Whom have I in | heav'n but | you? *
and having you I desire | nothing | upon | earth.
26. Though my flesh and my heart should | waste a- | way, *
God is the strength of my heart and my | **por-** | tion for | ever.
27. Truly, those who forsake | you will | perish; *
you destroy | all who | are un- | faithful.
28. But it is good for me to be | **near** | God; *
I have made the | **Lord** | GOD my | refuge.
- †29. I will speak of | all your | works *
in the | gates • of the | city • of | Zion.