Psalm 35  
*Judica, Domine*  
tone I1

PLEAD thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: and fight thou against them that fight against me.  

2. Lay hand up-on the shield and buckler: and stand up to help me.  

3. Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy sal-va-tion.  

4. Let them be confounded and put to shame, that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion, that imagine mischief for me.  

5. Let them be as the dust before the wind: and the an-gel of the Lord scatter-ing them.  

6. Let their way be dark and slipper-y: and let the angel of the Lord persecute them.  

7. For they have priv-i-ly laid their net to destroy me without a cause: yea, even without a cause have they made a pit for my soul.  

8. Let a sudden destruction come upon him unawares, and his net, that he hath laid privi-ly, catch himself: that he may fall into his own mischief.  

9. And, my soul, be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his sal-va-tion.  

10. All my bones
shall say, *Lord, who is like unto thee, who deliverest the poor from him that
is too strong for him: yea, the poor, and him that is in misery, from him that
spoileth him*11. False witnesses did rise up: they laid to my charge things that
I knew not.12. They rewarded me evil for good: to the great discomfort of my
soul.13. Nevertheless, when they were sick, I put on sackcloth, and humbled my
soul with fasting: and my prayer shall turn into mine own bosom. 14. I
beheld myself as though it had been my friend or my brother: I went
heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.15. But in mine adversity they re-
joiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the very abjects came together
against me unawares, making mouths at me, and ceased not. 16. With the
flatterers were busy mockers: who gnashed upon me with their teeth.17. Lord,
how long wilt thou look upon this: O deliver my soul from the calamities
which they bring on me, and my darling from the lions. 18. So will I give
thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people. 19. O let not them that are mine enemies triumph over me ungodly:

neither let them wink with their eyes that hate me without a cause.20. And why? their communing is not for peace: but they imagine deceitful words against them that are quiet in the land.21. They gaped upon me with their mouths, and said: Fie on thee, fie on thee, we saw it with our eyes.22. This thou hast seen, O Lord: hold not thy tongue then, go not far from me, O Lord.23. Awake, and stand up to judge my quarrel: avenge thou my cause, my God, and my Lord.24. Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness: and let them not triumph over me. 25. Let them not say in their hearts, There, there, so would we have it: neither let them say, We have devour-ed him. 26. Let them be put to confusion and shame together, that rejoice at my trouble: let them be clothed with rebuke and dishonour, that boast themselves against me.
27. Let them be glad and rejoice, that favour my righteous dealing: yea, let them say alway, Blessed be the Lord, who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. 28. And as for my tongue, it shall be talking of thy righteousness: and of thy praise all the day long. 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