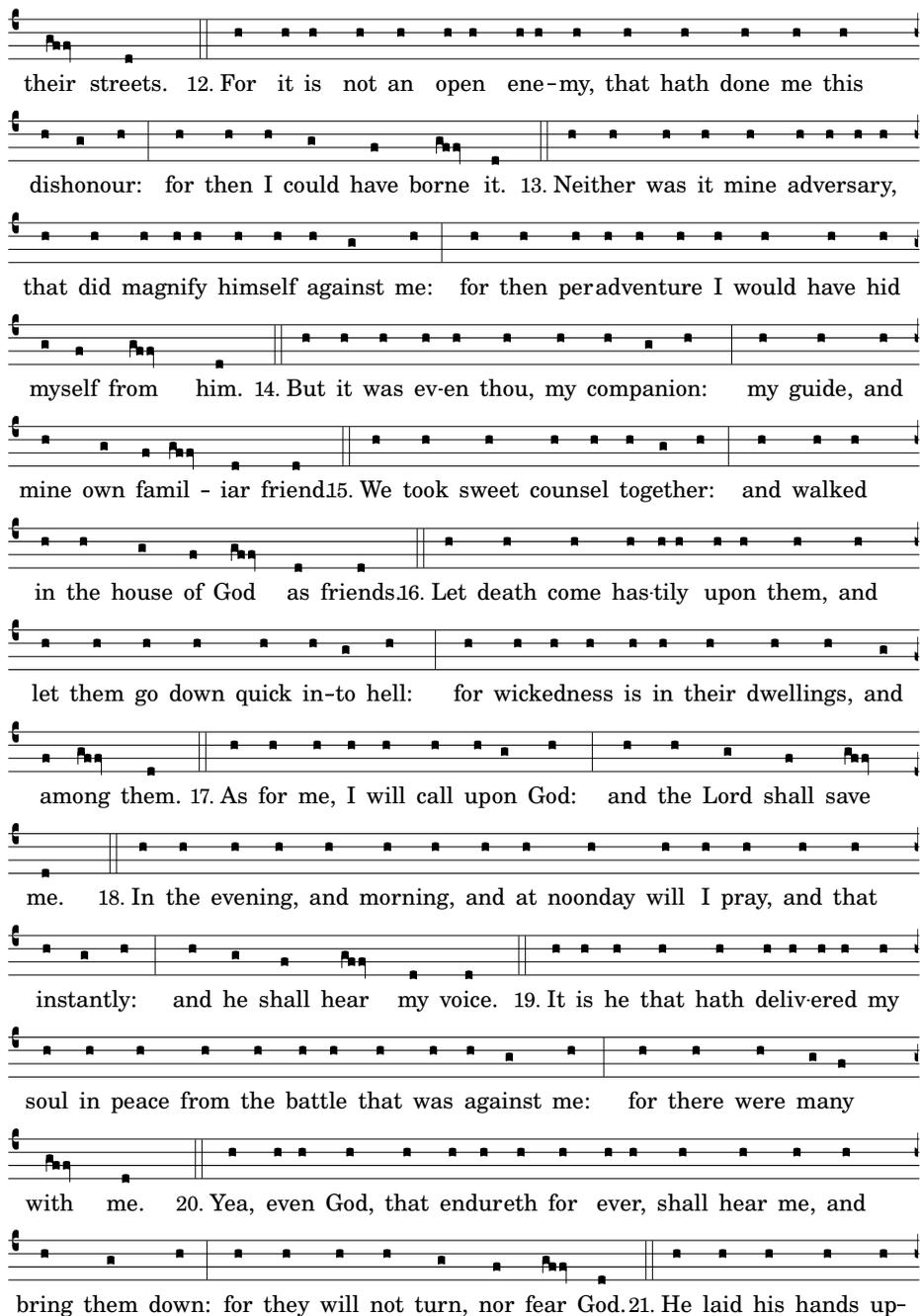


Psalm 55

*Exaudi, Deus*

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HEAR my prayer, O God: and hide not thyself from my peti - tion. 2. Take heed  
 unto me, and hear me: how I mourn in my prayer, and am vex - ed. 3. The  
 en-emy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on so fast: for they are minded  
 to do me some mischief; so ma-liciously are they set against me.  
 4. My heart is disquiet-ed within me: and the fear of death is fallen upon  
 me. 5. Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me: and an horri-ble dread  
 hath o-verwhelm - ed me. 6. And I said, O that I had wings like a dove: for  
 then would I flee away, and be at rest. 7. Lo, then would I get me away far  
 off: and remain in the wil-derness. 8. I would make haste to escape: because  
 of the stormy wind and tem-pest. 9. Destroy their tongues, O Lord, and divide  
 them: for I have spied unrighteousness and strife in the ci - ty. 10. Day and  
 night they go about within the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in  
 the midst of it. 11. Wickedness is therein: deceit and guile go not out of



their streets. 12. For it is not an open ene-my, that hath done me this dishonour: for then I could have borne it. 13. Neither was it mine adversary, that did magnify himself against me: for then peradventure I would have hid myself from him. 14. But it was ev-en thou, my companion: my guide, and mine own famil - iar friend.15. We took sweet counsel together: and walked in the house of God as friends.16. Let death come has-tily upon them, and let them go down quick in-to hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them. 17. As for me, I will call upon God: and the Lord shall save me. 18. In the evening, and morning, and at noonday will I pray, and that instantly: and he shall hear my voice. 19. It is he that hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me. 20. Yea, even God, that endureth for ever, shall hear me, and bring them down: for they will not turn, nor fear God.21. He laid his hands up-

on such as be at peace with him: and he brake his co - venant.<sup>22</sup> The words  
of his mouth were softer than butter, having war in his heart: his words were  
smoother than oil, and yet be they ve - ry swords<sup>23</sup>. O cast thy burden upon the  
Lord, and he shall nourish thee: and shall not suffer the righteous to fall for  
ev - er. <sup>24</sup> And as for them: thou, O God, shalt bring them into the pit of  
destruc-tion<sup>25</sup>. The blood- thirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their  
days: nevertheless, my trust shall be in thee, O Lord. Glory be to the  
Father, and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be: world without end. A - men