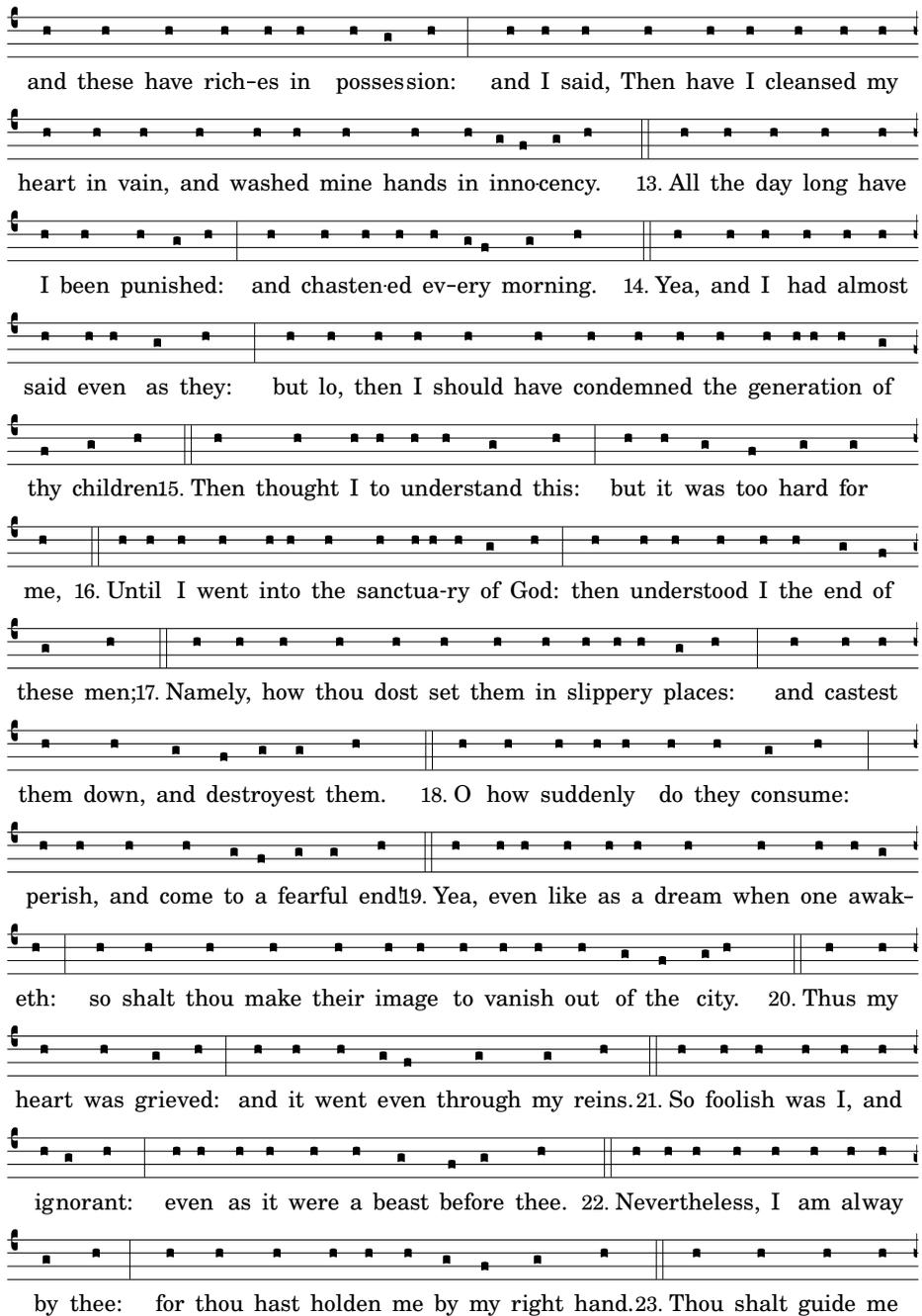


Psalm 73

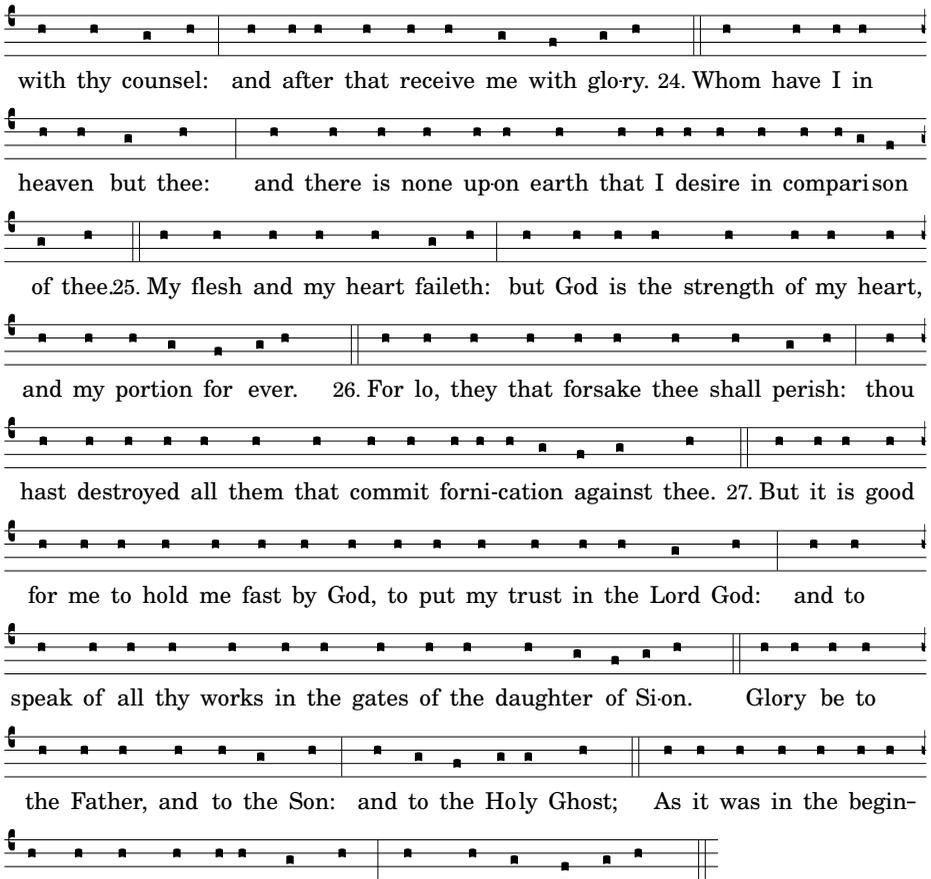
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TRULY God is loving unto Isra-el: ev-en un-to such as are of a
 clean heart. 2. Nev-ertheless, my feet were almost gone: my treadings had
 well-nigh slipt. 3. And why? I was grieved at the wicked: I do also see
 the ungod-ly in such prosperi-ty. 4. For they are in no per-il of death: but
 are lusty and strong. 5. They come in no misfortune like other folk: neither
 are they plagued like o-ther men. 6. And this is the cause that they are so
 holden with pride: and overwhelmed with cruelty. 7. Their eyes swell with fat-
 ness: and they do even what they lust. 8. They corrupt other, and speak of
 wicked blasphemy: their talking is against 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 rich-es in possession: and I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed mine hands in innocency. 13. All the day long have I been punished: and chasten-ed ev-ery morning. 14. Yea, and I had almost said even as they: but lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children¹⁵. Then thought I to understand this: but it was too hard for me, 16. Until I went into the sanctua-ry of God: then understood I the end of these men;¹⁷. Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places: and castest them down, and destroyest them. 18. O how suddenly do they consume: perish, and come to a fearful end!¹⁹. Yea, even like as a dream when one awak-eth: so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city. 20. Thus my heart was grieved: and it went even through my reins.²¹. So foolish was I, and ignorant: even as it were a beast before thee. 22. Nevertheless, I am always by thee: for thou hast holden me by my right hand.²³. Thou shalt guide me



with thy counsel: and after that receive me with glory. 24. Whom have I in
heaven but thee: and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison
of thee. 25. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart,
and my portion for ever. 26. For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish: thou
hast destroyed all them that commit fornication against thee. 27. 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 Si-on. Glory be to
the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen