BLESSED be the Lord my strength: who teacheth my hands to war, and my
fingers to fight; 2. My hope and my fortress, my castle and deliver-er, my
defender in whom I trust: who salu-neth, my people that is under me. 3. Lord,
what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him: or the son of man, that
thou so regardest him? 4. Man is like a thing of nought: his time passeth
away like a shadow. 5. Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down: touch
the mountains, and they shall smoke. 6. Cast forth thy lightning, and tear
them: shoot out thine arrows, and consume them. 7. Send down thine hand from
above: deliver me, and take me out of the great waters, from the hand of
strange chil-der; 8. Whose mouth talketh of vanity: and their right hand is
a right hand of wickedness. 9. I will sing a new song unto thee, O God:
and sing praises unto thee up-on a ten-stringed lute. 10. Thou hast given
victory unto kings: and hast delivered David thy servant from the peril of
the sword. 11. Save me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children:
whose mouth talketh of vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of iniquity. 12. That our sons may grow up as the young plants; and that our daughters may be as the polished corners of the temple. 13. That our garners may be full and plenteous with all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets. 14. That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no decay: no leading into captivity, and no complaining in our streets. 15. Happy are the people that are in such a case: yea, blessed are the people who have the Lord for their God. 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. A-men