

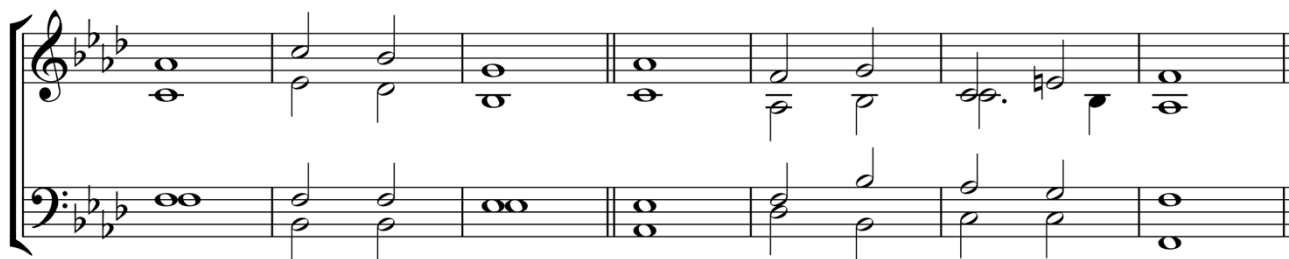
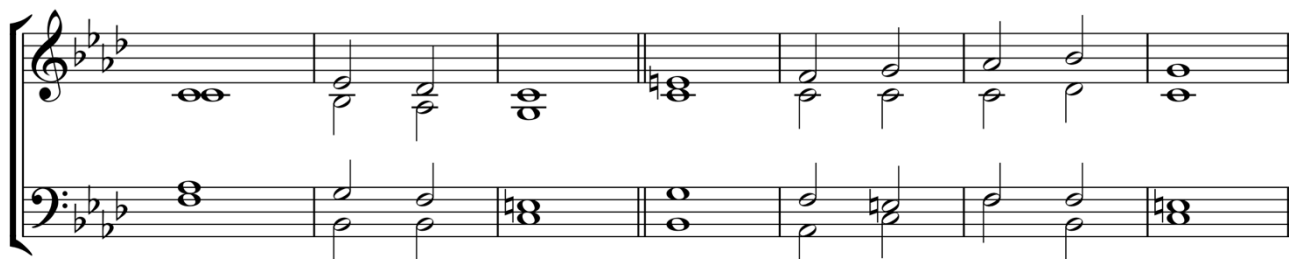
PSALM 55

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Exaudi, Deus

1. HEAR my | prayer • O | God :
and hide not thy-| self from | my pe-| tition.
2. Take heed unto | me and | hear me :
how I | mourn in • my | prayer and • am | vexed.
3. The enemy crieth so and the ungodly cometh | on so | fast :
for they are minded to do me some mischief *
so maliciously | are they | set a-| gainst me.
4. My heart is dis-| quieted • with-| in me :
and the fear of | death is | fallen • up-| on me.
5. Fearfulness and trembling are | come up-| on me :
and an horrible | dread hath | over-| whelmed me.
6. And I said O that I had | wings like • a | dove :
for then would I flee aw-| ay and | be at | rest.
7. Lo then would I get me a-| way far | off :
and re-| main | in the | wilderness.
8. I would make | haste to • es-| cape :
because of the | stormy | wind and | tempest.



9. Destroy their tongues O | Lord and • di-| vide them :
 for I have spied un-| righteousness • and | strife in • the | city.
10. Day and night they go about within the | walls there-| of :
 mischief also and | sorrow • are | in the | midst of it.

2nd Part 11. Wickedness | is there-| in :
 deceit and | guile go • not | out of • their | streets.

12. For it is not an open enemy that hath done me | this dis-| honour :
 for | then I | could have | borne it.

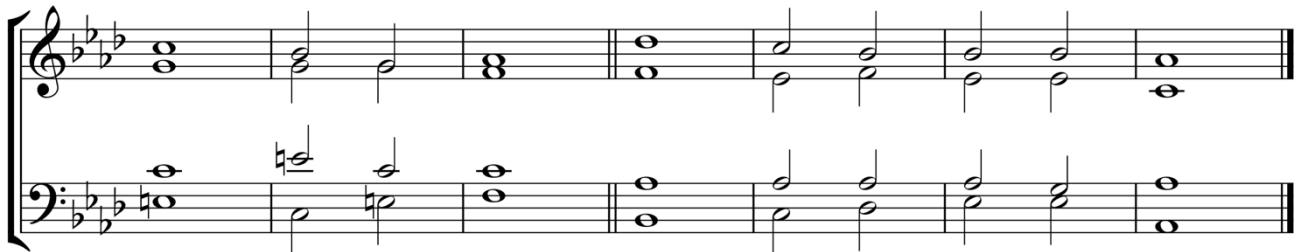
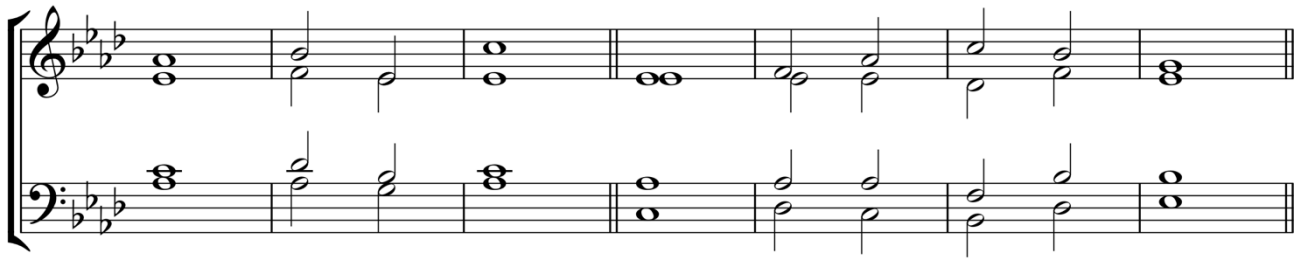
13. Neither was it mine adversary that did magnify him-| self a-| gainst me :
 for then peradventure I | would have | hid my•self | from him.

14. But it was even | thou my • com-| panion :
 my guide and mine | own fam-| iliar | friend.

15. We took sweet | counsel • to-| gether :
 and walked in the | house of | God as | friends.

2nd Part 16. Let death come hastily upon them and let them go down | quick in•to | hell :
 for wickedness is in their | dwellings | and a-| mong them.

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17. As for | me I • will | call upon || God | and the | Lord shall | save me.

18. In the evening and morning and at noon-day 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 a-| gainst 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 upon such as | be at | peace with him :
and he | brake | his | covenant.

22. The words of his mouth were softer than butter having | war in • his | heart :
his words were smoother than oil and yet | be they | very | swords.

23. O cast thy burden upon the Lord and | he shall | nourish thee :
and shall not suffer the | righteous • to | fall for | ever.

24. And | as for | them :
thou O God shalt bring them | into • the | pit of • de-| struction.

2nd Part 25. 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 | Holy | Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and | ever | shall be :
world without | end. A-| - - | men.