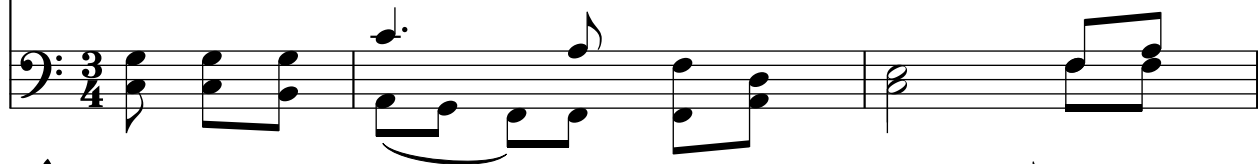


Psalm 102A



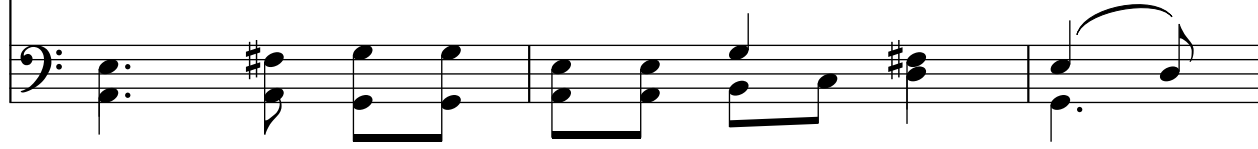
1. ¹LORD, hear my prayer for aid, my plea. ²Do not
 2. ⁶I'm like an owl in des - ert waste, ⁷or a
 3. ¹²But you, O LORD, still sit en - throned; ev - er -
 4. ¹⁶The LORD will build up Zi - on there; he in
 5. ²⁰The LORD heard groans from those in chains, and he



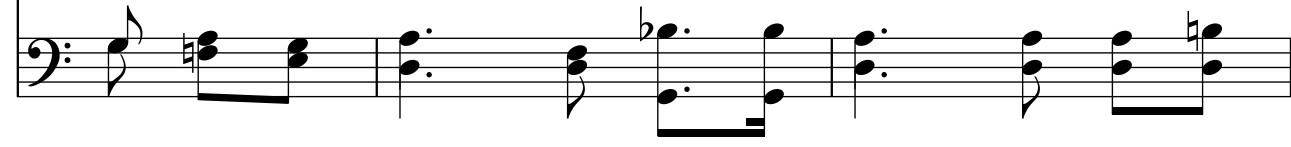
hide your face from me. In - cline your ear to me in
 bird, a - lone, a - wake. ⁸All day my foes re - vile and
 • more your name is known. ¹³In mer - cy great you will a -
 glo - ry will ap - pear, ¹⁷for he re - gards the poor man's
 freed them once a - gain; those doomed to die he lift - ed



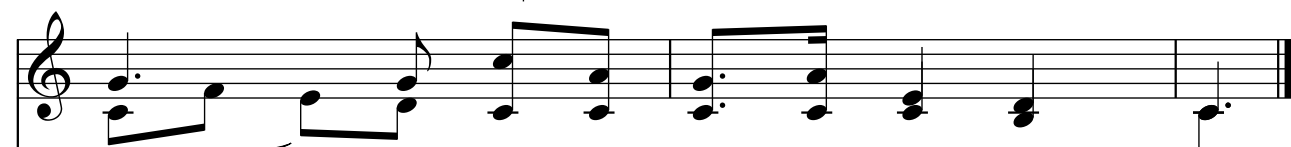
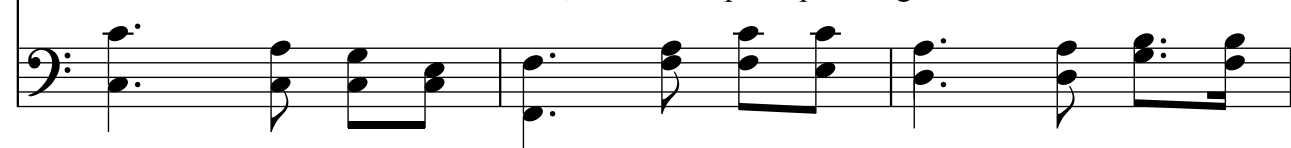
need, and when I call, be swift to heed.
 mock; they taunt my name with fool - ish talk.
 • rise and fa - vor Zi - on in your time.
 cries; the low - ly's prayer he'll not de - spise.
 up ²¹that they might praise him for his love.



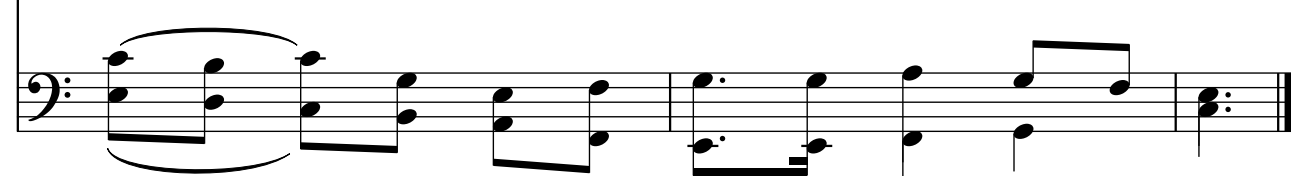
³Like smoke my days all swift - ly pass, my bones are
⁹For I eat ash and drink my tears, ¹⁰be - cause in
 • ¹⁴Your ser - vants hold her stones most dear, and e - ven
¹⁸Re - cord this for the com - ing age, so peo - ple
 They will in Zi - on tell his name, and in Je -



burned, ⁴my heart's like grass. I do not eat, ⁵but loud - ly
 an - ger you've ap - peared. ¹¹My days like eve - ning shad - ows
 • dust they pit - y here. ¹⁵All lands will fear your name, O
 yet un - born may praise. ¹⁹From ho - ly heights the LORD looked
 ru - sa - lem his fame, ²²when peo - ples gath - er there in



groan; I am no more than skin and bone.
 pass; I with - er like the sun - dried grass.
 • LORD; all kings on earth your praise re - cord.
 forth, he looked from heav - en down to earth.
 throngs, and king - doms serve the LORD with songs.



A. Early Trouble (vv. 1-5)

B. A Series of Complaints (vv. 6-23)

1. The Second One (v. 6)

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4. Their Slander (vv. 11-16)

5. The Research (vv. 17-20)

6. The Decree (vv. 21-23)

C. Work Stoppage (v. 24)

D. Application

1. Hard Times, Affliction, and Tribulation

2. Affliction is Sometimes Self-Inflicted

3. Affliction is Always Good for the Saints

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THE HYMN SING

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

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***THE INVOCATION**

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THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVINGPastor Ryan Biese

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***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE**Psalm 72:18-19

Now Blessed be the Lord Our God, the God of Israel.
For He alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.
And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity.
The whole Earth let His glory fill; amen, so let it be.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- This Wednesday the covered dish supper will begin at 5:55 p.m. and then the Session and Women in the Church will have their meetings Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. There will be no other midweek activities.
- A Ladies Tea is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 18. Please mark your calendars.
- The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship next week.