Psalm 64

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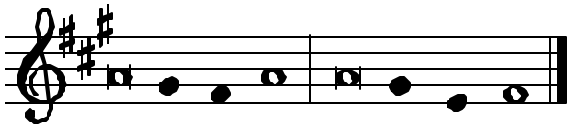

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Prayer for help against enemies

This psalm commemorates most particularly our Lord's passion (St. Augustine).

Hear my voice, O God, as I complain,
guard my life from dread *of* the foe. *
Hide me from the band of the wicked,
from the throng of those *who* do evil.

They sharpen their tongues like swords;
they aim bitter *words* like arrows *
to shoot at the innocent from ambush,
shooting suddenly and *reck*-lessly.

They scheme their evil course;
they conspire to lay *sec*-ret snares. *
They say: "Who will see us?
Who can search *out* our crimes?"

He will search who searches the mind
and knows the depth *of* the heart. *
God has shot them with his arrow
and dealt them *sud*-den wounds.
Their own tongue has *brought* them to ruin *
and all who *see* them mock.

Then will all men fear;
they will tell what *God* has done. *
They will under-*stand* God's deeds.
The just will rejoice in the Lord
and fly to *him* for refuge. *
All the upright *hearts* will glory.

Glory to the Father, and *to* the Son, *
and to the *Ho*-ly Spirit.

As it was in *the* beginning, *
is now, and will be for ev-*er*. A - men.

Grail Psalmody

Psalm 64 used: MP Holy Saturday.