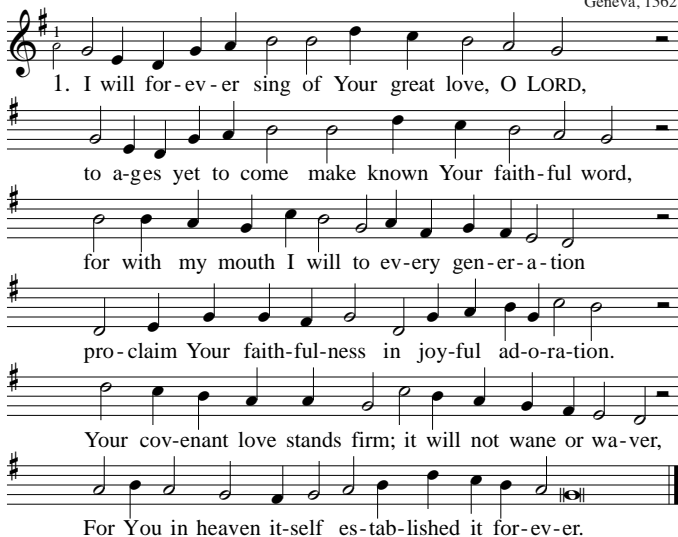


## PSALM 89

A maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

Geneva, 1562



1. I will for-ev-er sing of Your great love, O LORD,  
 to a-ges yet to come make known Your faith-ful word,  
 for with my mouth I will to ev-ery gen-er-a-tion  
 pro-claim Your faith-ful-ness in joy-ful ad-o-ra-tion.  
 Your cov-enant love stands firm; it will not wane or wa-ver,  
 For You in heaven it-self es-tab-lished it for-ev-er.

2. You said, "I've made a covenant with my chosen one;  
 to David as my servant I My love have shown,  
 for I to him have sworn, 'Your offspring I will favour,  
 I will establish Your descendants' reign forever.  
 Your kingdom will endure, for I laid its foundations,  
 and I will build your throne throughout all generations.'"
3. O LORD, the heavens extol the wonders of Your ways;  
 the holy ones in their assembly sing Your praise.  
 Who in their mighty host compares with You in splendour?  
 They all before Your throne to You their homage render.  
 O LORD, who is like You? Who else has power unbounded?  
 You are the mighty God by faithfulness surrounded.

4. You *rule the swelling tides, the surging of the sea,*  
and *on the roaring waves impose tranquillity.*  
Proud *Rahab You have crushed, its carcass You have shattered;*  
You *with Your mighty arm Your enemies have scattered.*  
Both *earth and skies are Yours, for Yours is all creation;*  
the *world with all it holds You placed on its foundation.*
  
5. You *made both north and south and every mountain height;*  
Mount *Tabor and Mount Hermon glory in Your might.*  
Your *arm, Your strong right hand, evokes their jubilation.*  
True *righteousness and justice are Your throne's foundation.*  
The *love and faithfulness that will endure forever*  
before You *make their way as heralds of Your favour.*
  
6. Blest *are the people who acclaim You as their King,*  
who *know the festal shout and of Your mercy sing.*  
They *see Your holy face and walk in light before You;*  
*exulting in Your name, they all day long adore You.*  
Your *wondrous deeds they laud, Your righteousness recalling;*  
they *go their way with joy, Your steadfast love extolling.*
  
7. You *are our strength and glory, You exalt our horn,*  
and *by Your favour, LORD, our enemies we scorn.*  
To *You belongs our shield, our king so great and glorious;*  
You, *LORD, came to his aid and You made him victorious.*  
To *You our praise we sing, to You we homage render,*  
O *Israel's Holy One, our powerful Defender.*
  
8. Of *old You to the faithful in a vision said:*  
"I *have exalted him by whom you will be led;*  
one *of your own I have selected and appointed:*  
My *servant David, with My holy oil anointed.*  
My *arm will make him strong, My right hand will protect him.*  
No *foes will humble him, no wicked man afflict him.*

## Psalm 89

9. “Be-fore him I will go and crush his en-e-mies.  
His horn I will ex-alt; My love will nev-er cease.  
My name will be his strength; it will for-sake him nev-er,  
and I will set his hand on seas and might-y riv-ers.  
He will ac-knowl-edge me and cry in ad-o-ra-tion,  
‘My Fa-ther and my God, the Rock of my sal-va-tion!’

10. “*I also will appoint him as my firstborn son, earth’s most exalted king, in fame surpassed by none. My steadfast love for him I will maintain forever; the covenant made with him I will not break or sever. In keeping with My pledge, the throne to David given will stand forever firm, enduring like the heavens.*
11. “*But should his sons forsake and disobey My law, ignoring my commands, not holding them in awe, then I will punish them, flog them for their transgression, but will not take from him My love and My compassion. My covenant will stand firm, My vow will not be broken, nor will I change a word of what My lips have spoken.*

12. “I *once for all* have sworn by *My own* holiness.  
 I *will not break My* word, but *David* I will bless;  
 his *throne* will evermore from *heir to heir* be handed,  
 for *like the sun* it will endure as I commanded.  
 And *like the moon*, the faithful witness in the heavens,  
 his *reign* will be secure. My *promise* I have given.”
13. But *Your anointed* one You in *Your* wrath have spurned;  
 him *You have now cast* off, against *him* You have turned.  
 The *covenant* made with him You have repudiated;  
 his *crown* lies in the dust, defiled and violated.  
 LORD, *You have breached* his walls, brought *widespread* devastation,  
 reduced his citadels to *scenes of* desolation.
14. See *how all passers-by* have *robbed and* plundered him;  
 he *is his neighbours’* scorn, enduring bitter shame.  
 The *right hand of his* foes You have in war exalted;  
 they *cheered in triumph* when against *him* they revolted.  
 His *sword* You have turned back, his *enemies* have felled him,  
 and in his many battles *You have not* upheld him.
15. O LORD, *You have removed* the *sceptre* from his hand,  
 cast to *the ground* his throne, him *from Your* presence banned.  
 You have *cut short* his youth, his *vigour* You have taken,  
 enveloped him in shame, and *left him* all forsaken.  
 How long, O LORD? How long will *You from him* be hiding?  
 How long before *Your blazing* wrath will be subsiding?
16. Remember, LORD, my life, its *brief and* fleeting span.  
 O for *what vanity* have You created man!  
 For *who can live and* see the *light of day* forever?  
 Who *can outwit the* grave and *meet its* terrors never?  
 Lord, *where is now* Your love? Why *has it* waned and wavered?  
 Where *is the* faithfulness that *once You* swore to David?

## Psalm 89

17. Re-mem-ber how I bear with-in my heart, O Lord,  
the in-sults and the taunts that I have long en-dured.  
Your ser-vant has been mocked and jeered by all the na-tions;  
foes taunt-ed You're a-noint-ed with their prov-o-ca-tions.  
Yet praise and wor-ship God! His mer-cy will not wa-ver.  
Yes, A-men and A-men. Praised be the LORD for-ev-er!