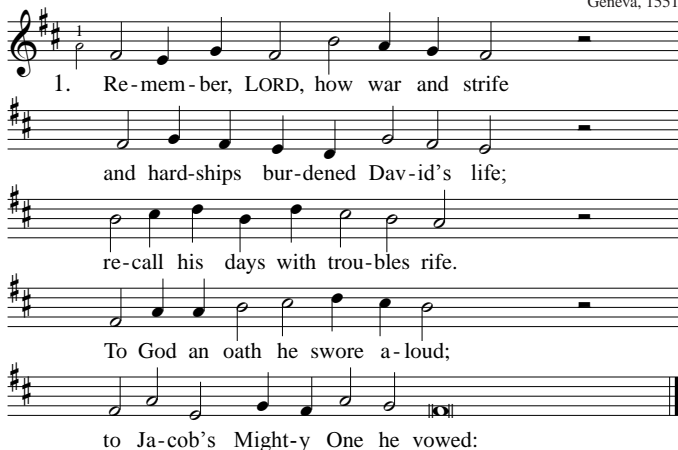


PSALM 132

A song of ascents.

Geneva, 1551



1. Re-mem-ber, LORD, how war and strife
and hard-ships bur-dened Dav-id's life;
re-call his days with trou-bles rife.
To God an oath he swore a-loud;
to Ja-cob's Might-y One he vowed:

2. "I will not enter my own house,
or get into my bed, and drowse
or sleep, till I have paid my vows,
till I find for the LORD a place,
for Jacob's God a dwelling place."
3. In Ephratah the news we heard,
in Jaär's fields our hearts were stirred;
we found the ark and spread the word:
"Let us go to His dwelling place
and worship there before His face."
4. O LORD, go to Your place of rest,
You and Your ark, with power blessed,
and let Your faithful priests be dressed
in holiness and so proclaim
Your righteousness and wondrous fame.

5. Let *shouts of praise* the heavens shake,
Your *saints their joyful anthems* make;
and for *Your servant David's* sake,
LORD, *do not turn away Your* face
from him, *anointed* by Your grace.

6. The *LORD has* once to *David* sworn
an *oath from which He* will not turn:
“There *will to you* a child be born,
a *son who* from your *line* will spring,
whom on your *throne I'll* set as king.

7. “If *then your sons* in *faith* uphold
My *covenant, made in* days of old,
and *keep the laws that* I unfold,
I *to their offspring shall* pass on
Your kingdom's *everlasting throne.*”

8. For *Zion, by all men* admired,
the *LORD has* chosen and acquired
and for *His resting* place desired:
“*Jerusalem is* founded well;
for evermore *I* here will dwell.

9. “On *her I* will my *blessings* shed.
Abundantly will she be fed;
I'll *satisfy her* poor with bread.
Her *priests I'll* with *salvation* dress;
her *saints will* shout with happiness.

10. “There *I will* cause, in *David's* line,
a *horn to sprout, a lamp* to shine
for *My anointed* as a sign.
his *enemies I'll* clothe with shame;
on him, his *crown will* gleam with fame.”