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Cantus
1. O God, that art my righteousness, Lord, hear me when I call; Thou hast set me at liberty When I was bound and thrall.

Medius
2. Have mercy, Lord, therefore on me And grant me my request: For unto Thee incessantly To cry I will not rest.

Tenor
3. O mortal men how long will ye My glory thus despise? Why wander ye in vanity, And follow after lies?

Bassus

4. Know ye that good and godly men
The Lord doth take and choose;
And when to him I make complaint,
He doth me not refuse.

6. Offer to God the sacrifice
Of righteousness and praise;
And look that in the living Lord
Ye put your trust always.

8. For thou thereby shalt make my heart
More joyful and more glad,
Than they that of their corn and wine
Full great increase have had.

5. Sin not, but stand in awe therefore,
Examine well your heart;
And in your chamber quietly
See yourselves convert.

7. The greater sort crave worldly goods
And riches do embrace;
But, Lord, grant us thy countenance,
Thy favor and thy grace:

9. In peace therefore lie down will I,
Taking my rest and sleep;
For thou only dost me, O Lord,
Preserve and safely keep.

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