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Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause

against an ungodly people;

from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully

## because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

> Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp,

## O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,

and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise God, my help and my God.

[NRSV]