

Psalm 71.1-14

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Introduction. Cantor sings refrain. All repeat refrain. Cantor sings verses. All sing refrain after each group of verses. In the psalm-tone the singer leaves the reciting note on the underlined word or syllable.

This psalm would be best sung unaccompanied

(1) In you, O God, have I taken refuge;
let me never be ashamed.

(2) In your righteousness deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.

(3) Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;

(4) you are my crag and my stronghold. **R.**

(1) Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

(2) For you are my hope, O God,
my confidence since I was young.

(3) I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;

(4) my praise shall be always of you. **R.**

(1) I have become a portent to many;
but you are my refuge and my strength.

(2) Let my mouth be full of your praise
and your glory all the day long.

(1) Do not cast me off in my old age;
forsake me not when my strength fails.

(2) For my enemies are talking against me,
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

(3) They say that God has forsaken me,

(4) they can come and seize me for none can save. **R.**

(1) O God, be not far from me;
come quickly to help me, O my God.

(2) Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced;

(2) let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.

(3) But I shall always wait in patience,

(4) and shall praise you more and more. **R.**