

Psalm 138

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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.

Introduction

O — God, your — love en - dures for - ev - er.

1 2 3 4 5 6

The musical score consists of three systems. The first system is an introduction in G major, 4/4 time, with a treble and bass clef. The second system is a refrain with lyrics: "O — God, your — love en - dures for - ev - er." The third system is a six-measure accompaniment for the verses, numbered 1 through 6.

- (1) I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart:
- (2) before the gods I will sing your praise.
- (3) I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
- (4) because of your love and faithfulness;
- (5) for you have glorified your name
- (6) and your word above all things. **R.**

- (1) When I called, you answered me;
- (2) you increased my strength within me.
- (3) All who reign on earth will praise you, O God,
- (4) when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- (5) They will sing of your ways,
- (6) that great is your glory, O God. **R.**

- (1) Though you be high, you care for the lowly;
- (2) you perceive the haughty from afar.
- (3) Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
- (3) you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
- (4) your right hand shall save me.
- (5) You will make good your purpose for me;
- (6) O God, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands. **R.**