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Psalm 38

Music: Joseph Barnaby (1838-1896)

Lyrics: Translated by Myles Coverdale (1488-1569)

Artists: Choir of St Paul's Cathedral, John Scott (dir.), Andrew Lucas (organ)

[Both sides of the choir sing together in a subdued manner.]

1 Put me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger *
neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me *
and thy hand presseth me sore.

[The two sides of the choir sing antiphonally, starting with the deaconi.]

3 There is no health in my flesh, because of thy displeasure *
neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

4 For my wickednesses are gone over my head *
and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

5 My wounds stink, and are corrupt *
through my foolishness.

6 I am brought into so great trouble and misery *
that I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a sore disease *
and there is no whole part in my body.

8 I am feeble, and sore smitten *
I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, thou knowest all my desire *
and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me *
and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking upon my trouble *
and my kinsmen stood afar off.

12 They also that sought after my life laid snares for me *
and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined
deceit all the day long.

13 As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not *
and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

14 I became even as a man that heareth not *
and in whose mouth are no reproofs.
15 For in thee, O Lord, have I put my trust *
thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.
16 I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over
me *
for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly against me.
17 And I, truly, am set in the plague *
and my heaviness is ever in my sight.
18 For I will confess my wickedness *
and be sorry for my sin.
19 But mine enemies live, and are mighty *
and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.
20 They also that reward evil for good are against me *
because I follow the thing that good is.
21 Forsake me not, O Lord my God *
be not thou far from me.
22 Haste thee to help me *
O Lord God of my salvation.

[Both sides of the choir sing the Doxology together.]
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

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