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Theme song (7<sup>th</sup>-century hymn for Advent):  
Creator of the stars of night  
Your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
We pray you hear us when we call

In sorrow that the ancient curse  
Should doom to death a universe . . . .

## Psalm 59

Lyrics Translated by Myles Coverdale (1488-1569)

Music: Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

Artists: Choir of Peterborough Cathedral, David Humphreys (organ), Andrew Reid (dir.)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMUvb0jysV0>

1 Deliver me from mine enemies, O God \*  
defend me from them that rise up against me.  
2 O deliver me from the wicked doers \*  
and save me from the blood-thirsty men.

[Now we hear one half of the choir sing a verse, answered by the other half singing the next verse.]

3 For lo, they lie waiting for my soul \*  
the mighty men are gathered against me, without any offence or fault of me, O  
Lord.  
4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault \*  
arise thou therefore to help me, and behold.

[Full choir for emphasis]

5 Stand up, O Lord God of hosts, thou God of Israel, to visit all the heathen \*  
and be not merciful unto them that offend of malicious wickedness.

[Half choir again]

6 They go to and fro in the evening \*  
they grin like a dog, and run about through the city.  
7 Behold, they speak with their mouth, and swords are in their lips \*  
for who doth hear?

[Full choir]

8 But thou, O Lord, shalt have them in derision \*  
and thou shalt laugh all the heathen to scorn.

9 My strength will I ascribe unto thee \*  
for thou art the God of my refuge.

[Boy sopranos]

10 God sheweth me his goodness plenteously \*  
and God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

[en]

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget it \*  
but scatter them abroad among the people, and put them down, O Lord, our  
defence.

[Half choir]

12 For the sin of their mouth, and for the words of their lips, they shall be  
taken in their pride \*  
and why? their preaching is of cursing and lies.

[Full choir]

13 Consume them in thy wrath, consume them, that they may perish \*  
and know that it is God that ruleth in Jacob, and unto the ends of the world.

[Half choir]

14 And in the evening they will return \*  
grin like a dog, and will go about the city.  
15 They will run here and there for meat \*  
and grudge if they be not satisfied.

[Conclusion: Full choir]

16 As for me, I will sing of thy power, and will praise thy mercy betimes in the  
morning \*

for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing \*  
for thou, O God, art my refuge, and my merciful God.

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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