set, o lord, a watch

Grave Tone

Set, O Lord, a watch before my mouth, and a door of enclosure round about my lips.

Incline not my heart unto words of evil, to make excuse with excuses in sins.

With men that work iniquity; and I will not join with their chosen.

The righteous man will chasten me with mercy and rebuke me; as for the oil of the sinner, let
it not anoint my head.

For yet more is my prayer in the presence of their pleasures; swallowed up near by the rock have their judges been.

They shall hear my words, for they be sweetened; as a clod of earth is broken up on the earth, so have their bones been scattered nigh unto Hades.

For unto Thee, O Lord, O Lord, are mine eyes, in Thee have I hoped; take not my soul away.

Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and from
the stumbling blocks of them that work iniquity.

The sinners shall fall into their own net; I am alone until I pass by.

With my voice unto the Lord have I cried, with my voice unto the Lord have I made supplication.

I will pour out before Him my supplication, mine affliction before Him will I declare.

When my spirit was fainting within me, then thou knewest my paths.
In this way where-in I have walked they hid for me a snare.

I looked up - on my right hand, and be - held, and there was none that did know me.

Flight hath failed me, and there is none that watch - eth out for my soul.

I have cried un - to Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my hope, my por - tion art Thou in the land of the liv - ing.

At - tend un - to my sup - pli - ca - tion, for I am brought very low.

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Deliver me from them that persecute me,
for they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison that I may confess Thy name.

The righteous shall wait patiently for me until Thou shalt reward me.

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord, O Lord hear my voice.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
But if there be ten (or eight) stichera for the Lord, I have cried,  
the precentor should take heed that the chanting of the psalmic  
verses stop at the appropriate place, as indicated by a (10) or an  
(8) in the left margin of the preceding page. The psalmic verses  
are chanted as follows when there are ten (or eight, or six)  
stichera for the Lord, I have cried.  

For Ten Verses, we begin as follows:

Bring my soul out of prison that I may confess Thy name.

The righteous shall wait patiently for me until Thou  
shalt reward me.

For Eight Verses

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord, O Lord,  
hear my voice.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my  
supplication.
For Six Verses

If Thou should-est mark in-i-qui-ties, O Lord, O Lord,
who shall stand? for with Thee there is for-give-ness.

For Thy name’s sake have I pa-tient-ly wait-ed for Thee, O Lord;
my soul hath wait-ed pa-tient-ly for Thy word, my soul hath
hoped in the Lord.

For Four Verses

From the morn-ing watch un-til night, from the morn-ing watch let Is-ra-
el hope in the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mer-cy, and with Him is plen-te-ous re-demp-tion;
and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him all ye peoples.

For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, and the truth of the Lord abideth for ever.