

## Psalm 116:1-9

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because | he has heard\* my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

<sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his | ear to me,\* therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

<sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\* I suffered distress and | anguish.

<sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name | of the LORD:\* "O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;\* our God is | merciful.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD preserves the | simple;\* when I was brought low, he | saved me.

<sup>7</sup>Return, O my soul, | to your rest;\* for the LORD has dealt bountifully | with you.

<sub>8</sub>For you have delivered my | soul from death,\* my eyes from tears,

my feet from | stumbling;

I will walk be- | fore the LORD\* in the land of the | living.