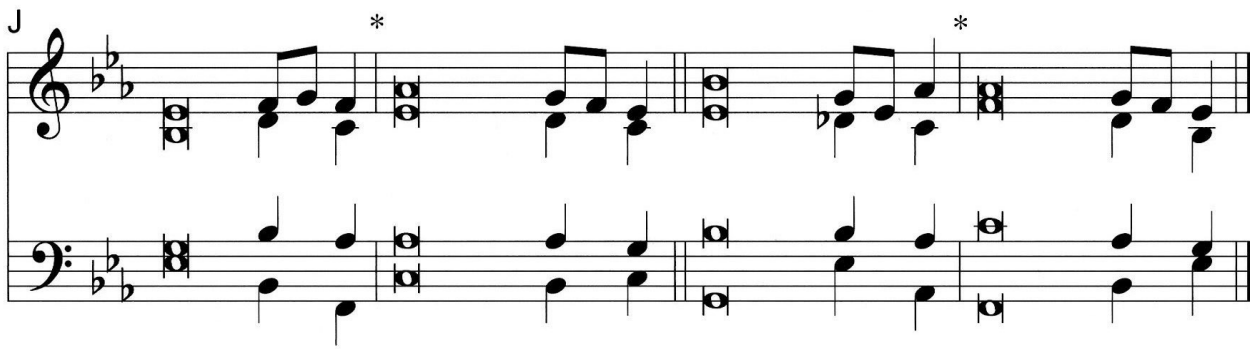


Psalm 143

- 1 Hear my prayer, O Lord;
give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
- In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.
- 3 For the enemy has pursued my soul;
he has crushed my life | to the ground;*
- he has made me sit in darkness like | those long dead.
- 4 Therefore my spirit faints with- | in me;*
- my heart within me | is appalled.
- 5 I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all that | you have done;*
- I ponder the work | of your hands.
- 6 I stretch out my | hands to you;*
- my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.
- 7 Answer me quickly, O Lord!
My | spirit fails!*
- Hide not your face from me,
lest I be like those who go down | to the pit.
- 8 Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,
for in | you I trust.*
- Make me know the way I should go,
for to you I lift | up my soul.
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, | O Lord!*
- I have fled to you for | refuge!



10 Teach me to do your will,
for you | are my God!*

Let your good Spirit lead me
on | level ground!

11 For your name's sake, O Lord, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

12 And in your steadfast love you will cut off my | enemies,*
and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,
for I am your | servant.