

## Psalm 5 in Three Liturgical Versions

### Book of Common Prayer (1928)

Psalm 5. *Verba mea auribus.*

1 PONDER my words, O LORD, \*  
consider my meditation.

2 O hearken thou unto the voice of my  
calling, my King and my God: \* for unto  
thee will I make my prayer.

3 My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O  
LORD; \* early in the morning will I direct my  
prayer unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou art the God that hast no  
pleasure in wickedness; \* neither shall any  
evil dwell with thee.

5 Such as be foolish shall not stand in  
thy sight; \* for thou hatest all them that  
work iniquity.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak  
lies: \* the Lord will abhor both the blood-  
thirsty and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, in the multitude of thy  
mercy I will come into thine house; \* and in  
thy fear will I worship toward thy holy  
temple.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy  
righteousness, because of mine enemies; \*  
make thy way plain before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in their  
mouth; \* their inward parts are very  
wickedness.

10 Their throat is an open sepulchre; \*  
they flatter with their tongue.

11 Destroy thou them, O God; let them  
perish through their own imaginations; \*  
cast them out in the multitude of their  
ungodliness; for they have rebelled against  
thee.

12 And let all them that put their trust  
in thee rejoice: \* they shall ever be giving of  
thanks, because thou defendest them; they  
that love thy Name shall be joyful in thee;

13 For thou, LORD, wilt give thy  
blessing unto the righteous, \* and with thy  
favourable kindness wilt thou defend him as  
with a shield.

### Book of Common Prayer (1979)

5 *Verba mea auribus*

1 Give ear to my words, O Lord; \*  
consider my meditation.

2 Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God, \*  
for I make my prayer to you.

3 In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; \*  
early in the morning I make my appeal and watch  
for you.

4 For you are not a God who takes pleasure in  
wickedness, \*  
and evil cannot dwell with you.

5 Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; \*  
you hate all those who work wickedness.

6 You destroy those who speak lies; \*  
the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O Lord, you abhor.

7 But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I  
will go into your house; \*  
I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe  
of you.

8 Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness,  
because of those who lie in wait for me; \*  
make your way straight before me.

9 For there is no truth in their mouth; \*  
there is destruction in their heart;

10 Their throat is an open grave; \*  
they flatter with their tongue.

11 Declare them guilty, O God; \*  
let them fall, because of their schemes.

12 Because of their many transgressions cast them out, \*  
for they have rebelled against you.

13 But all who take refuge in you will be glad; \*  
they will sing out their joy for ever.

14 You will shelter them, \*  
so that those who love your Name may exult in you.

15 For you, O Lord, will bless the righteous; \*  
you will defend them with your favor as with a  
shield.

### Common Worship (Church of England, 2000)

Psalm 5

1 Give ear to my words, O Lord; \*  
consider my lamentation.

2 Hearken to the voice of my crying, my King and my God, \*  
for to you I make my prayer.

3 In the morning, Lord, you will hear my voice; \*  
early in the morning I make my appeal to you, and look  
up.

4 For you are the God who takes no pleasure in  
wickedness; \*  
no evil can dwell with you.

5 The boastful cannot stand in your sight; \*  
you hate all those that work wickedness.

6 You destroy those who speak lies; \*  
the bloodthirsty and deceitful the Lord will abhor.

7 But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy, I will  
come into your house; \*  
I will bow down towards your holy temple in awe of  
you.

8 Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness, because of my  
enemies; \*  
make your way straight before my face.

9 For there is no truth in their mouth, in their heart is  
destruction, \*  
their throat is an open sepulchre, and they flatter with  
their tongue.

10 Punish them, O God; \*  
let them fall through their own devices.

11 Because of their many transgressions cast them out, \*  
for they have rebelled against you.

12 But let all who take refuge in you be glad; \*  
let them sing out their joy for ever.

13 You will shelter them, \*  
so that those who love your name may exult in you.

14 For you, O Lord, will bless the righteous; \*  
and with your favour you will defend them as with a  
shield.