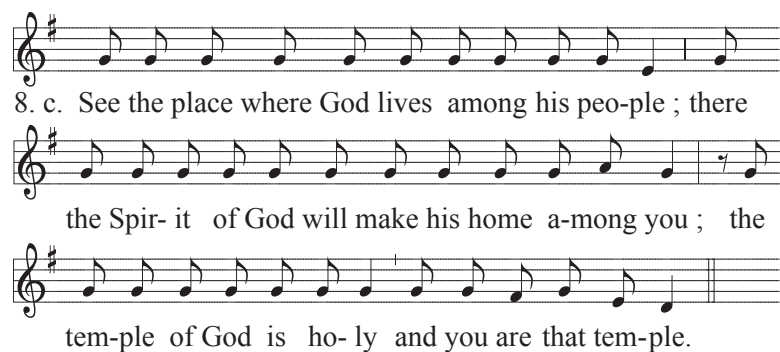


DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

Psalm 83

Refrain



8. c. See the place where God lives among his people; there
the Spirit of God will make his home among you; the
temple of God is holy and you are that temple.

Psalm 83



How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God! (R)

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest in which she puts her young—
your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my king and my God! (R)

Blessed are they who dwell in your house!
Continually they praise you.
Blessed those whose strength you are!
Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage. (R)

When they pass through the arid valley,
they make a spring of it;
the early rain clothes it with generous growth.
They go from strength to strength;
they shall see the God of gods in Sion. (R)

O Lord of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob!
O God, behold our shield,
and look upon the face of your anointed. (R)

I had rather one day within your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I had rather lie at the threshold of the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked. (R)

For a sun and a shield is the Lord God;
grace and glory he bestows;
the Lord withholds no good thing /
from those who walk in sincerity.
O Lord of hosts, / blessed are those who trust in you! (R)