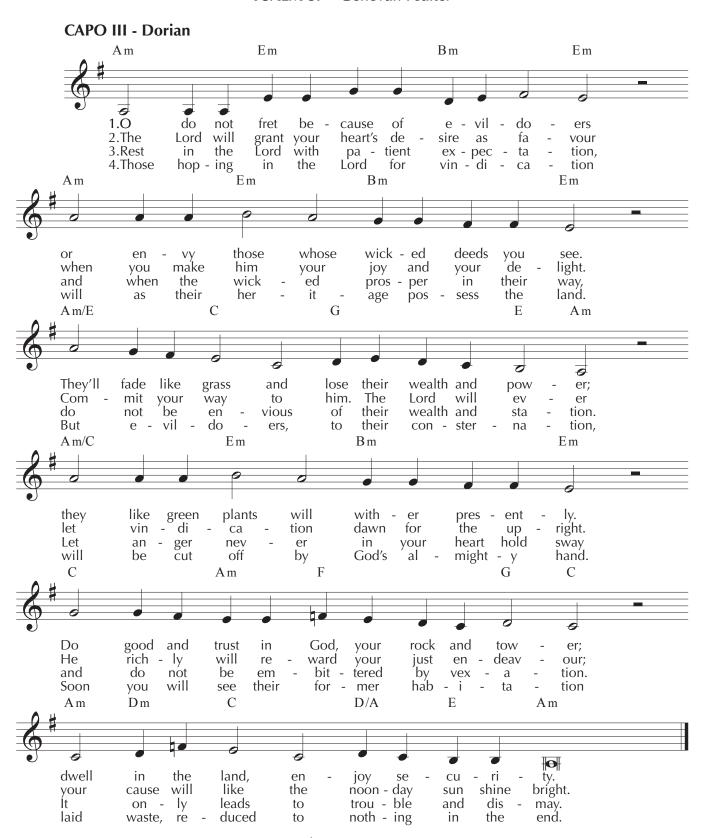
O Do Not Fret Because of Evildoers

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- 5. Malicious witnesses arise; they question me and utter lies. With evil they for good repay me. I am perplexed. They seek to slay me. Yet I was grieved when they were sick; their sorrows hurt me to the quick. I went in sackcloth and would fast; I bowed in prayer, my eyes downcast.
- 6. My heart was sad as for a friend;
 I mourned, my mantle I would rend
 as one who sorrows for a brother
 and who with grief laments his mother.
 But when I stumbled, they rejoiced;
 gathering around, their hate they voiced,
 and wretches whom I did not know
 mocked me and gloried in my woe.
- 7. Unceasingly they scoff and jeer; they gnash their teeth at me and sneer. O LORD, how long yet will this rabble abuse me with their godless babble? O from these lions rescue me! Then, praising you who set me free, I'll in the great assembly bless your mercy and your faithfulness.
- 8. Let enemies who scheme and lie not smirk at me and wink the eye, for without reason they accuse me. Those who so wrong fully abuse me do not speak peace, for they intend to harm the quiet in the land. I hear those loudmouths falsely claim: "We've seen that you have cause for shame."

- 9. LORD, you have heard and seen this all; do not be silent as I call, nor stand aloof, O my Defender! Wake up, arise, and justice render! Contend for me, my God and Lord, and give my foes their due reward. O LORD my God, grant me redress according to your righteousness.
- 10. Let them not say, "Yes, we have won. We've swallowed him; he is undone!" Those who against me are assembled be shamed, by their confusion humbled, and let all victory be denied to those puffed up with boasting pride. Let all who gloat at my expense be clothed with shame as recompense.
- 11. May those rejoice with shout and song who for my vindication long, and may they praise with happy voices the LORD, who in my good rejoices. Let them repeat how great he is and laud his perfect righteousness. Then my tongue, too, with word and song will praise his justice all day long.