

## *Psalm 118*

**Women** – Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for His love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup>Let the sons of Israel say, “His love endures forever.”

<sup>3</sup>Let the sons of Aaron say, “His love endures forever.”

<sup>4</sup>Let those who fear the LORD say, “His love endures forever.”

**Men** – I called to the LORD in my distress; He answered me and freed me.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD at my side I do not fear. What can man do against me?

<sup>7</sup>The LORD is at my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on my foes.

**Women** – It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in men.

<sup>9</sup>It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

**Men** – All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I crushed them!

<sup>11</sup>They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I crushed them!

<sup>12</sup>They surrounded me like bees; they blazed like a fire among thorns; in the name of the LORD I crushed them!

<sup>13</sup>I was hard-pressed, and was falling, but the LORD came to help me.

**Men & Women** – The LORD is my strength and my song; he is my savior.

**All** – There are songs of joy and victory in the tents of the just:

“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed;

<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the LORD has raised me; the right hand of the LORD has triumphed.”

**Men** – I shall not die, I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not handed over to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of holiness, that I may enter and give thanks.

**Priest** – This is the LORD'S gate; the just shall enter through it.

**Men** – I thank you that you have answered and have become my Savior.

**Women** – The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the work of the Lord; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>O LORD, Grant us Salvation! O LORD, give us success!

**Priest** – Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**Women** – The LORD, God, is our light.

**Priest** – Go forward in procession with branches, even to the horns of the altar.

**Men & Women** – You are my God, I thank you; my God, I Praise you.

**All** – Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for His love endures forever.