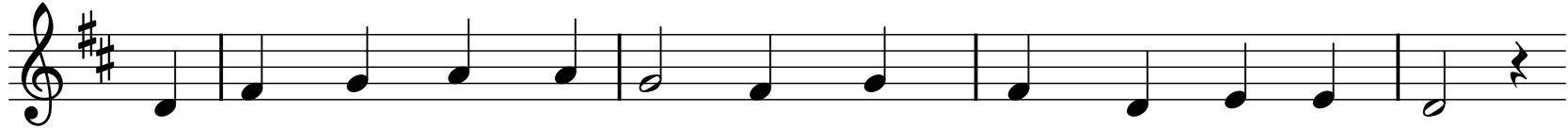


19 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, How wel - come you a - right?

2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore you Green boughs and fair - est palms;



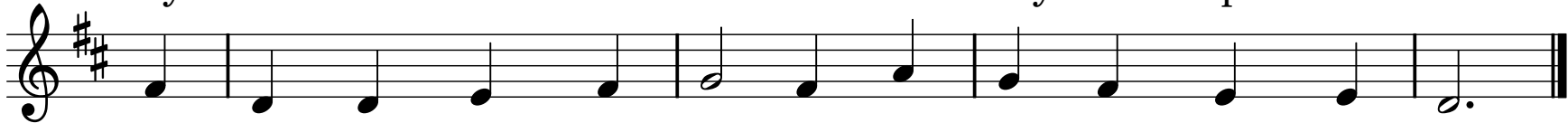
Your peo - ple long to greet you, My hope, my heart's de - light!

And I too will a - dore you With joy - ous songs and psalms.



Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast

My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For you with prais - es new



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please you best.

And from your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.

3 I lay in fetters, groaning;
You came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning;
You came to honor me.
A glorious crown you give me,
A treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me
As earthly riches fly.

4 Love caused your incarnation;
Love bought you down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
That led you to embrace
In love, all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race.

5 Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted
Who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn your joys departed
And tremble at your doom.
Despair not; he is near you,
There, standing at the door,
Who best can help and cheer you
And bids you weep no more.

6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to his foes,
A light of consolations
And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

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