

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

David proclaimed the words of this song to the LORD.

He said:

**“O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer,
my God, my rock of refuge!**

**My shield, my saving horn, my stronghold,
my refuge, my savior, from violence you keep me safe.**

Praised be the LORD, I exclaim!

I have been delivered from my enemies.

in my distress I called out: LORD!

I cried out to my God;

**from his temple he heard my voice,
my cry reached his ears.**

For I kept the ways of the LORD;

I was not disloyal to my God.

His laws were all before me,

his decrees I did not cast aside.

I was honest toward him; I was on guard against sin.

**So the LORD rewarded my righteousness, the cleanness
of my hands in his sight.**

The LORD lives! Blessed be my rock!

Exalted be God, the rock of my salvation.”

The Word of the Lord.