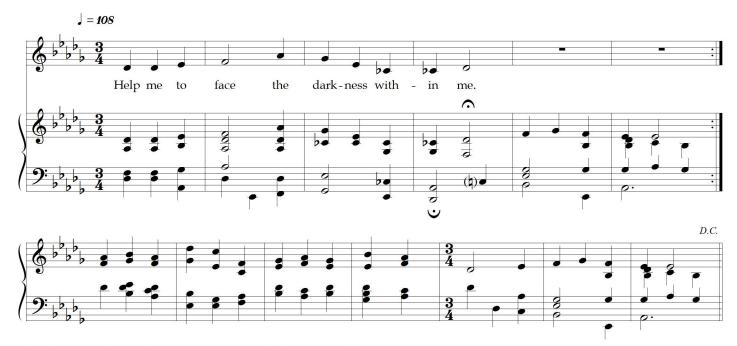
## Year B, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proper 2 - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18



- 1 O my Beloved, You have searched me and known me!
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
- 4 You discern my innermost thoughts.

You find me on the journey and guide my steps; / You know my strengths and my weaknesses. Even before words rise up in prayer, / Lo, You have already heard my heart call.

You encompass me with love where'er I go, / and your strength is my shield. Such sensi-tivity is too wonderful for me; / it is high; boundless gratitude is my soul's res-ponse.

O that You would vanquish my fears, Be-loved; O that ignorance and suffering would de-part from me – My ego separates me from true a-bandonment, to surrendering myself into your Hands!

Yet are these not the very thorns that focus my thoughts upon You? Will I always need re-minders to turn my face to You? I yearn to come to You in love, to learn of your mercy and wisdom!

Search me, O my Be-loved, and know my heart! Try me and dis-cern my thoughts! Help me to face the darkness with-in me; enlighten me, that I might radiate your Love and Light!