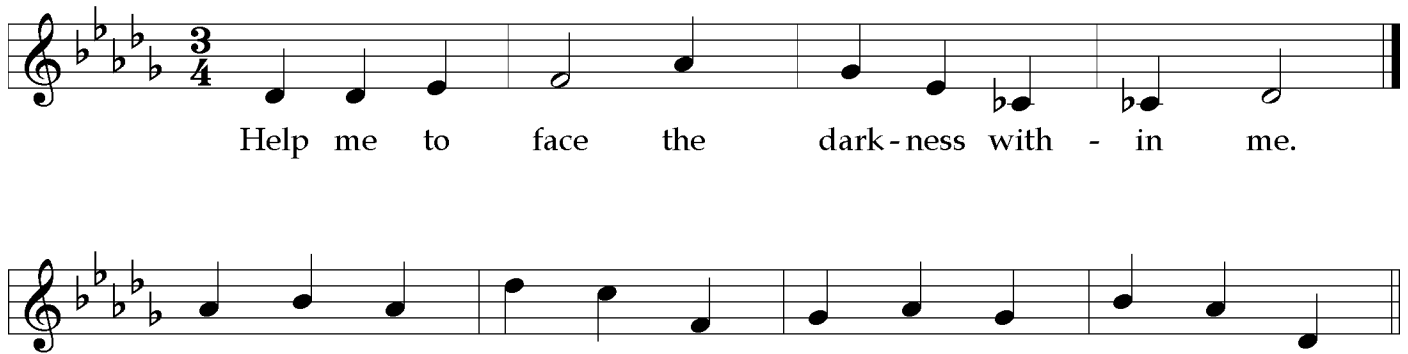


Year B, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**!