

Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18 - responsorial

Begin by saying, The response to the words, *Search me out, O God is,*
Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

Then say, Search me out, O God,
and lead the response, **Search me out, O God, and know my heart.**

Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it.

Search me out, O God,
Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Search me out, O God,
Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; already in your book were all my members written,

As day by day they were fashioned when as yet there was none of them.

How deep are your counsels to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

Search me out, O God,
Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

Creator God, may every breath we take be for your glory, may every footstep show you as our way, that, trusting in your presence in this world, we may, beyond this life, still be with you where you are alive and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Search me out, O God,
Search me out, O God, and know my heart.