

Refrain: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

1 Sing merrily to God our strength, □

shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

2 Take up the song and sound the timbrel, □

the tuneful lyre with the harp.

3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, □

as at the full moon, upon our solemn feast day.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, □

a law of the God of Jacob,

5 The charge he laid on the people of Joseph, □

when they came out of the land of Egypt. [R]

6 I heard a voice I did not know, that said: □

‘I eased their shoulder from the burden;

their hands were set free from bearing the load.

7 ‘You called upon me in trouble and I delivered you; □

I answered you from the secret place of thunder

and proved you at the waters of Meribah.

8 ‘Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: □

O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9 ‘There shall be no strange god among you; □

you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 'I am the Lord your God,

who brought you up from the land of Egypt; □

open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.' [R]

11 But my people would not hear my voice □

and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I sent them away in the stubbornness of their hearts, □

and let them walk after their own counsels.

13 O that my people would listen to me, □

that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 Then I should soon put down their enemies □

and turn my hand against their adversaries.

15 Those who hate the Lord would be humbled before him, □

and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat □

and with honey from the rock would I satisfy them.

Refrain: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

Father of mercy,

keep us joyful in your salvation

and faithful to your covenant;

and, as we journey to your kingdom,

ever feed us with the bread of life,

your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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