

Refrain: Righteous are you, O Lord, and true are your judgements.

1 Lord God to whom vengeance belongs, □

O God to whom vengeance belongs, shine out in majesty.

2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth; □

give the arrogant their just deserts.

3 Lord, how long shall the wicked, □

how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 How long shall the evildoers boast □

and pour out such impudent words? [R]

5 They crush your people, O Lord, □

and afflict your heritage.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger; □

the orphans they put to death.

7 And yet they say, 'The Lord will not see, □

neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.' [R]

8 Consider, most stupid of people; □

you fools, when will you understand?

9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? □

He that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 He who corrects the nations, shall he not punish? □

He who teaches the peoples, does he lack knowledge?

11 The Lord knows every human thought, □

that they are but a breath. [R]

12 Blessed are those whom you chasten, O Lord, □

whom you instruct from your law;

13 That you may give them rest in days of adversity, □

until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the Lord will not fail his people, □

neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 For justice shall return to the righteous, □

and all that are true of heart shall follow it. [R]

16 Who will rise up for me against the wicked? □

Who will take my part against the evildoers?

17 If the Lord had not helped me, □

my soul would soon have been put to silence.

18 And when I said, 'My foot has slipped', □

your loving mercy, O Lord, upheld me.

19 In the multitude of cares that troubled my heart, □

your comforts have refreshed my soul. [R]

20 Will you have anything to do with the throne of wickedness, □

which fashions evil through its law?

21 They gather together against the life of the righteous □

and condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the Lord has become my stronghold □

and my God the rock of my trust.

23 He will turn against them their own wickedness

and silence them through their own malice; ☩

the Lord our God will put them to silence.

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Lord God, judge of all,

before whom no secrets are hidden,

let your justice shine out

and your righteousness sweep wickedness from its throne,

that we may live free from fear and stumbling;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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