

Refrain: The Lord remembered his covenant.

1 Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, □

for his faithfulness endures for ever.

2 Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord □

or show forth all his praise □

3 Blessed are those who observe what is right □

and always do what is just.

4 Remember me, O Lord, in the favour you bear for your people; □

visit me in the day of your salvation;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your chosen

and rejoice in the gladness of your people, □

and exult with your inheritance. [R]

6 We have sinned like our forebears; □

we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

7 In Egypt they did not consider your wonders,

nor remember the abundance of your faithful love; □

they rebelled against the Most High at the Red Sea.

8 But he saved them for his name's sake, □

that he might make his power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea and it was dried up; □

so he led them through the deep as through the wilderness.

10 He saved them from the adversary's hand □

and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 As for those that troubled them, the waters overwhelmed them; □

there was not one of them left.

12 Then they believed his words □

and sang aloud his praise. *[R]*

13 But soon they forgot his deeds □

and would not wait for his counsel.

14 A craving seized them in the wilderness, □

and they put God to the test in the desert.

15 He gave them their desire, □

but sent a wasting sickness among them.

16 They grew jealous of Moses in the camp □

and of Aaron, the holy one of the Lord.

17 So the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan □

and covered the company of Abiram.

18 A fire was kindled in their company; □

the flame burnt up the wicked. *[R]*

19 They made a calf at Horeb □

and worshipped the molten image;

20 Thus they exchanged their glory □

for the image of an ox that feeds on hay.

21 They forgot God their saviour, □

who had done such great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham □

and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,

had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, □

to turn away his wrath from consuming them. *[R]*

24 Then they scorned the Promised Land □

and would not believe his word,

25 But murmured in their tents □

and would not heed the voice of the Lord.

26 So he lifted his hand against them □

and swore to overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 To disperse their descendants among the nations, □

and to scatter them throughout the lands. *[R]*

28 They joined themselves to the Baal of Peor □

and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

29 They provoked him to anger with their evil deeds □

and a plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and interceded □

and so the plague was stayed.

31 This was counted to him for righteousness □

throughout all generations for ever.

32 They angered him also at the waters of Meribah, □

so that Moses suffered for their sake;

33 For they so embittered his spirit □

that he spoke rash words with his lips. *[R]*

34 They did not destroy the peoples □

as the Lord had commanded them.

35 They mingled with the nations □

and learned to follow their ways,

36 So that they worshipped their idols, □

which became to them a snare.

37 Their own sons and daughters □

they sacrificed to evil spirits.

38 They shed innocent blood, □

the blood of their sons and daughters,

39 Which they offered to the idols of Canaan, □

and the land was defiled with blood.

40 Thus were they polluted by their actions, □

and in their wanton deeds went whoring after other gods.[R]

41 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord

kindled against his people, □

and he abhorred his inheritance.

42 He gave them over to the hand of the nations, □

and those who hated them ruled over them.

43 So their enemies oppressed them □

and put them in subjection under their hand.

44 Many a time did he deliver them,

but they rebelled through their own devices □

and were brought down through their wickedness.

45 Nevertheless, he saw their adversity, □

when he heard their lamentation.

46 He remembered his covenant with them □

and relented according to the greatness of his faithful love.

47 He made them also to be pitied □

by all who had taken them captive. [R]

48 Save us, O Lord our God,

and gather us from among the nations, □

that we may give thanks to your holy name

and glory in your praise.

49 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

from everlasting and to everlasting; ☩

and let all the people say, Amen.

Alleluia.

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Holy God,

when our memories blot out your kindness

and we ignore your patient love,

remember us, re-make us,

and give to us poor sinners

the rich inheritance of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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