

1 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, □

in the city of our God.

2 His holy mountain is fair and lifted high, □

the joy of all the earth.

3 On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place, □

stands the city of the great king.

4 In her palaces God has shown himself □

to be a sure refuge.

5 For behold, the kings of the earth assembled □

and swept forward together.

6 They saw, and were dumbfounded; □

dismayed, they fled in terror.

7 Trembling seized them there;

they writhed like a woman in labour, □

as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

8 As we had heard, so have we seen

in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God: □

God has established her for ever.

9 We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God, □

in the midst of your temple.

10 As with your name, O God,

so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; □

your right hand is full of justice.

11 Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad, □

because of your judgements, O Lord.

12 Walk about Zion and go round about her;

count all her towers; □

consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,

13 That you may tell those who come after

that such is our God for ever and ever. □

It is he that shall be our guide for evermore.

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