

1 Alleluia.

How good it is to make music for our God, □

how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem □

and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted □

and binds up all their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars □

and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; □

his wisdom is beyond all telling.

6 The Lord lifts up the poor, □

but casts down the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; □

make music to our God upon the lyre;

8 Who covers the heavens with clouds □

and prepares rain for the earth;

9 Who makes grass to grow upon the mountains □

and green plants to serve our needs.

10 He gives the beasts their food □

and the young ravens when they cry.

11 He takes no pleasure in the power of a horse, □

no delight in human strength;

12 But the Lord delights in those who fear him, □

who put their trust in his steadfast love.

13 Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem; □

praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates □

and has blest your children within you.

15 He has established peace in your borders □

and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends forth his command to the earth □

and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool □

and scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He casts down his hailstones like morsels of bread; □

who can endure his frost?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; □

he blows with his wind and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, □

his statutes and judgements to Israel.

21 He has not dealt so with any other nation; □

they do not know his laws.

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