

Refrain: The Lord is the strength of his people,

a safe refuge for his anointed.

1 Why are the nations in tumult, □

and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?

2 The kings of the earth rise up,

and the rulers take counsel together, □

against the Lord and against his anointed:

3 'Let us break their bonds asunder □

and cast away their cords from us.' [R]

4 He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; □

the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak to them in his wrath □

and terrify them in his fury:

6 'Yet have I set my king □

upon my holy hill of Zion.' [R]

7 I will proclaim the decree of the Lord; □

he said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 'Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance □

and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron □

and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.' [R]

10 Now therefore be wise, O kings; □

be prudent, you judges of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet, □

lest he be angry and you perish from the way,

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

12 Happy are all they □

who take refuge in him.

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Most high and holy God,

lift our eyes to your Son

enthroned on Calvary;

and as we behold his meekness,

shatter our earthly pride;

for he is Lord for ever and ever.

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