

Refrain: Give judgement for me

according to my righteousness, O Lord.

1 O Lord my God, in you I take refuge; □

save me from all who pursue me, and deliver me,

2 Lest they rend me like a lion and tear me in pieces □

while there is no one to help me.

3 O Lord my God, if I have done these things: □

if there is any wickedness in my hands,

4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, □

or plundered my enemy without a cause,

5 Then let my enemy pursue me and overtake me, □

trample my life to the ground,

and lay my honour in the dust. [R]

6 Rise up, O Lord, in your wrath;

lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies. □

Awaken, my God, the judgement that you have commanded.

7 Let the assembly of the peoples gather round you; □

be seated high above them: O Lord, judge the nations.

8 Give judgement for me

according to my righteousness, O Lord, □

and according to the innocence that is in me.

9 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,

but establish the righteous; □

for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God. [R]

10 God is my shield that is over me; □

he saves the true of heart.

11 God is a righteous judge; □

he is provoked all day long.

12 If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; □

he has bent his bow and made it ready.

13 He has prepared the weapons of death; □

he makes his arrows shafts of fire. [R]

14 Behold those who are in labour with wickedness, □

who conceive evil and give birth to lies.

15 They dig a pit and make it deep □

and fall into the hole that they have made for others.

16 Their mischief rebounds on their own head; □

their violence falls on their own scalp.

17 I will give thanks to the Lord for his righteousness, □

and I will make music to the name of the Lord Most High.

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Lord, your justice turns evil on itself:

move us to examine our hearts

and repent of all duplicity;

for the sake of Jesus Christ,

our Judge and righteous Saviour.

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