

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

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. [*R*]

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. [*R*]

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. [*R*]

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. *[R]*

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. *[R]*

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? *[R]*

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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Compassionate God,

as you know each star you have created,

so you know the secrets of every heart;

in your loving mercy bring to your table

all who are fearful and broken,

all who are wounded and needy,

that our hungers may be satisfied

in the city of your peace;

through Christ who is our peace.

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