

*Refrain: Behold, God is my helper.*

1 Save me, O God, by your name <sup>□</sup>

and vindicate me by your power.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; <sup>□</sup>

give heed to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers have risen up against me,

and the ruthless seek after my life; <sup>□</sup>

they have not set God before them.

4 Behold, God is my helper; <sup>□</sup>

it is the Lord who upholds my life. [R]

5 May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me; <sup>□</sup>

destroy them in your faithfulness.

6 An offering of a free heart will I give you <sup>□</sup>

and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.

7 For he has delivered me out of all my trouble, <sup>□</sup>

and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies.

*Refrain: Behold, God is my helper.*

*O living God,*

*reach through the violence of the proud*

*and the despair of the weak*

*to create in Jesus Christ*

*a people free to praise your holy name,*

*now and for ever.*

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