

Refrain: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, □

when we remembered Zion.

2 As for our lyres, we hung them up □

on the willows that grow in that land.

3 For there our captors asked for a song,

our tormentors called for mirth: □

‘Sing us one of the songs of Zion.’ [R]

4 How shall we sing the Lord’s song □

in a strange land?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, □

let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth

if I do not remember you, □

if I set not Jerusalem above my highest joy. [R]

7 Remember, O Lord, against the people of Edom

the day of Jerusalem, □

how they said, ‘Down with it, down with it,

even to the ground.’

8 O daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, □

happy the one who repays you

for all you have done to us;

9 Who takes your little ones, ☩

and dashes them against the rock.

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God of our pilgrimage,

you sent your Son to our strange land

to bring us home to you;

give us your songs to sing,

that even in our exile

we may be filled with the breath of the Spirit

of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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