

Refrain: Blessed are they who dwell in your house.

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! □

My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: □

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Blessed are they who dwell in your house: □

they will always be praising you. [R]

4 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, □

in whose heart are the highways to Zion,

5 Who going through the barren valley find there a spring, □

and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

6 They will go from strength to strength □

and appear before God in Zion. [R]

7 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; □

listen, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God, □

and look upon the face of your anointed.

9 For one day in your courts □

is better than a thousand. [R]

10 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God □

than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

11 For the Lord God is both sun and shield;

he will give grace and glory; □

no good thing shall the Lord withhold

from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord God of hosts, □

blessed are those who put their trust in you.

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Lord God,

sustain us in this vale of tears

with the vision of your grace and glory,

that, strengthened by the bread of life,

we may come to your eternal dwelling place;

in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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