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A song of ascents.^a *A term of uncertain meaning.*

In my distress I called to the LORD
and He answered me.

O LORD, save me from treacherous lips,
from a deceitful tongue!

What can you profit,
what can you gain,
O deceitful tongue?

A warrior's sharp arrows,
with hot coals of broom-wood.

Woe is me, that I live with Meshech,
that I dwell among the clans of Kedar.

Too long have I dwelt with those who hate peace.

I am all peace;
but when I speak,
they are for war.

121

A song for ascents.

I turn my eyes to the mountains;
from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,

maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot give way;
your guardian will not slumber;

See, the guardian of Israel
neither slumbers nor sleeps!

The LORD is your guardian,
the LORD is your protection
at your right hand.

By day the sun will not strike you,
nor the moon by night.

The LORD will guard you from all harm;
He will guard your life.

The LORD will guard your going and coming
now and forever.

122

A song of ascents. Of David. I rejoiced when they said to me,
“We are going to the House of the LORD.”

Our feet stood inside your gates, O Jerusalem,

Jerusalem built up, a city knit together,

to which tribes would make pilgrimage,
the tribes of the LORD,

—as was enjoined upon Israel—
to praise the name of the LORD.

There the thrones of judgment stood,

thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the well-being of Jerusalem;
“May those who love you be at peace.

May there be well-being within your ramparts,
peace in your citadels.”

For the sake of my kin and friends,
I pray for your well-being;

for the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I seek your good.

123

A song of ascents.

To You, enthroned in heaven,
I turn my eyes.

As the eyes of slaves follow their master’s hand,
as the eyes of a slave-girl follow the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are toward the LORD our God,
awaiting His favor.

Show us favor, O LORD,
show us favor!
We have had more than enough of contempt.

Long enough have we endured
the scorn of the complacent,
the contempt of the haughty.

124

A song of ascents. Of David.

Were it not for the LORD, who was on our side,
let Israel now declare,

were it not for the LORD, who was on our side
when men assailed us,

they would have swallowed us alive
in their burning rage against us;

the waters would have carried us off,
the torrent would have swept over us;

over us would have swept
the seething waters.

Blessed is the LORD, who did not let us
be ripped apart by their teeth.

We are like a bird escaped from the fowler's trap;
the trap broke and we escaped.

Our help is the name of the LORD,
maker of heaven and earth.

125

A song of ascents.

Those who trust in the LORD
are like Mount Zion
that cannot be moved,
enduring forever.

Jerusalem, hills enfold it,
and the LORD enfolds His people

now and forever.

^a*Meaning of Heb. uncertain.* The scepter of the wicked shall never rest upon the land allotted to the righteous, that the righteous not set their hand to wrongdoing. ^{-a}

Do good, O LORD, to the good,
to the upright in heart.

^a*Meaning of Heb. uncertain.* But those who in their crookedness act corruptly, ^{-a} let the LORD make them go the way of evildoers. May it be well with Israel!

126

A song of ascents.

When the LORD restores the fortunes of Zion

— ^a*Lit. “we are veritable dreamers.”* we see it as in a dream ^{-a}
—

our mouths shall be filled with laughter,
our tongues, with songs of joy.
Then shall they say among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them!”

The LORD will do great things for us
and we shall rejoice.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,

like watercourses in the Negeb.

They who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.

Though he goes along weeping,
carrying the seed-bag,
he shall come back with songs of joy,
carrying his sheaves.

127

A song of ascents. Of Solomon.

Unless the LORD builds the house,
its builders labor in vain on it;
unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman keeps vigil in vain.

In vain do you rise early
and stay up late,
you who toil for the bread you eat;

^a*Meaning of Heb. uncertain.* He provides as much for His
loved ones while they sleep.^{-a}

Sons are the provision^b *Lit. "heritage."* of the LORD;
the fruit of the womb, His reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are sons born to a man in his youth.

Happy is the man who fills his quiver with them;
they shall not be put to shame

when they contend with the enemy in the gate.

128

A song of ascents.

Happy are all who fear the LORD,
who follow His ways.

You shall enjoy the fruit of your labors;
you shall be happy and you shall prosper.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your sons, like olive saplings around your table.

So shall the man who fears the LORD be blessed.

May the LORD bless you from Zion;
may you share the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life,

and live to see your children's children.

May all be well with Israel!

129

A song of ascents.

Since my youth they have often assailed me,
let Israel now declare,

since my youth they have often assailed me,
but they have never overcome me.

Plowmen plowed across my back;

they made long furrows.

The LORD, the righteous one,
has snapped the cords of the wicked.

Let all who hate Zion
fall back in disgrace.

Let them be like grass on roofs
that fades before it can be pulled up,
that affords no handful for the reaper,
no armful for the gatherer of sheaves,
no exchange with passersby:
“The blessing of the LORD be upon you.”
“We bless you by the name of the LORD.”

130

A song of ascents.

Out of the depths I call You, O LORD.

O Lord, listen to my cry;
let Your ears be attentive
to my plea for mercy.

If You keep account of sins, O LORD,
Lord, who will survive?

Yours is the power to forgive
so that You may be held in awe.

I look to the LORD;

I look to Him;
I await His word.

I am more eager for the Lord
than watchmen for the morning,
watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD;
for with the LORD is steadfast love
and great power to redeem.

It is He who will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

131

A song of ascents. Of David.

O LORD, my heart is not proud
nor my look haughty;
I do not aspire to great things
or to what is beyond me;

^a*Meaning of Heb. uncertain.* but I have taught myself to be
contented

like a weaned child with its mother;

like a weaned child am I in my mind.^{-a}

O Israel, wait for the LORD
now and forever.

132

A song of ascents.

O LORD, remember in David's favor
his extreme self-denial,

how he swore to the LORD,
vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,

“I will not enter my house,
nor will I mount my bed,

I will not give sleep to my eyes,
or slumber to my eyelids^a *Lit. “eyes.”*

until I find a place for the LORD,
an abode for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

We heard it was in Ephrath;

we came upon it in the region of Jaar.^b *Cf. 1 Sam. 7.1–2; 1
Chron. 13.5–6.*

Let us enter His abode,
bow at His footstool.

Advance, O LORD, to Your resting-place,
You and Your mighty Ark!

Your priests are clothed in triumph;
Your loyal ones sing for joy.

For the sake of Your servant David
do not reject Your anointed one.

The LORD swore to David

a firm oath that He will not renounce,
“One of your own issue I will set upon your throne.

If your sons keep My covenant
and My decrees that I teach them,
then their sons also,
to the end of time,
shall sit upon your throne.”

For the LORD has chosen Zion;
He has desired it for His seat.

“This is my resting-place for all time;
here I will dwell, for I desire it.

I will amply bless its store of food,
give its needy their fill of bread.

I will clothe its priests in victory,
its loyal ones shall sing for joy.

There I will make a horn sprout for David;
I have prepared a lamp for My anointed one.

I will clothe his enemies in disgrace,
while on him his crown shall sparkle.”

133

A song of ascents. Of David.

How good and how pleasant it is
that brothers dwell together.

It is like fine oil on the head
running down onto the beard,

the beard of Aaron,
that comes down over the collar of his robe;

like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the mountains of Zion.
There the LORD ordained blessing,
everlasting life.

134

A song of ascents.

Now bless the LORD,
all you servants of the LORD
who stand nightly
in the house of the LORD.

Lift your hands toward the sanctuary
and bless the LORD.

May the LORD,
maker of heaven and earth,
bless you from Zion.

135

Hallelujah.

Praise the name of the LORD;
give praise, you servants of the LORD

who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God.

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing hymns to His name, for it is pleasant.

For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself,
Israel, as His treasured possession.

For I know that the LORD is great,
that our Lord is greater than all gods.

Whatever the LORD desires He does
in heaven and earth,
in the seas and all the depths.

He makes clouds rise from the end of the earth;
He makes lightning for the rain;
He releases the wind from His vaults.

He struck down the first-born of Egypt,
man and beast alike;

He sent signs and portents against^a *Others* “*against you.*”
Egypt,
against Pharaoh and all his servants;

He struck down many nations
and slew numerous kings—

Sihon, king of the Amorites,
Og, king of Bashan,
and all the royalty of Canaan—

and gave their lands as a heritage,
as a heritage to His people Israel.

O LORD, Your name endures forever,

Your fame, O LORD, through all generations;
for the LORD will champion His people,
and obtain satisfaction for His servants.

^b*With vv. 15–20, cf. Ps. 115.4–11.* The idols of the nations are
silver and gold,
the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, but cannot speak;
they have eyes, but cannot see;
they have ears, but cannot hear,
nor is there breath in their mouths.

Those who fashion them,
all who trust in them,
shall become like them.

O house of Israel, bless the LORD;
O house of Aaron, bless the LORD;

O house of Levi, bless the LORD;
you who fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

Blessed is the LORD from Zion,
He who dwells in Jerusalem.
Hallelujah.

136

Praise the LORD; for He is good,
His steadfast love is eternal.

Praise the God of gods,
His steadfast love is eternal.

Praise the Lord of lords,
His steadfast love is eternal;

Who alone works great marvels,
His steadfast love is eternal;

Who made the heavens with wisdom,
His steadfast love is eternal;

Who spread the earth over the water,
His steadfast love is eternal;

Who made the great lights,
His steadfast love is eternal;

the sun to dominate the day,
His steadfast love is eternal;

the moon and the stars to dominate the night,
His steadfast love is eternal;

Who struck Egypt through their first-born,
His steadfast love is eternal;

and brought Israel out of their midst,
His steadfast love is eternal;

with a strong hand and outstretched arm,
His steadfast love is eternal;

Who split apart the Sea of Reeds,
His steadfast love is eternal;

and made Israel pass through it,
His steadfast love is eternal;

Who hurled Pharaoh and his army into the Sea of Reeds,
His steadfast love is eternal;

Who led His people through the wilderness,
His steadfast love is eternal;

Who struck down great kings,
His steadfast love is eternal;

and slew mighty kings—
His steadfast love is eternal;

Sihon, king of the Amorites,
His steadfast love is eternal;

Og, king of Bashan—
His steadfast love is eternal;

and gave their land as a heritage,
His steadfast love is eternal;

a heritage to His servant Israel,
His steadfast love is eternal;

Who took note of us in our degradation,
His steadfast love is eternal;

and rescued us from our enemies,
His steadfast love is eternal;

Who gives food to all flesh,
His steadfast love is eternal.

Praise the God of heaven,
His steadfast love is eternal.

137

By the rivers of Babylon,
there we sat,
sat and wept,
as we thought of Zion.

There on the poplars
we hung up our lyres,

for our captors asked us there for songs,
our tormentors,^a *Meaning of Heb. uncertain.* for amusement:
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”

How can we sing a song of the LORD
on alien soil?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither;^b *Others “forget its cunning.”*

let my tongue stick to my palate
if I cease to think of you,
if I do not keep Jerusalem in memory
even at my happiest hour.

Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites
the day of Jerusalem’s fall;
how they cried, “Strip her, strip her
to her very foundations!”

Fair Babylon, you predator,^c *With Targum; others “who are to be destroyed.”*

a blessing on him who repays you in kind
what you have inflicted on us;

a blessing on him who seizes your babies
and dashes them against the rocks!

138

Of David.

I praise You with all my heart,
sing a hymn to You before the divine beings;

I bow toward Your holy temple
and praise Your name for Your steadfast love and
faithfulness,

because You have exalted^a *Meaning of Heb. uncertain.* Your
name, Your word, above all.^a

When I called, You answered me,

^a*Meaning of Heb. uncertain.* You inspired me with courage.^{-a}

All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD,
for they have heard the words You spoke.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
“Great is the majesty of the LORD!”

High though the LORD is, He sees the lowly;
lofty, He perceives from afar.

Though I walk among enemies,

You preserve me in the face of my foes;
You extend Your hand;
with Your right hand You deliver me.

The LORD will settle accounts for me.
O LORD, Your steadfast love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of Your hands.

139

For the leader. Of David. A psalm.

O LORD, You have examined me and know me.

When I sit down or stand up You know it;
You discern my thoughts from afar.

^a*Meaning of Heb. uncertain.* You observe^{-a} my walking and
reclining,
and are familiar with all my ways.

There is not a word on my tongue
but that You, O LORD, know it well.

You hedge me before and behind;
You lay Your hand upon me.

It is beyond my knowledge;
it is a mystery; I cannot fathom it.

Where can I escape from Your spirit?
Where can I flee from Your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
if I descend to Sheol, You are there too.

If I take wing with the dawn
to come to rest on the western horizon,
even there Your hand will be guiding me,
Your right hand will be holding me fast.

If I say, “Surely darkness^b *Cf. Rashi, Ibn Ezra; meaning of Heb. uncertain.* will conceal me,
night will provide me with cover,”^{-b}

darkness is not dark for You;
night is as light as day;
darkness and light are the same.

It was You who created my conscience;^c *Lit. “kidneys.”*
You fashioned me in my mother’s womb.

I praise You,
for I am awesomely, wondrously made;
Your work is wonderful;
I know it very well.

My frame was not concealed from You
when I was shaped in a hidden place,
knit together in the recesses of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed limbs;
they were all recorded in Your book;
in due time they were formed,

^a*Meaning of Heb. uncertain.* to the very last one of them.^{-a}

How weighty Your thoughts seem to me, O God,

how great their number!

I count them—they exceed the grains of sand;
I end—but am still with You.

O God, if You would only slay the wicked—
you murderers, away from me!—

^a*Meaning of Heb. uncertain.* who invoke You for intrigue,
Your enemies who swear by You falsely.^{-a}

O LORD, You know I hate those who hate You,
and loathe Your adversaries.

I feel a perfect hatred toward them;
I count them my enemies.

Examine me, O God, and know my mind;
probe me and know my thoughts.

See if I have vexatious ways,
and guide me in ways everlasting.

140

For the leader. A psalm of David.

Rescue me, O LORD, from evil men;
save me from the lawless,

whose minds are full of evil schemes,
who plot war every day.

They sharpen their tongues like serpents;
spiders' poison is on their lips. *Selah*.

O LORD, keep me out of the clutches of the wicked;
save me from lawless men

who scheme to ^a*Lit. "push my feet."* make me fall. ^{-a}

Arrogant men laid traps with ropes for me;
they spread out a net along the way;
they set snares for me. *Selah*.

I said to the LORD: You are my God;
give ear, O LORD, to my pleas for mercy.

O GOD, my Lord, the strength of my deliverance,
You protected my head on the day of battle. ^b*Lit. "arms."*

O LORD, do not grant the desires of the wicked;
do not let their plan succeed,

^c*Meaning of Heb. uncertain.* else they be exalted. *Selah*.

May the heads of those who beset me
be covered with the mischief of their lips. ^{-c}

may coals of fire drop down upon them,
and they be cast into pits, never to rise again.

Let slanderers have no place in the land;
let the evil of the lawless man drive him into corrals.

I know that the LORD will champion
the cause of the poor, the right of the needy.

Righteous men shall surely praise Your name;
the upright shall dwell in Your presence.

141

A psalm of David.

I call You, O LORD, hasten to me;
give ear to my cry when I call You.

Take my prayer as an offering of incense,
my upraised hands as an evening sacrifice.

O LORD, set a guard over my mouth,
a watch at the door of my lips;

let my mind not turn to an evil thing,
to practice deeds of wickedness
with men who are evildoers;
let me not feast on their dainties.

^a*Meaning of vv. 5–7 uncertain.* Let the righteous man strike
me in loyalty,
let him reprove me;
let my head not refuse such choice oil.

My prayers are still against their^b *I.e., the evildoers of v. 4.*
evil deeds.

May their judges slip on the rock,
but let my words be heard, for they are sweet.

As when the earth is cleft and broken up
our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol.

My eyes are fixed upon You, O GOD my Lord;
I seek refuge in You, do not put me in jeopardy.

Keep me from the trap laid for me,
and from the snares of evildoers.

Let the wicked fall into their nets
while I alone come through.

142

A maskil of David, while he was in the cave.^a *Cf. 1 Sam.*
24.3–4. A prayer.

I cry aloud to the LORD;
I appeal to the LORD loudly for mercy.

I pour out my complaint before Him;
I lay my trouble before Him

when my spirit fails within me.
You know my course;
they have laid a trap in the path I walk.

Look at my right and see—
I have no friend;
there is nowhere I can flee,
no one cares about me.

So I cry to You, O LORD;
I say, “You are my refuge,

all I have in the land of the living.”

Listen to my cry, for I have been brought very low;
save me from my pursuers,
for they are too strong for me.

Free me from prison,
that I may praise Your name.

The righteous ^b *Meaning of Heb. uncertain.* shall glory in me ^{-b}
for Your gracious dealings with me.

143

A psalm of David.

O LORD, hear my prayer;
give ear to my plea, as You are faithful;
answer me, as You are beneficent.

Do not enter into judgment with Your servant,
for before You no creature is in the right.

My foe hounded me;
he crushed me to the ground;
he made me dwell in darkness
like those long dead.

My spirit failed within me;
my mind was numbed with horror.

Then I thought of the days of old;
I rehearsed all Your deeds,
recounted the work of Your hands.

I stretched out my hands to You,
longing for You like thirsty earth. *Selah*.

Answer me quickly, O LORD;
my spirit can endure no more.
Do not hide Your face from me,
or I shall become like those who descend into the Pit.

Let me learn of Your faithfulness by daybreak,
for in You I trust;
let me know the road I must take,
for on You I have set my hope.

Save me from my foes, O LORD;

^a*Meaning of Heb. uncertain.* to You I look for cover. ^{-a}

Teach me to do Your will,
for You are my God.
Let Your gracious spirit lead me
on level ground.

For the sake of Your name, O LORD, preserve me;
as You are beneficent, free me from distress.

As You are faithful, put an end to my foes;
destroy all my mortal enemies,
for I am Your servant.

144

Of David.

Blessed is the LORD, my rock,

who trains my hands for battle,
my fingers for warfare;

my faithful one, my fortress,
my haven and my deliverer,
my shield, in whom I take shelter,

who makes peoples^a *So Targum, Saadia; others "my people."*
subject to me.

O LORD, what is man that You should care about him,
mortal man, that You should think of him?

Man is like a breath;
his days are like a passing shadow.

O LORD, bend Your sky and come down;
touch the mountains and they will smoke.

Make lightning flash and scatter them;
shoot Your arrows and rout them.

Reach Your hand down from on high;
rescue me, save me from the mighty waters,
from the hands of foreigners,

whose mouths speak lies,
and whose oaths^b *With Rashi; lit. "right hand."* are false.

O God, I will sing You a new song,
sing a hymn to You with a ten-stringed harp,
to You who give victory to kings,

who rescue His servant David from the deadly sword.

Rescue me, save me from the hands of foreigners,
whose mouths speak lies,
and whose oaths^b *With Rashi; lit. "right hand."* are false.

^c*The meaning of several phrases in vv. 12–14 is uncertain.* For
our sons are like saplings,
well-tended in their youth;
our daughters are like cornerstones
trimmed to give shape to a palace.

Our storehouses are full,
supplying produce of all kinds;
our flocks number thousands,
even myriads, in our fields;
our cattle are well cared for.
There is no breaching and no sortie,
and no wailing in our streets.

Happy the people who have it so;
happy the people whose God is the LORD.

145

A song of praise. Of David.

I will extol You, my God and king,
and bless Your name forever and ever.

Every day will I bless You

and praise Your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD and much acclaimed;
His greatness cannot be fathomed.

One generation shall laud Your works to another
and declare Your mighty acts.

The glorious majesty of Your splendor

^a*A Qumran Pss. scroll reads: “they will speak of, and Your wonders.”* and Your wondrous acts^{-a} will I recite.

Men shall talk of the might of Your awesome deeds,
and I will recount Your greatness.

They shall celebrate Your abundant goodness,
and sing joyously of Your beneficence.

The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

The LORD is good to all,
and His mercy is upon all His works.

All Your works shall praise You, O LORD,
and Your faithful ones shall bless You.

They shall talk of the majesty of Your kingship,
and speak of Your might,

to make His mighty acts known among men
and the majestic glory of His kingship.

Your kingship is an eternal kingship;

Your dominion is for all generations.

The LORD supports all who stumble,
and makes all who are bent stand straight.

The eyes of all look to You expectantly,
and You give them their food when it is due.

You give it openhandedly,
feeding every creature to its heart's content.

The LORD is beneficent in all His ways
and faithful in all His works.

The LORD is near to all who call Him,
to all who call Him with sincerity.

He fulfills the wishes of those who fear Him;
He hears their cry and delivers them.

The LORD watches over all who love Him,
but all the wicked He will destroy.

My mouth shall utter the praise of the LORD,
and all creatures^b *Lit. "flesh."* shall bless His holy name
forever and ever.

146

Hallelujah.

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD all my life,
sing hymns to my God while I exist.

Put not your trust in the great,
in mortal man who cannot save.

His breath departs;
he returns to the dust;
on that day his plans come to nothing.

Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

maker of heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

who secures justice for those who are wronged,
gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free;

The LORD restores sight to the blind;
the LORD makes those who are bent stand straight;
the LORD loves the righteous;

The LORD watches over the stranger;
He gives courage to the orphan and widow,
but makes the path of the wicked tortuous.

The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Hallelujah.

147

Hallelujah.

It is good to chant hymns to our God;
it is pleasant to sing glorious praise.

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;
He gathers in the exiles of Israel.

He heals their broken hearts,
and binds up their wounds.

He reckoned the number of the stars;
to each He gave its name.

Great is our Lord and full of power;
His wisdom is beyond reckoning.

The LORD gives courage to the lowly,
and brings the wicked down to the dust.

Sing to the LORD a song of praise,
chant a hymn with a lyre to our God,

who covers the heavens with clouds,
provides rain for the earth,
makes mountains put forth grass;

who gives the beasts their food,
to the raven's brood what they cry for.

He does not prize the strength of horses,
nor value the fleetness^a *Lit. "thighs."* of men;

but the LORD values those who fear Him,
those who depend on His faithful care.

O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD;
praise your God, O Zion!

For He made the bars of your gates strong,
and blessed your children within you.

He endows your realm with well-being,
and satisfies you with choice wheat.

He sends forth His word to the earth;
His command runs swiftly.

He lays down snow like fleece,
scatters frost like ashes.

He tosses down hail like crumbs—
who can endure His icy cold?

He issues a command—it melts them;
He breathes—the waters flow.

He issued His commands to Jacob,
His statutes and rules to Israel.

He did not do so for any other nation;
of such rules they know nothing.

Hallelujah.

148

Hallelujah.

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise Him on high.

Praise Him, all His angels,
praise Him, all His hosts.

Praise Him, sun and moon,
praise Him, all bright stars.

Praise Him, highest heavens,
and you waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for it was He who commanded that they be created.

He made them endure forever,
establishing an order that shall never change.

Praise the LORD, O you who are on earth,
all sea monsters and ocean depths,

fire and hail, snow and smoke,
storm wind that executes His command,

all mountains and hills,
all fruit trees and cedars,

all wild and tamed beasts,
creeping things and winged birds,

all kings and peoples of the earth,
all princes of the earth and its judges,

youths and maidens alike,
old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for His name, His alone, is sublime;

His splendor covers heaven and earth.

He has exalted the horn of His people
for the glory of all His faithful ones,
Israel, the people close to Him.
Hallelujah.

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Hallelujah.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
His praises in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in its maker;
let the children of Zion exult in their king.

Let them praise His name in dance;
with timbrel and lyre let them chant His praises.

For the LORD delights in His people;
He adorns the lowly with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them shout for joy upon their couches,

with paeans to God in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,

to impose retribution upon the nations,
punishment upon the peoples,

binding their kings with shackles,
their nobles with chains of iron,

executing the doom decreed against them.
This is the glory of all His faithful.

Hallelujah.

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Hallelujah.

Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in the sky, His stronghold.

Praise Him for His mighty acts;
praise Him for^a *Or “as befits.”* His exceeding greatness.

Praise Him with blasts of the horn;
praise Him with harp and lyre.

Praise Him with timbrel and dance;
praise Him with lute and pipe.

Praise Him with resounding cymbals;
praise Him with loud-clashing cymbals.

Let all that breathes praise the LORD.
Hallelujah.