



*Refrain: The Lord has been mindful of us and he will bless us.*

1 Not to us, Lord, not to us,

but to your name give the glory, □

for the sake of your loving mercy and truth.

2 Why should the nations say, □

‘Where is now their God?’

3 As for our God, he is in heaven; □

he does whatever he pleases.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, □

the work of human hands. [R]

5 They have mouths, but cannot speak; □

eyes have they, but cannot see;

6 They have ears, but cannot hear; □

noses have they, but cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but cannot feel;

feet have they, but cannot walk; □

not a whisper do they make from their throats.

8 Those who make them shall become like them □

and so will all who put their trust in them. [R]

9 But you, Israel, put your trust in the Lord; □

he is their help and their shield.

10 House of Aaron, trust in the Lord; □

he is their help and their shield.

11 You that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; □

he is their help and their shield.

12 The Lord has been mindful of us and he will bless us; □

may he bless the house of Israel;

may he bless the house of Aaron;

13 May he bless those who fear the Lord, □

both small and great together. [R]

14 May the Lord increase you more and more, □

you and your children after you.

15 May you be blest by the Lord, □

the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, □

but the earth he has entrusted to his children.

17 The dead do not praise the Lord, □

nor those gone down into silence;

18 But we will bless the Lord, □

from this time forth for evermore.

Alleluia.

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*Living God,*

*defend us from the idols which our hearts enthrone,*

*that we may not go down into silence*

*but be raised to our heaven of heavens*

*in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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