



1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. □

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

2 You are clothed with majesty and honour, □

wrapped in light as in a garment.

3 You spread out the heavens like a curtain □

and lay the beams of your dwelling place in the waters above.

4 You make the clouds your chariot □

and ride on the wings of the wind.

5 You make the winds your messengers □

and flames of fire your servants.

6 You laid the foundations of the earth, □

that it never should move at any time.

7 You covered it with the deep like a garment; □

the waters stood high above the hills.

8 At your rebuke they fled; □

at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

9 They rose up to the hills and flowed down to the valleys beneath, □

to the place which you had appointed for them.

10 You have set them their bounds that they should not pass, □

nor turn again to cover the earth.

11 You send the springs into the brooks, □

which run among the hills.

12 They give drink to every beast of the field, □

and the wild asses quench their thirst.

13 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests □

and sing among the branches.

14 You water the hills from your dwelling on high; □

the earth is filled with the fruit of your works.

15 You make grass to grow for the cattle □

and plants to meet our needs,

16 Bringing forth food from the earth □

and wine to gladden our hearts,

17 Oil to give us a cheerful countenance □

and bread to strengthen our hearts.

18 The trees of the Lord are full of sap, □

the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

19 In which the birds build their nests, □

while the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork.

20 The mountains are a refuge for the wild goats □

and the stony cliffs for the conies.

21 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, □

and the sun knows the time for its setting.

22 You make darkness that it may be night, □

in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.

23 The lions roar for their prey □

and seek their food from God.

24 The sun rises and they are gone □

to lay themselves down in their dens.

25 People go forth to their work □

and to their labour until the evening.

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! □

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, □

and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan □

which you have made to play in the deep.

29 All of these look to you □

to give them their food in due season.

30 When you give it them, they gather it; □

you open your hand and they are filled with good.

31 When you hide your face they are troubled; □

when you take away their breath,

they die and return again to the dust.

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, □

and you renew the face of the earth.

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; □

may the Lord rejoice in his works;

34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; □

he touches the mountains and they smoke.

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; □

I will make music to my God while I have my being.

36 So shall my song please him □

while I rejoice in the Lord.

37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth

and the wicked be no more. □

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Alleluia.

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