

Anticipation – Sunday

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- 1 The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice;*
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 **Clouds and darkness are round about him,*
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**
- 3 A fire goes before him*
and burns up his enemies on every side.

- 4 His lightnings light up the world;***
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord,*
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness,***
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods!*
- Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,***
because of your judgements, O Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth;*
- you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil;***
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous,*
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,***
and give thanks to his holy name.
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Almighty God, your whole creation declares your glory. May we perceive you in all your works and live in the light of your righteousness, through him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;*
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,*
God reveals himself in glory.**
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence;*
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above*
to witness the judgement of his people.**
- 5 'Gather before me my loyal followers,*
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.'
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;*
for God himself is judge.**
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
'O Israel, I will bear witness against you,*
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;*
your offerings are always before me.**
- 9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls,*
nor he-goats out of your pens;
- 10 For the beasts of the forest are mine,*
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**
- 11 I know every bird in the sky,*
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,*
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**
- 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,*
or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving*
and make good your vows to the Most High.**
- 15 Call upon me in the day of trouble;*
I will deliver you, and you shall honour me.'
- 16 But to the wicked God says:*
'Why do you recite my statutes,
and take my covenant upon your lips;**

- 17 Since you refuse discipline,*
and toss my words behind your back?
- 18 When you see a thief, you make him your friend,*
and you cast in your lot with adulterers.**
- 19 You have loosed your lips for evil,*
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.
- 20 You are always speaking evil of your brother*
and slandering your own mother's son.**
- 21 These things you have done, and I kept still,*
and you thought that I am like you.'
- 22 'I have made my accusation,*
I have put my case in order before your eyes.**
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God,*
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me;*
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- 1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble,*
the name of the God of Jacob defend you;
- 2 **Send you help from his holy place*
and strengthen you out of Zion;**
- 3 Remember all your offerings*
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

**4 Grant you your heart's desire*
and prosper all your plans.**

5 We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the name of our God;*
may the Lord grant all your requests.

**6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed;*
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.**

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,*
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**8 They collapse and fall down,*
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- 2 **How with your hand you drove the peoples out
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how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.**

- 3 For they did not take the land by their sword,
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- 13 You have made us the scorn of our neighbours,*
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- 14 You have made us a byword among the nations,*
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- 15 My humiliation is daily before me,*
and shame has covered my face ;

- 16 Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers,*
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- 21 Will not God find it out?*
- for he knows the secrets of the heart.
- 22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long;*
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- 23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping?*
- Arise! do not reject us for ever.
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- 2 **The Lord is great in Zion;*
he is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;*
he is the Holy One.

- 4 'O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;*
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.'**
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;*
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,*
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;*
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
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- 1 O Lord God of vengeance,*
O God of vengeance, show yourself.
- 2 **Rise up, O Judge of the world;*
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- 3 How long shall the wicked, O Lord,*
how long shall the wicked triumph?

- 4 They bluster in their insolence;*
all evildoers are full of boasting.**
- 5 They crush your people, O Lord,*
and afflict your chosen nation.
- 6 They murder the widow and the stranger*
and put the orphans to death.**
- 7 Yet they say, ‘The Lord does not see,*
the God of Jacob takes no notice.’
- 8 Consider well, you dullards among the people;*
when will you fools understand?**
- 9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear?*
he that formed the eye, does he not see?
- 10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish?***
he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?
- 11 The Lord knows our human thoughts;*
how like a puff of wind they are.
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whom you teach out of your law;
- 13 To give them rest in evil days,*
until a pit is dug for the wicked.
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- 15 For judgement will again be just,*
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your consolations cheer my soul.
- 20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you,*
one which frames evil into law?**
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