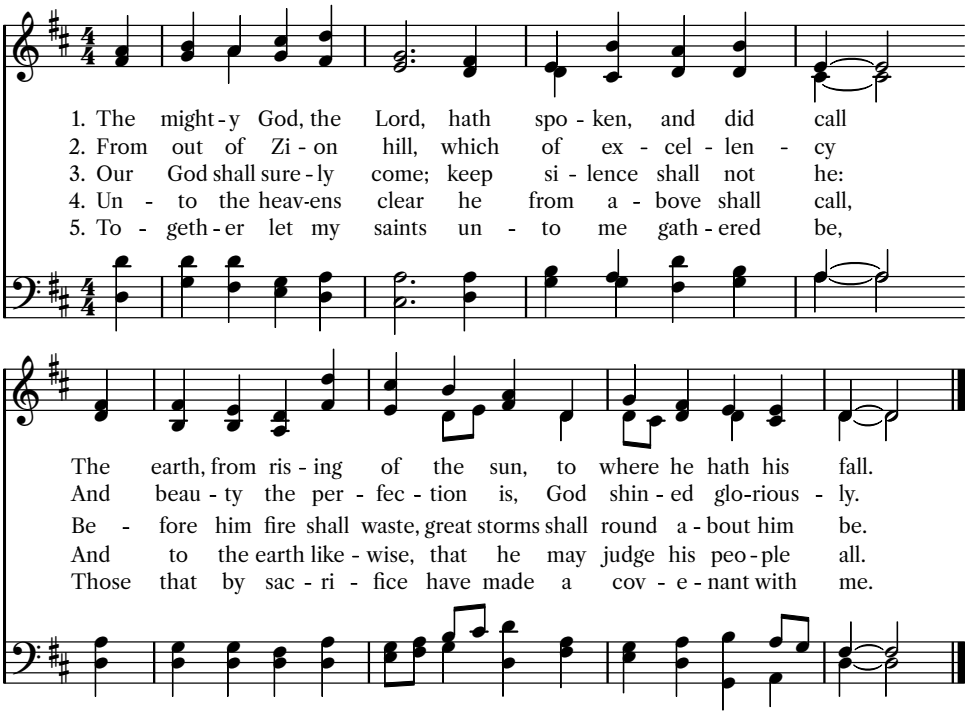
The Mighty God, the Lord



6. And then the heavens shall
his righteousness declare:
Because the Lord himself is he
by whom men judged are.

7. My people Isr'el hear,
speak will I from on high,
Against thee I will testify;
God, ev'n thy God, am I.

8. I for thy sacrifice
no blame will on thee lay,
Nor for burnt-off'rings, which to me
thou offer'dst ev'ry day.

9. I'll take no calf nor goats
from house or fold of thine:
For beasts of forest, cattle all
on thousand hills, are mine.

10. The fowls on mountains high
are all to me well known;
Wild beasts which in the fields do lie,
ev'n they are all mine own.

11. Then, if I hungry were,
I would not tell it thee;
Because the world, and fulness all
thereof, belongs to me.

12. Will I eat flesh of bulls?
or goats' blood drink will I?
Thanks offer thou to God, and pay
thy vows to the Most High.

13. And call upon me when
in trouble thou shalt be;
I will deliver thee, and thou
my name shalt glorify.

14. But to the wicked man
God saith, My laws and truth
Should'st thou declare? how dar'st thou take
my cov'nant in thy mouth?

15. Sith thou instruction hat'st,
which should thy ways direct;
And sith my words behind thy back
thou cast'st, and dost reject.

16. When thou a thief didst see,
with him thou didst consent;
And with the vile adulterers
partaker on thou went.

17. Thou giv'st thy mouth to ill,
thy tongue deceit doth frame;
Thou sitt'st, and 'gainst thy brother speak'st,
thy mother's son dost shame.

18. Because I silence kept,
while thou these things hast wrought;
That I was altogether like
thyself, hath been thy thought;

19. Yet I will thee reprove,
and set before thine eyes,
In order ranked, thy misdeeds
and thine iniquities.

20. Now, ye that God forget,
this carefully consider;
Lest I in pieces tear you all,
and none can you deliver.

21. Whoso doth offer praise
me glorifies; and I
Will show him God's salvation,
that orders right his way.

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