

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23ⁱⁱ

Hallelujah!

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures forever.

²Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

³Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

⁴Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

⁵That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

⁶We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

¹⁹Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

²⁰And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

²¹They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

²²Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

²³So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

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Israel is invited to praise God who always tempers divine judgment with mercy. The people can always depend on God's fidelity despite their sins. Thus confident of God's mercy, the psalmist urges the people's repentance by recalling eight instances of sin, judgment and forgiveness. These verses recall the sin of worshipping the golden calf at Horeb.