

**The Glory of God's Reign (RSV translation with "Psalms to for Praying"  
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<sup>1</sup> The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!  
***(The Bestower of life reigns with mercy, let the earth rejoice! Let the heavens be glad)***

<sup>2</sup> Clouds and thick darkness are round about him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. ***(Justice preserves creation, allowing it to blossom and thrive; hidden within creation, You are the heart of everything.)***

<sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him, and burns up his adversaries round about. ***(Fire goes before you burning away the chaff and the tares.)***

<sup>4</sup> His lightnings lighten the world; the earth sees and trembles. ***(Your light enlightens the world; there is none to compare with you, O Great Transformer!)***

<sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. ***(All creation is clothed with your majesty, mirroring your Love throughout the cosmos.)***

<sup>6</sup> The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory. ***(The heavens proclaim your righteousness; and the people behold your glory.)***

<sup>7</sup> All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him. ***(Those who walk in darkness dwell in a house of fear, zealously following their desire for power; they live in the shadows of reality.)***

<sup>8</sup> Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of thy judgments, O God. ***(Heaven delights and delights and rejoices when a hardened hearts breaks open and recognizes Love's ever-patient Presence abiding within.)***

<sup>9</sup> For thou, O Lord, art most high over all the earth; thou art exalted far above all gods. ***(For You, O Beloved, encompass and bless all the earth; You forgive our wrong doings and welcome us home.)***

<sup>10</sup> The Lord loves those who hate evil; <sup>[a]</sup> he preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked. ***(You, O Beloved, are known by those who are true to the Promise. You are the light of the saints; You hide yourself in every soul.)***

<sup>11</sup> Light dawns <sup>[b]</sup> for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. ***(Light dawns for the just, and joy for the upright of heart.)***

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!  
***(Rejoice in the Most High, O people of the light, and give thanks to the Radiant One, the Bestower of life.)***