

## Psalm 98<sup>i</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the Lord a new song, \* for he has done marvelous things. ***(O sing to the Beloved a new song, for Love has done marvelous things!)***

<sup>2</sup>With his right hand and his holy arm \* has he won for himself the victory. ***(By strength of your Indwelling Presence, we too, are called to do great things; we are set free through Love's forgiveness and truth.)***

<sup>3</sup>The lord has made known his victory; \* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. ***(Yes, your steadfast Love and faithfulness are ever-present gifts in our lives.)***

<sup>4</sup>He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. ***(All the ends of the earth have seen the glory of Love's Eternal Flame.)***

<sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the lord, all you lands; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. ***(Make a joyful noise to the Beloved all the earth; break forth into grateful song and sing praises!)***

<sup>6</sup>Sing to the lord with the harp, \* with the harp and the voice of song. ***(Yes, sing songs of praise extolling Love's way; lift up your hearts with gratitude and joy!)***

<sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the lord. ***(Let the voices of all people blend in harmony, in unison let the people magnify the Beloved!)***

<sup>8</sup>Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* the lands and those who dwell therein. ***(Let the sea laugh, and all that fills it; the world and those who***

***dwell in it!)***

<sup>9</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, \* and let the hills ring out with joy before the lord, when he comes to judge the earth. ***(Let the waters clap their hands; let the hills ring out with joy before the Beloved, who radiates Love to all the earth.)***

<sup>10</sup>In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity. ***(For Love reigns over the world with truth and justice bringing order and balance to all Creation.)***

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<sup>i</sup> **About the Psalm (Christmas III): Psalm 98**

This psalm is closely related to Psalm 96. Its original setting may have been the enthronement festival of Yahweh, celebrated each year at the New Year's feast of Tabernacles. In later times the psalm was interpreted to herald the lord's final coming. It presents the lord, in faithfulness to the covenant, acting in history for the salvation of God's people.