

72 Endow the king with justice

1 En - dow the king with jus - tice, Lord, the roy - al son with right-eous - ness.
 2 As long as sun and moon en - dure, so will he live time with - out end.
 3 From sea to sea he will hold sway and from the riv - er to earth's end.
 4 All kings will hum-bly bow to him, and na-tions wor-ship him with fear.

Your peo-ple, your af-flict - ed ones, he'll judge with truth and up - right-ness.
 He'll be like show-ers on the earth, like rains that on mown fields de-scend.
 His en - e - mies will lick the dust, and des - ert tribes the knee will bend.
 He'll save the need - y when they call, the poor for whom no help is near.

The moun-tains will bring peace to them, the hills the fruit of right-eous-ness.
 The right-eous then will blos-som forth through-out his ev - er - last-ing reign.
 Then Tar - shish and the dis-tant shores will send the trib-ute of their kings;
 He will take pit - y on the weak and save them from op-pres-sive might.

He will de-fend and save the poor, and crush all those who them op-press.
 Un - til the moon no lon - ger shines, peace in a - bun-dance will re-main.
 She-ba's and Se - ba's kings will come and bring to him their of - fer-ings.
 He'll res-cue them from vi - o - lence; their blood is pre - cious in his sight.

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5 Long may he live! May Sheba's gold
be given him abundantly!
May people ever pray for him
and bless his name continually.
Let grain abound throughout the land,
the tops of hills their harvest yield;
may they bear fruit like Lebanon
and thrive as grass grows in the field.

6 Forever may his name endure;
may it continue as the sun.
All nations will be blest in him,
whom they will call the blessed one.
Praise to the LORD – to Israel's God;
his awesome deeds proclaim to men.
His name be praised eternally,
his glory fill the earth. Amen!

72b Christ is the King and he shall reign

Descant

5 Long shall he live, so bring to him your gifts of fin - est gold;

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1 Christ is the King and he shall reign from sea to ut-most sea,
2 Tribes that in far - thest des - erts dwell shall bow be - fore his throne;
3 Kings all shall come from dis - tant lands and is - lands of the sea;
4 He will de - liv - er those in need, the weak who cry in fear;
5 Long shall he live, so bring to him your gifts of fin - est gold;

to him shall con - stant prayer be made, his praise each day be told.

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and un - to earth's re - mot - est bounds his peace - ful rule shall be.
his en - e - mies shall be sub - dued, and he shall rule a - lone.
3 their of - ferings they shall bring to him and wait on bend - ed knee.
he shall re - deem them from all wrong; their life to him is dear.
to him shall con - stant prayer be made, his praise each day be told.

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