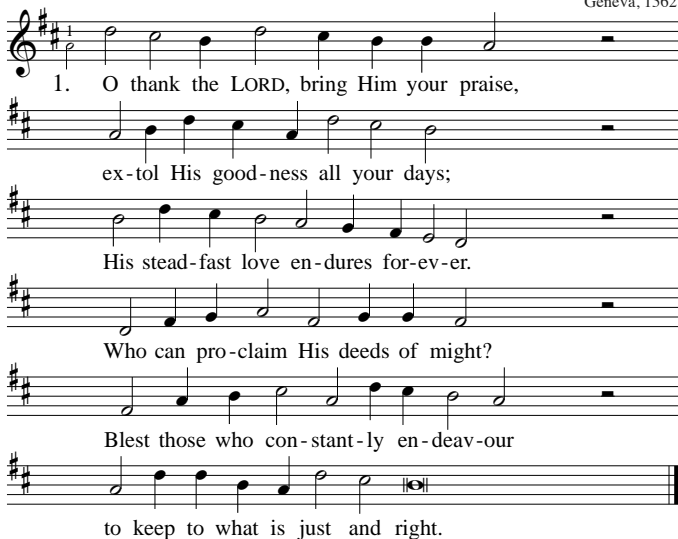


PSALM 106

Play the Melody 

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1. O thank the LORD, bring Him your praise,
ex-tol His good-ness all your days;
His stead-fast love en-dures for-ev-er.
Who can pro-claim His deeds of might?
Blest those who con-stant-ly en-deav-our
to keep to what is just and right.

2. When You *deliver Israel*,
O LORD, *remember* me as well.
Come *to my aid* and *show Your favour*,
that *with Your flock* I *may engage*
in *praising You*, O *gracious Giver*,
and *glory with Your heritage*.
3. We, as *our fathers did before*,
have *done what You, O LORD*, *abhor*;
we *all are guilty of transgression*.
Your *chosen ones in Egypt's land*
forgot *Your kindness and compassion*,
ignored the wonders of Your hand.

4. Though at *the Red Sea* they rebelled,
with *mighty hand* He them upheld
and *for His name's sake aid* provided.
At *His rebuke* the *waters* fled;
His *own*, as through a *desert* guided,
were *through the deep* to safety led.
5. God in *His mercy* set them free,
redeemed them from the enemy.
Before *His wrath* all *Egypt* cowered;
not *one* escaped His *anger's* blaze.
His *people's* foes the *sea* devoured.
Then *they believed* and sang His praise.
6. His mighty works *they soon forgot*;
His *counsel* they no longer sought
but *Him with lustful cravings* taunted.
His *people* boldly *challenged* Him,
and so *He* gave them *all they wanted*
but *sent a plague* to punish them.
7. Some in *their pride and envy* rose
God's *chosen leaders* to oppose.
The *earth* then opened up and swallowed
all *who with Dathan had conspired*
and *who Abiram's lead had followed*.
The *wicked* perished in the fire.
8. At *Horeb's* mount a *calf* they made
and to a *metal* image prayed;
for *this* they traded *God's great splendour*,
the *glory* nothing can surpass.
They, *scorning* Him, their *great defender*,
revered a *bull* that feeds on grass.

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9. Their God and Sav-iour they for-got,
who won-drous things for them had wrought,
as-tound-ing E-gypt by His pow-er;
whose deeds of might and maj-es-ty
caused all the land of Ham to cow-er,
struck them with ter-ror by the sea.

10. His people He *would then have* slain,
for *they continued* to complain,
but *Moses*, whom He *greatly* favoured,
stood *in the breach*, confronting Him.
So *they were* from God's wrath delivered,
from *the destruction* threatening them.
11. Then they *despised the pleasant* land,
bestowed *on them by* God's own hand.
His *steadfast* promise *not believing*,
they *sulked and grumbled in their* tents.
God *with their disobedience* grieving,
they *stubbornly would* not repent.

12. He swore *that He would slay them all*,
that *in the desert* they would fall
because of all their *provocations*,
and *that their sons* at *His command*
would *be dispersed among the nations*
and *scattered over* all the lands.

13. By Baal-Peor's *lure misled*,
they *ate from offerings* for the dead,
and *so provoked the LORD* to anger.
He *saw their deeds*; His *wrath arose*.
He *let a plague among them* linger
because *they lifeless* idols chose.

14. Then Phinehas *rose to intervene*;
the *plague was stopped* when God had seen
how, *acting with determination*,
he *put an end to wickedness*.
Thus *he for endless generations*
was *credited with righteousness*.

15. At Meribah *they spurned God's will*,
and *there with Moses* it went ill.
The *people* by their *profanations*
caused *Moses* rashly to *provoke*
the *LORD their God* to *indignation*,
for *he with undue* anger spoke.

16. They disobeyed *the LORD's command*
to *slay the peoples* of the land,
but, *mingling* with the *heathen nations*,
they *learned their wicked customs* there,
served *Canaan's vain abominations*;
its *gods became for* them a snare.

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17. To hea-then wick-ed-ness en-ticed,
they to the de-mons sac-ri-ficed
their own be-lov-ed sons and daugh-ters,
poured out their chil-dren's guilt-less blood.
They sought by such ab-hor-rent slaugh-ter
to sat-is-fy some pa-gan god.

18. To *Canaan's idols, gods of vice,*
they *gave their sons as sacrifice;*
the *land was with their blood polluted.*
God's *chosen people openly*
themselves *defiled and prostituted*
by *unclean acts for all to see.*

19. Therefore *the LORD stood up in rage*
and *He abhorred His heritage.*
He *turned them over to the nations;*
to *slavery* did the *LORD condemn*
those *who had roused His indignation.*
Their *enemies ruled over them.*

20. Time after time *He set them free,*
though *they refused to bow their knee;*
bent *on rebellion, they defied Him.*
They *sank into iniquity;*
God *made their enemies deride them*
till *they lamented bitterly.*
21. Then He *took note of their distress;*
He *heard their cry and gave redress.*
God *in His steadfast love relented;*
no *longer did He those condemn*
who *of their evil had repented.*
He *caused their foes to pity them.*
22. Save us, O LORD *our God, we pray;*
bring *back Your people gone astray,*
and *take us from among the nations,*
that *to Your great and holy name*
we *may give thanks with jubilation*
and *glory in Your wondrous fame.*
23. Blest be *the God of Israel,*
whose *deeds in majesty excel.*
Extol *His holy name forever;*
let *never-ending praise ring out.*
Blest be *the LORD who fails us never.*
Let *all the people "Amen!" shout.*