

Todah Rabbah, Adonay!

C: Come, bless the Lord, all you who would believe;
Sing praises to the Holy One
for our God has shown us marvelous things!
Let all creation shout for joy to the Living God!

C: The Lord scorns the might of the wicked;
at the pride of the greedy the Mighty One of Jacob laughs;
R: God delivers the weak who call on the Name;
the Holy One hears the prayers of the righteous.
Who on all of Terra is like Thee, O Lord,
beautiful in holiness?!
What force in all the universe can compare to Thee, O Redeemer
of the work of Thy hands?!

J: The powers of capitalism the Lord has frozen fast in the icy sea;
the plunder of socialism the Mighty One has totally confounded!
But the blessed ones of God sing for joy
in their fragile helicopters,
and the people of the Lord rejoice,
and give thanks whenever they hear:
"Have you not been told?
The Lord has delivered the mother and her young!
Israel's God has shown motherly compassion
to the creatures of the sea;
and given victory into the hands
of those who wait upon the Lord!
And though the ice floes flowed with blood of the innocent,
Adonay has made green peace with the sea,
and washed them white as the newborn harpseal's coat!
The might of the whalers the Holy One has broken
with tiny boats and flying machines;
by the outcry of the righteous and the strong hearts of the courageous
the Lord has triumphed once more.
The Lord has broken the club of the hunter;
the knife of the killer God has flung into the sea;
God has silenced the engines of the great ships,
the Holy One has ended slaughter by ordinances of the law,
by the prayer of those who would not assent.
The Holy One has sunk the Sierra,
and dried the tears of the sea;
our God has walked among the icebergs,
to blot out the sins of humanity."
Let the people of God, wherever they are, rejoice;
and the folk who love life clap their hands in joy!

J: If the Lord had only created us,
R: we should have been content!
If the Lord had not made us conscious,
we should have been content!
If the Lord had not blessed us with knowledge,
we should have been content!

If the Lord had not given us Torah and Church,
we should have been content!
If the Lord had not taught us to act,
we should have been content!
If the Lord had not favored our actions,
we should have been content!
If the Lord had not redeemed us from injustice,
we should have been content!
If the Lord had not had pity on the helpless,
we should have been content!
All this and more the Lord has done,
and we will bless the Holy One forever!
All this and more the Lord will give into the hands of the righteous,
and we will bless the Holy One forever!
All this and more the Lord will do,
and we will bless the Holy One forever!

All: Bless the Lord, you who know God's ways!
Let Israel and the Church sing praises forever and ever!