Leader: 1 Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise Him in the heights above.

Answer: **2 Praise Him, all his angels;**

**praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.**

Leader: 3 Praise Him, sun and moon;

praise Him, all you shining stars.

Answer: **4 Praise Him, you highest heavens**

**and you waters above the skies.**

Leader: 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for at His command they were created,

Answer: **6 and He established them for ever and ever—**

**He issued a decree that will never pass away.**

Leader: 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,

you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

Answer: **8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds,**

**stormy winds that do his bidding,**

Leader: 9 you mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars,

Answer: **10 wild animals and all cattle**

**small creatures and flying birds,**

Leader: 11 kings of the earth and all nations,

you princes and all rulers on earth,

Answer: **12 young men and women,**

**old men and children.**

Leader: 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for His name alone is exalted;

His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Answer: **14 And He has raised up for His people a horn,**

**the praise of all His faithful servants,**

**of Israel, the people close to His heart.**

**Praise the Lord.**