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#### Lord, We Give Thee Thanks



# Introduction

It was Martin Luther who stated, "... next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

The gift of music is a wonderful treasure indeed! Countless homes and churches have been blessed over the centuries by songs of praise and worship to Almighty God and by songs that remind us of the value of friendship, love, and freedom. It is through the singing of songs and hymns that God often chooses to unite hearts and kindle deeper sentiments of affection within the souls of His creatures. How much poorer would we be without the blest memory of past days that were spent in the happy exercise of singing?

As the human race enters upon the opening of the twenty-first century, it often appears to be in a headlong pursuit to destroy itself as fast as possible. The love of many has grown cold, as families and communities struggle just to survive in the wake of fractured relationships and increasing violence. Could it be that modern Americans, with all of their sophistication and high-tech gadgets, have lost the ability to relate to each other on a personal level? If the answer to this question is yes, then it is proper to also ask, "What can be done to bring families and communities together again?"

The answer, I believe, lies principally in reviving the old practice of family worship and prayer. History teaches us that the family that prays and sings together, stays together. The first step, then, must be for every soul to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ and to embrace the Gospel. Once this vital move has been made, the next step is quite easy; simply turn off your television and video games and gather your whole family around the piano or guitar to sing.

Although it is sometimes difficult to push aside the clamor of the world and its alluring toys for the simple pleasure of singing with loved ones, your diligence will be greatly rewarded. The song collection that follows will help you to get started in the noble task of family worship, and it will also be a genuine source of good old-fashioned fun.

The hymnal that follows is not arranged in any special order. As a result, you may choose to utilize the hymns in any order that appeals to your family. An extensive section containing some of the Psalms and several responsive readings is printed at the back of this book to provide individuals with the opportunity to incorporate the reading of

Scripture into the routine of family worship. Families may wish to commit one of the Scripture selections to memory each week.

May your love for God, music, and your fellowman grow as you utilize the *Family Worship Hymnal*.

Michael J. McHugh

# Benefits of Hymn Singing

- 1. Hymns help us in our worship of God, both on a personal and corporate level. (Matthew 26:26-30 and Psalm 100:1-4)
- 2. Singing spiritual songs from the heart helps the people of God to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in the inner man. (Ephesians 5:17-21)
- 3. God uses hymns to transmit courage and spiritual strength to His people so they can withstand trials or temptations. Paul and Silas sang while in prison. (Acts 16:16-32)
- 4. The Lord inhabits the praises of His people and has ordained that His children make a joyful noise. (Psalm 66:1-4 and Psalm 22:1-4)
- 5. Singing praises to God promotes unity as God's people lift up their voices as one sound unto the Lord. (2 Chronicles 5:11-14)
- 6. Singing hymns is excellent preparation for the life to come, for the saints of God will be praising the Lord for all eternity. (Revelation 15:1-4)
- 7. Sacred music has the God-given capacity to reach the hearts of people and affect their emotions and spirits. (1 Samuel 16:13-23 and James 5:13)

# The Importance of Family Worship

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore" (Psalm 133).

Family unity and peace is a blessing that cannot be overrated. This selection is designed to show that it is directly promoted by family worship.

The deliberate and consistent assembly of a whole household for the purpose of praise and worship of God, provides more than simply the means of bringing the several members together. There are striking differences among families in regard to the simple quality of cohesion. While some are a bare collection of so many particles, without mutual attraction, others are consolidated into a unity of love. Many scattering influences are at work. Some of these may be attributed to a lack of system and regularity; some to late hours; some to peculiarities of business; some to fashion; and some to the influences of vice. From one or several of these influences we see domestic harmony impaired. Parents and children meet only at their meals, and not even at all of these. The tardy inmates of the house descend in the morning at any hour, and at long intervals, and the evening is often despoiled of the charm of home. In such circumstances, the links of family affection are inevitably tarnished, if not worn away. In proportion as the subjects of mutual obligation live apart, they will cease to care for one another. No customs of society are laudable or safe which tend, in any considerable degree, to separate parents from children, and brothers from sisters. It is good to bring together the coals on the domestic hearth. Hence we have always looked with unqualified satisfaction on the New England custom of gathering all the members of a family, however remote, under the paternal roof on the day of annual thanksgiving. There is a sacred virtue in even beholding the face of an aged father and a gentle beloved mother. On this very principle, the president of a prestigious college, justly celebrated for his influence on young men, was accustomed, when he saw the first sign of rebellion in a student, to call him to his study, and kindly propose to him a simple visit to his parents. We do not wonder that the effect was often magical.

Family worship assembles the household twice every day, and that in a deliberate and solemn manner. No individual is missing. This is the law of the house from childhood to old age. The observance is as stated as the daily meals. Other employments and engagements are made to bow to this, until it becomes the irreversible rule of the little commonwealth. Such assemblies provide opportunities for each family member to look upon one another's faces and exchange kind words and gentle wishes. Such influences, which may seem rather trivial, rise to inestimable magnitude when multiplied through all the days of long years, that is, over the entire progress of family life. By those who have enjoyed them, they can never be forgotten. Such households stand in open contrast to those where parents and children, in haste and disorder, and with many interruptions, snatch their daily bread, without so much as a word of discussion, thanks, or prayer.

Some good results, in respect of harmony, ensue, when a household purposely assembles for the common pursuit of any lawful object whatever. Union, and the sentiment of union, are promoted by joint participation, and the effect is appreciable where the gathering is frequent. Though it were only for exercise or recreation, for the practice of music, for an evening perusal of useful books, still there would be a contribution to mutual acquaintance and regard. But how much stronger is the operation of this principle when the avowed object of the meeting is to seek the face of God, and to invoke His blessing!

There is no way in which we can more surely increase mutual love than by praying for one another. If you would retain warmth of affection for an absent friend, pray for him. If you would live in the regards of another, beseech him to pray for you. If you would conquer enmity in your own soul towards one who has wronged you, pray for him. Dissension or coldness cannot abide between those who bear each other to God's throne in supplication. It is what we meet to do at family worship. Often has the tenderness of a half-dying attachment been renewed and made young again, when the parties have found themselves kneeling before the mercy seat. Every thing connected with such utterance of mutual good-will in the domestic worship tends to foster it, and thus the daily prayers are as the dews of Hermon.

The devotions of the household are commonly conducted by the parent, and parental affection often needs such an outlet. The son or the daughter might otherwise remain ignorant of the anxieties of the father. There are yearnings which the parent cannot express to man, not even to a child, but which must be poured forth to God, and which have their appropriate channel in the daily prayer. The hearing of such petitions, gushing warm from the heart, and the participation of such emotions, cannot but sometimes reach the stubborn childish mind, and tend to a strong and reigning affection. Both parent and child, if they are ever touched with genuine love, must experience it when they come together before their God and Savior.

That revelation of divine truth that is perpetually expressed or implied in family worship, in Scripture, in psalms, and in prayers, enjoins this very peace and affection. The New Testament presents it in every page. The Word of God and prayer are, from day to day, bringing the duty constantly before the conscience. The household that is subjected to this forming influence, may be expected, more than others, to be a household of peace.

Some notice must here be taken of a painful but common case. Human depravity sometimes breaks forth in friction and strife, among members of the same brotherhood, and, alas, even within the sacred limits of a Christian house. Harsh tempers, sour looks, moody silence, grudges, bitter words, and alienations, mar the beauty of the family circle. Therefore, we find slights, angry rebukes, suspicions, and recriminations entrenched in the home. Happy, indeed, is that household over which these black clouds do not sometimes hover. But what means shall we seek to dispel them? The family altar! Only an extraordinarily obstinate sinner will be able to let the sun go down upon his wrath when he is obliged to worship with the entire family. It is hard to listen long to the Word of God without hearing the rebuke of all such bitter feelings. For example, the very portion read, may say to the unrelenting one, "... if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift" (Matthew 5:23). At any rate, the whole spirit of the exercise convicts any family member who wishes to remain hard-hearted of his sin; for it is most difficult to pray with malice on the heart. The spirit of forgiveness often comes to us while we are upon our knees.

Suppose then, what we are reluctant to suppose, that mutual reproaches, perverse separation, and open quarrel, should enter a Christian family. To offenders, in such a case, the season of prayer must be an hour of keen rebuke. Avowedly, they are bowed down to pray for one another. The hypocrisy and impiety of attempting to do so out of a mind of hatred, will stare the sinner in the face, and will often bring him to repentance. Reconciliation, begun in the heart, during moments of devotion, may lead to the restoration of peace in the home.

Sad as is the thought, even husband and wife may be at odds with each other, and may give place to the devil. Harshness, severity, distrust, and unkindness, may spring up between those who have vowed to live together as heirs of the grace of life. But it is hard to believe that such persons, if they possess a spark of grace, can come to the posture and the words of prayer, encircled by their kneeling little ones, without surrendering the selfish spite, and making a faithful effort to crush the head of the viper. Marital tenderness, forbearance and love, are guarded by the exercises of family-devotion.

Contrast all this with the condition of a domestic circle subject to the same dark influences, but without these checks and this sacred balm, and you will no longer marvel that where there is no worship, there is no place for healing. The stream of unkindly temper runs on. Brooding silence is the best that can be expected. The day closes without reference to God. The griefs of the day are carried over into the morrow and all this because of a lack of spiritual influence that would be secured by the hour of prayer.

In speaking of family worship as a means of promoting family unity, we might dwell on its influence upon absent members of the household. As children grow up, there are few families that do not send forth from their bosom some children to distant places. These children are not forgotten at the hearth that they have left. Day by day, the venerable father, joined in silent love by the more melting mother, cries to God for him who is afar upon the sea, or in foreign lands. These are moments that bring the cherished object full before the mind, and make the absent one present to the heart. Such prayers serve many useful purposes. Chiefly, they rekindle and maintain the fire of affection. Most older children who leave home will not fail to prize these parental intercessions, or disregard the supplications of the brother or the sister

left at home. Often, we are sure, the recollection of the domestic worship comes up before the distant youth, on the high seas, or in remote wanderings. Often is the secret tear shed over these privileges of his childhood. In the perpetual fire of the family altar, he knows that he has a stable refuge in his father's house.

When, after years of absence, which may be due to some sin, the son or daughter revisits the home of his childhood, and that worship is renewed which he remembers so well-what a torrent of ancient reminiscence pours into the heart! Such associations have their influence on even hardened natures, and they go to prove the blessedness of this familiar institution.

But after all that we may urge, the great and crowning reason why domestic worship promotes harmony, is, that it promotes true religion, and religion is love. Its mission is peace on earth and good will to men. Unlike the humanistic schemes of secular philosophers and psychologists, which tear the household elements asunder, Christianity compacts the structure, and strengthens every wall. It adds a new cement, and makes the father more a father—the mother more a mother—the son more a son; so that there is not a social tie which does not become more strong and endearing by means of grace. If even enemies are reduced to toleration by the gospel, how much greater must be its influence on the ties of blood and affinity! It consecrates every natural relation, and exalts human affections by expanding them into eternity.

The daily lessons, constantly recurring in family worship, bear directly on this point. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church. Let the wife see that she reverence her husband. Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath. Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord. Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ. And ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening, knowing that your Master also is in heaven. Love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous. Honor all men. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers. Be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil-speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Such are the touching accents of the

gospel in general, and of this institution in particular, familiarized to every member of a Christian house, from their childhood. And what the Word of God enjoins, the Spirit of grace produces in the heart, where true religion finds entrance. Under the daily influence of such motives, which drop as the rain and distill as the dew, the youthful heart may be expected, in many cases, to receive the noblest charities of a renewed nature.

Amidst all the imperfections of a fallen world, there have been thousands of families, since the founding of the Church, which have realized this ideal; and what spectacle on earth is more lovely? From the very cradle, the infant lips are taught to lisp the name of God, and the soft voices of childhood join in the daily praise. Brothers and sisters, already brought by baptism within the pale of the visible church, grow up with all the additional reasons for mutual attachment, which spring from dedication to God. No day passes in which parents and children do not compass God's altars. When the father and mother begin to descend into the autumn of life, they behold their offspring prepared to walk in their steps. There is a church in the house. When death enters, it is to make but a brief separation; and eternity sees the whole family in heaven, without exception or omission.

In cases where divorce or death have prematurely fractured the husband—wife relationship, single parents have even more reason to maintain family worship. A broken family can only be fixed by the reestablishment of Christ as the covenant head of the home. And there is no better or more meaningful way to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ, the Good Shepherd, than through the instrument of the family altar. Only Christ can fill the void left by a family circle that has been broken by divorce or death.

The happiest family on earth will not always be so. The most smiling circle will be in tears some day. All that I ask is, that you would secure for yourselves and your children, a friend in that blessed Redeemer, who will wipe all tears from your faces. Your families may soon be scattered, and familiar voices may cease to echo within your walls. The children in a household do not stay children long. They quickly grow up and take off for college or careers. O see to it, that the God of Bethel goes with them, that they set up an altar even on a distant shore, and sing the Lord's song in that foreign land. They may be taken from this earth altogether, and leave you alone. O see to it, that

as one after another goes, it may be to their Father's house above, and to sing with heavenly voices, the song that they first learned from you, and that you often sang together here—the song of Moses and the Lamb. And if you be taken, and some of them be left, see to it, that you leave them the thankful assurance that you are gone to their Father and your Father, their God and your God. And, in the meanwhile, let your united worship be so frequent and so fervent, that when you are taken from their head, the one whose sad responsibility it is to take your place, as priest of that household, shall not be able to select a chapter or a psalm with which your living image and voice are not associated, and in which you, though dead, are not yet speaking to them. "And thus my heart's wish for you all is,

'When soon or late you reach that coast,
O'er life's rough ocean driven;
May you rejoice, no wanderer lost,
A family in heaven.'

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## Doxology



#### The Ten Commandments

AND God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

- I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- III. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- V. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- VI. Thou shalt not kill.
- VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- VIII. Thou shalt not steal.
  - IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
  - X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Exodus 20:1-17

#### The Greatest Commandments

HEAR also the words of our Lord Jesus, how He saith: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Matthew 22:37-40

# Excerpts from the Apostles, Nicene, and Chalcedon Creeds

I believe in God the Father Almighty; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; truly God, and truly man, Light of Light, Very God of Very God; like unto us in all things, yet without sin; Who, for us men and our salvation, came down from heaven. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified. And I believe in one holy and apostolic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



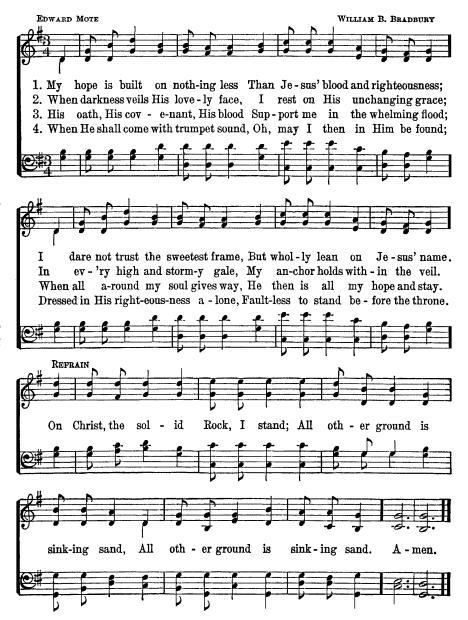
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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## Hymns for Home and School

#### My Hope Is Built



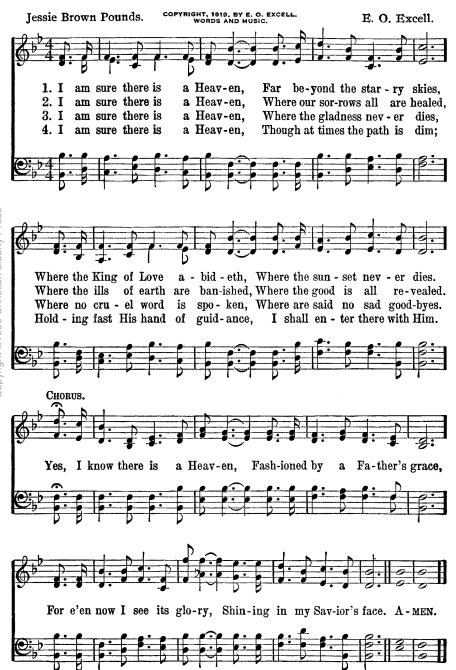
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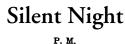


#### Beneath the Cross of Jesus



#### There Is a Heaven





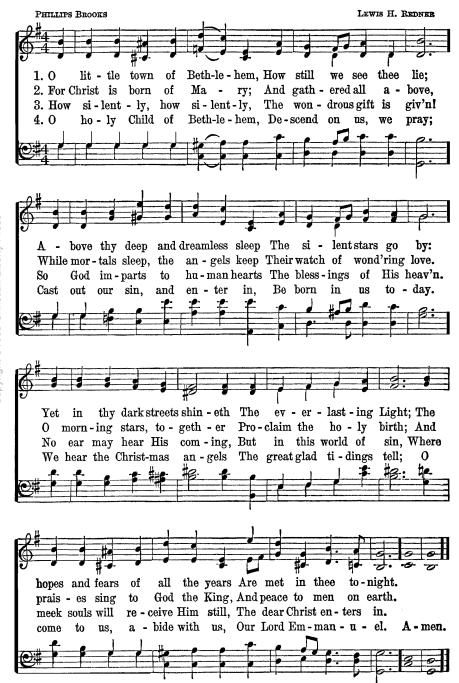


1. Guide and guard us, O our Fa-ther, Till an - oth - er Sab - bath day;
2. Now we thank Thee for Thy bless-ing On this sa-cred day of rest,

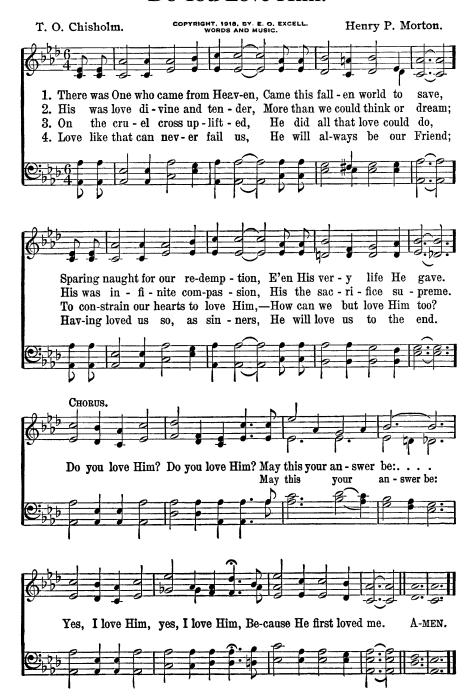
Shield us with Thy ho - ly pres-ence, Lead us in the right-eous way.

And for truths which Thou hast shown us, In Thy word di-vine - ly blest.

#### O Little Town of Bethlehem



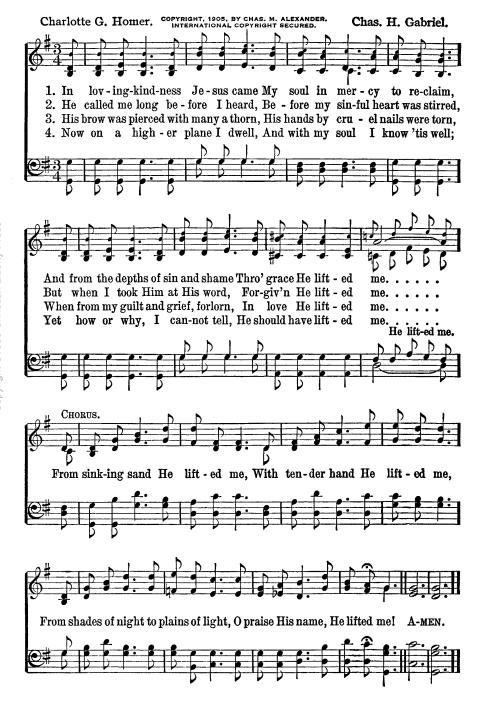
#### Do You Love Him?



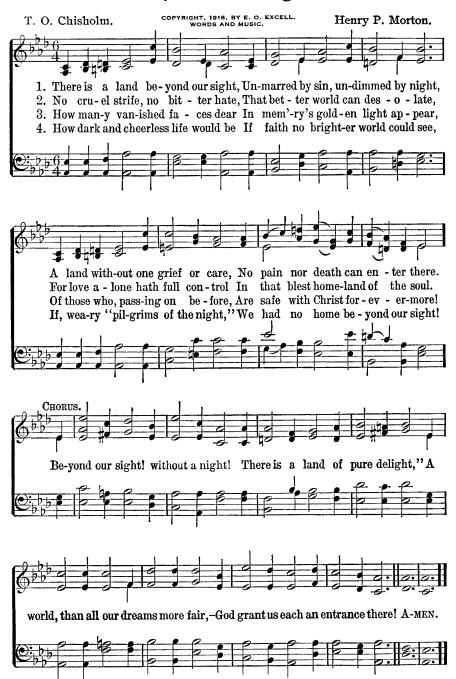
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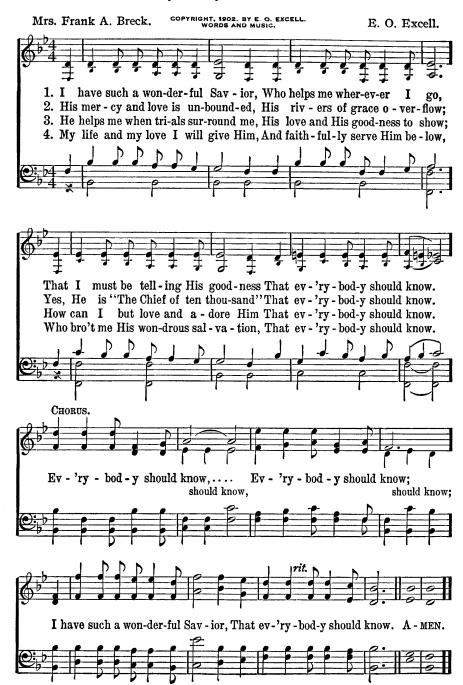
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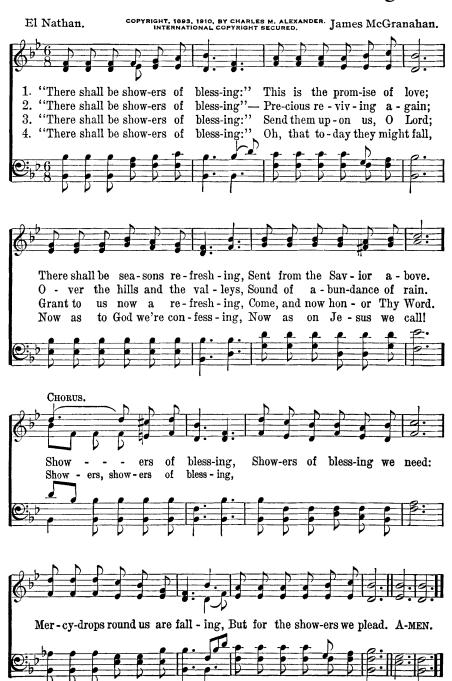
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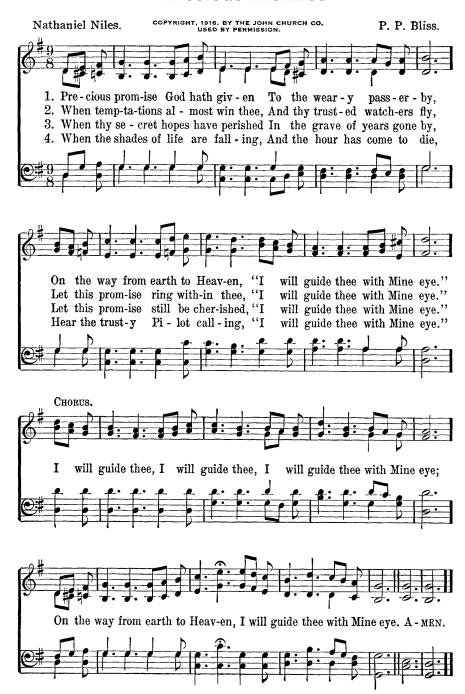
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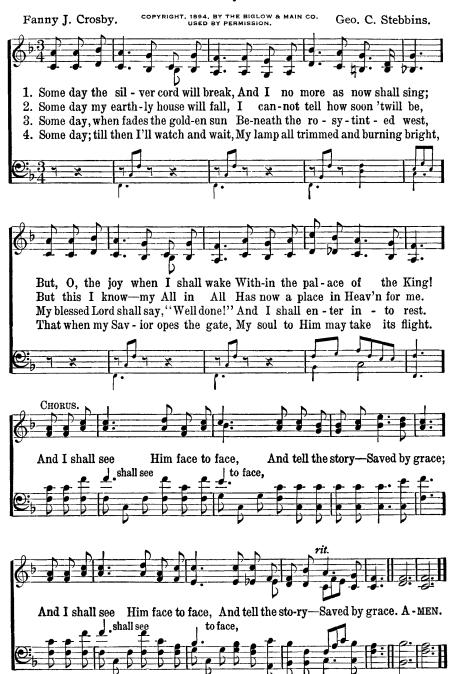
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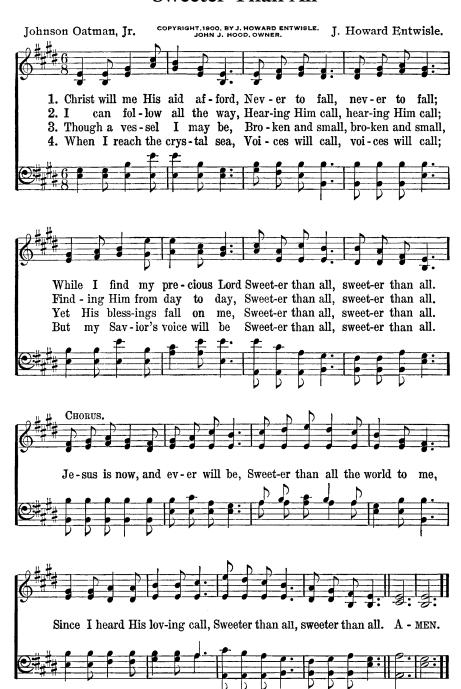
#### **Precious Promise**



### Saved by Grace



#### Sweeter Than All



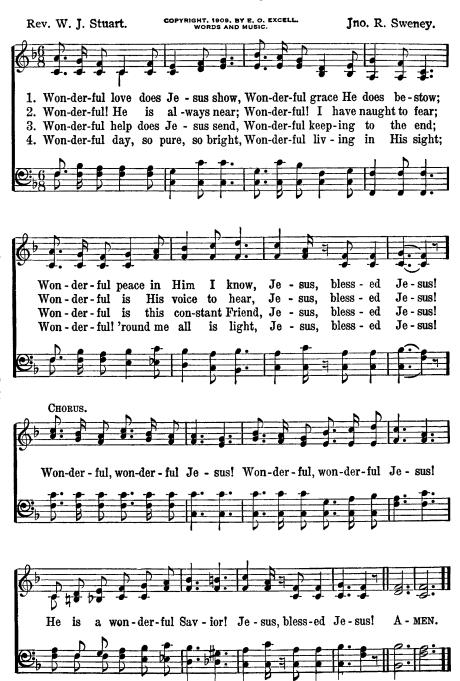
#### Tell It Wherever You Go



#### All in All to Me



#### Wonderful Jesus



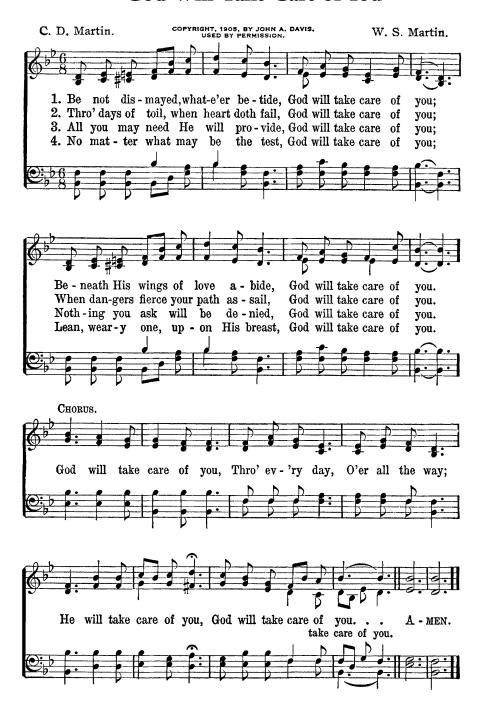
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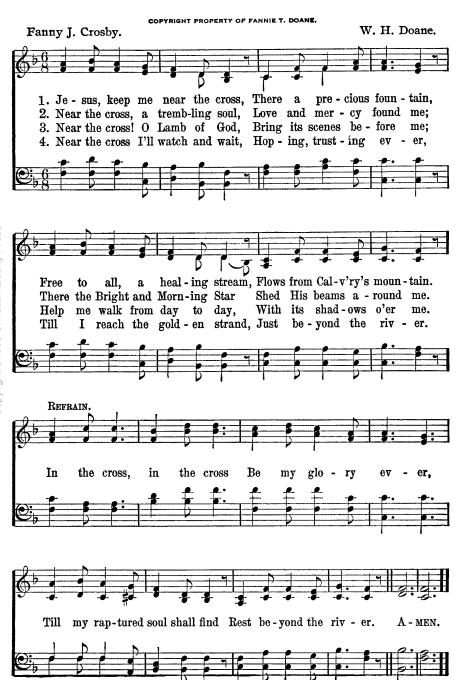
### Whom, Having Not Seen, I Love



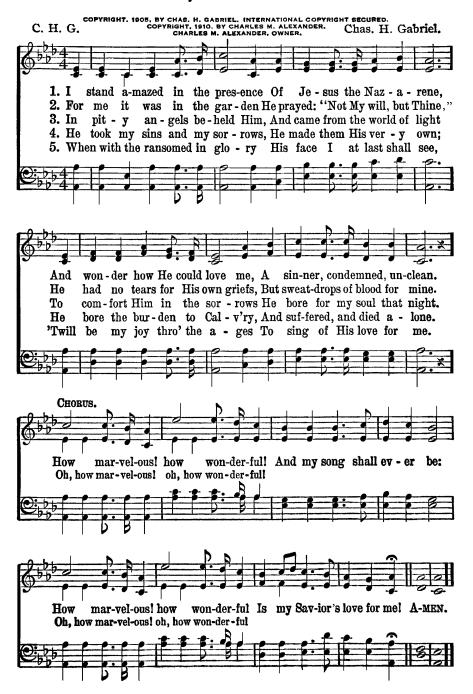
#### God Will Take Care of You



#### Near the Cross



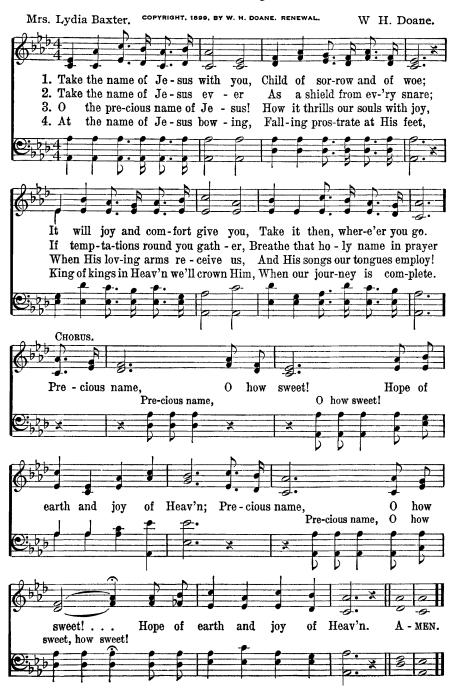
### My Savior's Love



## Jesus Is the Friend You Need



# Take the Name of Jesus with You



# Grace, Enough for Me



## Growing Dearer Each Day



#### Christ Receiveth Sinful Men



# Send the Light



# We Shall See the King Some Day



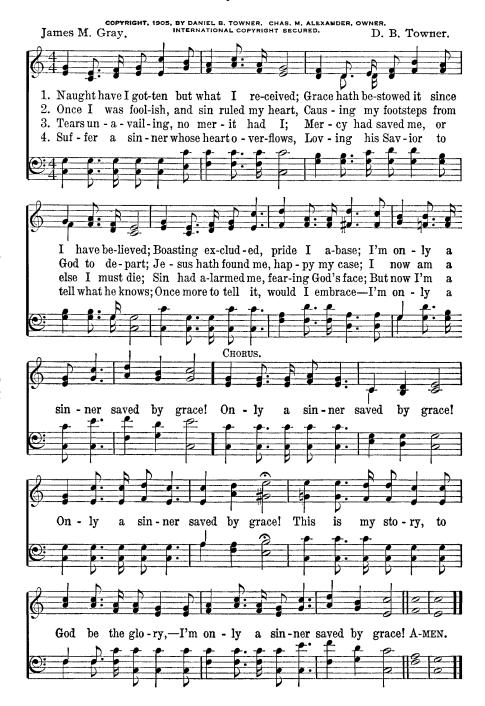
#### He is so Precious to Me



#### As a Volunteer



### Only a Sinner



## Spend One Hour with Jesus



## 'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer



# We're Marching to Zion



#### I've Found a Friend



## I Know That He is Nigh



### Jesus is All the World to Me



## Safely Through Another Week



### O Day of Rest and Gladness



# Jesus, Lover of My Soul



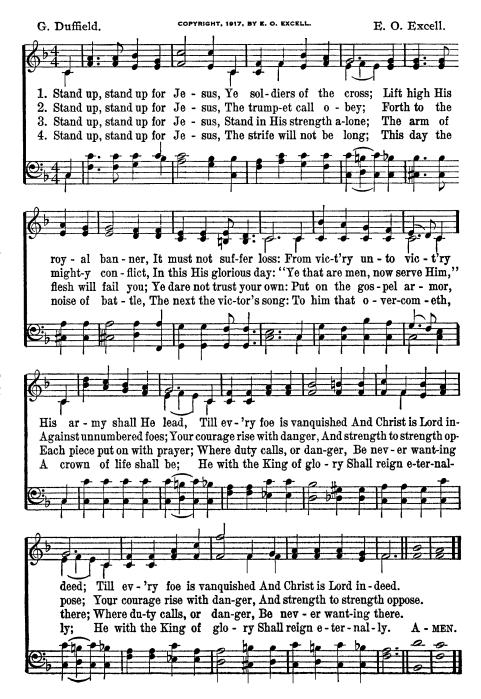
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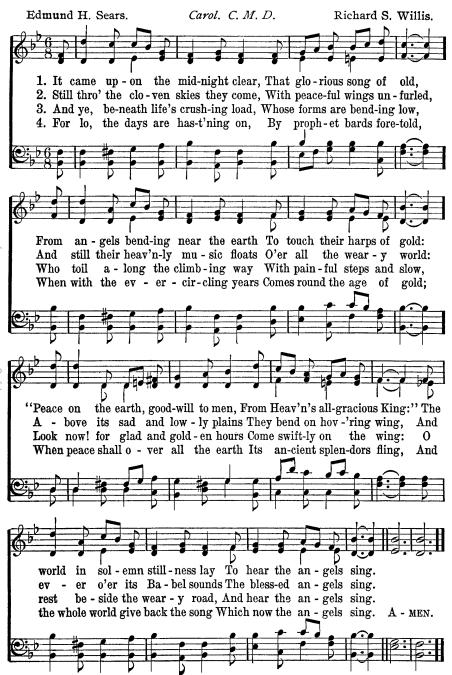
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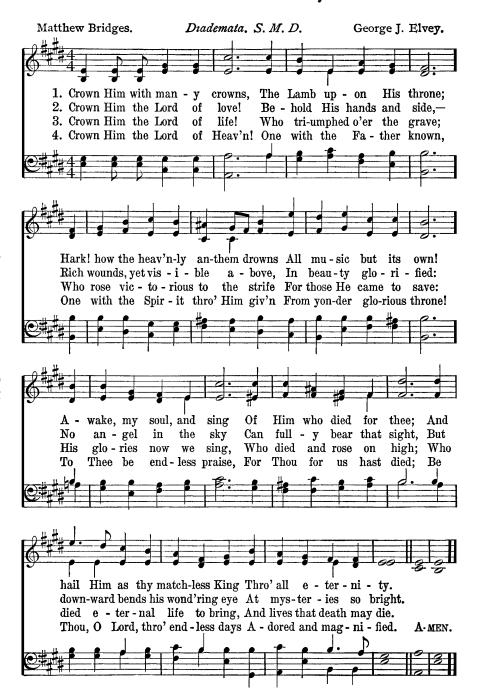
## Stand Up for Jesus



## It Came Upon the Midnight



### Crown Him with Many Crowns



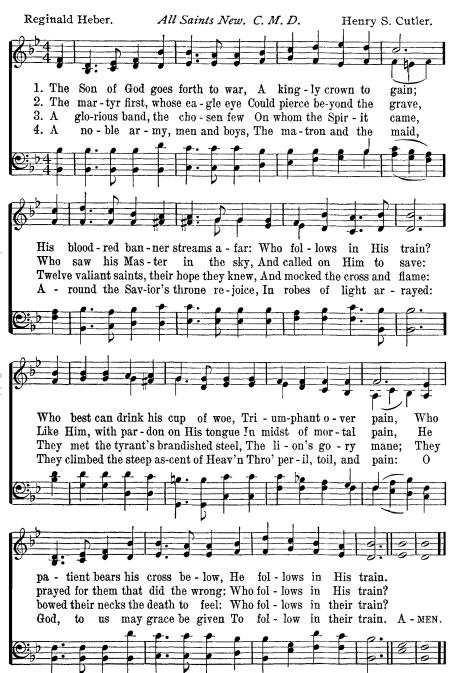
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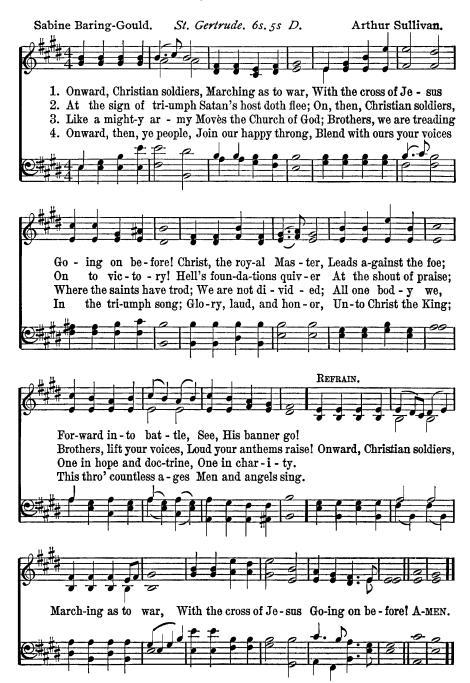
## Joy to the World



#### The Son of God Goes Forth to War



#### Onward, Christian Soldiers



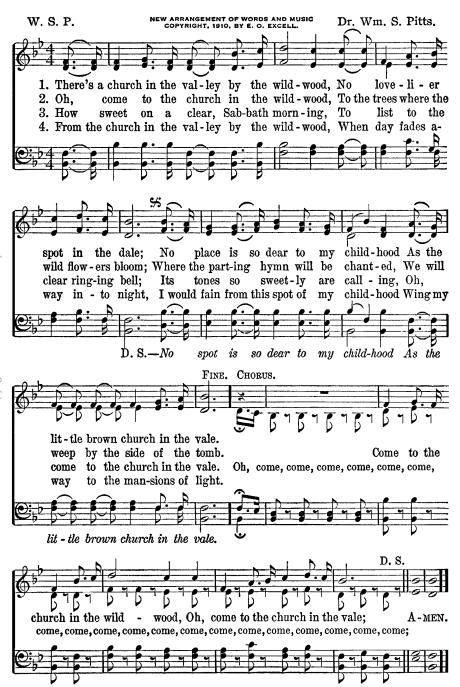
### It Is Well With My Soul



#### The Comforter Has Come



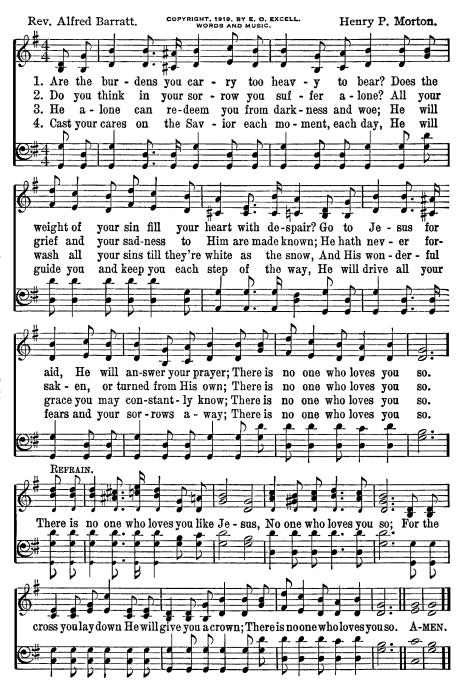
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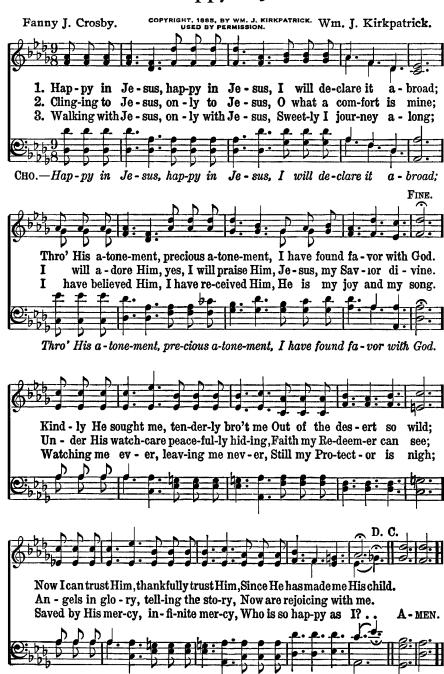
## Stepping in the Light



#### No One Loves You So



#### Happy in Jesus



### My Mother's Bible



#### I Am Thine, O Lord



#### I Must Tell Jesus



### The Spacious Firmament



## Safe In His Keeping



## My Heart Keeps Right



## O That Will Be Glory



## The Way of the Cross Leads Home



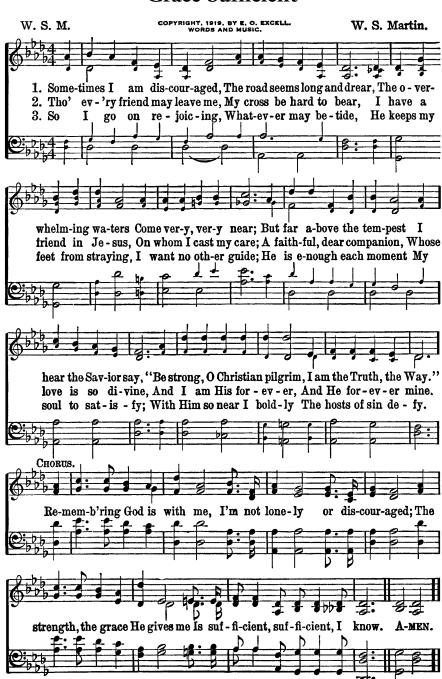
### Abundantly Able to Save



### Sweeter As the Days Go By



#### Grace Sufficient



## The King's Business



## I Will Not Forget Thee



# The Kingdom Coming



### Jesus Is Leading Me



## Be of Good Courage Today



## Will There Be Any Stars?



### While the Years Are Rolling On



## Victory Through Grace



#### In Heavenly Pastures



## Thy Kingdom Come



## His Love Keeps Me Singing



#### Scatter Sunshine



#### Sound the Battle Cry



#### **Under His Wings**



#### Satisfied



#### Praise Him! Praise Him!



### Fill My Heart



### In His Keeping



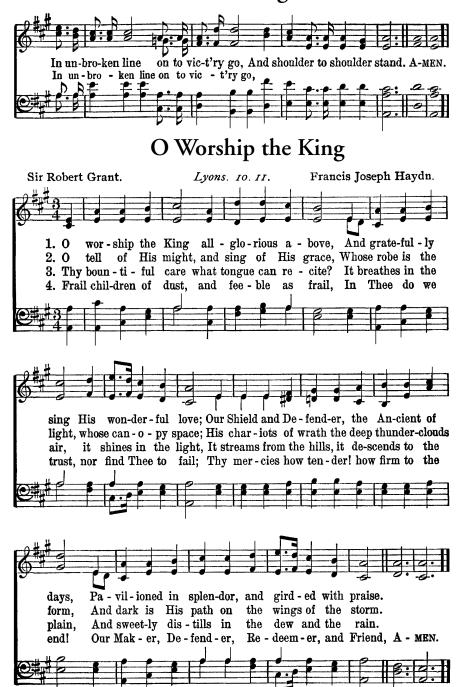
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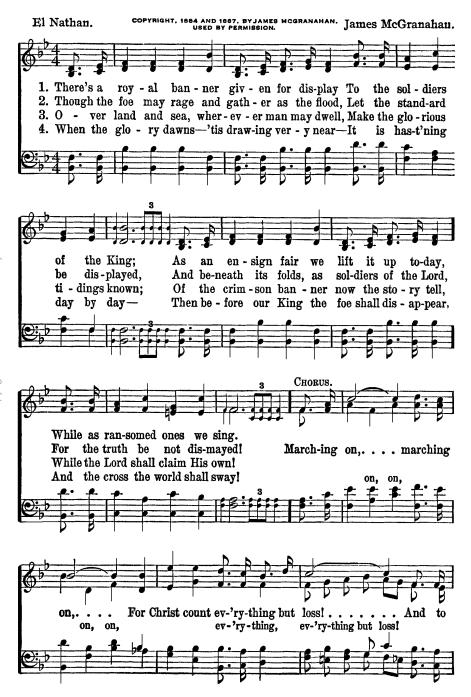
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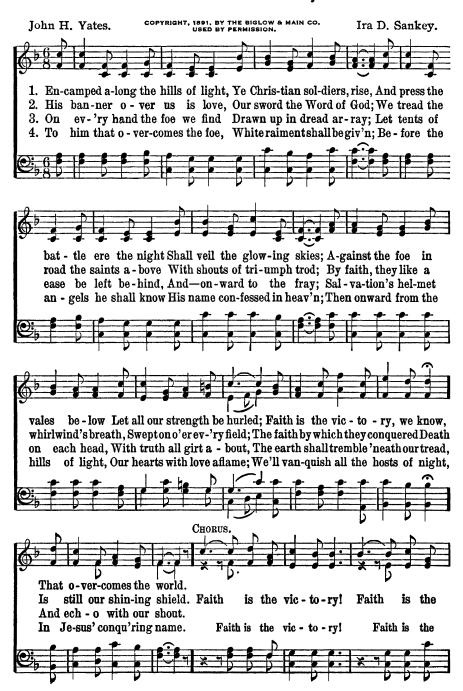
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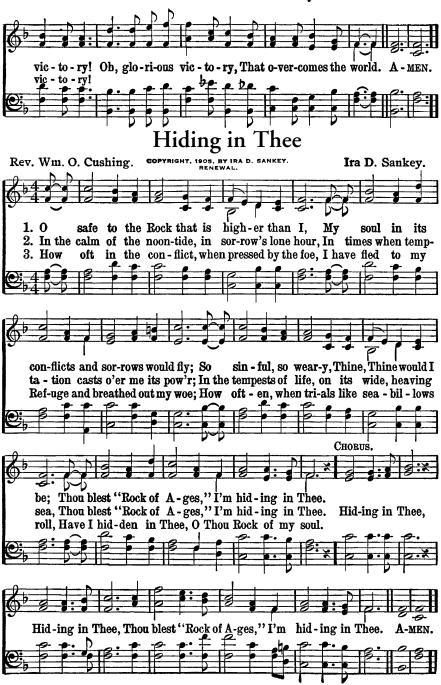
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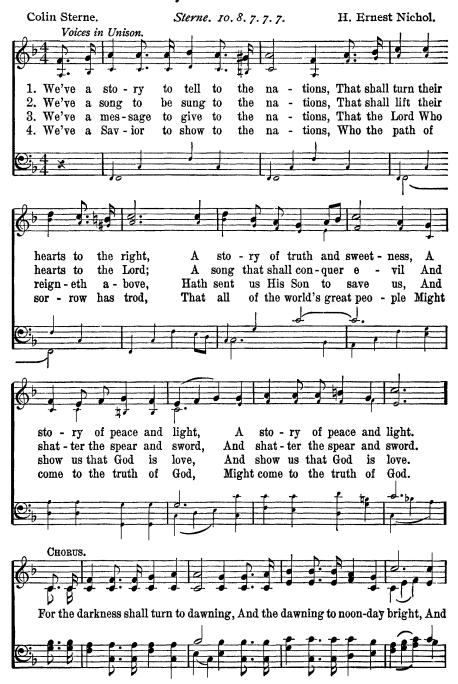
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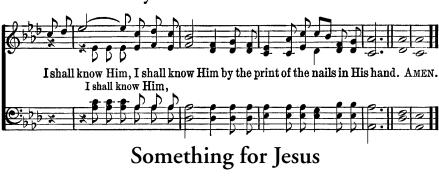
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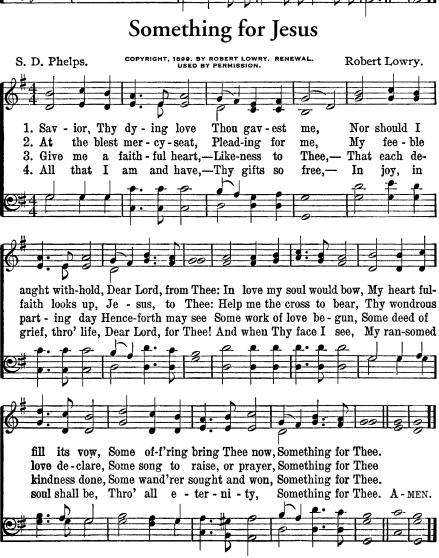


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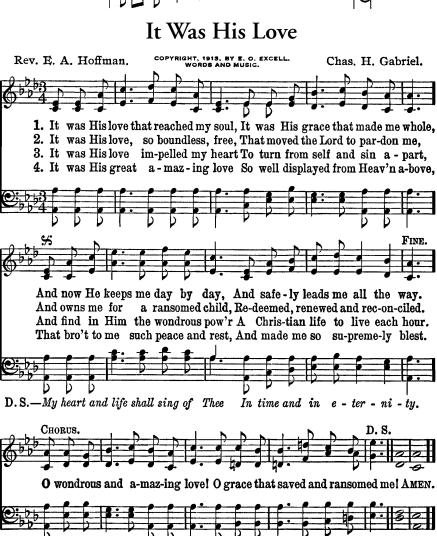


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## Never Give Up





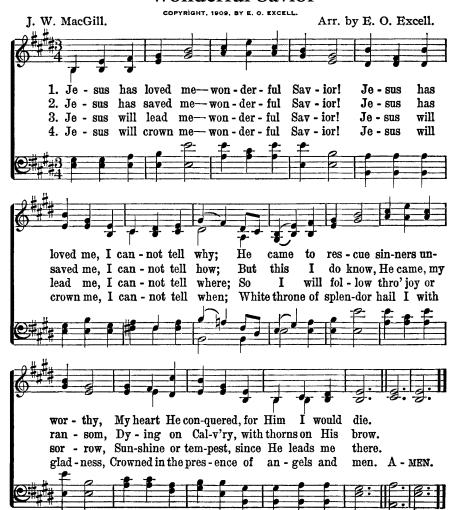
#### The Whole Wide World for Jesus



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#### Wonderful Savior



# Of Christ the Savior

The Lord Jesus Christ, by His perfect obedience, and sacrifice of Himself, which He, through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of His Father; and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those who the Father hath given unto Him. *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (WCF) 8.5

## Where Hast Thou Gleaned Today?



## Count Your Blessings



## **Count Your Blessings**



# 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus



#### More Like the Master



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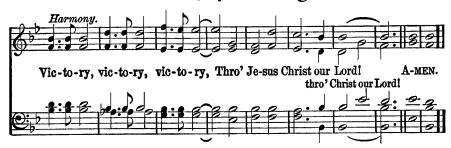
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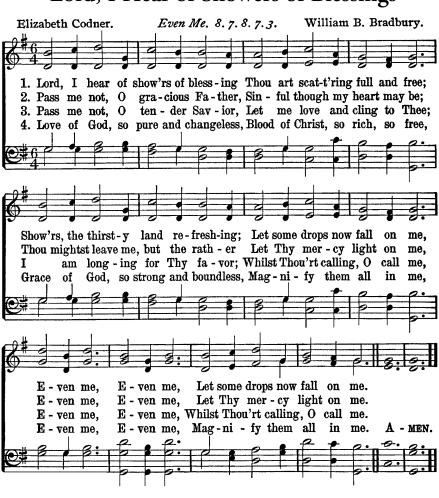
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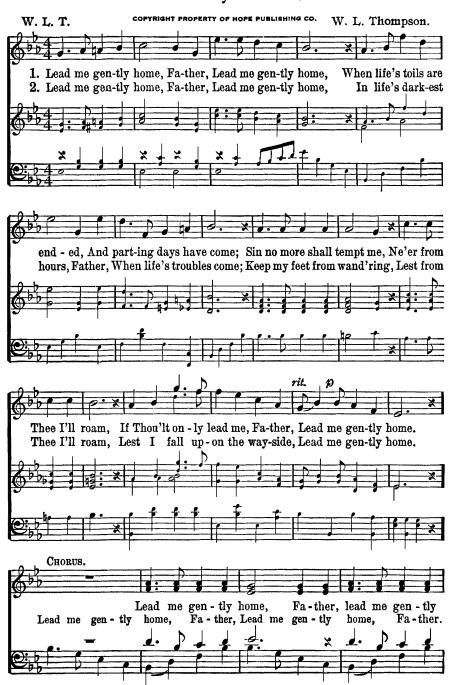
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# Lord, I Hear of Showers of Blessings



# Lead Me Gently Home, Father



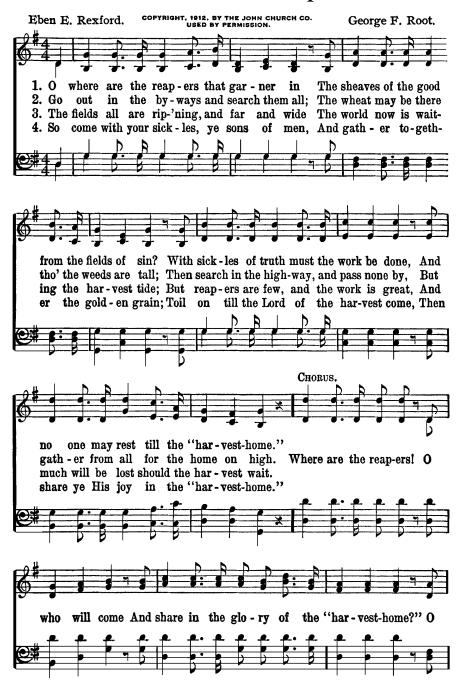
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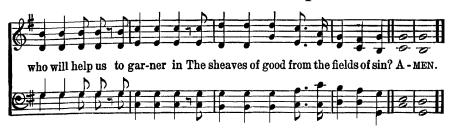
## Have Thine Own Way, Lord



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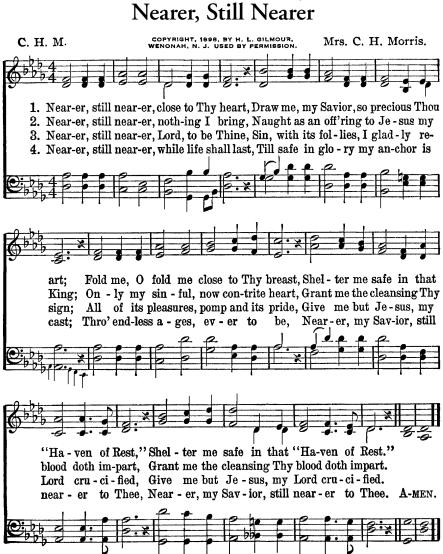


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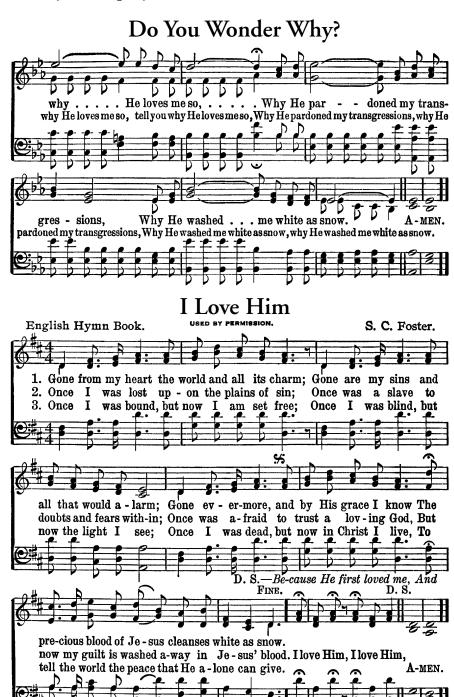




## Do You Wonder Why?



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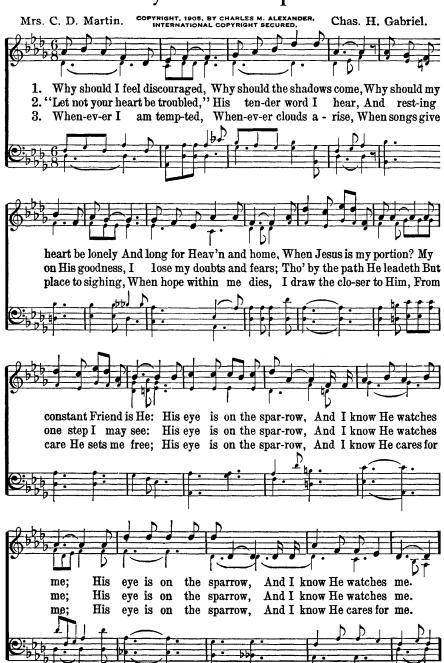
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# Reapers Are Needed

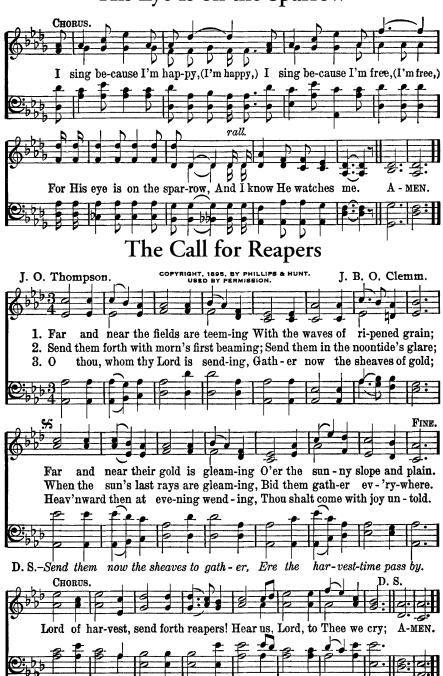




# His Eye Is on the Sparrow



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## Soldiers of Jesus

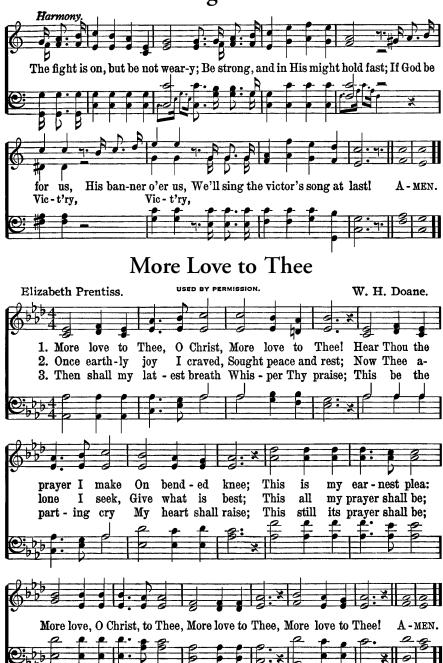




# The Fight Is On







### I Love to Tell the Story



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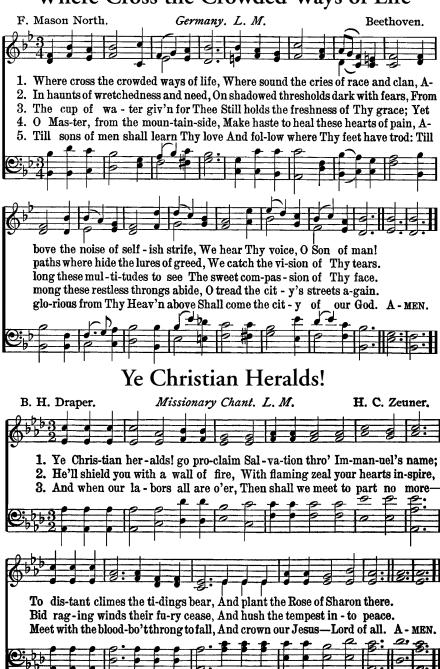
#### To the Work



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## Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



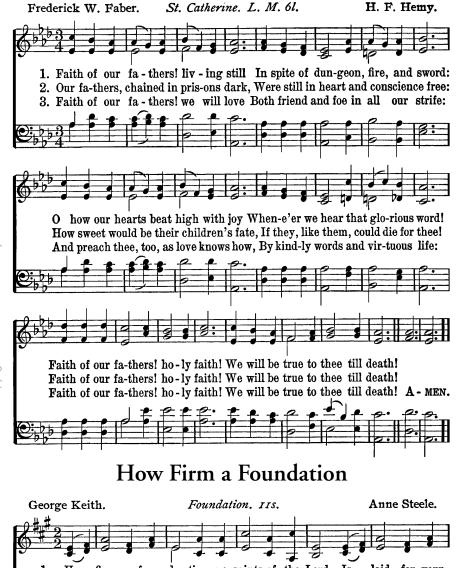
### Give Me Jesus



# The Love of God our Savior

... The kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

# Faith of Our Fathers



1. How firm a foun-da-tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed, For I am thy 3. "When thro' the deep wa-ters I call thee to go, The riv - ers of 4. "When thro' fier-y tri - als thy path-way shall lie, My grace, all-suf-

#### How Firm a Foundation



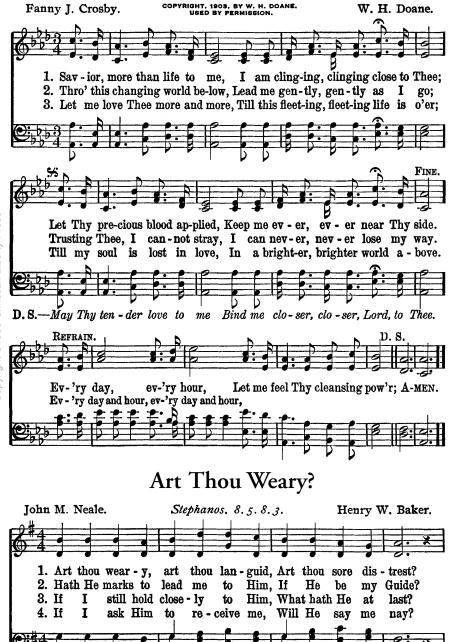
## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



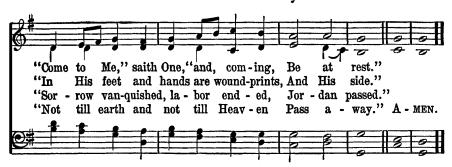
#### All Hail the Power



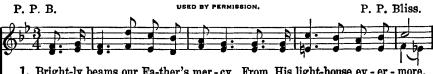
### Savior, More Than Life



### Art Thou Weary?



## Let the Lower Lights Be Burning



- 1. Bright-ly beams our Fa-ther's mer-cy From His light-house ev-er-more,
- 2. Dark the night of sin has set-tled, Loud the an gry bil-lows roar;
- 3. Trim your fee ble lamp, my broth-er: Some poor sail or tem-pest tossed,

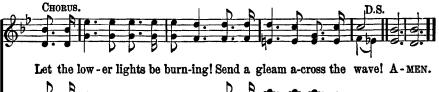




He gives the keep-ing Of the lights a - long the shore. Ea - ger eyes are watch-ing, long-ing, For the lights a - long the shore. Try - ing now to make the har - bor, In the dark-ness may be



D.S.—Some poor fainting, strug-gling sea-man You may res-cue, you may save.



### More About Jesus



# Of Christ the Mediator

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

WCF 8.1

### My Faith Looks Up to Thee



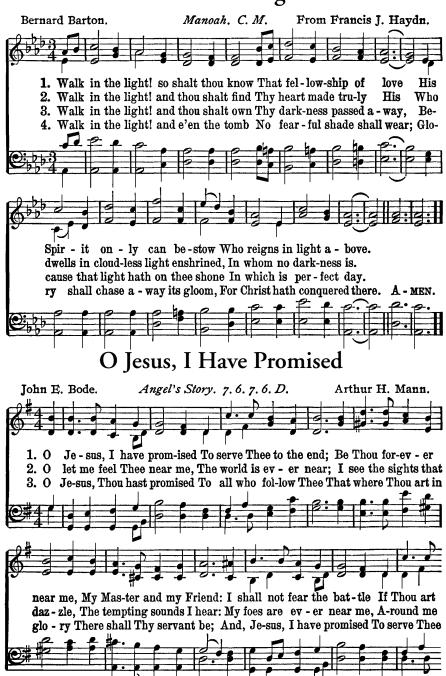
# The Just Shall Live by Faith

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jews first, and also to the Greek.

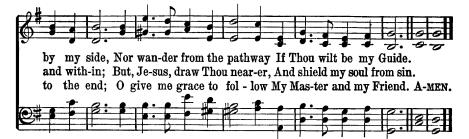
For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:16-17

## Walk in the Light



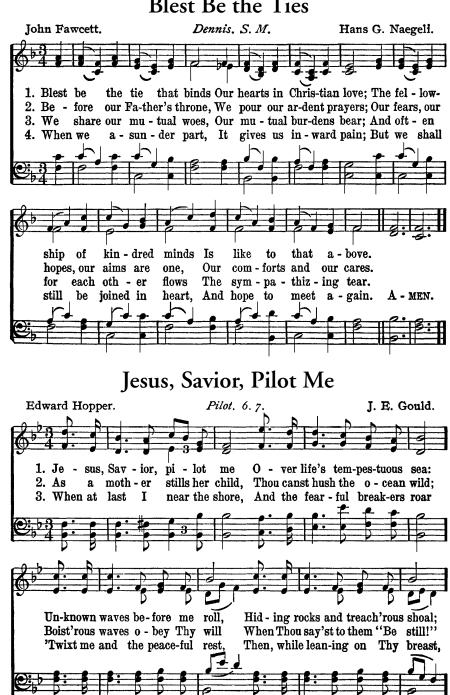
### O Jesus, I Have Promised



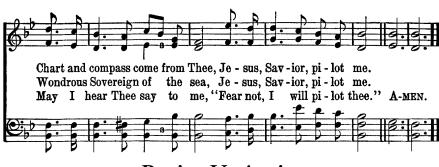
### Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned

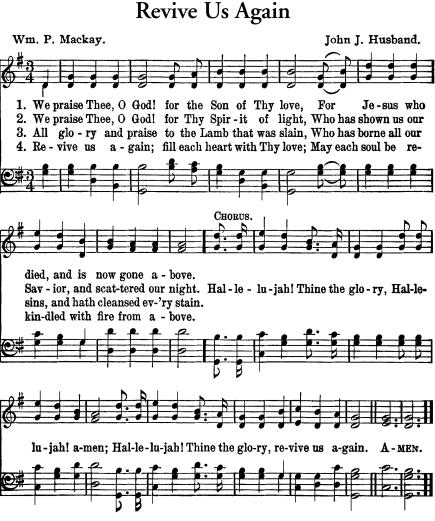


#### Blest Be the Ties









# Thou Art Worthy, O Lord

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne' who liveth for ever and ever,

The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 4:8-11

Cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim

ho - ly:

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Ho-ly, Ho-ly,



gold-en crowns a-round the glass-y

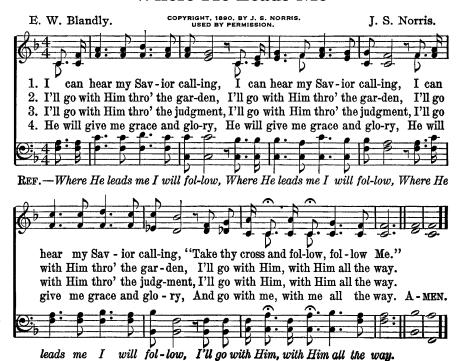
sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,

praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy



#### Where He Leads Me



# Take Up Your Cross

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

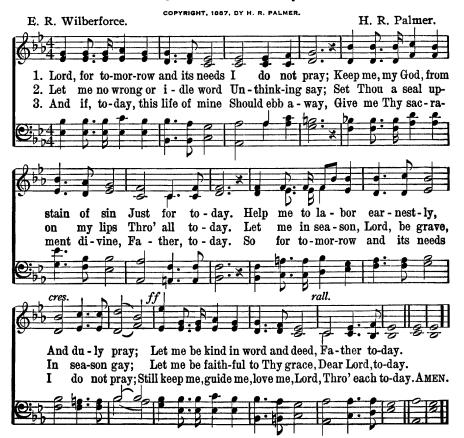
For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Matthew 16:24-27

## Just for Today



# Thou Art My Rock

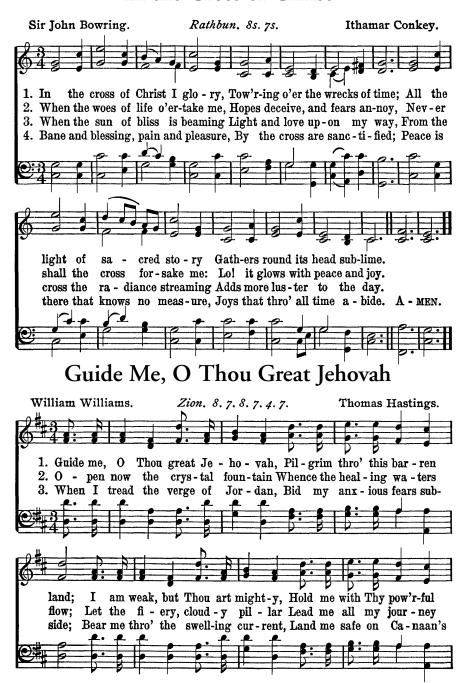
In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily; be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

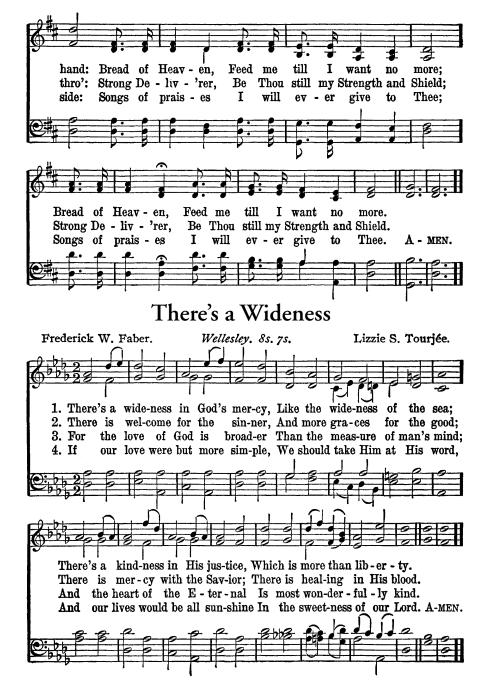
For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Psalm 31:1-3

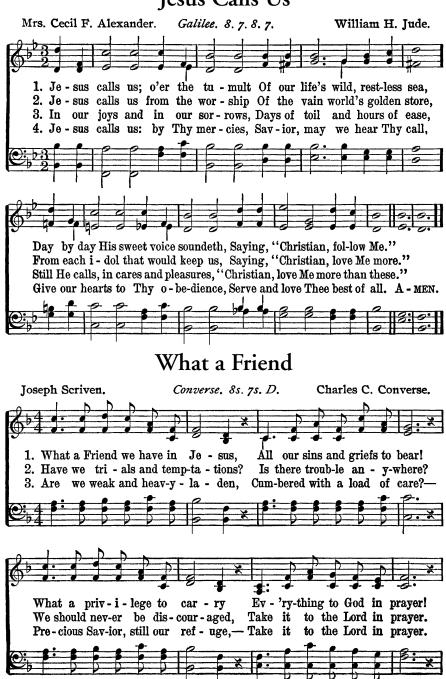
### In the Cross of Christ



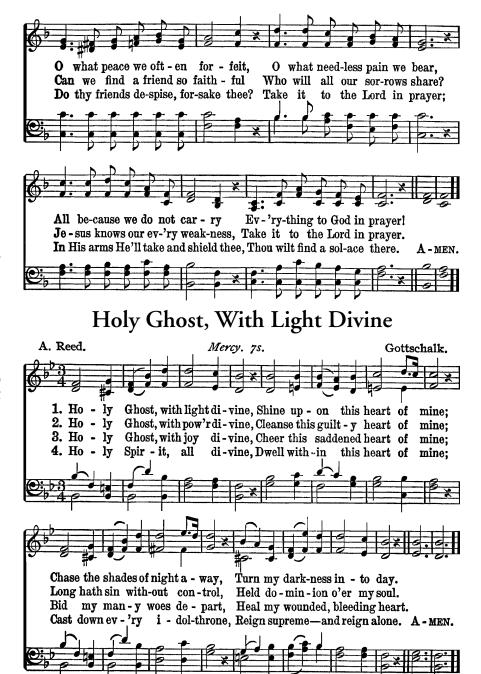
### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



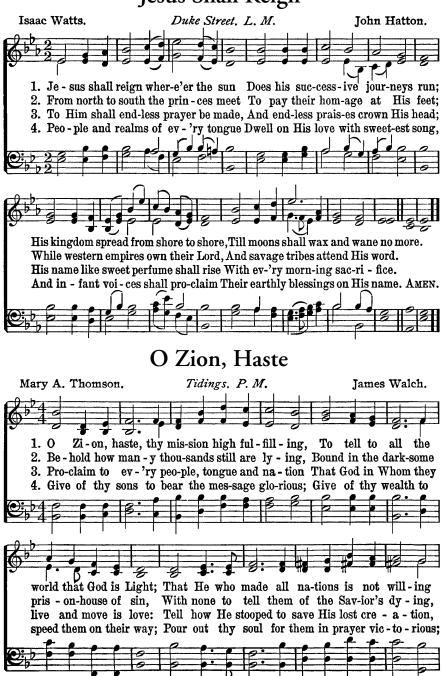
### Jesus Calls Us



#### What a Friend



### Jesus Shall Reign



### Take Time to Be Holy



# Be Ye Holy, For I Am Holy

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

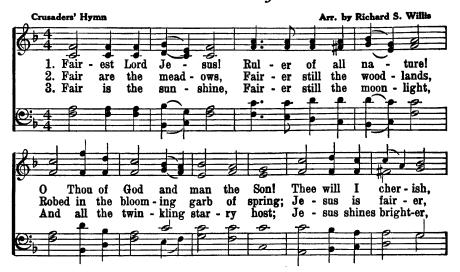
Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1 Peter 1:14

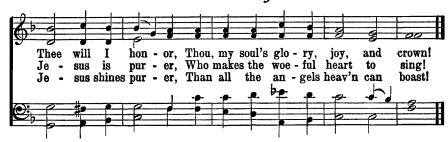
## My Soul, Be On Thy Guard



### Fairest Lord Jesus



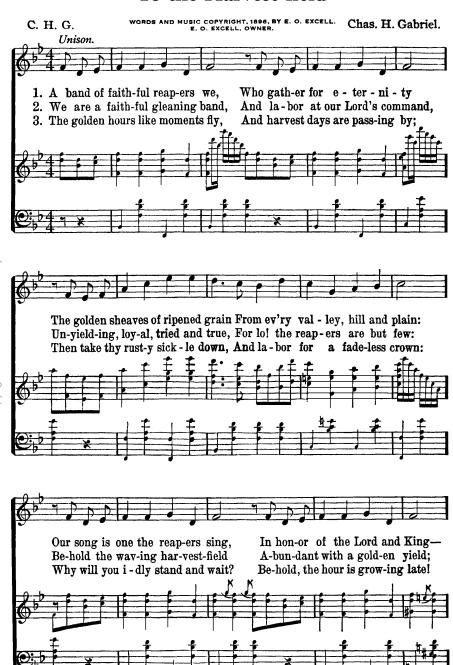
#### Fairest Lord Jesus



### Nearer, My God, to Thee



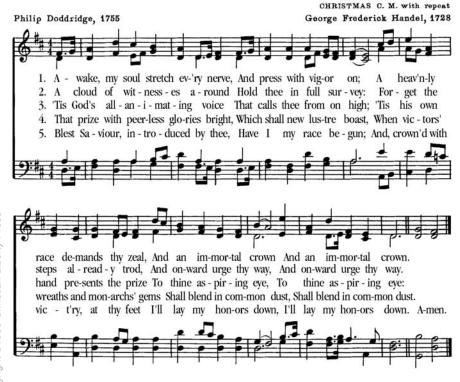
### To the Harvest-field



### To the Harvest-field



## Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve



## Let Us Run the Heavenly Race

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Hebrews 12:1–3

#### **Blessed Assurance**



# Yield Not to Temptation



### Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

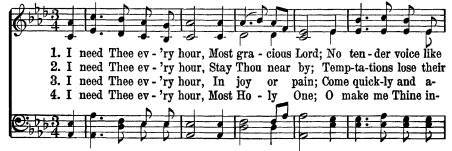


### Break Thou the Bread of Life



## I Need Thee Every Hour

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## I Need Thee Every Hour



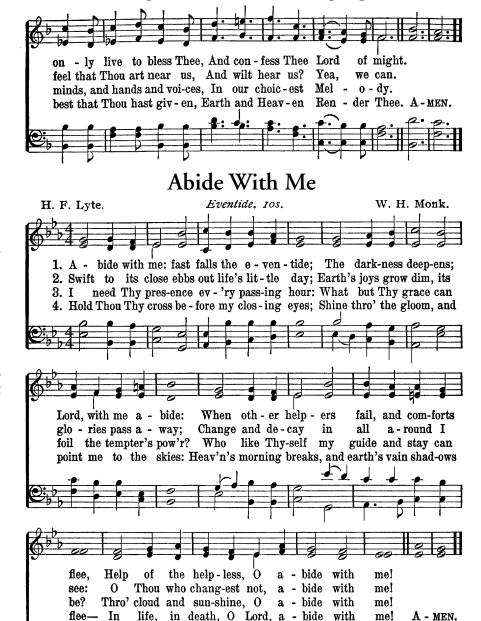
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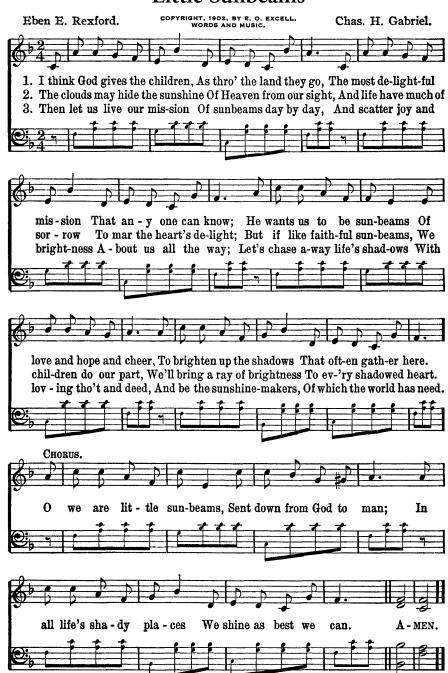
### Come, Sound His Praise



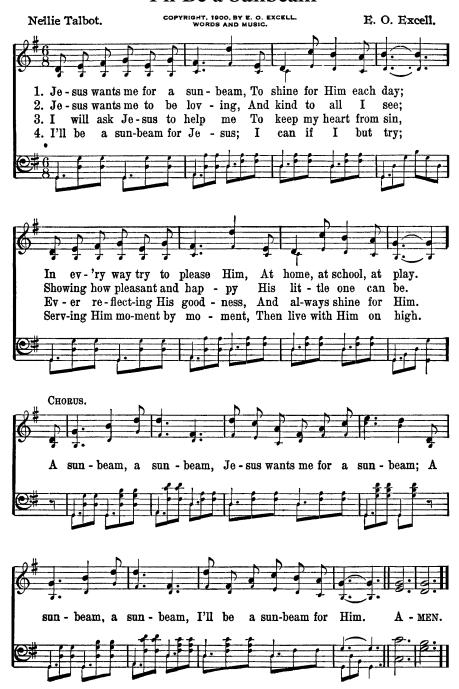




### Little Sunbeams



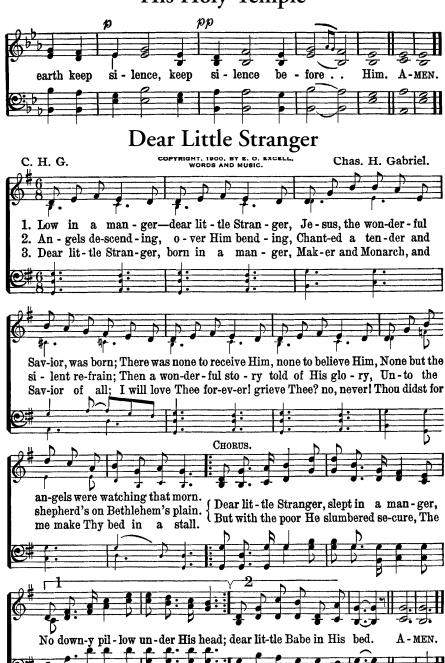
### I'll Be a Sunbeam



## Bring Them In



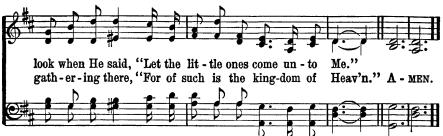
## His Holy Temple



## That Sweet Story of Old

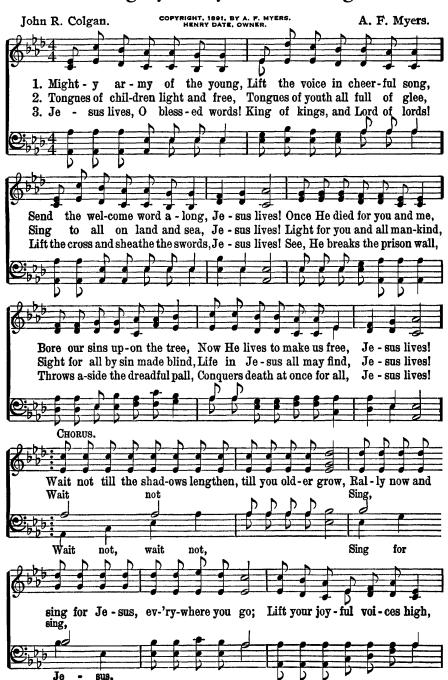


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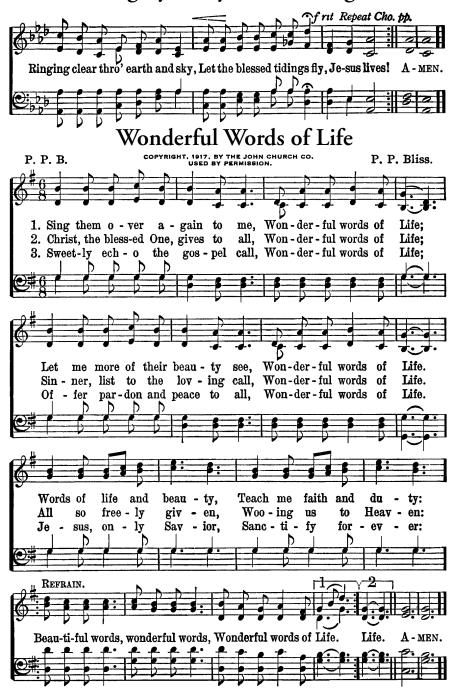




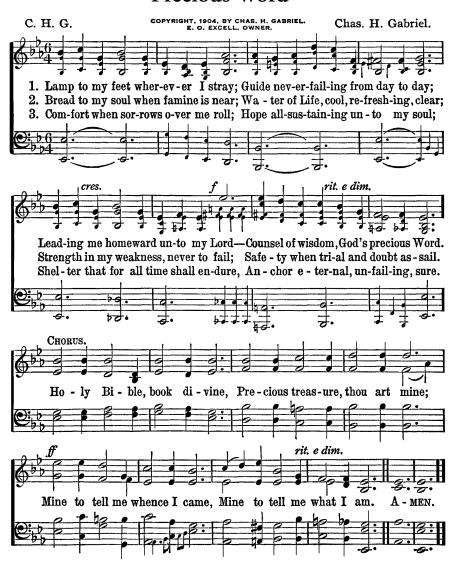
## Mighty Army of the Young



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### **Precious Word**



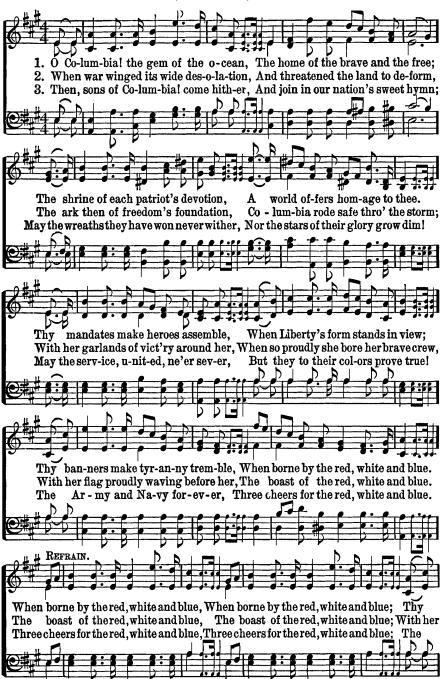
## Of the Holy Scripture

The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture.... WCF 1.6

### America the Beautiful



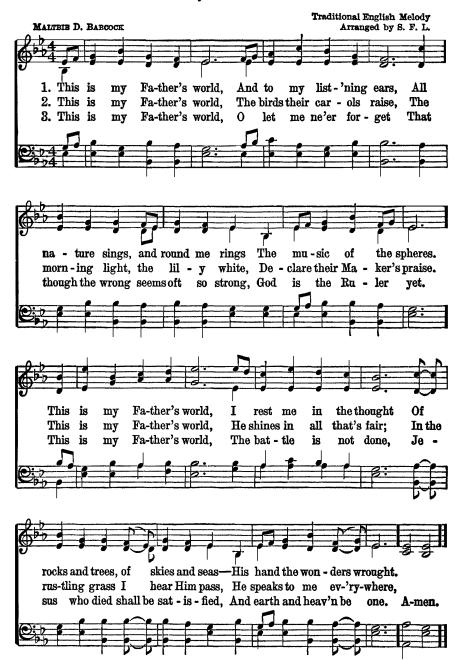
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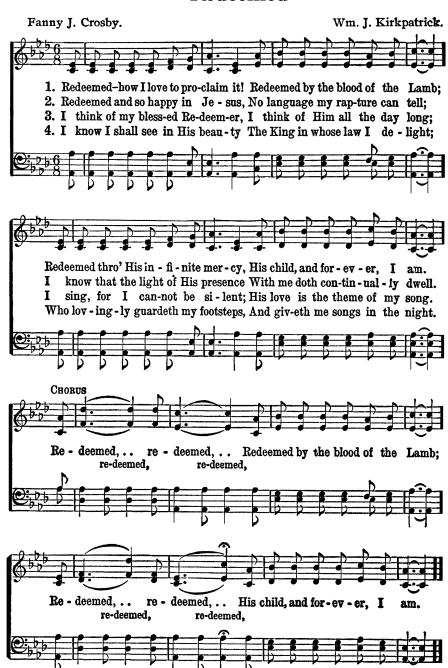
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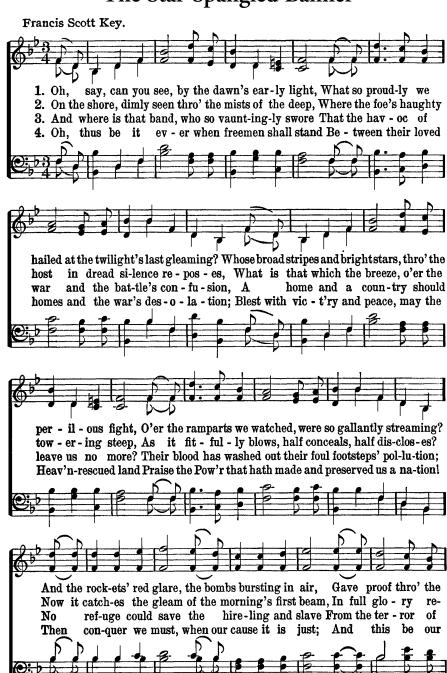
## This Is My Father's World



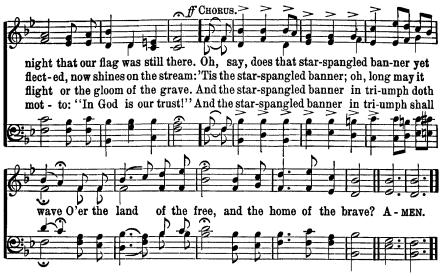
### Redeemed

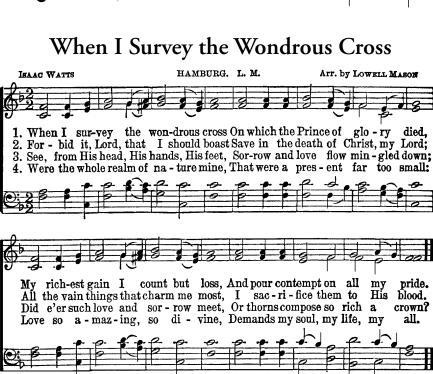


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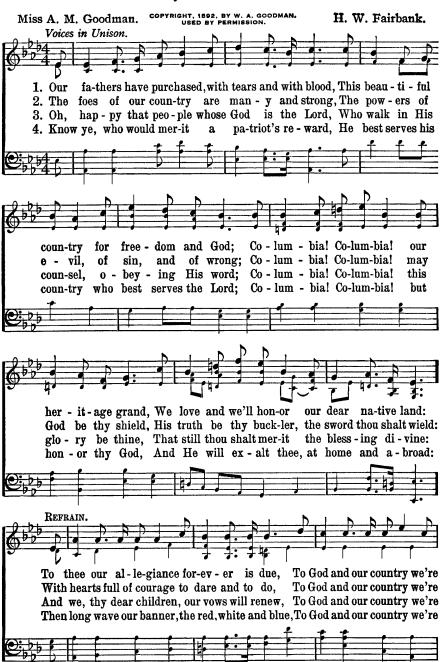


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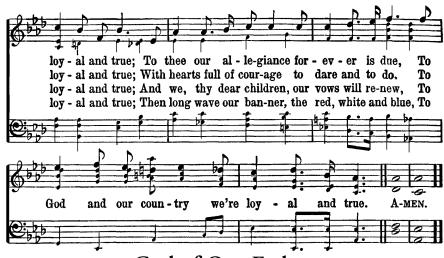




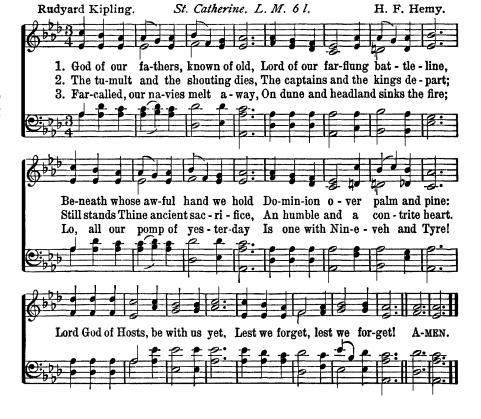
## Loyal and True



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### God of Our Fathers



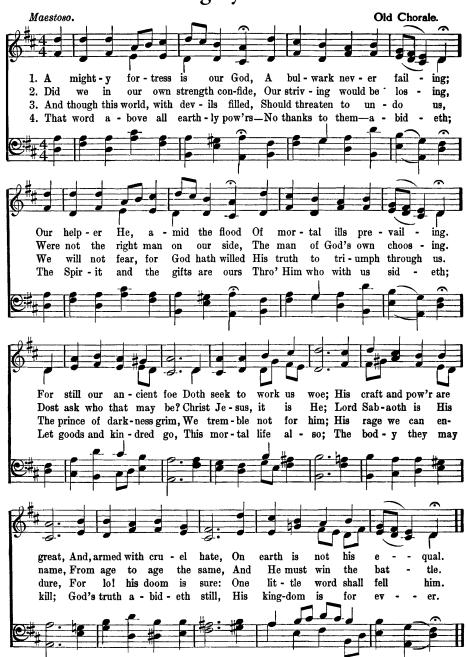


## Of the Civil Magistrate

God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, hath ordained civil magistrates, to be, under Him, over the people, for His own glory, and the public good: and, to this end, hath armed them with power of the sword, for the defence and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evil doers.

WCF 5.1

### A Mighty Fortress



## **Awakening Chorus**





### All Hail, Immanuel





## Response



# The Treasure of God's Word

The second chapter of the book of Proverbs contains a precious promise for any spiritually awakened soul who is willing to diligently search the Scriptures. The opening five verses of Proverbs 2 state:

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

Human beings are masters at inventing ways to try to find the true knowledge of God. The Scriptures, however, plainly teach that God has ordained that sinful men must find out the truth concerning their Creator and the way of salvation through a diligent study of the Holy Bible. When spiritually hungry searchers begin to comprehend that the Word of God provides the only truth that can lead to right-eousness and peace with God, then they are able to understand how great a treasure they have in God's Word.

For those who have been saved by God's grace, Bible study is more than an intellectual religious exercise. The study of God's Word, with childlike zeal and dependence upon the leading of the Holy Spirit, causes readers to find God's power and wisdom for everyday life. Perhaps Job stated it best when he declared that he valued the Word of God "more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12)—and Job only had a portion of the Old Testament!

The man of God named Job is not the only believer to testify to the value of the Holy Scriptures. Across the ages and at this present hour, the people of God regularly witness to the transforming power of God's Word and Spirit. Christian attorney and nationally known advocate for Christ-centered home education, Michael P. Farris, wrote the following testimony concerning the influence of the Bible upon his fruitful life.

My earliest memory involving God's Word is from 1957. As a first grader, I attended a Good News Club and was given an assignment to memorize one verse each week. At the end of each ten-week period I was allowed to take a prize from "the treasure chest." I have no memory of any prize from that chest, but the true treasure I gained is still vibrant within my heart. I can still recite verbatim the first Bible verse I ever learned.

Throughout my years in Sunday School and a boy's program called King's Sons, I memorized dozens and dozens of verses and even a few chapters of Scripture. My parents were new believers and strongly encouraged my memorization and made sure that I received thorough instruction in Bible content and doctrine.

I did well academically in school with a good memory as a significant factor. My mother told me—and I believe it—that my early memorization of Scripture was, in her judgment, a key reason that I developed good memory skills. I have no doubt she was right.

As I approached adulthood I began to rely on the Word of God to give me direction for my life. God used both Micah 6:8 and Proverbs 21:15 to confirm His call for me to attend law school. God's Word was my chief source for determining that it was God's will to move from Washington State to the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. And there are many more times God used His Word to illuminate my path.

The things I learned about God's Word and from God's Word are things I am endeavoring to transmit to my children. I want them to:

- read the Word daily,
- memorize the Word,
- understand its meaning, and
- apply it to their lives.

Not only do I want to ensure that my children do these things for themselves, but that they will transmit these values and principles to their children as well. Grandchildren who know, love, and obey God as revealed in His Word will be the real treasure in my life.

May the Lord Jesus Christ give you a hunger to know Him more intimately through a diligent study of His Word. God's Word is indeed a precious treasure, so start digging!

Michael J. McHugh 1999

# Scripture Selections

### for Responsive Readings

Verses in normal typeface may be read aloud by the worship leader. The verses in bold should be read aloud by the other worshipers.

#### Selected Psalms

#### Psalm 1

- BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- 4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
- 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

#### Psalm 2

- 1 WHY do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,
- 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
- 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.

- 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.
- 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
- 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.
- 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
- 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
- 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

#### Psalm 8

To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David.

- 1 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
- Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

- 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
- What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
- 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:
- 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;
- 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
- 9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

#### Psalm 15

### A Psalm of David.

- 1 LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?
- 2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.
- 3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.
- 4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.
- 5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

#### Psalm 19

#### To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- 1 THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.
- 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.
- 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
- 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
- 6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

- 13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

#### Psalm 23

#### A Psalm of David.

- 1 THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

### Psalm 24

### A Psalm of David.

- 1 THE earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
- 2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

- 3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
- 5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Iacob. Selah.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

#### Psalm 34

- A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.
- I WILL bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

- 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.
- 10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.
- 11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?
- 13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.
- 14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
- 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

- 20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
- 22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

#### Psalm 37:1-9

A Psalm of David.

- 1 FRET not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.
- 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
- 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
- 4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
- 5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.
- 6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.
- 7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
- 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.
- 9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

#### Psalm 39

To the chief Musician, even to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

- 1 I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.
- 2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred.
- 3 My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue.
- 4 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.
- 5 Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.
- 6 Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.
- 7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.
- 8 Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.
- 9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.
- 10 Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.
- 11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah.

- 12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.
- 13 O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

#### Psalm 40

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- I WAITED patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
- 2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.
- 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.
- 4 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
- Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.
- 6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.
- 7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,
- 8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.
- 9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not

- refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.
- 10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.
- 11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
- 12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.
- 13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.
- 14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.
- 15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.
- 16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.
- 17 But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

To the chief Musician, Machil, for the sons of Korah.

 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

- 2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?
- 3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?
- When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.
- 5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.
- 6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.
- 7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
- 8 Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.
- 9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
- 10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?
- 11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

- To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A song upon Alamoth.
- 1 GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.
- 4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.
- 6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.
- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.
- 9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; be breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.
- 10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

#### Psalm 48

- A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah.
- GREAT is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.
- 2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
- 3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.
- 4 For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.
- 5 They saw it, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away.
- 6 Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.
- 7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.
- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah.
- 9 We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.
- 10 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.
- 11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.
- 12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.
- 13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.
- 14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

#### To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

- 1 TRULY my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.
- 2 He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.
- 3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.
- 4 They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Soloh
- 5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.
- 6 He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.
- 7 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
- 8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.
- 9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.
- 10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.
- 11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.
- 12 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

#### Psalm 65

#### To the chief Musician, A Psalm and Song of David.

- PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.
- 2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.
- 3 Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.
- 4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
- 5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:
- 6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:
- 7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.
- 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
- 9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.
- 10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

- 11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.
- 12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.
- 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm or Song.

- 1 GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.
- 2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
- 4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.
- 5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
- 6 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.
- 7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

#### Psalm 96

- O SING unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

- For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.
- 6 Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.
- 8 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.
- 10 Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.
- 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice
- 13 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

#### Psalm 97

- 1 THE LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

- 3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.
- 4 His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.
- 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.
- 8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.
- 10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

# A Psalm of praise.

- 1 MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
- 3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with

- praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
- 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

#### Psalm 103

#### A Psalm of David.

- BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
- 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
- 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
- 9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

- 13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.
- 14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.
- 15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
- 16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.
- 17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;
- 18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.
- 19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
- 22 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

- PRAISE ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.
- 2 The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
- 3 His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.
- 4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the

- LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.
- 7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.
- 9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

# Psalm 119:1-8

#### ALEPH.

- BLESSED are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.
- Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.
- 3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.
- 4 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.
- 5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!
- 6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

- 7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

#### A Song of degrees.

- 1 I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
- 2 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
- 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
- 8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

#### Psalm 122

# A Song of degrees of David.

- I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.
- 2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:
- Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

- 5 For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
- 7 Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

#### Psalm 149

- PRAISE ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.
- 5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.
- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;
- 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;
- 9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

# Other Scripture Readings

#### 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

- 10 Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.
- 11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.
- 12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.
- 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

#### Isaiah 40:1-10

- 1 COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
- 2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.
- 3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:
- 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

- 6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:
- 7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.
- 8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.
- 9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
- 10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

#### Isaiah 42:1-10

- BEHOLD my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.
- 2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.
- 3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.
- 4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.
- 5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the

- people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:
- 6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;
- 7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.
- 8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise unto graven images.
- 9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.
- 10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

#### Isaiah 52:7-10

- 7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!
- 8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.
- 9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.
- 10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

#### Isaiah 53

- 1 WHO hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?
- 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.
- 3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
- 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
- 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
- 9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his

- death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.
- 10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
- 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

#### Isaiah 55:1-11

- 1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.
- 4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

- 5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.
- 6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:
- 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.
- 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:
- 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

#### Matthew 5:1-12

- 1 AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
- 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
- 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

- 5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- 10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

#### Matthew 18:1-6

- 1 AT the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
- 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them.
- 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
- 5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

#### Mark 10:13-16

- 13 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.
- 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
- 15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.
- 16 And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

# John 3:14-21

- 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
- 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
- 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because

- he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
- 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.
- 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

#### John 10:1-11

- 1 VERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.
- 2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
- 3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.
- 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.
- 5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.
- 6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.
- 7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.
- 8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

- 9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.
- 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
- 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

# John 15:1-17

- 1 I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
- Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
- 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
- 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
- 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
- 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
- 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
- 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

- 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love
- 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
- 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.
- 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
- 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
- 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.
- 15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.
- 16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.
- 17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

#### Romans 8:1-18

- 1 THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
- 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh,

- God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
- 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
- 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
- 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
- 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
- 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
- 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
- 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.
- 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
- 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

- 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
- 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
- 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.
- 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

#### Romans 8:35-39

- 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
- 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
- 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# Romans 10:8-17

- 8 But what saith it? The word is nighthee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;
- 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God

- hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
- 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.
- 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
- 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
- 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?
- 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

#### Romans 12:1-21

- 1 I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
- 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.
- 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
- 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
- 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith:
- 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;
- 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.
- 9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.
- 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;
- 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;
- 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
- 13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.
- 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.
- 15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

- 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.
- 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.
- 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.
- 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.
- 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.
- 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

#### 1 Corinthians 13

- THOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
- 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
- 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
- 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
- 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
- 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

- 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
- 8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.
- 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
- 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.
- 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
- 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
- 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

#### Galatians 6:1-10

- 1 BRETHREN, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.
- 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.
- 4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.
- 5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

- 6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.
- 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
- 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.
- 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
- 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

# Ephesians 6:10-18

- 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
- 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

- 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
- 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

# Philippians 2:5-16

- 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
- 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.
- 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

- 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;
- 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

# Philippians 4:4-13

- 4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.
- 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.
- 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.
- 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.
- 10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.
- 11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.
- 12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where

- and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.
- 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:8-21

- 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
- 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
- 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
- 12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
- 13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.
- 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.
- 15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.
- 16 Rejoice evermore.
- 17 Pray without ceasing.
- 18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
- 19 Quench not the Spirit.
- 20 Despise not prophesyings.

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

# 1 John 1

- 1 THAT which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;
- 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
- 3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
- 4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.
- 5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
- 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
- 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

# 1 John 5:1-15

- 1 WHOSOEVER believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.
- 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.
- 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.
- 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.
- 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
- 6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.
- 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
- 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the

- water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.
- 9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.
- 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.
- 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
- 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.
- 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
- 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
- 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

# A Prayer of Repentance and Faith

Without salvation, all human beings are spiritually lost. Without Christ, all will die in their sins and enter into a hellish eternity. Jesus calls lost sinners to "come," and to find rest and forgiveness in Him.

As taught in the Scriptures, true repentance and saving faith are the results of God's sovereign work of grace in the heart. That work is a creative act of God, even as in His original work of creation. God generates new life, and the gift of repentance and faith are implanted in the heart. It is totally a work of God. Man cannot earn salvation; God's work of salvation is His gift to man. Such regeneration (or being "born again") is a secret and inscrutable work of God that is never directly perceived by man (like the mysterious movement of the wind—John 3:8); it can only be perceived in its effects—true repentance and saving faith.

Repentance and faith, also known as **conversion**, are not the causes of salvation. The root or cause is God's amazing grace. Conversion is simply the visible result of that gracious and marvelous work.

Are you a Christian? Have you been saved by God's grace? If so, true repentance and saving faith will be the results. You will **forsake** the old sinful life, **believe** God's truth (the Bible), and **receive** it as you **turn** to a life devoted to God.

Below you will find a suggested prayer of repentance and faith.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I believe that you are the one true God, and that you sent your One and only Son to suffer in the place of all sinners who trust in Him as their Savior. I believe that Jesus endured what I ought to have endured, and made atonement to God for my sinful nature and all the sins that I would ever commit. I believe that Christ died, and that He rose bodily from the dead on the third day.

Lord, I know that I have no merit of my own. I deserve to die. Because of my sinful nature, I deserve to perish. I deserve to be destroyed. But you forgive sinners for your own name's sake.

You cannot find anything in us that is spiritually good, or anything that can move you to pity. But, oh, by your grace, have mercy upon me and forgive me. Wash me and make me clean.

Lord, you have said that "him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out." And also, "Let the wicked forsake his ways, and the unrighteous man his thoughts." I cast aside all my former confidences, and all my boastings and pride, and come to you as a sinner. I come to you, Lord God, as an utterly lost, undone, spiritually bankrupt sinner; and I look to the atoning sacrifice of Jesus for my salvation.

I thank you, heavenly Father, for this salvation that you have extended to me through Jesus Christ. I thank you that by your grace I have been given life. As one dead in my sins, you have sovereignly saved me. I have not chosen you, but you have chosen me. I love you because you first loved me. And I praise you for your gifts of repentance and faith.

In Jesus name, Amen!

Please remember, it is not your prayer to God that will save you. "Salvation is of the Lord," as the Bible teaches, and as already noted. However, if God has saved you by His grace (regeneration), and has created in you the gifts of repentance and faith (conversion), this prayer will express the desire of your heart. And, even as the disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray," we are offering this prayer simply to help you as you seek to communicate with God and verbally begin to express the gifts of repentance and faith that He has sovereignly granted.

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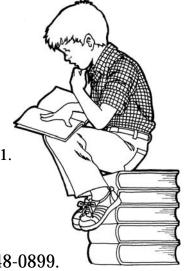
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