

HYMN 1
The Apostles' Creed

Credo

J. Schouten, 1966

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven.
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
I believe a holy catholic church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Formerly Hymn 1A

HYMN 2

In God, Our Heavenly Father, I Believe *The Apostles' Creed*

'k Geloof in God

Enige Gezangen, 1933

1. In God, our heavenly Father, I believe –
almighty Ruler, all-victorious,
Creator of both heaven and earth,
whose holy name is great and glorious.
And I believe in Christ our Lord –
Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word,
God's only Son, our faithful Saviour,
sent to redeem a world forlorn;
who was conceived by God the Spirit
and of the virgin Mary born.

2. Our Lord was under Pilate crucified;
the burden of God's wrath he carried.
Rejected and despised by men,
he died for us, and then was buried,
descending into death's domain.
But he the third day rose again;
he to his heavenly throne ascended,
at God's right hand, and he, our Head,
shall come again with power and glory
to judge the living and the dead.

3. In God the Holy Spirit I believe –
through whom we are a new creation.
And I believe a catholic church,
one holy Christian congregation;
the true communion of all those
whom God once as his people chose;
the full forgiveness of transgressions,
release from sin and mortal strife;
the resurrection of the body,
and glorious, everlasting life.

Formerly Hymn 1B

HYMN 3

O God, We Praise You, We Acknowledge You as Lord
Te Deum

Du Seigneur

Geneva, 1562

1. O God, we praise you, we acknowledge you as Lord.
Eternal Father, you are everywhere adored.
Led by the seraphim, the angels praise you rightly:
“O holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty!
Both heaven and earth are filled with your majestic splendour.”
To you all angels never-ceasing praises render.

2. The prophets and apostles praise your deeds of might
as they in chorus join the martyrs robed in white.
Your holy church rejoices, everywhere confessing
you, Father, high-enthroned in glory all-surpassing;
your true and only Son, worthy of adoration;
the Holy Spirit, source of help and consolation.

3. O Christ, our glorious King, the victory you have won.
You, Lord, are God the Father’s everlasting Son.
Yet you did not despise the Virgin’s womb, O Saviour,
when you came from on high to free mankind forever.
You then defeated death and Satan’s power infernal;
you opened up the way that leads to life eternal.

4. You are enthroned in glory at God’s own right hand,
till you from there as judge will on the clouds descend.
O Lord, we therefore pray, grant help and vindication
to those who through your precious blood have gained salvation.
In everlasting glory add them to the number
of all your saints, O Lord. Your heritage remember!

5. We bless you day by day, we praise your holy name;
from age to age your power and glory we acclaim.
O Lord, keep us this day from evil and transgression.
Have mercy on us, Lord; show pity and compassion.
Let all who hope in you be with your love surrounded.
In you alone we trust: we’ll never be confounded!

Formerly Hymn 2

HYMN 4

We Praise You, God the Father, the Creator

Oblation

Johann Crüger, 1653

1. We praise you, God the Father, the Creator;
we praise you, God the Son, our Lord and Saviour;
we praise you, God the Spirit, coeternal;
one God almighty.

2. Trinity holy, Unity unbroken,
let all creation praise you without ceasing,
for you are one in truth and love and splendour,
Rock of salvation.

3. We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
LORD God eternal, we bow down before you.
Yours be all honour, yours the power and glory,
now and forever.

Formerly Hymn 3

HYMN 5

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Nicea

John B. Dykes, 1861

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea:

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Formerly Hymn 4

HYMN 6

Praise God Most High, You Servants of the Lord

Old 124th

Geneva, 1551

1. Praise God Most High, you servants of the Lord.
Praise his great name and of his glory sing;
with shouts of joy your thankful praises bring.
Let him by all his people be adored,
acknowledged as their sovereign Lord and King.

2. Praise God the Father, great in majesty;
praise God the Son, who came to save his own;
praise God the Spirit, sent from heaven's throne,
that he our guide and comforter might be.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit, Three in One.

Formerly Hymn 58

HYMN 7
Glory be to God the Father

Regent Square

Henry Smart, 1866

1. Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit,
God Almighty, Three in One!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Glory be to him alone!

2. Glory be to him who loved us,
washed us from all sin and stain!
Glory be to him who bought us,
made us kings with him to reign!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Praise the Lamb that once was slain!

3. Glory to the King of angels,
glory to the church's King,
glory to the King of nations!
Heaven and earth, your praises bring.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
To the King of glory sing!

4. "Glory, blessing, praise eternal!"
Thus the choir of angels sings.
"Honour, glory, power, dominion!"
Thus its praise creation brings.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Praise the mighty King of kings!

Formerly Hymn 5

HYMN 8

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

Geneva, 1551

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (Amen*)

**May be sung with Amen-cadence.*

HYMN 9
Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Charles Meineke, 1844

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

Formerly Augment Hymn 28

HYMN 10

Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God
Psalms 72:18, 19

Coronation

Oliver Holden, 1793

1. Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
for he alone does wondrous works:
his glorious deeds excel;
for he alone does wondrous works:
his glorious deeds excel.

2. And blessèd be his glorious name through all eternity;
the whole earth let his glory fill:
Amen! So shall it be;
the whole earth let his glory fill:
Amen! So shall it be.

Formerly Augment Hymn 25

HYMN 11
The Ten Commandments

O Dieu, donne moy

Geneva, 1543

1. Hear how the LORD on Sinai's mountain
addressed the people of his choice;
with them his covenant he established.
They in the thunder heard his voice.

2. "I am the LORD, your God and Saviour,
who out of slavery set you free,
who brought you from the land of Egypt.
Have, then, no other gods but me.

3. "You shall not make or serve an idol:
a jealous God am I, the LORD,
who punish evildoers' offspring
but cherish those who heed my Word.

4. "Invoke the LORD with fear and reverence;
you shall not take his name in vain.
The LORD your God will not hold guiltless
those who his holy name profane.

5. "Observe the sabbath, keep it holy;
you and your house that day shall rest.
On six days only shall you labour;
the seventh day the LORD has blessed.

6. "Honour your father and your mother;
then shall the LORD your days extend
and bless you in the land he gives you.
Obey the LORD your God's command.

7. "You shall not kill or hate your neighbour;
adultery you shall not commit.
You shall not steal, nor bear false witness,
but love the truth and honour it.

8. "Your neighbour's goods you shall not covet,
and everything he calls his own –
his wife, his house, his fields and cattle –
you shall respect as his alone."

9. O LORD, let your commandments teach us
our sins and misery to know,
that we, delivered from all evil,
to you our thankfulness may show.

Formerly Hymn 7

HYMN 12
The Song of Moses
Deuteronomy 32:1-43

'k Geloof in God

Enige Gezangen, 1933

1. Give ear, O heavens! Earth, hear my address!
Like gentle rain be all my teaching;
like morning dew upon the grass,
like springtime showers be my preaching.
I will declare the LORD'S great name;
O praise our God and spread his fame.
He is the Rock of our salvation;
His ways are truth and equity.
Proclaim his glory with elation.
How righteous and how just is he!

2. They did not act as children of the LORD,
that twisted, crooked generation.
Is this how you esteem his word?
You are a senseless, foolish nation.
As Father he established you,
and did not he create you too?
Think back on bygone times: remember
his gracious deeds in days of old.
Your father can reveal their number;
all this your elders will unfold.

3. When God Most High did parcel out the lands,
dispersing all mankind as nations,
he fixed their boundaries by his hand
to give all tribes their place and station.
His chosen people formed his share;
He Jacob as his own declared.
The LORD in barren deserts found him;
in howling wastelands he drew nigh
and with his care did he surround him,
just as the apple of his eye.

4. Lo, as an eagle, hovering o'er its young
when it has thrust them from its eyrie,
will catch them, bearing them along
on outspread wings that never weary,
so was the LORD then Jacob's guide:
no foreign god was at his side.
He made him ride on lofty mountains,
fed him on harvests of the field.
From crags flowed honey as from fountains;
the flinty rock its oil did yield.

5. The rams and goats of Bashan, rich with fat,
the curds and milk by flocks presented,
the blood of grapes in brimming vats,
the finest wheat to him he granted.
But Jeshurun grow fat, and kicked –
how fat you've grown, how sleek and thick!
Then he forsook the God who made him;
salvation's constant Rock he spurned.
With foreign idols he betrayed him:
God's jealous anger fiercely burned.

6. On strange new gods or demons did they call;
with sacrifices they revered them
although they were not gods at all;
indeed, your fathers never feared them.
Your Rock and Saviour you ignored,
forgot your Maker and your LORD.
He saw his offspring's provocation
and, spurning them, said, "I will see
what end awaits this generation,
these children of iniquity.

7. "With worthless gods have they offended me,
provoking me to indignation.
Since they have roused my jealousy,
I will requite their provocation:
I'll make them jealous and embrace
instead of them some foolish race.
A blaze is kindled by my fury;
down into deep Sheol it spreads,
consumes the earth, and will most surely
make mountain roots glow fiery red.

8. "To ruin and disaster are they doomed,
for I will pierce them with my arrows.
By dreadful plagues they'll be consumed,
by fever and by famine harrowed,
by fangs of beasts and deadly stings
of swarms of loathsome crawling things.
The sword shall in the streets bereave them
of stalwart youth and maiden mild,
and in their dwellings they shall grieve then
for grey old man and newborn child.

9. "I would have blotted out their name and fame
and scattered them in all directions
had I not feared their foes would claim
that their strong hand wrought this destruction.
'We are the victors,' they would scoff;
'not God but we have cut them off.'"
For they are fools, themselves deceiving,
and nothing do they understand.
If they were not so unperceiving,
they would discern their latter end!

10. How could but one pursue a thousand men
and two dispel ten times that number,
unless their Rock abandoned them,
the LORD them no more would remember?
Our enemies themselves confess
that they no rock like ours possess.
Their vine comes from the vine of Sodom
and of Gomorrah's terraces.
Their only grapes are grapes of poison;
their clusters, filled with bitterness.

11. The poison of the serpent is their wine,
the cobra's venom is their potion.
"It's in my storehouse kept confined
until the day of retribution.
Mine is the vengeance. At my call
their foot will slip; they soon will fall."
The LORD will come with vindication;
he'll pity those who are his own
when, seeing their extermination,
he knows that all their strength is gone.

12. He'll say, "Where are the gods you now await,
the rock in which you sought salvation,
those who your sacrifices ate,
who drank the wine of your libation?
Let them your help and refuge be!
See now that I, yes I, am he,
the only God: there is none other.
With life and death at my command,
I wound and heal, disperse and gather,
and none can rescue from my hand.

13. "My hand to heaven uplifted, I, the LORD,
now swear that, as I live forever,
I'll whet my great and glittering sword
to bring to nought the foe's endeavour;
my hand on judgment shall take hold,
and I'll requite the proud and bold.
Then drunk with blood shall be my arrows;
then shall my sword their flesh devour.
Their longhaired princes I will harrow,
revealing my victorious power."

14. O come and with his people now rejoice;
shout forth your praises, all you nations!
To thank the LORD lift up your voice
and sing your songs of jubilation.
The LORD is good, his mercy great:
his servants he will vindicate,
wreak vengeance on his adversaries.
His chosen people he has shown
the covenant love that never varies
and for their land will he atone.

Formerly Hymn 8

HYMN 13
Do You Not Know? Have You Not Heard?
Isaiah 40:28-31

Song 67

Orlando Gibbons, 1623

1. Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The LORD, enthroned on high,
he is the everlasting God
who made both earth and sky.

2. He will not weary or grow faint;
his power is measureless.
His wisdom is unsearchable,
and great his faithfulness.

3. The weak and weary he revives
when unto him they cry,
and those who have no might he will
with growing strength supply.

4. Though youths grow weary and may fall,
though young men strive in vain,
the LORD helps those who wait for him;
their strength they shall regain.

5. They shall mount up with eagles' wings;
unwearied they shall run.
They'll neither falter nor grow faint
as they in faith walk on.

Formerly Hymn 9

HYMN 14
The Prayer of Habakkuk

Llangloffan

Hymnal à Thonau, 1865

1. LORD, I have heard the tidings
of you and of your might.
Your deeds reveal your greatness;
I tremble at their sight.
LORD, in our time renew them;
in our day make them known.
In wrath remember mercy;
do not forget your own!

2. From Teman and Mount Paran
came God, the Holy One,
and all throughout the heavens
his radiant splendour shone;
the brightness of his glory
filled all the earth with praise,
and from his hand the lightning
flashed forth in blinding rays.

3. He came with plagues before him,
with fevers in his wake.
He stood, the earth surveying,
and made the nations quake.
The everlasting mountains
did crack and split and fold;
the ancient hills he levelled.
His ways were as of old.

4. I saw the tents of Cushan
by squalls to tatters torn;
the curtains of all Midian
were fluttering in the storm.
O LORD, were you then angry
with rivers and with sea,
when you rode with your horses
and drove to victory?

5. When with your mighty rivers
You all the earth had cleaved,
the mountain ranges saw you;
with fear they writhed and heaved.
Then were the rushing waters
in raging streams outpoured.
The waves their hands uplifted;
the voice of oceans roared.

6. Your glittering spear and arrows
made sun and moon stand still.
You, marching on in fury,
made earth in terror kneel.
You, trampling down the nations,
came with your dreadful wrath
to rescue your own people,
to clear for them a path.

7. To save your own anointed
you crushed the mighty foe.
By their own weapons wounded,
their chieftains were brought low.
Advancing like a whirlwind,
they came to vanquish me.
You with your horses trampled
the surging of the sea.

8. I hear your steps approaching
and at their sound I quake.
Lips quiver, bones are trembling;
I totter and I shake.
In quiet expectation
I shall await the day
when those who now invade us
will all be swept away.

9. Though fig trees may not blossom
and vines no fruit may yield,
though olives be a failure
and barren be the field,
though in the fold and stables
there be no flock or herd,
yet I will sing and worship,
rejoicing in the LORD.

10. The LORD, my God and Saviour,
in him I will rejoice,
and, in his power exulting,
I will lift up my voice.
He makes my feet as nimble
as feet of graceful roes;
he lets me walk on mountains,
beyond the reach of woes.

Formerly Hymn 10

HYMN 15
Comfort, Comfort Now My People
Isaiah 40:1-5

Ainsi qu'on oit

Geneva, 1551

1. Comfort, comfort now my people;
speak of peace: so says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning under sorrow's load.
Cry out to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover
and her warfare now is over.

2. For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
calling all men to repentance,
since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning voice obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him.

3. Then make straight what long was crooked;
make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that his word is never broken.

Formerly Hymn 11

HYMN 16
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

Thomas Helmore, 1856

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. O come, thou Branch of Jesse's stem,
regard thine own and rescue them;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Dayspring from on high
and comfort us by drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

5. O come, thou who hast David's key,
save us, that we eternally
in paradise regained may dwell;
forever shut the gates of hell.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Formerly Hymn 12

HYMN 17
The Song of Mary
Luke 1:46-55

Magnificat

Strasbourg, 1539

1. My soul will magnify
the Lord, who from on high
has blessed me with his favour.
His praises I will voice;
my spirit will rejoice
in him, my God and Saviour.

2. The Lord, so good and great,
looked on my lowly state.
Now will all generations
from age to age attest
how richly I am blest.
Great is my exaltation!

3. How holy is his name!
The Mighty One, he came
and showed me his great favour.
With mercy he is near
to all who him revere;
his love endures forever.

4. His arm revealed his might,
for he has put to flight
all those who are proud-hearted,
and he pulled haughty ones
down from their lofty thrones;
the lowly he supported.

5. Abundant gifts the Lord
has on the hungry poured;
their suffering he has ended.
The rich he sent away;
he, much to their dismay,
let them go empty-handed.

6. The Lord is merciful;
his servant Israel
he graciously delivered,
remembering evermore
what he to Abraham swore
and to his seed forever.

Formerly Hymn 13

HYMN 18
The Song of Zechariah
Luke 1:68-79

1. Blest be the God of Israel,
for he has come to set us free;
in David's house the Lord has raised
salvation's horn for all to see.
He through his prophets long ago
said he would save us from our foe,
from all who scorn and hate us.
He has not put our fathers' faith to shame
but, in his love remembering them,
has kept the oath he swore to Abraham.

2. His faithfulness he has now shown,
that we might serve him without fear,
that all our days with upright hearts
we in his presence might appear.
Of you, my child, it will be said
that God Most High sent you ahead
as herald of salvation.
You will before the Lord prepare his way
and tell his people of the day
when he to them his mercy will display.

3. As God has promised, all our sins
will be forgiven, swept away.
He from on high in tender love
will bless us with the glorious day
on which before our very eyes
the radiant Morning Sun will rise
to shine on us forever.
From death's dark shadow he will grant release
and, when its tyranny shall cease,
will guide our feet into the path of peace.

Formerly Hymn 14

HYMN 19
The People Who in Darkness Walked
Isaiah 9:2-7

Ellacombe

Württemberg, 1784

1. The people who in darkness walked
have seen a glorious light;
now day has dawned for those who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.
To hail you, Sun of Righteousness,
they with rejoicing come
as when with joy they share the spoil
or bear the harvest home.

2. For you the burden have removed
that on their shoulders lay,
have broken the oppressor's rod
as once on Midian's day.
For boots by tramping soldiers worn
and garments rolled in gore
the raging flames will all consume
to mark the end of war.

3. For unto us a Child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulders he shall bear
all power in earth and heaven.
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the Mighty God is he;
eternal Father, Prince of Peace
his holy name shall be.

4. His government and royal power
shall without end increase,
and he on David's throne shall reign
in everlasting peace.
On justice and on righteousness
His kingdom he shall build.
The LORD of hosts will show his zeal:
His word shall be fulfilled!

Formerly Hymn 15

HYMN 20
A Great and Mighty Wonder

Es ist ein' Ros'

Cologne, 1599

1. A great and mighty wonder
upon the earth was done
when Mary, virgin mother,
gave birth to God's own Son.
Repeat the song again:
"To God on high the glory,
and peace on earth to men!"

2. The Word became incarnate –
made flesh, yet very God.
The angels hailed his coming
with songs o'er fields abroad.
Repeat the song again:
"To God on high the glory,
and peace on earth to men!"

3. Sing praise to God the Father;
join with the heavenly bands.
Rejoice, O vales and mountains,
and, oceans, clap your hands!
Repeat the song again:
"To God on high the glory,
and peace on earth to men!"

4. Since he came us to ransom,
let him now be adored,
the King once born in Bethlehem,
our Saviour and our Lord.
Repeat the song again:
"To God on high the glory,
and peace on earth to men!"

Formerly Hymn 16

HYMN 21

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

Luke 2:8-14

Winchester Old

Christopher Tye, 1553

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.

2. He said to them, "Be not afraid,
for I have come to tell
good news of great and wondrous joy
for all of Israel.

3. "To you in David's town today
was born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this will be the sign:

4. "A newborn Child you there will find,
not as a king arrayed
but humbly wrapped in swaddling cloths
and in a manger laid."

5. Then with the angel, all at once,
appeared a mighty throng –
a glorious heavenly multitude,
all praising God in song:

6. "All glory to our God on high
and on the earth his peace
for men to whom he favour shows
which nevermore shall cease."

Formerly Hymn 17

HYMN 22
The Song of Simeon
Luke 2:29-32

Nunc dimittis

Geneva, 1551

1. Now let your servant, Lord,
according to your word,
depart in exultation;
now I in peace may rest:
my eyes have seen at last
your wonderful salvation:

2. Lord, you have graciously
prepared for all to see
a light for revelation,
to Gentiles far and near,
and glory bright and clear
to Israel, your nation.

Formerly Hymn 18

HYMN 23

Let Us of Christ Our Lord and Saviour Sing
Philippians 2:6-11

Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. Let us of Christ our Lord and Saviour sing,
for, though God's equal, though eternal King,
he did not to his rightful glory cling.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

2. Himself he emptied that he us might save;
himself for us, God's chosen ones, he gave,
and, born as man, our Lord became a slave.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

3. He bore the weakness of our human frame
and he obedient unto death became,
for on a cross he died, in bitter shame.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

4. God therefore raised him to the heavenly heights,
bestowed on him, the Lord of life and light,
the name surpassing every name in might.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

5. Let at the name of Jesus every knee,
from heaven above to depths below the sea,
now humbly bow before his majesty.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

6. Let every tongue confess that Christ is King,
for he is Lord of all created things.
So to the praise of God the Father sing:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Formerly Hymn 19

HYMN 24

With Heart and Mouth Let All Confess

I Timothy 3:16

Gräfenberg

Johann Crüger, 1653

1. With heart and mouth let all confess
that God's eternal Son
was in the flesh made manifest,
did not our frailty shun.

2. Though Christ was humbled unto death,
enduring curse and shame,
the Spirit vindicated him
and magnified his name.

3. The angels will for evermore
their songs of triumph sing,
for they his resurrection saw;
they welcomed him as King.

4. Christ Jesus conquered hell and grave;
all heard the joyful news,
for he was far and wide proclaimed,
to Gentiles as to Jews.

5. His chosen ones believed in him
throughout this hostile world.
The banners of his victory
he everywhere unfurled.

6. He into glory was received,
for he the battle won.
Now at the Father's side he reigns:
Christ Jesus, God the Son!

Formerly Hymn 20

HYMN 25
Who Has Believed Our Message
Isaiah 53

Mon Dieu, mon Dieu

Strasbourg, Geneva, 1542 / Lyons, 1548

1. Who has believed our message from on high
that God's own Son, who laid his glories by,
came down from heaven to suffer and to die
for our transgression?

Who saw revealed in him God's power and favour –
the mighty arm of him who sent our Saviour,
that we, his people, might be free forever
from sin and shame?

2. See how he grew up like a tender plant
and sprouted from a root in arid land.
He had no form or beauty to command
our adoration.

He was despised and by mankind rejected –
a man of sorrows, burdened and afflicted.
His greatness was not noticed or respected:
we shrank from him.

3. Our sufferings and infirmities he bore;
our sorrows he was willing to endure,
while we thought he was being punished for
his own wrongdoing.
But he was pierced because of our transgression,
bruised for our sin: his punishments and passion
procured our peace; his scourgings and oppression
healed us again.

4. All we like wilful sheep have gone astray,
we've turned each one to his own wicked way.
Thus God has charged him by his death to pay
for our offences.
Our shame he suffered in complete submission;
He held his tongue when we showed our derision,
bore us no rancour for our lack of vision
and wilful wrong.

5. He opened not his mouth when foes had come
to lead him to the slaughter like a lamb;
he, like a sheep before its shearers dumb,
heard his accusers.
He was oppressed, but then the LORD relieved him.
Who of his generation then received him
as sent from God because mankind had grieved him
with all their sins?

6. With wicked men they him a grave assigned,
but then a rich man him a tomb did find,
since he had not been to deceit inclined,
for he was blameless.
It was God's will to grieve him by oppression:
He made his Son an offering for transgression.
He, when at last he has fulfilled his mission,
shall see his seed.

7. The fruit of all his suffering and pain
shall he behold, contented with his gain:
that men through his instruction may obtain
his boundless mercy.
Hence I, the Lord, reward him for his passion
and many shall I make his own possession:
the ones for whom he made his intercession,
for whom he died.

Formerly Hymn 21

HYMN 26

You, Holy Lamb of God, We Bless

U, heilig Godslam

Geneva, 1562 / Middelburg, 1933

1. You, holy Lamb of God, we bless:

You, through your cross redemption sent us,
and to the Father you present us
as priests and kings in holiness.

O Saviour, you have ransomed us.

Hence we will honour and adore you,

and cast in gratitude before you
the crowns by grace bestowed on us.

Amen, Amen. Hallelujah!

Formerly Hymn 22

HYMN 27

Hark How the Adoring Hosts Above *Revelation 5:9-13*

St. Magnus

Jeremiah Clarke, 1707

1. Hark how the adoring hosts above
with songs surround the throne!
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their hearts are one.

2. "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,
"to be exalted thus."
"Worthy the Lamb," let us reply,
"for he was slain for us."

3. To thee be power divine ascribed,
for wondrous are thy ways,
and thine be wisdom, glory, might,
and everlasting praise.

4. From him who sits upon the throne
the scroll thou mayest take,
and thou art worthy as the Lamb
its seven seals to break.

5. Thou hast redeemed us with thy blood
and set the prisoners free,
hast made us kings and priests to God,
and we shall reign with thee.

6. From every kindred, every tongue,
thou brought'st thy chosen race;
and distant lands and isles have shared
the riches of thy grace.

7. Let all that dwell in heaven above
or on the earth below,
with fields and floods and ocean's shores
to thee their homage show.

8. To him who sits upon the throne,
the God whom we adore,
and to the Lamb that once was slain
be glory evermore.

Formerly Hymn 23

HYMN 28
Salvation Unto Us Has Come
Based on Romans 3-5

Es ist gewisslich

Wittenberg, 1535

1. Salvation unto us has come
by God's free grace and favour.
Our works cannot avert our doom;
the law can save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
who for his people did atone;
he is our one Redeemer.

2. What God did in his law demand
and none to him could render
caused wrath and woe on every hand
for man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not the pure desires
God's holy law of us requires,
and lost is our condition.

3. From sin our flesh could not abstain;
sin held its sway unceasing.
The task was hopeless and in vain;
our guilt was e'er increasing.
None can remove sin's poisoned dart
or purify our guileful heart,
so deep is our corruption.

4. Yet as the law must be fulfilled
or we must die despairing,
Christ Jesus came, God's wrath he stilled,
our human nature sharing.
The law he has for us obeyed
and thus the Father's vengeance stayed
which over us impended.

5. Christ Jesus full atonement made
and brought to us salvation.
Each Christian therefore may be glad
and build on this foundation.
Thy grace alone, O Lord, I plead.
Thy death is now my life indeed,
for thou hast paid my ransom.

6. Faith clings to Jesus' work alone
and rests in him unceasing;
and by its fruits true faith is known,
with love and hope increasing.
By faith alone we're justified;
works serve the neighbour and supply
the proof that faith is living.

7. All blessing, honour, thanks, and praise
to Father, Son, and Spirit,
the God who saved us by his grace;
all glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heaven above,
who hast revealed thy saving love,
thy blessed name be hallowed.

Formerly Hymn 24

HYMN 29
All Glory, Laud, and Honour

St. Theodulph

Melchior Teschner, 1615

1. All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made loud hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel,
thou, David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One.

2. The multitudes of angels
are praising thee on high;
let man and all creation
to them with joy reply.
The people near Jerusalem
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

3. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

Formerly Hymn 25

HYMN 30

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Christ lag in Todesbanden

Wittenberg, 1524

1. Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands
for our offences given;
but now at God's right hand he stands
and brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be,
and sing to God right thankfully
loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!

2. It was a strange and dreadful strife
when life and death contended.
The victory remained with life;
the reign of death was ended.
Holy Scripture plainly says
his death has swallowed up our death;
its sting is lost forever! Alleluia!

3. Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
whom God so freely gave us.
He died on the accursed tree –
so strong his love – to save us.
See, his blood now marks our door;
faith points to it, death passes o'er,
and Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!

4. So let us keep the festival
to which the Lord invites us.
Christ is himself the joy of all,
the Sun that warms and lights us.
Now his grace to us imparts
eternal sunshine to our hearts.
The night of sin is ended. Alleluia!

5. Then let us feast this joyful day
on Christ the bread of heaven.
The Word of grace has purged away
the old and wicked leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
he is our food and drink indeed;
faith lives upon no other. Alleluia!

HYMN 31A
Christ Has Risen! Hallelujah!

Sollt' ich meinem Gott

Johann Schop, 1641

Words identical to 31B below

HYMN 31B
Christ Has Risen! Hallelujah!

Sollt' ich meinem Gott

Based on Johann Schop melody, 1641

1.Christ has risen! Hallelujah!
He is our victorious Head.
Sing his praises! Hallelujah!
Christ has risen from the dead.
He has conquered sin and Satan.
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Jesus Christ alone is King!
Christ has risen! Hallelujah!
He is our victorious Head.
Christ has risen from the dead.

2.Christ has risen! He, our Saviour,
freed us from the powers of hell.
We are his! In him forever
we have triumphed over all.
Sun of Righteousness and Glory,
dawning with your healing light
you have put all gloom to flight!
Christ has risen! Hallelujah!
He is our victorious Head.
Christ has risen from the dead.

Formerly Hymn 26

HYMN 32
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter hymn

Lyra Davidica, 1708

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, you heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

3. Christ's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

4. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to you by all be given, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Formerly Augment Hymn 2

HYMN 33

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Victory

Giovanni da Palestrina, 1591

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;

the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

2. The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed;
let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

3. The three sad days are quickly sped;
he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen Head. Alleluia!

4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

HYMN 34
God Gave to Us This Day of Days

Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag

Nikolaus Hermann, 1560

1. God gave to us this day of days
on which we sing our songs of praise,
for Jesus lives! Let us rejoice
and give him thanks as with one voice. Alleluia!

2. His body unto death he gave
and then was buried in the grave,
but rose again victoriously
and freed us from all slavery. Alleluia!

3. The gloomy darkness, sin, and death
are conquered, as the Scripture says,
by Jesus Christ, the risen Lord;
who brought back light, and life restored. Alleluia!

4. Come, let us all rejoice and sing,
for death has lost its bitter sting,
thanks to the Lord, the sacrificed
and resurrected Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Formerly August Hymn 3

HYMN 35
If God Is on Our Side
Romans 8:31-39

Du Seigneur

Geneva, 1562

1. If God is on our side, against us shall be none.
He did not spare his own, his well-beloved Son,
but gave him up for us, that he might save us truly.
Will he with him not give us all things free and fully?
Who then will yet accuse those whom he has elected?
'Tis God who justifies in Christ, the Resurrected.
2. None will condemn us now! Christ Jesus, he who died –
yes, rather, who was raised – sits at his Father's side
and intercedes for us; he will forsake us never.
Who from the love of Christ shall separate us ever?
Shall persecution, shall distress, or tribulation,
or nakedness, or sword, or peril, or starvation?
3. 'Tis written, "For your sake they kill us all day long;
we are considered sheep by haters fierce and strong;
we're being put to death and driven to the slaughter."
All day we are disgraced, we are poured out like water,
but yet in all these things we are more than victorious
through him who loved his own, our Saviour great and glorious.
4. I am convinced that neither powers, death, nor life,
nor angels, things to come, things present, princes, strife,
nor height, nor depth, nor any other thing created
will from the love of God now keep us separated –
his love in Jesus Christ, the Saviour, whom he gave us
that through his precious blood he might redeem and save us.

Formerly Hymn 27

HYMN 36
The God and Father of Our Lord
I Peter 1:3-5

Farrant

Richard Farrant, 1580

1. The God and Father of our Lord
be blest for evermore.
Great is the mercy he has shown:
him honour and adore!

2. He caused us to be born anew:
a living hope he gave
through Jesus Christ, who rose again
triumphant from the grave.

3. The inheritance in store for us
is free from all decay;
it cannot spoil or be defiled;
it will not fade away.

4. It's safely kept in heaven for us
whom God's own power will shield,
till full salvation is at last
on his great day revealed.

Formerly Hymn 28

HYMN 37

Hallelujah! Praised Be the Son

Halleluja! Lof zij den Heer

Evangelische Gezangen, 1806

1. Hallelujah! Praised be the Son,
for his redeeming work is done;
from sin he has untied us.
He died, was buried, but he lives,
and to his ransomed people gives
his blessed Word to guide us.

2. Hallelujah! The praises tell
of David's Son, Emmanuel,
the Saviour, God incarnate.
In him, who will return again,
let all the universe acclaim
the Father, Son, and Spirit.

Formerly Hymn 29

HYMN 38

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus
Hebrews 1:34; 4:14-16; 12:2

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HYMN 39

Our Saviour, When He Told His Own
John 14:1-3, 6

Coventry

Samuel Howard, 1762

1. Our Saviour, when he told his own
that he ere long would leave,
these blessed words of comfort spoke
lest they – and we – should grieve:

2. “Let not your hearts with anxious thoughts
be troubled or dismayed.
Believe in God, believe in me
and trust my gracious aid.

3. “I to my Father’s house now go,
where many dwellings are.
As I have told you, there I will
a place for you prepare.

4. “For one day I shall come again
to take you unto me;
where I, your Lord and Saviour, am,
there you shall also be.

5. “I am the way, the truth, the life.
There is not anyone
who shall to God the Father come
except by me, the Son.”

Formerly Hymn 30

HYMN 40
The Lord Ascended Up on High

Der Du allein

Frankfurt am Main, 1738

1. The Lord ascended up on high,
the Lord has triumphed gloriously,
in power and might excelling.
The grave and hell were captive led
when he went up, our glorious Head,
to his eternal dwelling.

2. The heavens with joy received their Lord,
by saints, by angel hosts adored.
O day of exultation!
O earth, adore your glorious King!
Let us of his ascension sing
with joy and adoration.

3. Our great High Priest is present now
where all before God's glory bow:
the Father's throne in heaven.
There he still has our human flesh,
and we as counter-pledge possess
the Spirit he has given.

4. We lift our hearts to Christ on high,
for he who laid his glory by
is King of all creation.
Appearing as his church's Head,
he rules the living and the dead
and judges every nation.

5. From heaven he sent his Spirit down
who gives rich gifts to us his own,
gifts from his treasure taken.
Protecting us from Satan's lure,
Christ keeps us by his power secure;
we'll never be forsaken.

Formerly Hymn 31

HYMN 41
Christ, Above All Glory Seated

Beecher

John Zundel, 1870

1. Christ, above all glory seated,
King triumphant, strong to save!
Dying, you have death defeated;
Buried, you have spoiled the grave.
You have gone where now is given
what no mortal might could gain,
on the eternal throne of heaven,
in your Father's power to reign.

2. There your kingdoms all adore you,
heaven above and earth below;
while the depths of hell before you,
trembling and defeated, bow.
We revere you, Lord and Saviour;
we implore your grace and love.
Hear our prayers and help us ever
seek the things that are above.

3. Lord, when you return in glory
on the clouds of heaven above,
we your flock will stand before you,
kept forever in your love.
In your faithfulness confiding,
Jesus, all shall you adore.
On your holy throne abiding,
you shall reign for evermore.

Formerly Hymn 32

HYMN 42

Where High the Heavenly Temple Stands *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Erhalt uns, Herr

Wittenberg, 1543

1. Where high the heavenly temple stands,
the house of God not made with hands,
Christ has the greatest honour gained,
yet very God and man remained.

2. Our great High Priest, our Saviour, Lord,
gives to his saints on earth support,
since he through all the heavens has passed.
To this confession we hold fast.

3. Our Surety and our Lord is he
who shed his blood on Calvary,
who now enthroned at God's right hand
completes the work which God has planned.

4. Though now ascended up on high,
he hears and answers every cry.
To Christ, who pleads before God's throne,
our many weaknesses are known.

5. He, too, was tempted, suffered pain;
yet free from sin did he remain.
He who did all temptation thwart
now takes our misery to heart.

6. Let us then boldly seek God's face,
there to find mercy, help, and grace:
our great High Priest will intercede,
come to our aid in time of need.

Formerly Hymn 33

HYMN 43
Lo, What a Cloud of Witnesses
Hebrews 12:1-3

St. Flavian

John Day, 1562

1. Lo, what a cloud of witnesses
encompass us around!
Men once like us with sufferings tried,
but now with glory crowned.

2. They reached the finish of the course
and thus obtained the rest.
We too – for God fulfils His Word –
shall be with victory blest.

3. Let us then full of confidence
run to complete the race
and put off sin and every weight
which could slow down our pace.

4. We look to Jesus even more
than to all those around;
in him, the Author of our faith,
its Finisher is found.

5. He, for the joy before him set –
unselfish is his love –
endured the cross, despised the shame,
and now he reigns above.

6. Let us, forgetting things behind,
press on to God's right hand;
there, with the Saviour and his saints,
triumphantly to stand.

Formerly Hymn 34

HYMN 44
Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall's 148th

John Darwall, 1770

1.Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your Lord and King adore.
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
again I say: Rejoice! Rejoice!

2.Jesus the Saviour reigns;
to him let praises ring.
The Christ who once was slain
rose as victorious King.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
again I say: Rejoice! Rejoice!

3.His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven.
The keys of death and hell
are to Christ Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
again I say: Rejoice! Rejoice!

4.He sits at God's right hand,
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
again I say: Rejoice! Rejoice!

5.Rejoice, he comes again.
The Lord will not delay.
He who from heaven reigns
will come on his great day.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
again I say: Rejoice! Rejoice!

Formerly Hymn 35

HYMN 45
Jesus Shall Reign

Duke Street

John Hatton, 1793

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

3. Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

HYMN 46
Christ Shall Have Dominion
Psalms 72:8-19

King of Glory

Albert Piersma, 1933

1. Christ shall have dominion over land and sea;
earth's remotest regions shall his kingdom be.
They that wilds inhabit shall their worship bring;
kings shall bring their tribute, nations serve our King.

2. When the needy seek him, he will mercy show;
then the weak and helpless shall his pity know.
He will surely save them from oppression's might,
for their lives are precious in his holy sight.

3. Ever and forever shall his name endure;
long as time continues it shall stand secure,
and in him forever nations shall be blessed,
and all peoples hail him King of kings confessed.

4. Unto God Almighty joyful Zion sings;
he alone is glorious, doing wondrous things.
Evermore, O people, bless his glorious name;
his eternal glory through the earth proclaim.

Formerly Augment Hymn 18

HYMN 47
He Has Come, the Holy Spirit!

Sollt' ich meinem Gott

Johann Schop, 1641

1. He has come, the Holy Spirit!
Jesus left us not alone
when he went up to inherit
might and glory on the throne,
for he sent the one he promised:
Holy Spirit, Power of God.
Let us spread this truth abroad
and unceasingly declare it.
Let us now our voices raise:
to the Spirit we give praise.

2. Praise the Spirit who, proceeding
from the Father and the Son,
in the truth the church is leading.
Let us praise him, everyone –
him who is both Gift and Giver,
him the Sender sent to earth,
Holy God and yet poured forth!
Praise, O people, him forever:
he true life to you imparts,
for he dwells within your hearts.

3. Praise the Spirit who will never
leave the church by blood once bought.
He will show his presence ever,
fierce though be the foe's assault.
Fear not, flock which he is keeping,
though encircled by the night;
child of God, recall his might.
Would the Spirit then be sleeping?
Would he not securely keep
those whom Christ bought as his sheep?

4. Spirit of all understanding,
of all grace, of truth, and prayer,
show the paths of life unending;
always guide us, everywhere.
May we say, yes, "Abba, Father,"
say of Jesus, "You are Lord,"
and praise you with one accord.
Be where Christ his churches gathers,
take the offerings that they bring,
hear them when your praise they sing.

5. Counsellor, O Holy Spirit,
you who were from heaven sent,
may you with our Saviour's merit
fill the earth's remotest end.
O revive, refresh, and nourish
all that here may fade and fail!
Let your healing wind prevail,
causing love and zeal to flourish.
To new life let us be raised.
Holy Spirit, you be praised!

Formerly Hymn 36

HYMN 48

Come, Praise the Holy Spirit!

I Peter 1:10-12; Ephesians 1:13; I Corinthians 2:9;

Galatians 5:18, 22; Romans 8:16-17, 23-25

Thornbury

Basil Harwood, 1898

1. Come, praise the Holy Spirit!
The prophets he inspired;
they after our salvation
unceasingly inquired.
They spoke of Christ our Saviour,
of grace that was to be,
proclaimed to us the wonders
which angels long to see.

2. The gospel of salvation
God has to us revealed,
and we, the Word believing,
were with the Spirit sealed.
What none had seen or heard of
has been to us declared;
what no man had imagined
God has for us prepared.

3. Led by the Holy Spirit,
our flesh we crucify;
in him shall we find freedom
as unto sin we die.
O Spirit, by your power
our faithfulness increase,
and reap in us your harvest
of love and joy and peace.

4. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"
the Spirit witness bears
that God made us his children
and we, with Christ, are heirs.
The Spirit, as the firstfruits
of glorious liberty,
helps us await with patience
what we do not yet see.

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Formerly Hymn 37

HYMN 49

The Spirit, Sent from Heaven Above

Winchester New

Hamburg, 1690

1. The Spirit, sent from heaven above,
shows us the way of truth and love.
The Promised One dwells in our hearts;
he light and life to us imparts.

2. He on the church of Christ our Lord
his many varied gifts outpoured,
that, without pride or malice, we
might one another's members be.

3. The Spirit, knowing all our needs,
perfects our prayers and intercedes
for us, who cannot on our own
gain access to God's holy throne.

4. He is himself the guarantee
that we shall be forever free
when Christ returns on his great day.
"O come, Lord Jesus, come," we pray.

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HYMN 50
The Spirit Came, as Promised

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HYMN 51

O Faithful Is This Well-known Word

II Timothy 2:11-13

Christe, qui lux es et dies

Verona, 11th Century

1.O faithful is this well-known word:
If we have died with Christ our Lord,
we'll also live with him again;
his triumph shall not be in vain.

2.If we endure, so Christ has said,
we'll also reign with him, our Head.
If we on earth his name betray,
he will disown us on his day.

3.If we are faithless and we stray,
he faithful will remain for aye,
for he cannot himself deny.
On Christ our Saviour we rely.

Formerly Hymn 39

HYMN 52
The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet, she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and under his dominion
have saints their triumphs won.
They us in our endeavour
here like a cloud surround
till we, with them, forever
shall be with glory crowned.

Formerly Hymn 40

HYMN 53
A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Ein Feste Burg

Martin Luther, 1529

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate.
On earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers –
no thanks to them – abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill,
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

Formerly Hymn 41

HYMN 54
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Psalms 90:1-6

St. Anne

William Croft, 1708

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of thy throne
the saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thy arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4. Thy Word commands our flesh to dust,
"Return, ye sons of men";
all nations rose from earth at first,
and turn to earth again.

5. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

6. The busy tribes of flesh and blood
with all their lives and cares
are carried downwards by thy flood
and lost in following years.

7. Like flowery fields the nations stand
pleased with the morning light;
the flowers beneath the mower's hand
lie withering ere 'tis night.

8. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Formerly Hymn 42

HYMN 55

Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

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Claudin de Sermisy, 1529

1. Who trusts in God, a strong abode
in heaven and earth possesses;
who looks in love to Christ above,
no fear his heart oppresses.
In thee alone, O Lord, we own
our hope and consolation,
our shield from foes, our balm for woes,
our great and sure salvation.

2. Though Satan's wrath beset our path
and worldly scorn assail us,
while thou art near, we will not fear;
thy strength shall never fail us.
Thy rod and staff shall keep us safe
and guide our steps forever;
no shades of death, nor hell beneath
thy people from thee sever.

3. In all the strife of mortal life
our feet shall stand securely;
temptation's hour shall lose its power,
for thou shalt guard us surely.
O God, each day direct our way;
renew us by thy Spirit
until we stand at thy right hand
through Jesus' saving merit.

Formerly Hymn 43

HYMN 56
Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

Song 13

Orlando Gibbons, 1623

1. Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
all thy lambs in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand,
none can pluck them from thy hand.

2. May they praise thee every day,
gladly all thy will obey;
like thy blessed ones above,
happy in thy precious love.

3. Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach thy lambs thy voice to hear;
suffer not their steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.

4. Where thou leadest may they go,
walking in thy steps below;
then, before thy Father's throne,
Saviour, claim them for thine own.

Formerly Hymn 45

HYMN 57
We Praise You Lord

St. Magnus

Jeremiah Clark, 1707

1. We praise you, Lord, for Jesus Christ,
who died and rose again;
he lives, he broke the power of sin
and over death now reigns.

2. We praise you, Lord, that this dear child
is grafted to the vine,
and as a member of your house,
now bears the cross as sign.

3. We praise you, Lord, for Jesus Christ:
he loves this child we bring;
he frees, forgives, and heals us all;
he lives and reigns as King.

HYMN 58
Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer

Naomi

arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

1. Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer
we now present to thee;
let them Thy covenant mercies share
and thy salvation see.

2. Such helpless babes Christ did embrace,
while dwelling here below;
to us and ours, O God of grace,
the same compassion show.

3. As they grow up their hearts secure
from worldly snares, we pray;
O let them to the end endure
in every righteous way.

HYMN 59

Come, Take by Faith the Body of the Lord

Avec les tiens

Geneva, 1562

1. Come, take by faith the body of the Lord,
and drink the blood of Christ, for us outpoured.
Praise and confess the wonders of his grace:
to rescue us, he suffered in our place.
Led to the slaughter as the Lamb of God,
our Saviour bought us with his precious blood.
Remember how he bore our curse and shame;
until he comes, let us his death proclaim.

2. Come, let us then with contrite hearts draw near
to seek the pledges of his mercy here.
He who his saints in this world rules and shields
to all believers life eternal yields,
with heavenly bread makes those who hunger whole,
gives living waters to the thirsty soul.
Let us his holy supper celebrate
and, so refreshed, our coming King await.

Formerly Hymn 44

HYMN 60
Until He Comes

Almsgiving

John B. Dykes, 1865

1. By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,
him who was cursed we now adore,
and mark the death of our dear Lord
until he comes.

2. His body, offered in our stead,
is shown in this memorial bread,
and thus our contrite souls are fed
until he comes.

3. His lifeblood shed for us we see
poured out for us, undoubtedly,
as wine we drink in memory
until he comes.

4. Thus by his suffering Christ achieved
that we the Spirit have received,
and unity, as brothers, gained
until he comes.

5. When soon the final trumpet's heard
and all the ancient graves are stirred,
then, with the great commanding word,
the Lord shall come.

6. Then, once again, we'll celebrate.
Let not our hearts be desolate,
but strong in faith, in patience wait,
until he comes.

Formerly August Hymn 10

HYMN 61

We Thank You, Father! You Have Planted

Daar is uit 's werelds duistre wolken

Johannes G. Bastiaans, 1868

1. We thank you, Father! You have planted
your holy name within our hearts.

True knowledge, faith, and life immortal

Jesus your Son to us imparts.

You, Lord, have made all for your pleasure;

you gave man food for all his days,

giving in Christ the Bread eternal.

Yours is the power, yours be the praise.

2. Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mercy;
save it from evil, guard it still.

Perfect it in your love, unite it,

cleansed and conformed unto your will.

As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,

was in the broken bread made one,

so from all lands your church be gathered

into your kingdom by your Son.

Formerly Hymn 46

HYMN 62

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Omni Die

David G. Corner, 1631

1. For the bread which you have broken,
for the cup you gave, O Lord;
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2. By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

3. In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch, O Lord.
In the world to which you send us,
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

HYMN 63
The Lord's Prayer

Vater Unser

Leipzig, 1539

1. Our Father, great in majesty,
enthroned in heaven eternally,
with childlike trust we seek your face,
relying on your love and grace.
In faith and reverence we draw near
for you, in Christ, our prayer will hear.

2. Your name be hallowed and adored.
Teach us to know you from your Word
and from your glorious works and ways,
that we might offer you our praise.
May our whole life enhance your fame,
that others, too, might praise your name.

3. Lord, may your kingdom come with haste;
lay Satan's dark domain to waste.
May you so rule us by your Word
that we acknowledge you as Lord.
Preserve your church, make her complete
until all worship at your feet.

4. O Father, may your will be done
on earth below by everyone.
May we deny our wilful way,
and, without murmuring, you obey.
In all our duties, Lord, may we,
like heaven's angels, faithful be.

5. Give us this day our daily bread,
that we may from your hand be fed.
In all the work we need to do
remind us to depend on you,
not trusting creatures here below,
but you from whom all blessings flow.

6. Do not our sins and debts record,
but freely pardon them, O Lord.
Cleanse us from all our wretchedness
through Christ, whose blood was shed for us –
as, prompted by the grace you give,
our neighbours' debts we, too, forgive.

7. Into temptation lead us not,
lest we in Satan's snares be caught.
Uphold us by your Spirit's might;
put mortal enemies to flight.
May we against our foes contend
and be victorious in the end.

8. Yours is the kingdom, yours the might,
and yours alone the glory bright!
All this we ask of you, our King,
for you are Lord of everything
in this age and eternally.
Amen, Amen, so shall it be!

Formerly Hymn 47

HYMN 64

What Is in Life and Death My Only Aid
Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

Misericorde

Geneva, 1562

1. What is in life and death my only aid,
my comfort when I am by troubles swayed?
I am not mine but Christ's, who fully paid
for all my sins and saved me.
His precious blood for my offences gave he,
freed me from all the devil's power and slavery,
for in the book of life God did engrave me,
and me his own he made.

2. My faithful Saviour keeps me in his care;
without my Father's will cannot a hair
fall from my head; he shall for me prepare
a heavenly habitation.
All things must serve to further my salvation.
His Holy Spirit brings me consolation;
he makes me willing now with dedication
in hope his yoke to bear.

Formerly Hymn 49

HYMN 65

If You But Let the Father Guide You

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Georg Neumark, 1657

1.If you but let the Father guide you,
relying on his faithfulness,
he will be evermore beside you
in all your sorrow and distress.
He who on God Most High depends
builds not his house on shifting sands.

2.Will anxious care or bitter sighing
at any time give true relief?
And what avails us our decrying
each morning's evil, trouble, grief?
We only add to grief and stress
by discontent and bitterness.

3.Be still! What God in his good pleasure
to you in wisdom may impart
is given you in perfect measure;
thus be content within your heart.
To him who chose us for his own
our needs and wants are surely known.

4.With song and prayer, in faith progressing,
in all you do God's will obey.
Expect from him alone your blessing:
he will renew it every day,
for God will never those disown
who put their trust in him alone.

Formerly Hymn 48

HYMN 66
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Formerly Augment Hymn 17

HYMN 67

Come, Lord Jesus! Maranatha!

Lauda Anima

John Goss, 1869

1. "Come, Lord Jesus! Maranatha!"
pray the Spirit and the Bride.
Come upon the clouds of heaven
with your angels at your side.
Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!
Evermore with us abide.

2. Come, O Lord, with power and glory
and descend before our eyes
when the sounding of the trumpet
shall re-echo through the skies
and the voice of your archangel
shall command the dead to rise.

3. When the sky is rent asunder
and your face we shall behold,
when to every tongue and nation
you your judgment will unfold,
death will be completely vanquished,
as your holy Word foretold

4. Call the dead! Let them bear witness
to your rule, O Lord renowned.
Call those once forced into silence,
those who once were judged unsound.
Lift up all who were downtrodden;
let them be with honour crowned.

5. When the tombs at last break open
and the throngs from far and near,
gathering in your holy city,
in your festal hall appear,
Lord, let us then not be missing,
though we're often tardy here.

6. Then let your refining Spirit
us with flaming zeal endue.
May we wait with eager longing
for your promise to come true
when you, Lord, with fire from heaven
all creation will renew.

7.No one knows the day or moment
when the Bridegroom shall appear.
Let us then be ever watchful;
may our lamps be bright and clear.
Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!
Your great Day is drawing near.

Formerly Hymn 50

HYMN 68
Jesus Is Our Sure Defence
I Corinthians 15:35-58

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

Johann Crüger, 1653

1. Jesus is our sure defence.
Why should we then fear or waver?
All our hope and confidence
rests on him, the risen Saviour.
Even in our darkest hour
he will shield us with his power.

2. We are flesh and must return
to the dust whence we were taken,
but we from the Scriptures learn
that from death we shall awaken:
We like buried seed that dies
shall unto new life arise.

3. What into the earth we sow,
standing at the graveside grieving,
is the seed that soon will grow,
glory from our God receiving.
He to every grain here sown
gives a body of its own.

4. What is weak and mortal here,
prey to illness and destruction,
shall with glorious power appear
in the hour of resurrection.
What today is sown disgraced
in great honour shall be raised.

5. God his own shall glorify
in a wondrous transformation.
Though not all of us may die,
all shall gain their full salvation
in the twinkling of an eye
when the Lord comes from on high.

6. When we hear the trumpet's sound
and the dead are raised immortal,
we shall see with joy profound
how the grave must serve as portal
leading past all woe and strife
into everlasting life.

7. Then the word shall be fulfilled,
once by ancient prophets spoken:
“See how Satan’s might is quelled,
how the power of death lies broken.
Where, O death, is now your sting?”
Christ has conquered! He is King!

8. To our God be thanks and praise:
he through Christ made us victorious.
Be then steadfast all your days;
see how death’s defeat assures us
that in him who comes again
all your toil is not in vain.

Formerly Hymn 51

HYMN 69

Lo, Round the Throne, a Glorious Band
Revelation 7:13-15 and 5:9-10

Folkingham

Supplement to the New Version, 1708

1. Lo, round the throne, a glorious band,
the saints in countless myriads stand,
of every tongue, redeemed to God,
arrayed in garments washed in blood.
Through tribulation great they came;
they bore their cross, despised the shame.

2. From all their labours now they rest,
in God's eternal glory blest.
They see their Saviour face to face,
and sing the triumphs of his grace;
him day and night they ceaseless praise,
to him the loud thanksgiving raise:

3. "Worthy the Lamb, for sinners slain,
through endless years to live and reign.
Thou hast redeemed us by thy blood,
and made us kings and priests to God."
O may we wage the glorious strife,
and win, like them, the crown of life.

Formerly Hymn 52

HYMN 70

Day of Judgment! Day of Wonders!

Coronae

William H. Monk, 1871

1. Day of judgment! Day of wonders!
Hark! The trumpet's awesome sound,
louder than a thousand thunders,
shakes the vast creation round.
How the summons will the sinner's heart confound!

2. See the Judge, our nature wearing,
clothed in majesty divine;
you who long for his appearing
then shall say, "This God is mine!"
Gracious Saviour, own me in that day as thine.

3. At his call the dead awaken,
rise to life from earth and sea;
all the evildoers, shaken
by his looks, prepare to flee.
Careless sinner, what will then become of thee?

4. But to those who have confessèd,
loved and served the Lord below,
he will say, "Come near, you blessèd,
see the kingdom I bestow;
you forever shall my love and glory know."

Formerly August Hymn 19

HYMN 71

The Hope of Faith Shall Not Deceive Us

Rendez à Dieu

Geneva, 1543/1551

1. The hope of faith shall not deceive us;
the Saviour's words are true and sure.
Our friends on earth may fail and leave us,
but Jesus' faithfulness endures.
Who limits his dominion ever?
He rules creation from on high;
all that his love and grace endeavour
shall him his power not deny.

2. That hope must soften all our sorrow.
Come, fellow-pilgrims, heads then high;
for those who bide salvation's morrow
the hills are level, seas are dry.
O blessedness above all measure,
O joy when once all grief is banned.
There is our heart, there is our treasure,
when we are in the Promised Land.

Formerly Hymn 53

HYMN 72

Behold, the Amazing Gift of Love
I John 3:1-3

Dundee

Edinburgh, 1615

1. Behold the amazing gift of love
the Father has bestowed
on us, the sinful sons of men,
to call us sons of God.

2. Concealed as yet this honour lies;
'tis to the world unknown,
for this world knew not him who came
as God's eternal Son.

3. We are God's children here and now,
for he made us his own,
but what we shall hereafter be,
that he has not yet shown.

4. We know that when our Lord appears,
then we like him shall be,
for then his face, him as he is,
we shall in glory see.

5. Now everyone who has this hope,
which rests in him secure,
from evil purifies himself
as he, our Lord, is pure.

Formerly Hymn 54

HYMN 73

Lo, What a Glorious Sight Appeared *Revelation 21:1-8*

St. Matthew

William Croft, 1708

1. Lo, what a glorious sight appeared
before admiring eyes:
The former seas had passed away,
the former earth and skies.
From heaven the new Jerusalem came,
for Christ as bride prepared.
A voice resounding from the throne
these wondrous things declared:

2. "Now God in glory down to men
has moved his blest abode.
He dwells with them; his people they,
and he his people's God.
His gracious hand shall wipe the tears
from every weeping eye,
for pain and grief shall be no more,
and death itself shall die."

3. The One who sat upon the throne
said, "I make all things new!
Write down the words that you have heard,
for they are firm and true.
It is all done! Lo, by my power
is paradise restored.
I am the First, and I the Last,
the one eternal Lord.

4. "Come, all who thirst! To you I will
my healing waters give.
Drink from my fountain without price
and so forever live.
Blest is the man who, conquering,
his heritage has won,
for I will be his faithful God,
and he shall be my son.

5. "As for the vile and faithless ones,
those who my will defy,
they, flung into the burning lake,
the second death shall die."
We, too, shall stand before the throne;
then shall our names be found
recorded in the book of life.
How shall our joy abound!

Formerly Hymn 55

HYMN 74
Our Outer Nature Wastes Away
II Corinthians 4:16-5:1ff.

Melita

John B. Dykes, 1861

1. Our outer nature wastes away;
yet inwardly, from day to day,
we are in you renewed, O Lord.
Our suffering here is soon endured:
the harvest it for us prepares
by far outweighs our woes and cares.

2. A weight of glory, unsurpassed,
will then be ever ours at last,
for we find no security
in things that with our eyes we see;
for what is seen will fade away,
what is unseen will not decay.

3. We know that if our earthly tent
falls to the ground, all worn and rent,
our God as gift to us extends
a heavenly house not made with hands,
a building steadfast and secure
that will eternally endure.

4. The Spirit we as pledge possess
of everlasting blessedness.
So let us of good courage be;
our God himself will make us free.
Let it be here and now our aim
to please him and exalt his name.

Formerly Hymn 56

HYMN 75
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ebenezer (or Ton-y-Botel)

Thomas John Williams, 1890.

1. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise.
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as of-fering
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead

2. Christ is risen, Christ the firstfruits

of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield.
Then the golden ears of harvest
will their hearts before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine
from the furrows of the grave.

3. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory to the Three in One:
to the Father, and the Saviour,
who the victory has won.
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

HYMN 76

Thank the Lord and Come with Praise

St. George's Windsor

George Job Elvey, 1858

1. Thank the Lord and come with praise;
songs of jubilation raise
when the crop is gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, will provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Let his people all confess
his unchanging faithfulness.

2. All this world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield –
wheat and tares, together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then shall golden grain appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
pure and wholesome wheat may be.

3. For the Son of Man shall come
and shall take his harvest home.
From his field he shall that day
all offences purge away,
give his angels charge at last
into fire the tares to cast
but the fruitful grain to store
in his garner evermore.

4. Lord, we pray thee, quickly come;
bear thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in,
freed from sorrow, freed from sin.
They, forever purified,
in thy presence will abide.
Come with all thy angels, come;
bear thy glorious harvest home.

Formerly Hymn 57

HYMN 77

We Praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator

Kremser

Haarlem, 1626

1. We praise thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before thee, we kneel and adore thee;
we bless thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

2. We worship thee, God of our fathers, we bless thee;
through life's storm and tempest our Guide hast thou been.
When perils o'ertake us, escape thou wilt make us,
and with thy help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer;
to thee, great Deliverer, glad anthems we raise.
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us;
to thee, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise.

Formerly Hymn 59

HYMN 78

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

Stralsund, 1665/Halle, 1741

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear, now to his temple draw near;

join me in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,
sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining!

Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you.

Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty will do;

he with his love will befriend you.

4. Praise to the Lord, who with marvellous wisdom has made you,
blessed you with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed you.

How oft in grief has he not brought you relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade you!

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore Him!

Formerly Hymn 60

HYMN 79
We Come, O Christ, to You

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HYMN 80

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Wareham

William Knapp, 1738

1. Give to our God immortal praise;
mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.

2. Give to the Lord of lords renown;
the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure,
when lords and kings are known no more.

3. He built the earth, he spread the sky,
and fixed the starry lights on high.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.

4. He fills the sun with morning light;
he bids the moon direct the night.
His mercies ever shall endure,
when sun and moon shall shine no more.

5. He sent his Son with power to save
from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.

6. He through this world will guide his own,
and lead us to his holy throne.
His mercies ever shall endure,
when this dark world shall be no more.

Formerly Hymn 61

HYMN 81

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad,
the honours of your name.

3. The name of Jesus calms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music to the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

4. He breaks the power of reigning sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood avails for me.

5. He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, you lame, for joy!

7. To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

Formerly Augment Hymn 26

HYMN 82
All Glory Be to Thee, Most High

Allein Gott in der Höh

Nikolaus Decius, 1539

1. All glory be to thee, Most High,
to thee all adoration;
in grace and truth hast thou drawn nigh
to grant us thy salvation.
Thou showest thy good will to men,
and peace shall reign on earth again;
we praise thy name forever.

2. We praise thee and in thee we trust;
we give thee thanks forever,
O Father, for thy rule is just
and wise, and changes never.
Thy hand almighty o'er us reigns;
thou doest what **thy** will ordains.
'Tis well for us thou rulest.

3. O Jesus Christ, our God and Lord,
Son of the heavenly Father,
O thou, who hast our peace restored,
the straying sheep dost gather;
thou Lamb of God, to thee on high
out of the depths we sinners cry:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!

4. O Holy Spirit, precious Gift,
thou Comforter unfailing,
from Satan's snare our souls uplift,
and let thy power, availing,
avert our woes and calm our dread.
For us the Saviour's blood was shed;
we trust in thee to keep us.

Formerly Hymn 62

HYMN 83

I'll Thank Thee, O My God and Saviour
Evensong

Die Tugend wird durchs Kreuz geübet

Halle, 1704

1. I'll thank thee, O my God and Saviour,
and praise thee in my evensong.

The sun may set, but thy great favour
shalt thou through darkest night prolong.

Thy help and grace were ever near us;
more than a father didst thou care.

Thou Fount of blessing, thou dost hear us;
thy wondrous mercies I declare.

2. I know in whom my hope is founded
through ever-changing day and night.

Thou hast me with thy love surrounded;
thou art my Rock, I trust thy might.

When once life's evening veils enshroud me,

I'll bring, though worn by ills and strife,
for every day thou hast allowed me

thee higher praise, O God of life!

Formerly Hymn 63

HYMN 84
Ye Servants of God

Lyons

J. Michael Haydn, 1770

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh – his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

3. Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honour the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

4. Then let us adore, and give him his right,
all glory and power, and wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

Formerly Hymn 64

HYMN 85
Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

Johann Crüger, 1648

1. Now thank we all our God
with hearts, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Formerly Hymn 65