Christ-centered Hymns

Come before His presence with singing—PSALM 100:2

Christian H. Bateman, 1843

Madrid, 66.66 D

Arr. by David Evans, 1927



- 1. Learn the tunes.
- 2. Sing them as printed.
- 3. Sing all. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find it a blessing.
- 4. Sing lustily and with a good courage ["lustily" means "heartily, cheerfully"].
- 5. Sing modestly. Do not bawl [do not bellow].
- 6. Sing in time. Do not run before or stay behind.
- 7. Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than your self or any other creature. In order to this, attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually.

—J.W. (1703-1791)

2 Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder



[&]quot;O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day" (Psalm 96:1, 2).

Bede, 673-735

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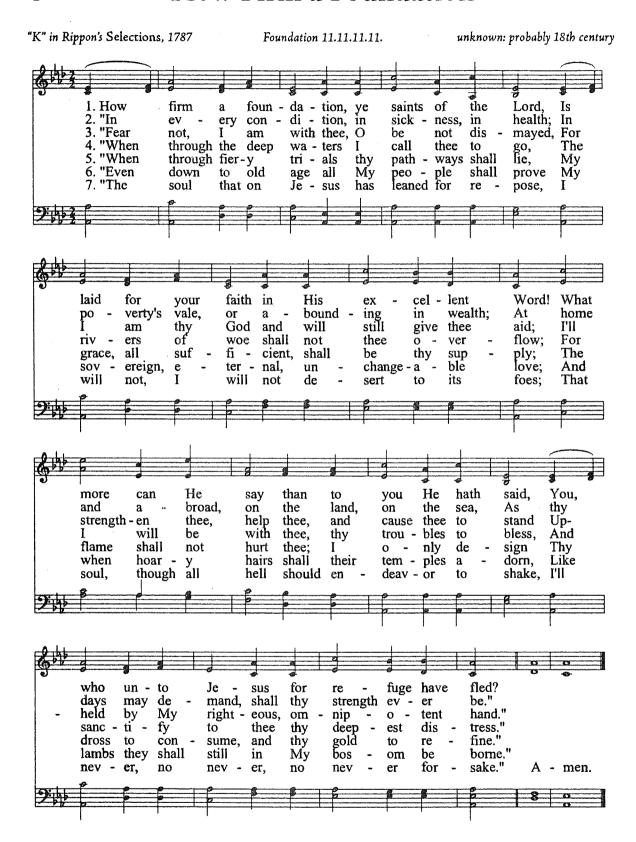
Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623



4 I Sing the Mighty Power of God







"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16).





[&]quot;If singing is tempered to a gravity befitting the presence of God and angels, it both gives dignity and grace to sacred actions, and has a very powerful tendency to stir up the mind to true zeal and ardor in prayer. We must, however, carefully beware, lest our ears be more intent on the music than our minds on the spiritual meaning of the words . . . on the other hand, songs composed merely to tickle and delight the ear are unbecoming the majesty of the Church, and cannot but be most displeasing to God."

—John Calvin (1509-1564)



10 O Sacred Head Now Wounded

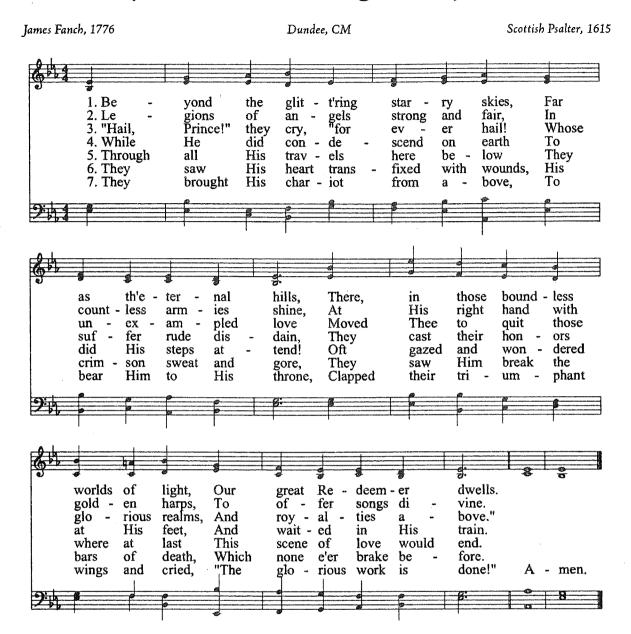




When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 11



12 Beyond the Glittering, Starry Skies

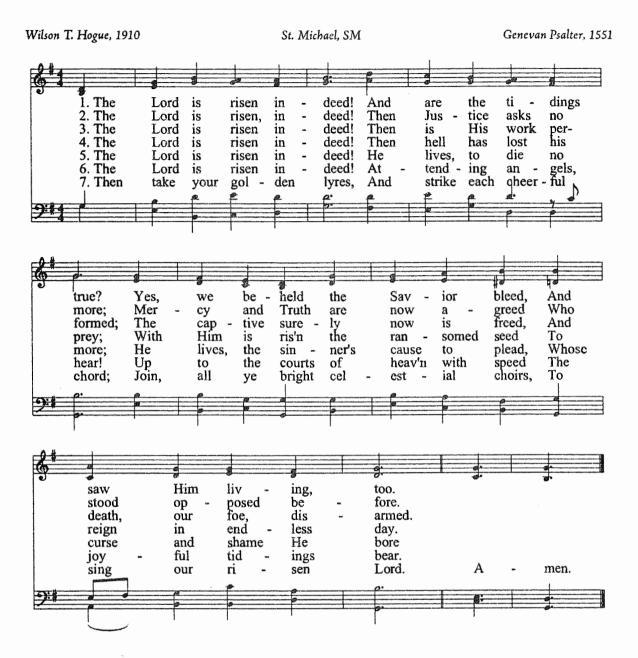


"... next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. She is a mistress and governess of those human emotions . . . which as master govern men or more often overwhelm them. No greater commendation than this can be found—at least not by us. For whether you wish to comfort the sad, to terrify the happy, to encourage the despairing, to humble the proud, to calm the passionate, or to appease those full of hate—and who could number all these masters of the human heart, namely, the emotions, inclinations, and affections that impel men to evil or good?—what more effective means than music could you find? The Holy Ghost Himself honors her as an instrument for His proper work when in His Holy Scriptures He asserts that through her His gifts were instilled in the prophets, namely, the inclination to all virtues, as can be seen in Elisha (2Ki 3:15). On the other hand, she serves to cast out Satan, the instigator of all sins, as is shown in Saul, the king of Israel (1Sa 16:23)."

-Martin Luther (1483-1546)



"Is not Jesus Christ in the midst of the congregation, gathering up all the notes which a me from sincere lips, to put them into the golden censer, and to make them rise as precious incense before the throne of the infinite majesty? So that He is the great singer, rather than we. He is the chief player on our stringed instruments, the great master of true music. The worship of earth comes up to God through Him, and He, He is the accepted channel of all the praise of all the redeemed universe."



"Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever' (Rev 5:13). Thus God's name is hallowed and sanctified in heaven; the angels and glorified saints are singing hallelujahs. Let us begin the work of heaven here. David sang forth God's praises and doxologies in a most melodious manner, and was, therefore, called the sweet singer of Israel (2Sa 23:1). Praising God is hallowing His name; it spreads His renown; it displays the trophies of His excellency; it exalts Him in the eyes of others. 'Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me' (Psa 50:23). This is one of the highest and purest acts of religion.

In prayer we act like men; in praise we act like angels."

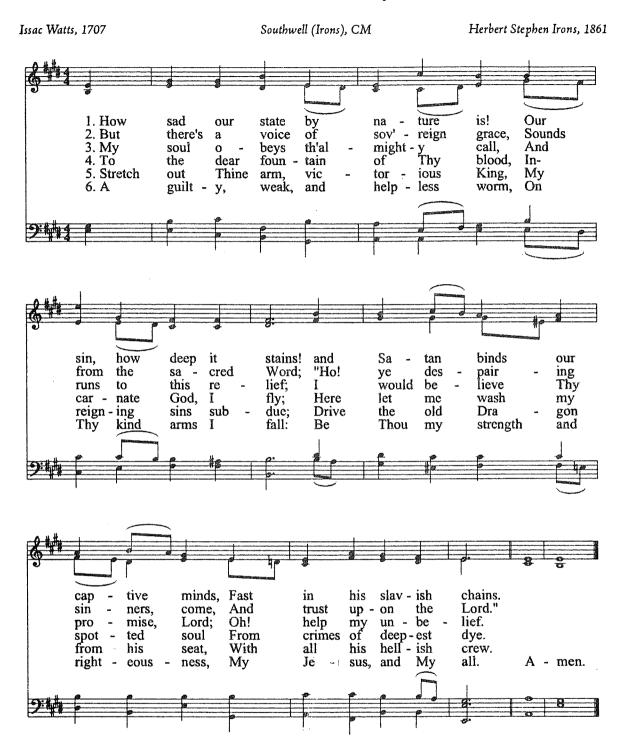
--- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done? 15



"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. 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. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100).

16 How Sad Our State by Nature Is



[&]quot;There are souls now weeping for sin and longing for a Savior who will soon find Him, and then will become most hearty singers of the new song. They are coming, coming in their thousands even now. The music of praise shall be continued as long as the sun, and the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. From generation to generation shall the name of the Lord be praised."

—Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

Joseph Hart, 1759 Restoration, 87.87 refrain William Walker, 1835 1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, Weak and wound -2. Come, ye thir - sty, 3. Come, ye wea - ry, 4. View Him pros - trate God's free boun come, and wel - come, heav - y la - den, in the gar - den; God as - cend - ed, Lost and ru ined On the ground your th'in-carn - ate God as - cend - ed, not con - science make you ling - er, Pleads the mer -Nor of fit - ness 5. Lo! 6. Let sick and sore; stands to save Je - sus rea dy you, fy; ief and glor - i -True bel true re pen tance. If by the fall; bet you tar ry till you're ter, On Ma - ker lies. hold Him; the blood tree be of His blood: Him, whol Vent - ure vent - ure on ly, fond - ly dream; All the He re quir ness Full of pit love and power. Ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. You will nev -I will a-rise and go to Je - sus come at all. Sin - ner, will this not suf - fice? in - trude. Let no oth trust feel of Him. to your need He will em-brace me in His arms; In the arms of my dear Sa - vior, there are thous - and charms. men.

Chrétien Urhan, 1734 Lucy Ann Bennett, 1850-1927 Rutherford, 76.76 D mean-eth: That mean-eth: That mean-eth: Thy Cross up - lift - ed high, With sa - cred crim - son tide, The love be - yond com - pare, The teach me what it teach me what it 3. O teach me what it teach me what it mean-eth, For 1 full of sin; And am give To teach me what it mean-eth, The which Thou dost rest o - ther in - fi - nite Re - deem-er, I bring no plea, Be-One, the blood and Man of Sor - rows, Con - demned to bleed and side. Teach flow - ing wa - ter Thine own wound - ed From spair! Yea, love that reach-eth deep - er \mathbf{of} Than depths self de lone can reach me, a win. O And love lone can all the heav-y - la - den cause Thou dost in - vite me Who look Thee and live. Beto Thee. Becast my - self on cost Thee To teach me what it make a sin - ner whole; And sinned, but I but 1 a - cold heart of if Yet lone, me that none Had till glow-eth mine Some teach me, there In this need Thee, I no hope be - side. teach me, for 1 have re - bel Thy par don I re - ceive: Beam a a - dore; Because Thou dost ac cept me love and I Sa - vior, blood, O pale re teach me The Je - sus, Thine flec - tion Of sin - ners For of teach me, val - ue a still, Th feeb - le, chief of on - ly must a - that pure love of Thy tone. Thine. whom the Sa - vior died. can, I do be - lieve. praise Thee e - ver - more. the all com - mand me, I cause Thou dost cause Thy love con - strain-eth I'll

Horatius Bonar, 1846 Vox Dilecti, CMD John Bacchus Dykes, 1868 Je - sus say, "Come heard the voice of un - to "Be free - ly heard the voice of Je - sus say, hold, I Je - sus say, ľΙ this dark world's heard the voice of am wea - ry wa - ter; me, thy Lay down, thou down Thy rest; one, Stoop one, give Light; the liv ing thirst shall rise, And Look morn un to breast." live." bright." as I was, Wear-and I drank Of Je - sus came to head up - on down and drink, and Je - sus, came to and I found In thy day looked to Je - sus, be and and sad, found in Him rest - ing-place, and worn that life - giv -Him my Star, soul re-vived, and stream; My thirst was quenched, my ing life I'll walk, Till Sun; And in that light my He has made glad. me live Him. now in trav'l ling days done. men.

20 Jesus Thy Blood and Righteouness



"Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness" (Psalm 30:4).

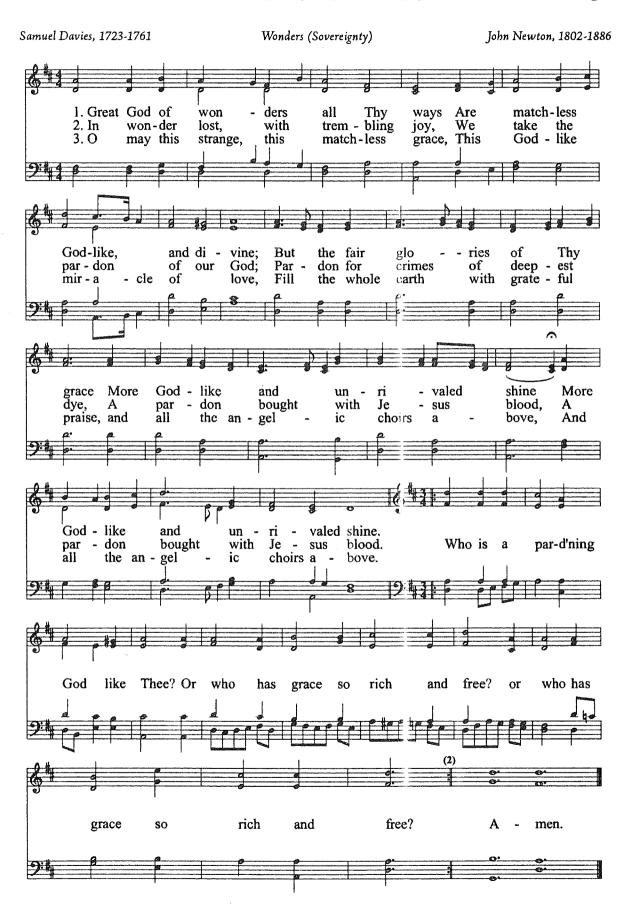


The reading of the Scriptures, Preaching, and hearing the word of God, teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual songs, singing with grace in our Hearts to the Lord; as also the Administration of Baptism, and the Lord's Supper are all parts of Religious worship of God, to be performed in obedience to Him, with understanding, faith, reverence, and godly fear; moreover solemn humiliation with fastings; and thanksgiving upon special occasions, ought to be used in an holy and religious manner.

-Second London Baptist Confession of Faith, Chapter XXII, paragraph 5



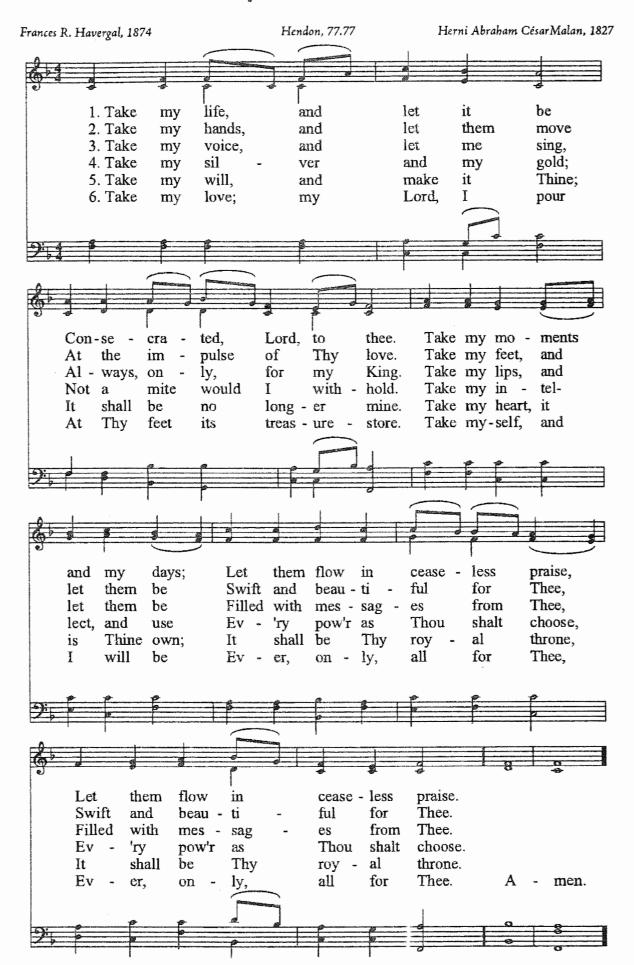
"Thus it was not without reason that the fathers and prophets wanted nothing else to be associated as closely with the Word of God as music. Therefore, we have so many hymns and Psalms where message and music join to move the listener's soul, while in other living beings and [sounding] bodies music remains a language without words. After all, the gift of language combined with the gift of song was only given to man to let him know that he should praise God with both word and music, namely, by proclaiming [the Word of God] through music and by providing sweet melodies with words."



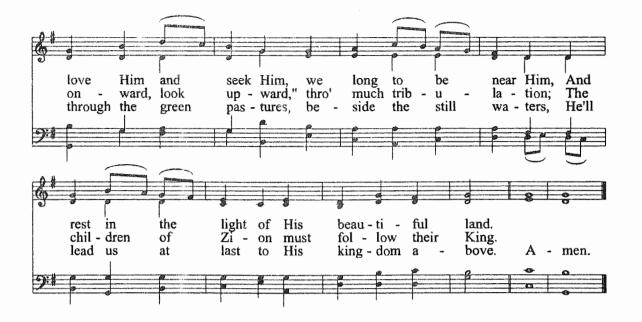


"Praise is the music of heaven, and a work fit for a saint. Let the saints be joyful: let the high praises of God be in their mouth' (Psa 149:5, 6). None but saints can in a right manner thus hallow God's name by praising Him. As everyone has not skill to play on the viol and organ, so every one cannot rightly sound forth God's harmonious praises; only the saints can do it; they only can make their tongue and heart join in concert. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart' (Psa 111:1). 'He was extolled with my tongue' (Psa 66:17)"

—Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

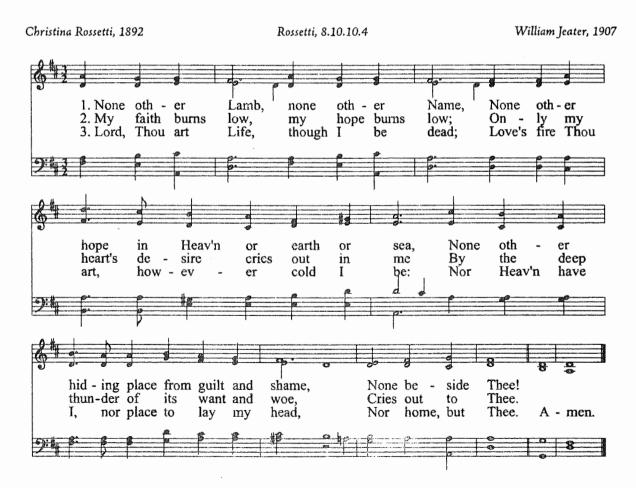






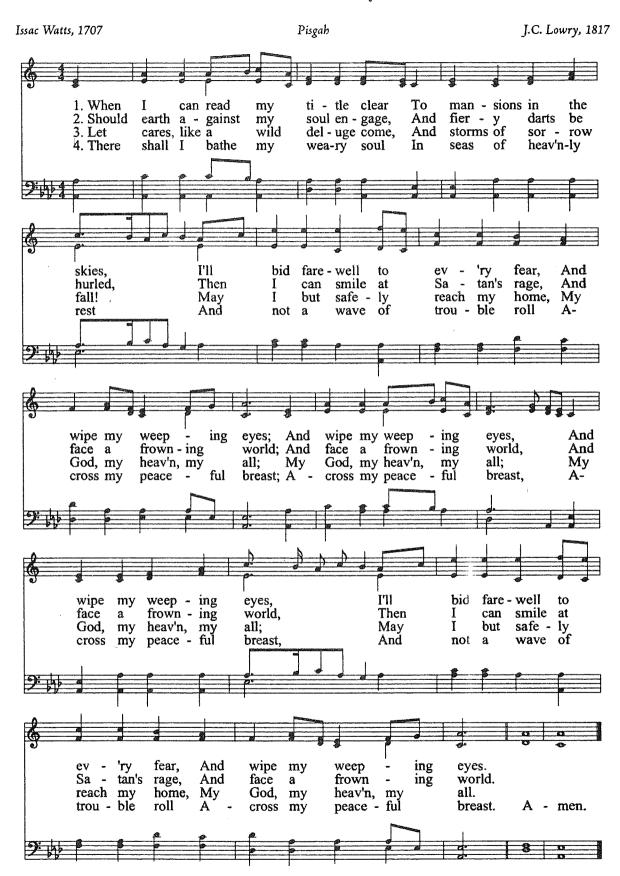
None Other Lamb

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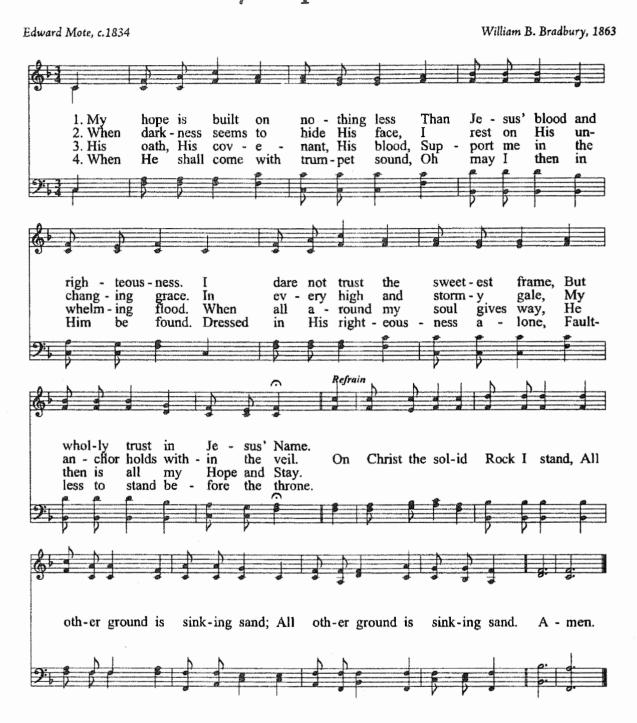
"I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being" (Psalm 104:33).





"Praise should be the continual exercise of believers. It is the joyful work of heaven, it should be the continual joy of earth . . . We bless the Lord and the Lord alone; we have no music but for him, but we do not always praise him after the same fashion. As there were different instruments of music—the ten-stringed instrument or decachord, the psaltry, the harp,—so, too, there are different subjects, a subject for the morning and a subject for the evening; lovingkindness to be shown forth at one time, and faithfulness to be sung at another. I wish that men studied more the praise they profess to present unto God. I sometimes find, even in our own public song, simple as it is, that there is a want of thought evidently among us: for time is not maintained with the precision that would grow out of thoughtfulness, there is a tendency to sing more slowly, as if devotion were wearying, if not wearisome, and too frequently I fear the singing gets to be mechanical, as if the tune mastered you, and you did not govern the tune by making those inflections and modulations of voice which the sense would suggest, if you sang with all your hearts and with your understandings also."

-Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)



"[God's Spirit] does comfort from the words and promises of Christ sometimes break in through all opposition into the saddest and darkest condition imaginable; it comes and makes men sing in a dungeon, rejoice in flames, glory in tribulation; it will into prisons, racks, through temptations, and the greatest distresses imaginable."

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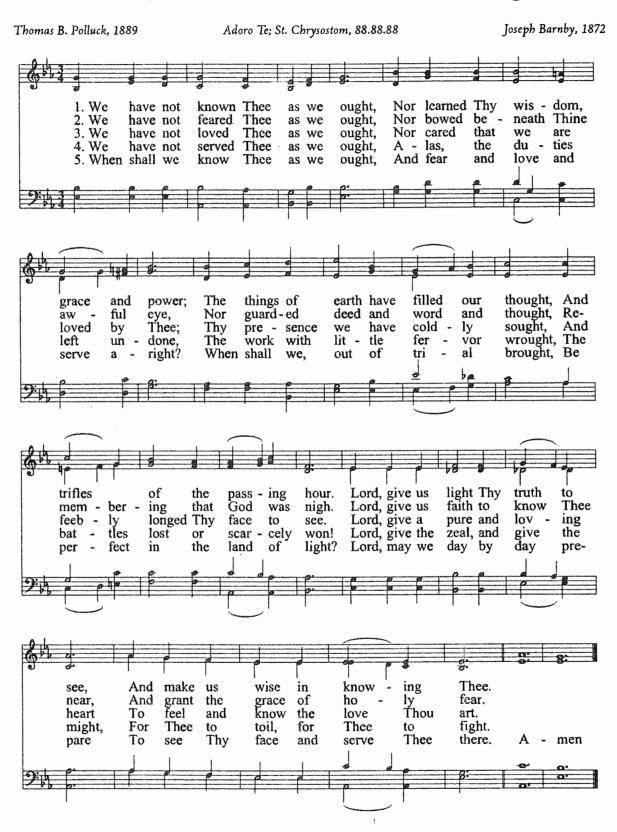
Samuel Crossman, 1664 St John (Calkin) 6.6.6.6.4.4.4.4 John Baptist Calkin, 1827-1905 song Sav - ior's 1. My love ันท known, love to my be-2. He came from His blest throne, va tion to sal 3. Some they strew way, done? sweet prais - es tines His His and 4. Why, 5. They makes this what hath my Lord What rage and rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made earth might 6. In life, no house, no home my Lord on 7. Here might I sto stay and ry sing, might love - ly love to the love - less that they shown, me, stow; but men cared not, and none the longed for Christ would sound - ing sing; re all the day ho - san nas their gave Prince blind their spite? He made the lame to run, He the the of Life they way; mur der er they save, ger like but what stran have: in death, friend - ly tomb no а grief vine; love, dear King, nev - er nev - er was who sake that for be. am my who Friend, in know. But oh, my Friend deed, my "Cru - ci fy!" their breath, and King. Then all is ries! their sight. Sweet in ju -Yet all His deeds will - ing goes, home, slay. Yet He to suf fring that What but gave. Thine. say? Heav'n may was His Whose praise This is Friend, sweet my in die? frail should take flesh and Lord need His life did spend! at my His death they and сгу. for thirst rise. ha tred feeds; they 'gainst Him He His foes from thence might free. He the mine tomb where in lay.

Johan Franck, 1653 Lindeman, 12.11.11.786 Ludvig M Lindeman, 1812-1887 price-less Treas - ure, pleas-ure, I. Je sus, Fount of pure - st who would mo - lest me 2. In Thine arms I rest me; foes 3. Sa - tan, thee; Death, I I de fy now de - cry 4. Hence with earth-ly all treas ure! Thou art my pleas-ure, sad -5. Hence, all fear and ness! For the Lord of glad - ness, how long in the earth be an - guish, sha - king, True - st Friend to me, Ah, Can - not reach Though the me here. Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me glo - ry! Fa - ther, all Hence, thou emp - ty Je - sus, my choice. Those who love the Je - sus, en ters shall yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee. lan - guish, my spir it quak - ing, fear. E very heart Je - sus calms my be thy threat a larm me While I sing peace. sto -ga -Naught to Told with tempt-ing me thy voice. Though the ther, still have peace with storms may in; 0 will suff - er Thine I spot - less Lamb, Light - nings flash Yet, though and thun - ders crash; sin and pow'r ev -God's great Earth and all guards 'ry hour; its loss Pain or or shame or cross Shall not from my Yea, what - e'er here must bear, Thou art still naught to hide Thee, Naught I side Thee. ask be sus will as - sail me, Je not fail me. depths a - dore Him, Si lent bow be fore Him. Sav - ior move me, Since He deigns to love me. pur - est plea - sure, Je sus, price - less Trea sure! A - men.

Thee Will I Love



We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought 35



"Unless music can aid in making sinners penitent, in leading souls to Jesus Christ, or uplifting saints in holy joy to the throne of God, we must hold that in vital godliness it profiteth nothing."

—Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

36 My Lord, My Love, Was Crucified

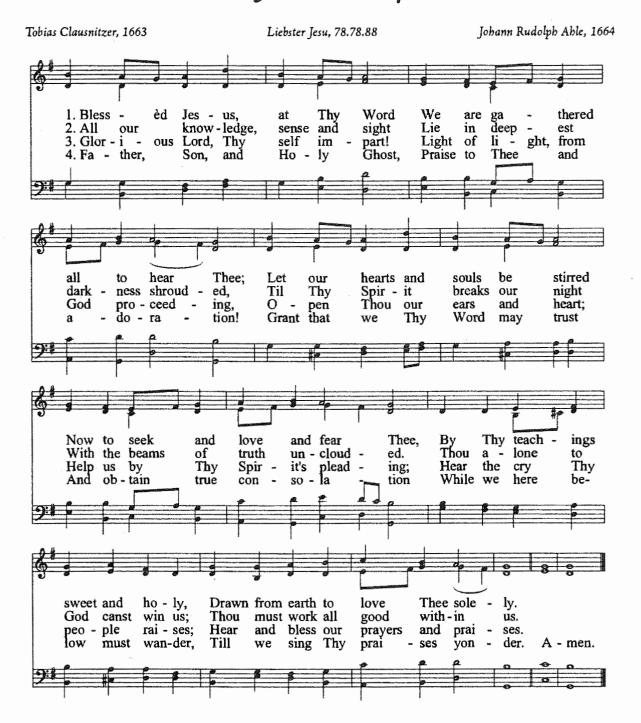


[&]quot;He who ends this life with praising God will begin the next life with the same delightful employment. As our latter days are nearer the land of light, let them be fuller of song.

Let us begin below the music which shall be prolonged through eternity."

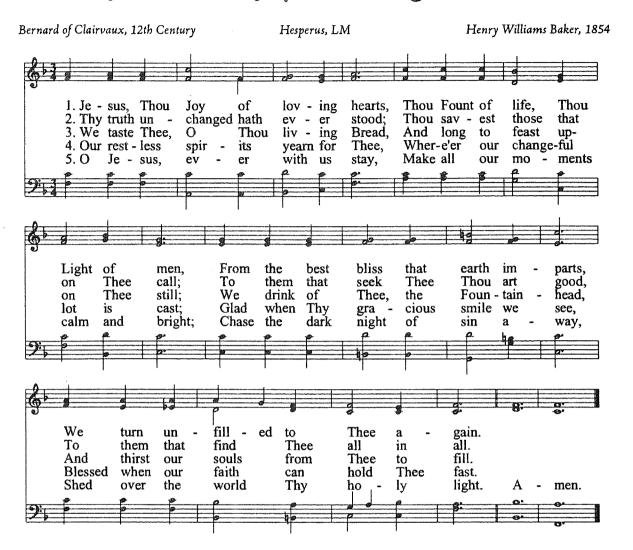
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Denis Wortman, 1884 Toulon, 10.10.10.10 Genevan Psalter, 1551 1. God of the pro phets! Bless the pro phets' sons, pro phets! Make their noint them ears at tent ter priests! kings! Strong noint them ces they in sors king - ly her - alds pro - phet kings, O Thy Lord. noint them aye, 5. Make them a pos tles, of cross, migh - ty 6. O age of kings, re turn! E - li - jah's To Thy di -For par - don, man - tle o'er E - li sha cast; Each age vin - est and for speech; their hearts a -To man wake hu char - i -Spir - it ty of peace. Ah, if with and Theirs not A - noint them with the Thy Son. In - spired of Lord Je - sus Forth may they O truth, O go to tell faith, en - rich all realms Thy grace; our ur - gent time! Make claim but each one lemn task once; SO may gird need; their lips make el quent To the 0 them the world might, now a stray, Find in our jew -Thee, sweet stained sword; Theirs, eled crown, a blood by And stand at may but loss, they count all Christ, with wea - ry a gain us SO journ; bler, strong - er the last. no than break. and eve il right ry ev all lease! Lord from its woes re love, Christ king dom won. for last with joy be fore Thy face. world waits Thy reign lime. men. sub



—Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

[&]quot;Praise is a slender return for the boundless favors we enjoy; let us not be slack in rendering it in our best music, the music of a devout soul. 'Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant' (Psa 135:3)."



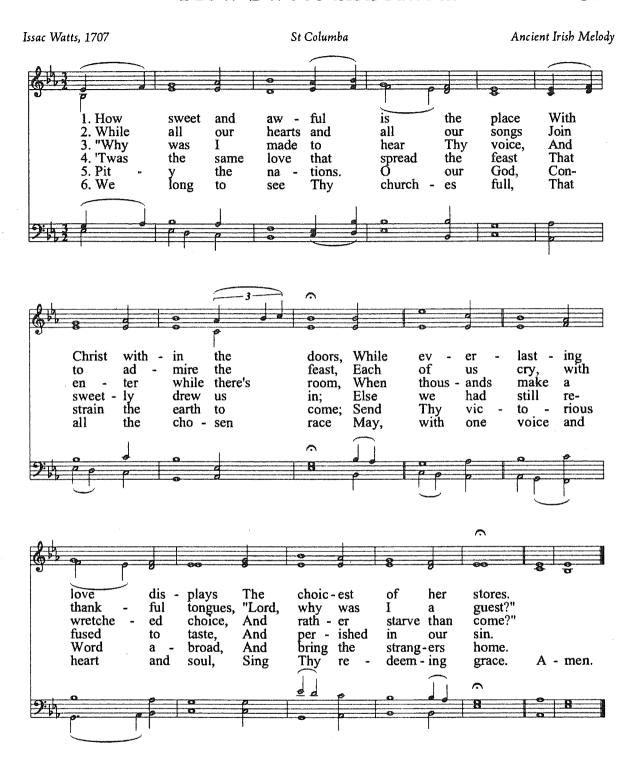
"O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth" (Psalm 96:1-9).



We believe that singing the praises of God is a holy ordinance of Christ, and not a part of natural religion or a moral duty only; but that it is brought under divine institution, it being enjoined on the Churches of Christ to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; and that the whole church in their public assemblies (as well as private Christians) ought to sing God's praises according to the best light they have received. Moreover, it was practiced in the great representative church by our Lord Jesus Christ with His disciples, after He has instituted and celebrated the sacred ordinance of His Holy Supper,

as a commemorative token of redeeming love.

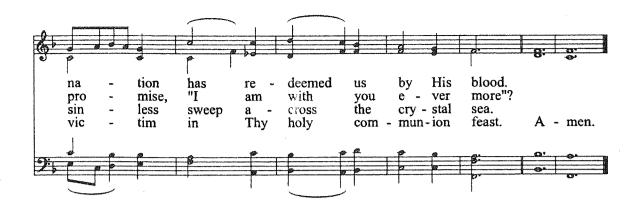
—Charleston Confession of Faith (1767)



[&]quot;Remember well that there is no more of music to God's ear in any service than there is of heart-love and holy devotion. You may make floods of music with your organ if you like; or you may make equally good music—and some of us think better—with human voices; but it is not music to God, either of instrument or of voice, unless the heart be there; and the heart is not fully there, the man, the whole man, is not fully there, unless the soul glows with the praise."

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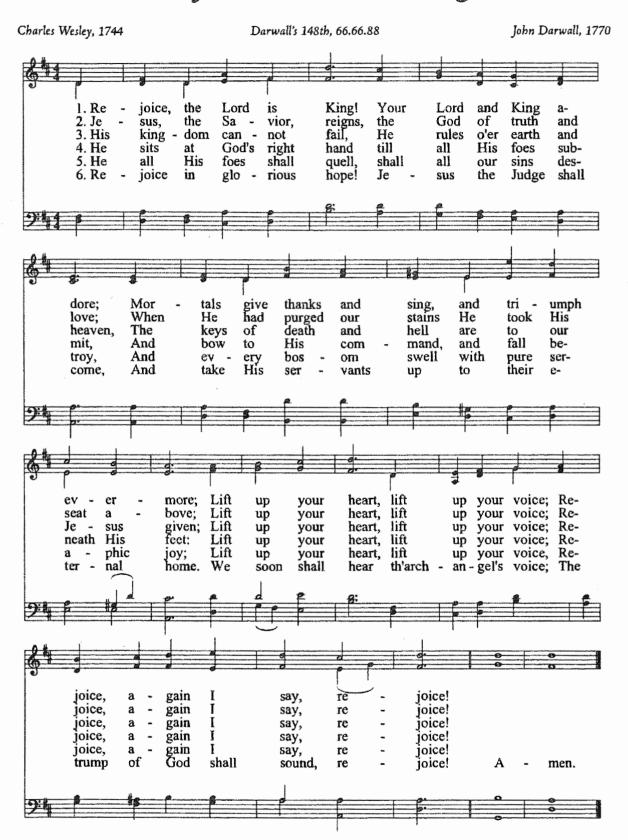




With Harps and with Viols



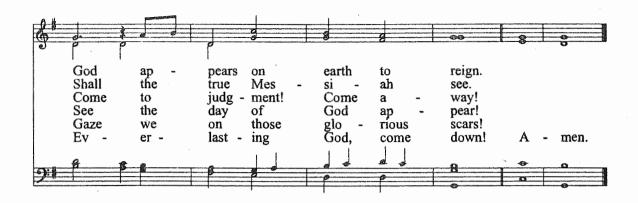




[&]quot;Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding" (Psalm 47:6).

46 Lo, He Comes, with Clouds Descending



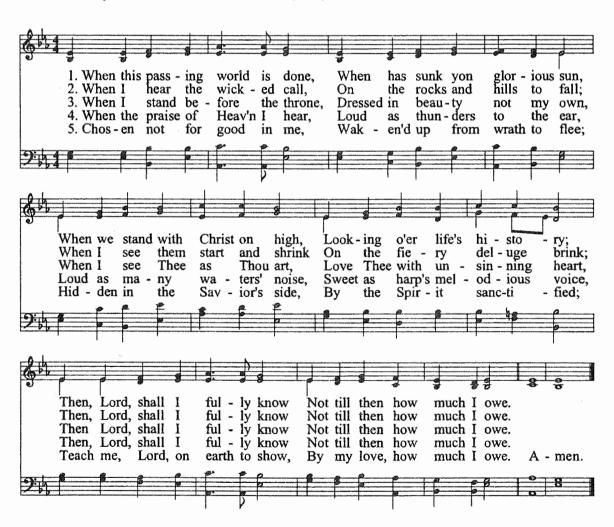


When This Passing World Is Done 47

Robert M. McCheyne, 1837

Redhead (Petra), 77.77.77

Richard Redhead, 1853



[&]quot;The only music which ever passes beyond the roof of the church in which it is rendered is that which issues from born again people, who 'sing with grace in their hearts unto the Lord."

-Arthur W. Pink (1886-1952)

48 Great God What Do I See and Hear



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"The most excellent subject to discourse or write of, is Jesus Christ . . . indeed all we say is but unsavory, if it be not seasoned with this salt, "I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified" . . . in this knowledge of Christ, there is an excellency above all other knowledge in the world; there is nothing more pleasing and comfortable, more animating and enlivening, more ravishing and soul contenting; only Christ is the sun and center of all divine revealed truths, we can preach nothing else as the object of our faith, as the necessary element of your soul's salvation, which doth not some way or other, either meet in Christ, or refer to Christ; only Christ is the whole of man's happiness, the Sun to enlighten him, the Physician to heal him, the Wall of fire to defend him, the Friend to comfort him, the Pearl to enrich him, the Ark to support him, the Rock to sustain him under the heaviest pressures . . . come then, let us look on this Sun of righteousness."

-Isaac Ambrose (1604-1664)

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I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations (Psalm 89:1).



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