**PSALM 44**

Eructavit cor meum.

*The excellence of Christ’s kingdom, and the endowment of his church.*

**1** Unto the end, for them that shall be changed, for the sons of Core, for understanding. A canticle for the Beloved.

**2** My heart hath uttered a good word: I speak my works to the king: My tongue is the pen of a scrivener that writeth swiftly.

**3** Thou art beautiful above the sons of men: grace is poured abroad in thy lips; therefore hath God blessed thee for ever.

**4** Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most mighty.

**5** With thy comeliness and thy beauty set out, proceed prosperously, and reign. Because of truth and meekness and justice: and thy right hand shall conduct thee wonderfully.

**6** Thy arrows are sharp: under thee shall people fall, into the hearts of the king’s enemies.

**7** Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a sceptre of uprightness.

**8** Thou hast loved justice, and hated iniquity: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

**9** Myrrh and stacte and cassia perfume thy garments, from the ivory houses: out of which

**10** the daughters of kings have delighted thee in thy glory. The queen stood on thy right hand, in gilded clothing; surrounded with variety.

**11** Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thy ear: and forget thy people and thy father’s house.

**12** And the king shall greatly desire thy beauty; for he is the Lord thy God, and him they shall adore.

**13** And the daughters of Tyre with gifts, yea, all the rich among the people, shall entreat thy countenance.

**14** All the glory of the king’s daughter is within in golden borders,

**15** clothed round about with varieties. After her shall virgins be brought to the king: her neighbours shall be brought to thee.

**16** They shall be brought with gladness and rejoicing: they shall be brought into the temple of the king.

**17** Instead of thy fathers, sons are born to thee: thou shalt make them princes over all the earth.

**18** They shall remember thy name throughout all generations. Therefore shall people praise thee for ever; yea, for ever and ever.