

# OCCASIONAL HYMNS

## THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE YEAR

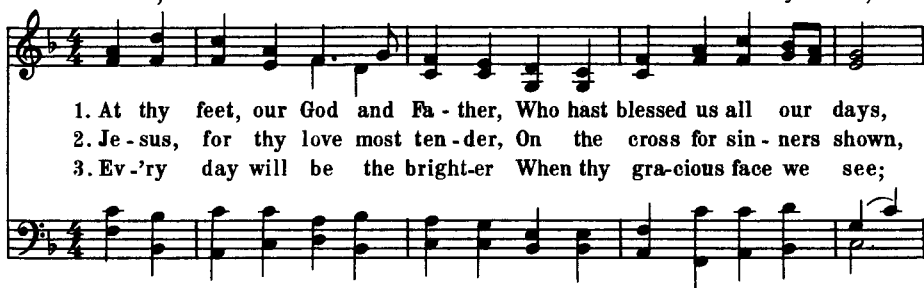
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*Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Psalm 68:19*

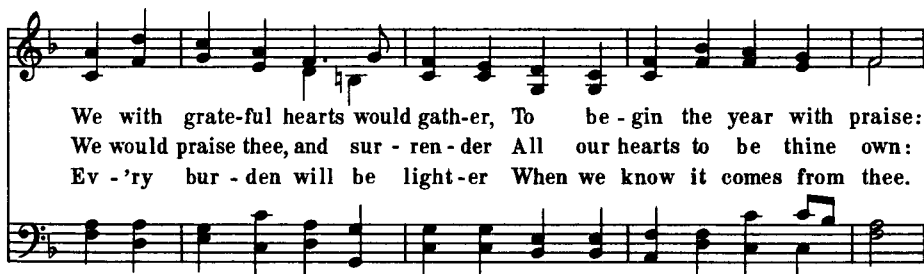
James D. Burns, 1861

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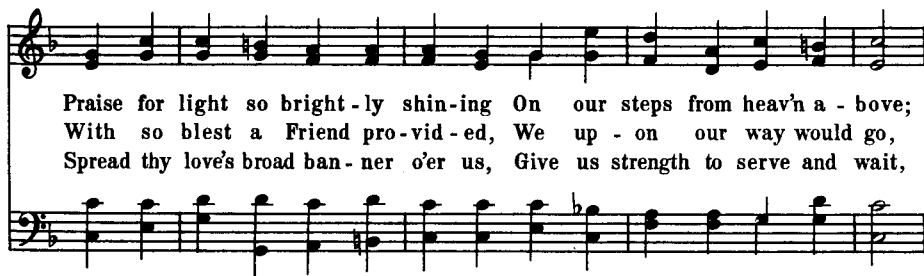
Henry Smart, 1867



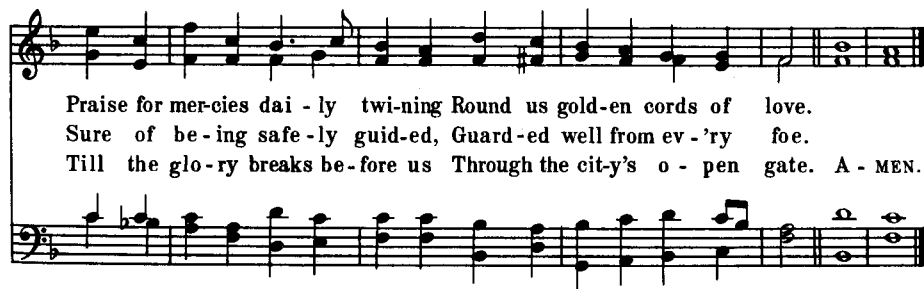
1. At thy feet, our God and Fa - ther, Who hast blessed us all our days,  
2. Je - sus, for thy love most ten - der, On the cross for sin - ners shown,  
3. Ev - 'ry day will be the bright - er When thy gra - cious face we see;



We with grate - ful hearts would gath - er, To be - gin the year with praise:  
We would praise thee, and sur - ren - der All our hearts to be thine own:  
Ev - 'ry bur - den will be light - er When we know it comes from thee.



Praise for light so bright - ly shin - ing On our steps from heav'n a - bove;  
With so blest a Friend pro - vid - ed, We up - on our way would go,  
Spread thy love's broad ban - ner o'er us, Give us strength to serve and wait,



Praise for mer - cies dai - ly twi - ning Round us gold - en cords of love.  
Sure of be - ing safe - ly guid - ed, Guard - ed well from ev - 'ry foe.  
Till the glo - ry breaks be - fore us Through the cit - y's o - pen gate. A - MEN.