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THIS little book was compiled to meet the desire of a single church for some brief service for each of the five (possible) Sunday mornings of the month. To make it a trifle more complete, evening, Christmas, Easter, and national services were arranged. Friends kindly thought it might have wider usefulness: hence its publication. The prayers, arranged largely from Martineau's "Common Prayer," were added, to make it more helpful in social and lay meetings. That it may promote the spirit and habit of worship is the only wish of

THE COMPILER.

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BOOK OF WORSHIP.

First Sunday.

ALL STANDING.

Be thou, O God, ex - alt - ed high, And as thy glo - ry fills the sky,

So let it be on earth dis-played, Till thou art here as there o - beyed.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 2/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

RESPONSIVE READING.

I WAS glad when they said unto me,
Come, it is our holy day;

Let us go into the house of the Lord;
Let us take sweet counsel together;

Let our feet stand within his gates;
Let heart and voice give thanks unto him.

For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting,
And his truth endureth to all generations.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee ;
In whose heart are thy ways.

Blessed is the temple hallowed by thy name.
Pray for peace within its walls :

Peace to young and old that enter there ;
Peace to every soul abiding therein.

For friends' and brethren's sake, I will never cease to say,
Peace be within thee.

What though the heaven of heavens cannot contain him,
And he dwelleth not in temples made with hands ;

What though his way is in the deep, and his knowledge is
too wonderful for us,
And before him we are as children that cannot speak ;

Yet touched by the altar's living glow,
We learn to lisp his name,

And try the wings that beat for his refuge,
And flee as a bird to the mountain.

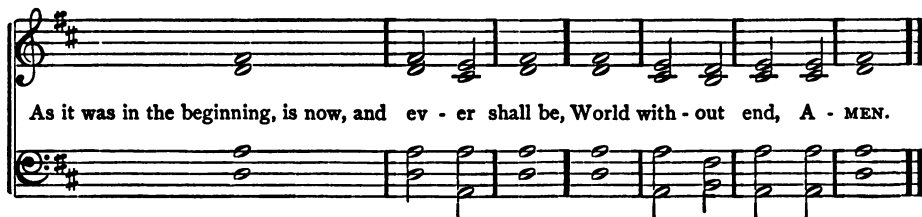
O Lord, when we cry unto thee from the deep,
And wait for thee as they that watch for the morning,

Thou wilt have regard to our entreaty,
And the voice of our prayer thou wilt not despise.

O house of the Lord's praise,
Peace be to them that love thee!

ALL.

OUR FATHER who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



Here may be sung a Hymn.

PRAYER.

For a Lay Service.

ETERNAL GOD, our heavenly Father, Giver of every good and perfect gift: we heartily thank thee for thy bountiful kindness to us and to all men; for life and all its blessings; for health and prosperity; for brotherly love, and the means of doing good; and above all for thy grace and truth, and for our hope of life eternal. Increase, O Lord, our knowledge, and so illuminate us with the brightness of thy truth, that no ignorance or sin may pervert thy blessings. Give us such a sense of thy goodness that we may ever devote ourselves to thy service in word and deed; and praising thee both with our lips and our lives, may go on through thy guidance to the joy of life everlasting. Amen.

Second Sunday.

ALL STANDING.

The Lord Al-might-y reign - eth: Hal - le - lu - jah! The Lord, the

Lord Al-might-y reign - eth: Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le -

lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah!

RESPONSIVE READING.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord,
Let us raise a voice of joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before his presence with thanksgiving.

To show forth his loving-kindness in the morning,
And his faithfulness every night.

For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised;
Honor and majesty are before him;

Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary;
Righteousness and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

The heavens declare his righteousness,
And all the people see his glory.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Let the whole earth stand in awe before him.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth;
The strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it,
And his hand formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker:

For he is our God,
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

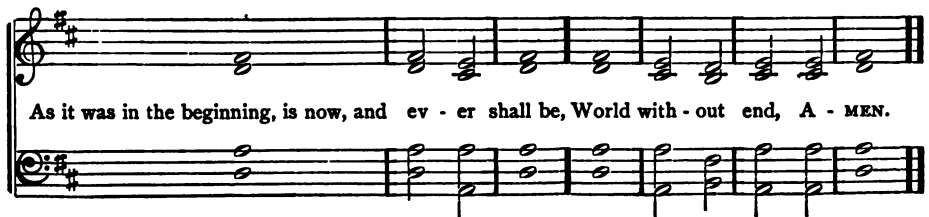
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise.

Give thanks unto him, and bless his name;
Show forth his salvation from day to day.

For the Lord is great, his mercy is everlasting,
And his truth endureth to all generations.

ALL

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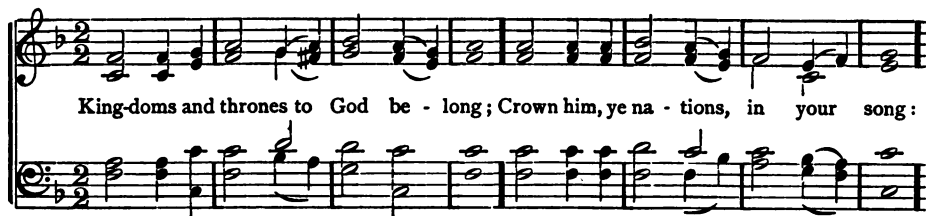
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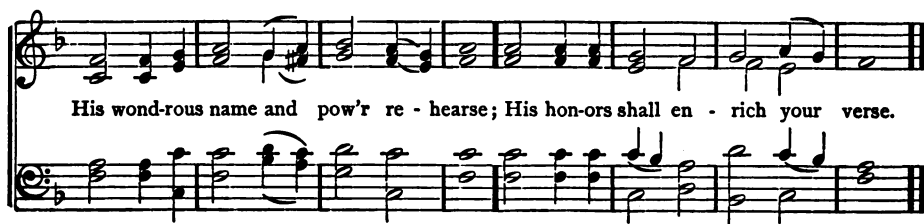
WE praise thee, O God! We humbly bow before thee, the Father everlasting. Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. We would join with the glorious company of the apostles, the goodly fellowship of the prophets, the noble army of the martyrs, and the holy church throughout all the world in ascribing praise to thee, the Father of infinite majesty. Thou givest us the victory over sin and death. Thou openest the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful, and callest them thither by thy spirit. O Lord! bless thy children, whom thou hast loved with such boundless love. Keep us day by day without sin. Guide and strengthen us through life; and at last make us to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

Third Sunday.

ALL STANDING.



King-doms and thrones to God be - long; Crown him, ye na - tions, in your song:



His wond-rous name and pow'r re - hearse; His hon-ors shall en - rich your verse.

RESPONSIVE READING.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
From whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved;
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

The Lord is thy keeper;
The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day,
Nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in,
From this time forth and even forevermore.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed,
Though the mountains be cast into the midst of the sea.

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.

O taste and see that the Lord is good,
Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Cast thy burden on the Lord,
For none that trusts in him shall be desolate.

As the mountains do stand about Jerusalem,
So the Lord is round about his people.

The Lord is a sun and a shield;
The Lord will give grace and glory.

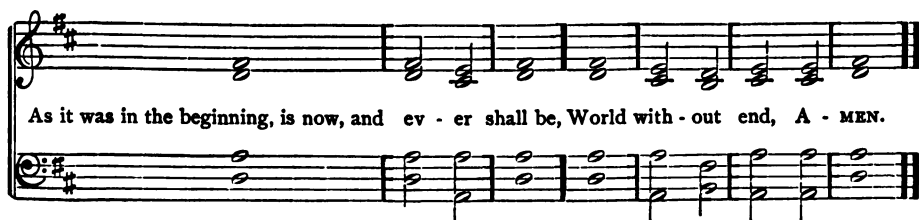
Trust in him at all times;
Pour out your heart before him.

For his merciful kindness is great towards us,
And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
From this time forth and even forevermore.

ALL.

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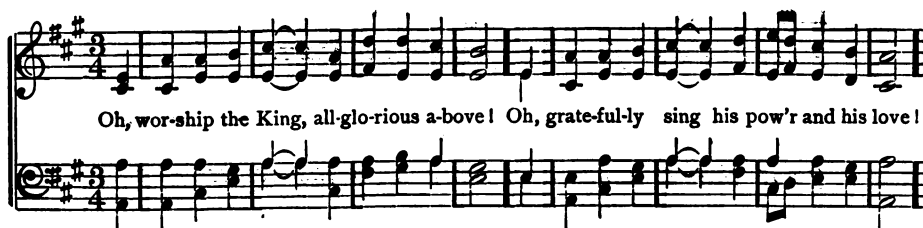
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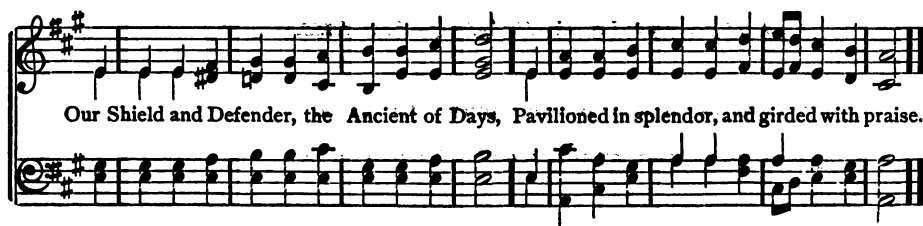
○ THOU Infinite and Eternal One, we flee to thee, and would be filled with such a sense of thy presence, that we may worship thee with the uplifting of our hearts, and serve thee with our hands all the days of our lives. We thank thee for thy loving-kindness, which is new every morning and fresh every evening; for the world of beauty round about us, and the heaven of glory over our heads; for the abundant goodness which thou hast made possible to our human lives, through which they lay hold of the life eternal. Strengthen us mightily with thy spirit, that we may turn our hearts from every evil thing and withhold our hands from every unholy work. May we diligently learn what is right, earnestly strive to do thy will, and, through loving our brothers as we love ourselves, grow into the perfect stature of thy children. So may thy kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Fourth Sunday.

ALL STANDING.



Oh, wor-ship the King, all-glo-rious a-bove! Oh, grate-ful-ly sing his pow'r and his love!



Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

RESPONSIVE READING.

AS the hart panteth after the water-brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God!

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face,
Our hearts replied, Thy face, Lord, will we seek.

Wherewith shall we come before the Lord,
And bow ourselves before the Most High?

He hath shown thee, O man, what is good ;
And what doth the Lord require of thee,

But to do justly and to love mercy,
And to walk humbly with thy God?

Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.

The path of the righteous is as the morning light,
That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

For the Lord loveth righteousness,
And the upright shall behold his face.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Order my footsteps in thy word,
And let not any sin have dominion over me.

Send out thy light and thy truth ; let them lead me ;
Let them bring me to thy holy hill.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light upon my path.

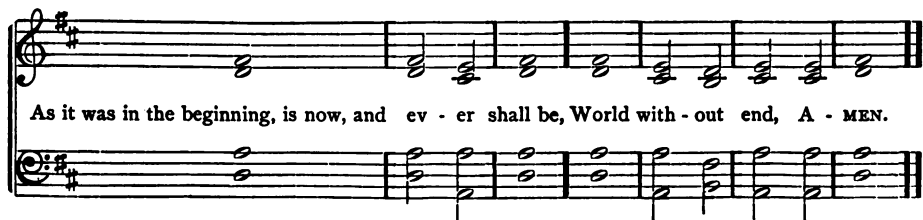
For with thee is the fountain of life,
And in thy light shall we see light.

Search me, O God! and know my heart,
Try me, and know my thoughts;

And see if there be any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

ALL.

OUR FATHER who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



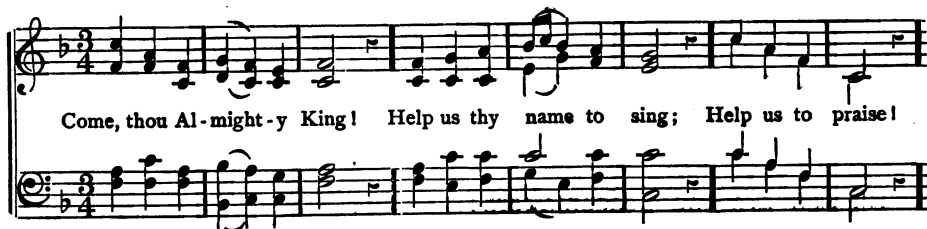
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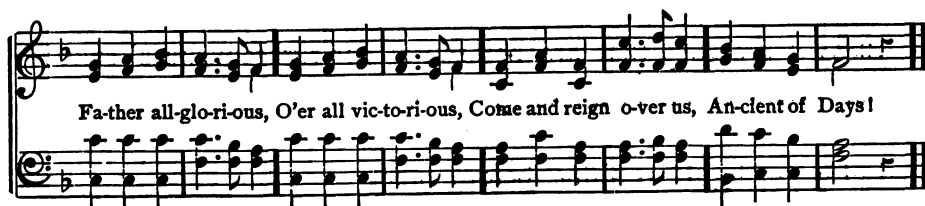
O GOD who art, and wast, and art to come; before whose face the generations rise and pass away: age after age the living seek thee, and find that of thy faithfulness there is no end. Our fathers in their pilgrimage walked by thy guidance and rested on thy compassion; still to their children be thou the cloud by day and the fire by night. Where but in thee have we a covert from the storm, or a shadow from the heat of life? Thou alone knowest our temptations; no secret of our heart is hid from thee. Purify us, we pray thee, from all guile. In prosperity keep us from pride and indifference; in adversity save us from hardness and distrust. O thou sole Source of peace and righteousness, take now the veil from every heart, and unite us, with all thy prophets and saints, in one light of faith, one beauty of holiness, one repose on thee. Amen.

Fifth Sunday.

ALL STANDING.



Come, thou Al-might-y King! Help us thy name to sing; Help us to praise!



Fa-ther all-glo-ri-ous, O'er all vic-to-ri-ous, Come and reign o-ver us, An-cient of Days!

RESPONSIVE READING.

JESUS lifted up his eyes and said,
 Blessed are the poor in spirit:
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn:
For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:
For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness :

For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful :

For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart :

For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers :

For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake :

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Let your light so shine before men,

That they may glorify your Father which is in heaven.

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you,

Even so do ye also unto them,

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven ;

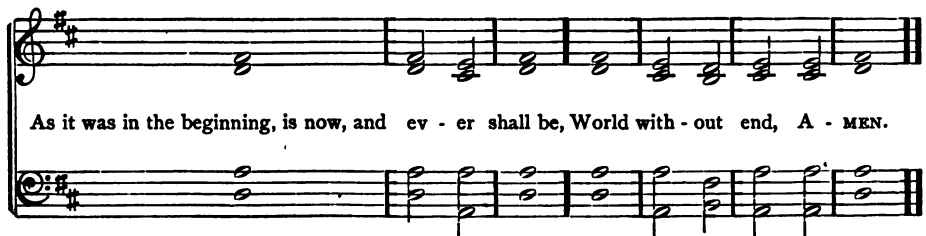
For he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust.

Be ye therefore perfect,

Even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

ALL.

OUR FATHER who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



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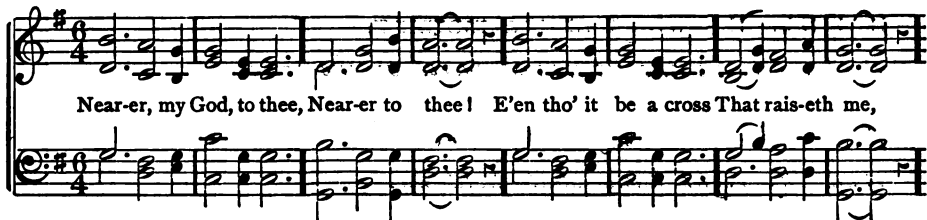
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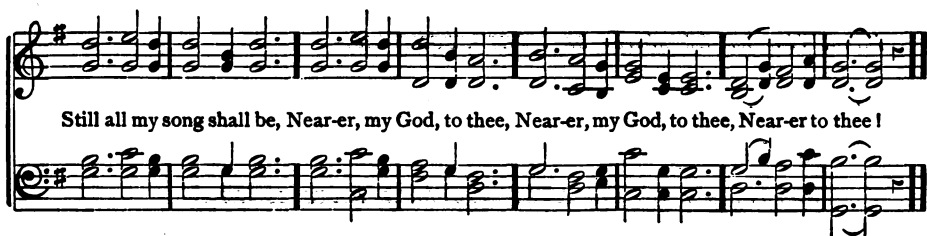
O LORD our God, who hast given us this season of peaceful rest; look now, we pray thee, on thy worshipping people here before thee. May we remember thy works of righteousness and love, and in some measure feel how great is that goodness which continues to care for us from week to week and from year to year, and which was the same in the time of our fathers and in the old time before them. Especially would we thank thee, O heavenly Father, for the wondrous revelation of truth and love in Jesus. May his spirit of trustful obedience breathe in our prayer and abide in our lives. O Thou, unto whom all hearts are open and all desires known, purify, we beseech thee, the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy hallowed name. Amen.

Evening.

ALL STANDING.



Near-er, my God, to thee, Near-er to thee! E'en tho' it be a cross That rais-eth me,



Still all my song shall be, Near-er, my God, to thee, Near-er, my God, to thee, Near-er to thee!

RESPONSIVE READING.

FROM the rising of the sun unto the going down of the
same,

The Lord's name is to be praised,

Let our prayers be set forth as incense before him,

And the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice.

His voice in the morning is heard from afar,

*In the evening he speaketh at the door, and entereth in to
abide with us.*

O Lord! whither shall I go from thy spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there:
If I make my bed in the grave, behold! thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me,
And thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me,
Even the night shall be light about me.

The darkness hideth not from thee, but the night shineth
as the day:
The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

The Lord revealeth his loving-kindness in the daytime,
*And in the night my song shall be of him, and my prayer
unto the God of my life.*

I will lay me down in peace and take my rest,
For thou, O Lord! makest me to dwell in safety.

Great peace have they that love thy law:
Thou wilt not suffer them that seek thee to fail.

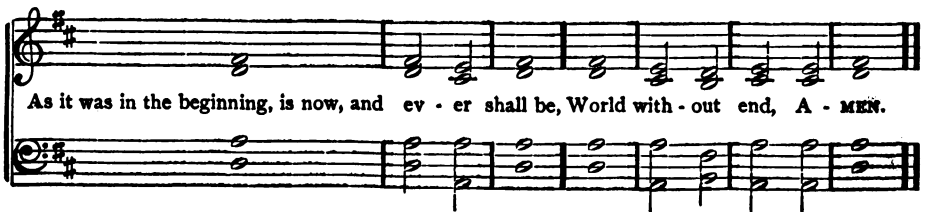
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
Whose heart is stayed on thee.

Let the words of my mouth,
And the meditation of my heart,

Be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord! my strength and my redeemer.

ALL.

OUR FATHER who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



PRAYER.

For a Lay Service.

PRAISE be to thee, thou Eternal Ruler of the universe, whose word calls forth the evening twilight, and whose wisdom guides the stars in immeasurable space. Thine is the day, and thine also is the night: thou causest times and seasons to change according to thy law: thou unfoldest the wings of light and the shadows of darkness, and nothing is hid from thine eye. We praise thee, O thou ever-living Eternal, whose wisdom shields us even in darkness. May the peace which rests on all the earth descend upon our hearts. May the care that never faileth guard and keep us. May the love which brightens every morning abide with us at the eventide. And when our days on earth are numbered, and we lie down to our last sleep, may we awake in the light of that heavenly day whose sun goeth no more down forever. Amen.

Christmas.

ALL STANDING.

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re-ceive her King; .

Let ev' - ry heart pre - pare him room, And heav'n and na - ture

And

sing, — And heav'n and na - ture sing, — And heav'n, and heav'n and na-ture sing.

heav'n and na-ture sing, And heav'n and na-ture sing,

RESPONSIVE READING.

GLORY to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, good-will to men.

Through the tender mercy of our God,
A dayspring from on high hath visited us,

Giving light to them that sit in darkness,
And guiding our feet in the way of peace.

How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings.

That publisheth peace,
That proclaimeth glad tidings of salvation.

He shall not strive, nor cry,
Nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

A bruised reed shall he not break,
And the smoking flax shall he not quench.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him;
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,

The spirit of counsel and might,
The spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

Anointing him to preach good tidings to the poor;
To bind up the broken-hearted;

To comfort them that mourn;
To proclaim liberty to the captives;

The opening of the prisons to them that are bound;
To announce the acceptable year of the Lord.

In him was life,
And the life was the light of men.

He was tempted like as we are,
And no fault was found in him.

He went about doing good;
Proclaiming everywhere, The kingdom of God is at hand.

Glory be to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, good-will to men.

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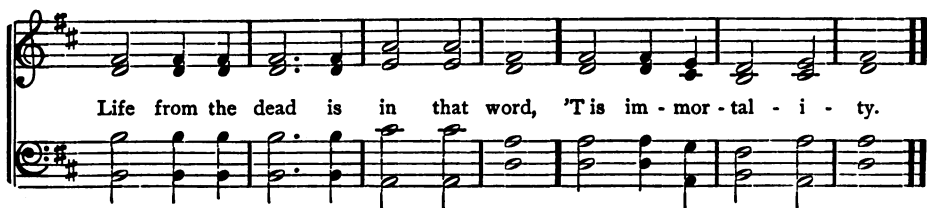
PRAYER.

For a Lay Service.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we give thee hearty thanks for all thy mercies; but we would especially remember, at this Christmas time, that divine soul whose advent it celebrates. We thank thee that thou didst raise him up to be a light and a guide to mankind. We thank thee for the noble life he lived; for the blessed truths he taught; for all the way in which he showed men the Father and brought them nearer to thee. May his spirit abide in our hearts; may it find a home in the world, hastening everywhere the coming of that peace and good-will of which the angels sang. So may thy kingdom come on earth, and thy will be done even as it is in heaven. Amen.

Easter.

ALL STANDING.



RESPONSIVE READING.

WE praise thee, O God! we magnify thee:
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

For the former things have passed away,
And behold, all things have become new.

Sing no more the song of Moses,
Lift on high the song of Jesus.

In him did the fulness of the spirit dwell;
And of his fulness we all partake.

He was the way, the truth, and the life;
Whoso followeth him shall not walk in darkness.

He was the true vine;
If we abide in him we shall bear much fruit.

Being made perfect through suffering,
He became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

He finished the work that was given him to do;
And being lifted up, he draws all men unto him.

Lo! at length the true light;
Light for every man born into the world:

Kindling the face of them that receive it,
Till they become sons of God.

No longer is the dwelling of eternal life too bright above,
Or the perishable world too dark below:

The veil between is taken away,
And the mingling dayspring comes.

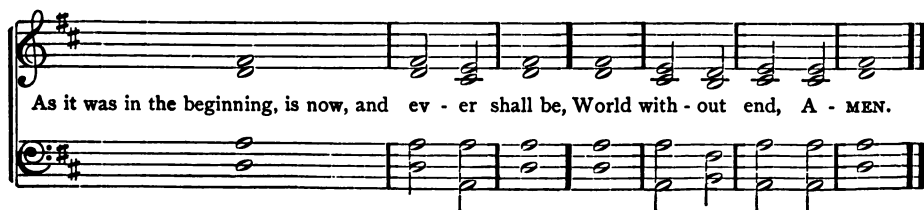
We are no more strangers and exiles,
But one living communion of seen and unseen.

We said, Thou layest men fast in everlasting sleep:
But lo! they sleep unto everlasting waking.

Blessed be the Lord God who giveth beauty for ashes,
And the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

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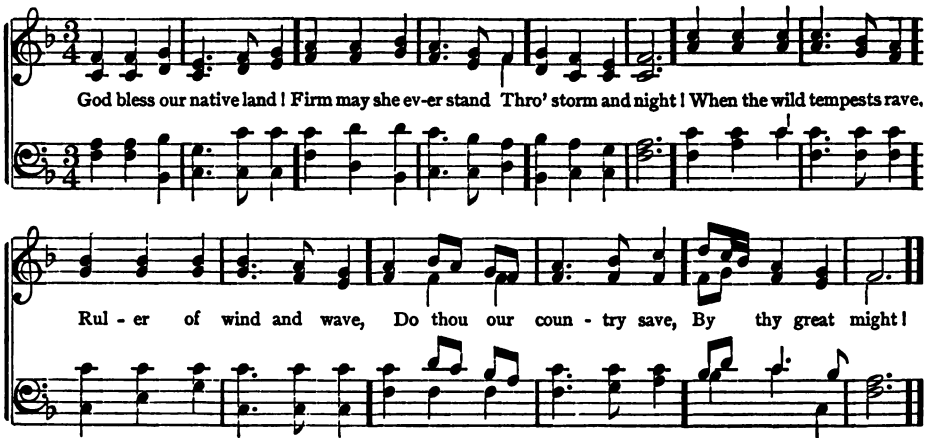
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For a Lay Service.

ALMIGHTY GOD and most merciful Father, we heartily thank thee for the solemn trust of this life, and for that sublime hope of immortality whereby we become sharers in thy eternal life. We thank thee for each fresh reinforcement of that hope in the recurring miracle of the spring-time, and for the still larger promise in every human life which lays hold of everlasting things. Especially do we this day thank thee for the manifestation of the life eternal which was in Jesus, and for the clear way which he opens up thereto. Let the true light shine upon us and the divine life dwell in us until all shadows of darkness and doubt shall be lost in the brightness of eternal day. And thine shall be the praise and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

National.

ALL STANDING.



God bless our native land ! Firm may she ev-er stand Thro' storm and night ! When the wild tempests rave,

Rul - er of wind and wave, Do thou our coun - try save, By thy great might !

RESPONSIVE READING.

BLESSED is the nation whose God is the Lord,
The people that he hath chosen for his inheritance.

Our lines have fallen to us in pleasant places ;
Yea, we have a goodly heritage.

Blessed art thou, O land !
When thy law is not slackened ;

When thou makest thy rulers righteousness,
And thine officers peace ;

When each despiseth the gain of oppression,
And shaketh his hand from holding bribes ;

When he respecteth not the person of the poor,
Nor honoreth the person of the mighty ;

But in righteousness serveth the people,
And establisheth true judgment in thy gates.

Then shall violence be no more heard in thy land,
Or wasting and destruction within thy borders.

Then shall justice roll down as waters,
And righteousness as a mighty stream.

Thou shalt call thy walls Salvation,
And thy gates Praise.

For righteousness exalteth a nation,
But injustice is a reproach to any people :

And to righteousness hath the Lord called thee,
And given thee for a light to the kingdoms.

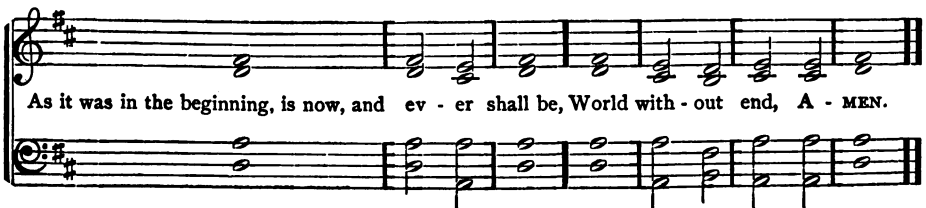
Oh ! pray for the peace of our country ;
All they shall prosper who love thee :

Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy dwellings.

Let all the people say,
Peace be within thee.

ALL.

OUR FATHER who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



Here may be sung a Hymn.

PRAYER.

For a Lay Service.

ETERNAL and ever blessed Ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth! From a little company thou hast multiplied our people into a mighty nation; thou hast planted us in quiet resting-places; thou hast committed to us a mighty trust. May we enjoy all our immeasurable blessings not in pride and self-will, but reverently, as from thee. Deepen the root of our life in everlasting righteousness. Make us equal to our high privilege, sober in the use of freedom, just in the exercise of power, generous in the protection of weakness. May all our laws be founded in equity and executed with uprightness. May wisdom and knowledge give us stability, and true brotherhood be the spirit of our people. So with peace in its gates and prosperity in its homes, may this nation be thine to the end of time. Amen.

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