**Psalms of Praise**

**Invitatory Psalm**

Come let us sing to the Lord;\*   
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving\*   
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,\*   
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\*   
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,\*   
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,\*   
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,   
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\*   
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalm 148**    
1Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

2Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

3Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

4Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

5Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

6He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

10Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and wingèd birds;

11Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

12Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

13Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

**Psalm 149**

1Hallelujah!  
Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.

5Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.

6Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;

8To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;

9To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

**Psalm 150**

1Hallelujah!  
Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

2Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.

3Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp.

4Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.

5Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord.  
Hallelujah!