

39

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is Thy Health and Salvation!
Join the full throng:
Wake, harp and psalter and song;
Sound forth in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously, made
thee;
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling, hath
stayed thee.
What need or grief
Ever hath failed of relief?--
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and de-
fend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send
thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

5. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before
Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him. Amen.

Lesson: Isaiah 65.17-25

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth:
and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18
But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for,
behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19
And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the
voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of
crying. 20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor
an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an
hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old
shall be accursed. 21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit
them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.
22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant,
and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my peo-
ple, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23
They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they
are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with
them. 24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will
answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf
and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like
the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not
hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no
need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that
the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when
they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh
upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall
not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day
should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light,
and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of dark-
ness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch
and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they
that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of
the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love;
and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not ap-
pointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus
Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we
should live together with him. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves
together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Gradual, p. 83

The King's daughter shall be brought unto the King: the virgins,
her companions that follow her shall be brought unto Thee. With
gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into
the King's palace. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I saw the holy city,
New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven: prepared
as a bride adorned for her husband. Hallelujah.

Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten
virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the
bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five were fool-
ish. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil
with them: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their
lamps. 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and
slept. 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the
bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 7 Then all those vir-
gins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto
the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But
the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for
us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for your-
selves. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came;
and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and
the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, say-
ing, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily
I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know
neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

609

1. "Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Hallelujah!
With bridal care
Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious,
Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
"Now come, Thou Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hail! Hosanna!
The joyful call
We answer all
And follow to the nuptial hall."

3. Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
Let men and angels sing before Thee,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No vision ever brought,
No ear hath ever caught,
Such great glory;
Therefore will we
Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee. Amen.

612

1. That day of wrath, that dreadful day,
When heav'n and earth shall pass away!
What pow'r shall be the sinner's stay?
How shall he meet that dreadful day?

2. When, shriv'ling like a parched scroll,
The flaming heav'ns together roll;
When louder yet, and yet more dread,
Swells the high trump that wakes the dead,

3. Lord, on that day, that wrathful day,
When man to Judgment wakes from clay,
Be Thou the trembling sinner's Stay,
Tho' heav'n and earth shall pass away. Amen.

644 Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.