



Creationtide

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♪ Hymn (766) ♪

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to His feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him praise Him,
praise Him praise Him,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise Him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise Him praise Him,
praise Him praise Him,
glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise Him praise Him,
praise Him praise Him,
widely as His mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Praise Him praise Him,
praise Him praise Him,
praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him;
ye behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Praise Him praise Him,
praise Him praise Him,
praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), based on Psalm 103

♪ Hymn (669) ♪

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto Me, and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon My breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in Him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Horatius N. Bonar (1808-1889)

♪ Hymn (589) ♪

Angel-voices, ever singing
round Thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless Thee
and confess Thee Lord of might.
Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that Thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that Thou art near us,
and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.
Yea, we know that Thou rejoicest
o'er each work of Thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
for Thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for Thy pleasure all combine.
In Thy house, great God, we offer
of Thine own to thee;
and for Thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices,
in our choicest psalmody.
Honour, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity!
Of the best that Thou hast given
earth and heaven render Thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

♪ Hymn (CAHON 66) ♪

Be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God.
I am the Lord that healeth thee,
I am the Lord that healeth thee,
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

Anonymous

♪ Hymn (587) ♪

Amazing grace (how sweet the
sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am
found;
was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart
to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace
appear
the hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, toils and
snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe
thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised good to
me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
Yes, when this heart and flesh
shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.
The earth shall soon dissolve like
snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here
below,
will be forever mine.
When we've been there a
thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's
praise
than when we first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807)

First Reading

Exodus 14.19–end

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them.²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided.²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.²⁴At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic.²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

²⁶Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.'²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea.²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had

followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.³¹Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Second Reading

Romans 14.1–12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions.²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.⁹For

to this end Christ died and lived again,
so that he might be Lord of both the
dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your
brother or sister? Or you, why do you
despise your brother or sister? For we
will all stand before the judgement seat
of God.¹¹For it is written,
'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall
bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to
God.'

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable
to God.

Gospel

Matthew 18.21–35

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if
another member of the church sins against
me, how often should I forgive? As many as
seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not
seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven
times.

²³'For this reason the kingdom of heaven
may be compared to a king who wished to
settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he
began the reckoning, one who owed him
ten thousand talents was brought to him;
²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered
him to be sold, together with his wife and
children and all his possessions, and
payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on
his knees before him, saying, "Have
patience with me, and I will pay you
everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the
lord of that slave released him and forgave
him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he
went out, came upon one of his fellow-
slaves who owed him a hundred denarii;
and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay
what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell
down and pleaded with him, "Have
patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But
he refused; then he went and threw him
into prison until he should pay the debt.

³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had
happened, they were greatly distressed,
and they went and reported to their lord
all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord
summoned him and said to him, "You
wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt
because you pleaded with me. ³³Should
you not have had mercy on your fellow-
slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in
anger his lord handed him over to be
tortured until he should pay his entire
debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do
to every one of you, if you do not forgive
your brother or sister from your heart.'

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the
Holy Spirit

upon your Church in the burning fire
of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and
active in service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your
perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human
frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all
things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to
our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.