

### 39 A SONG OF THE BLESSED

**Rejoice and be glad for you are the light of the world, \* and great is your reward in héav'n.**

Blessed are the pòor in spírít,  
for theirs is the kingdòm of héav'n.  
Blessed are thòse who móurn,  
for they shàll bè còmforted.

Blessed àre thè méek,  
for they shall inherit thè éárth.  
Blessed are thòse who hunger and thirst àfter ríghteousness,  
for they shàll bè sàtisfied.

Blessed àre thè mérciful,  
for they shall obtàin mércy.  
Blessed are thè pure in héart,  
for they shall sèe Gód.

Blessed àre thè péacemakers,  
for they shall be called childrèn of Gód.  
Blessed are thòse who suffer persecution for ríghteousness' sàke,  
for theirs is the kingdòm of héav'n.

**Glory ...**

*Matthew 5.3-10*

### 43 A SONG OF THE JUSTIFIED

**Our hope is nòt in váin, \* because God's love has been poured into our héarts.**

God reckons as righteous thòse who bèlìeve,  
who believe in him who raised Jesus fròm thè déad;  
For Christ was handed over to death fòr òur síns,  
and raised to life for our justificátion.

Since we are justified by fáith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jèsus Chríst.  
Through Christ we have gained access to the grace in which wè stánd,  
and rejoice in our hope of the glory of Gód.

We even exult in òur súfferings,  
for suffering producès endúrance,  
And endurance brìngs hópe,  
and our hope is nòt in váin,

Because God's love has been poured into òur héarts,  
through the Holy Spírít, gíven to us.  
God próves his lóve for us:  
while we were yet sinners Chríst díed for us.

Since we have been justified by his déath,  
how much more shall we be saved from Gód's wráth.  
Therefore, we exult in God through our Lord Jèsus Chríst,  
in whom we have now received our reconcili-átion.

**Glory ...**

*Romans 4.24,25; 5.1-5,8,9,11*

**44 A SONG OF GOD'S CHILDREN**

**The Spirit of the Father, who raised Christ Jesus from the déad, \*  
gives life to the peoplè òf Gód .**

The law of the Spirit of life in Chrĭst Jĕsus  
has set us free from the law of sĭn ànd déath.  
All who are led by the Spirit of God are childrĕn òf Gód;  
for we have received the Spirit that enables us to cry, 'Àbbà, Fàther'.

The Spirit himself bears witness that we are childrĕn òf Gód  
and if God's children, then heirs òf Gód;  
If heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Chrĭst;  
since we suffer with him now, that we may be glorified with hĭm.

These sufferings that we nòw èndùre  
are not worth comparing to the glory that shall bè révèaled.  
For the creation waits with èager lónging  
for the revealing of the childrĕn òf Gód.

**Glory ...**

*Romans 8.2,14,15b-19*

#### 45 A SONG OF DIVINE LOVE

Love bears **á**ll things \* and will never come t**ò** **à**n **é**nd.

Love is pati**è**nt and kínd,  
love is not jealous or boastful,  
it is not arrog**à**nt or rúde.  
Love does not insist on its **ö**wn w**á**y,  
it is not angry or res**é**ntful.

It does not re**jo**ice in wr**ó**ngdoing  
but re**jo**ices in the tr**ú**th.  
Love bears all things and beli**è**ves **á**ll things;  
love hopes all things and end**ü**res **á**ll things.

Love will not come t**ò** **à**n **é**nd, [       ]  
But prophecy will vanish,  
tongues cease and knowledge pass **á**way.

Now we know **ö**nly in p**á**rt  
and we prop**h**ecy in p**á**rt,  
But when the p**é**rfect c**ó**mes,  
the partial shall pass **á**way.

When I was a child, I spoke **l**ike **à** **ch**íld,  
I thought like a child, I reason**é**d like **à** **ch**íld.  
But when I bec**á**me m**á**túre,  
I put an end to **ch**íld ish w**á**ys.

For now we see only puzzling reflections in **à** **m**írror,  
but then we shall see **f**á**ç**e t**ò** **f**á**ç**e.  
Now I know **ö**nly in p**á**rt;  
then I shall know fully, even as I have been **f**ú**l**ly kn**ó**wn.

There are three things that last for ever,  
faith, h**ó**pe **à**nd **l**ó**v**e, [       ]  
but the greatest of these is **l**ó**v**e.

**Glory ...**

*(1 Corinthians 13. 4-13)*

#### 46 A SONG OF GOD'S GRACE

**The glorious grace of God \* is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for you have blest us in Christ Jesus with every spiritual blessing in the heav'nly places.  
You chose us to be yours in Christ before the foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy and blameless before you.

In love you destined us for adoption as your children, through Jesus Christ,  
according to the purpose of your will,  
To the praise of your glorious grace,  
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,  
the forgiveness of our sins,  
According to the riches of your grace,  
which you have lavished upon us.

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight,  
the mystery of your will,  
According to your purpose which you set forth in Christ,  
as a plan for the fullness of time,

To unite all things in Christ, [ ]  
things in heav'n and things on earth.

**Glory ...**

*Ephesians 1.3-10*

#### 47 THE SONG OF CHRIST'S GLORY

**At the name of Jesus \* every knee shall bow.**

Christ Jesus was in the form of God,  
but he did not cling to equality with God.  
He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,  
and was born in our human likeness.

Being found in human form he humbled himself,  
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him,  
and bestowed on him the name above every name,

That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow,  
in heav'n and on earth and under the earth;  
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Glory ...**

*Philippians 2.5-11*

#### 48 A SONG OF REDEMPTION

**Christ is the image of the invisible Gód, \* the firstborn of all cre-átion.**

The Father has delivered us from the dominion of dárkness,  
and transferred us to the kingdom of his belòved Són;  
In whom we háve redémption,  
the forgiveness of our síns.

He is the image of the invisible Gód,  
the firstborn of all cre-átion.  
For in him all things wère cre-áted,  
in heav'n and on earth, visible and invísible.

All things were created through him and fór him, [ ]  
he is before all things and in him all things hold tògether.

He is the head of the body, the Chùrch,  
he is the beginning, the firstborn fròm the déad.  
In him all the fullness of God was pleased tò dwell;  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile áll things.

**Glory ...**

*Colossians 1.13-18a,19,20a*

#### 49 A SONG OF CHRIST'S APPEARING

**Christ was believed in throughout the wórld \* and taken up in glóry.**

Christ Jesus was revealed in the flésh  
and vindicated in the spírít.  
He was seen by angels  
and proclaimed among the nátions.  
Believed in throughout the world,  
he was taken up in glóry.

This will be made manifest at the pròpèr tíme  
by the blessed and only Sòvereign  
Who alone has immórtálicity,  
and dwells in unapproachable líght.

**To the King of kings and Lórd of lórd's  
be honour and eternal dominion. Amén.**

*1 Timothy 13.16;6.15,16*

## 50 A SONG OF GOD'S ASSEMBLED

**We have come before the throne of Góð \* to share in the inheritance of the saints in líght.**

We have come before God's hòly móuntain,  
to the heav'nly Jerusalem, the city of the líving Góð.  
We have come before countless angels máking féstival,  
before the assembly of the firstborn citizéns of héav'n.

We have come before God, who is júdge of áll,  
before the spirits of the just máde péréct.  
We have come béfóre Jésus,  
the mediator of the nēw cówenant.

We are receiving a kingdom that cannòt bè sháken:  
so let us give thanks and offer to God acceptáble wórship,  
Full of reveréce and áwe;  
for our God is a consuming fire.

Glory ...

*Hebrews 12.22-24a,28,29*

## 51 A SONG OF FAITH

**God raised Christ fróm thè déad, \* the Lamb without spot or stain. Àllélúia.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jésus Chríst! [     ]  
By his great mercy we have been born anew to a líving hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ fróm thè déad,

Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfáding,  
kept in héav'n for yóu,  
Who are being protected by the power of Góð through fáith,  
for a salvation, ready to be revealed in the lást tíme.

You were ransomed from the futile ways of yóur áncéstor  
not with perishable things like silver or góld  
But with the precious blóod of Chríst  
like that of a lamb without spòt or stáin.

Through him you have confidence in God,  
who raised him from the dead and gáve him glóry, [     ]  
so that your faith and hope are sèt on Góð.

Glory ...

*1 Peter 1.3-5,18,19,21*

## 52 A SONG OF CHRIST THE SERVANT

**Christ committed no sin, \* no guile was found on his lips.**

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example,  
that you should follow in his steps.  
He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips,  
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.

When he suffered, he did not threaten,  
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.  
Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By his wounds, you have been healed, for you were straying like sheep, [     ]  
but have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Glory ...**

*1 Peter 2.21b-25*

## 53 A SONG OF REPENTANCE

**Tell the good news of Jesus the Christ \* to all who are searching for redemption.**

This is the message we have heard from Christ and proclaim to you:  
that God is light, in whom, there is no darkness at all.  
If we say that we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness,  
we lie and do not do what is true.

But if we walk in the light as God is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another.  
And the blood of Jesus, the Son of God,  
cleanses us from all our sins.

If we say that we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves and truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins,  
the One who is faithful and just will forgive us  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Glory ...**

*1 John 1.5-9*

## 54 A SONG OF GOD'S LOVE

**God's love was revealed among us \* so that we might live through J sus.**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of G d;  
everyone who loves is born of G d and knows God.  
Whoever does not love does not know G d,  
for G d is love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us,  
that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.  
In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us,  
and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much,  
we ought also to love one another.  
For if we love one another, God abides in us,  
and God's love will be perfected in us.

**Glory ...**

*1 John 4.7-11,12b*

## 55 A SONG OF PRAISE

**You created all things, O G d, \* and are worthy of our praise for ever.**

You are worthy, our Lord and G d,  
to receive glory and honour and power.  
For you have created all things,  
and by your will they have their being.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,  
and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and nation.  
You have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our G d,  
and they will reign with you on earth.

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb [ ]  
be blessing and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Revelation 4.11; 5.9b,10*

**56 A SONG OF THE REDEEMED**

**Salvation belongs to our Gód, \* which will guide us to springs of living wáter.**

Behold, a gréat múltitude  
which no one could númer,  
From every nation, from all tribes and peoplès and tóngues,  
standing before the throne and the Lám̄b.

They were clothed in white robes and had palms in their hánds,  
and they cried with a loud vóice, sáying,  
'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the thróne,  
and to the Lám̄b.'

These are they who have come out of the great tribulátióne,  
they have washed their robes and made them, white in the blood of the Lám̄b;  
Therefore they stand before the thróne of Gód,  
whom they serve day and night within the témp̄le.

And the One who sits upón the thróne  
will shelter them with his présence.  
They shall never again feel hungèr or thírst,  
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scórching héat.

For the Lamb at the heart of the thróne  
will be their Shépherd,  
He will guide them to springs of living wáter,  
And God will wipe away every tear from their éyes.

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lám̄b [ ]  
be blessing and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever. Amén.**

*Revelation 7.9,10,14b-17*

**57 GREAT AND WONDERFUL**

**All nations shall come and worship you, Ó Chríst, \* and share in the feast of your kíngdom.**

Great and wonderful are your déeds,  
Lord God the Álmíghty.  
Just and true are your wáys,  
O ruler of the nátióne.

Who shall not revere and praise your náme, Ó Lórd?  
for you alóne are hóly.  
All nations shall come and worship in your présence:  
for your just dealings have been révéaled.

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lám̄b [ ]  
be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amén.**

*Revelation 15. 3,4*

## 58 A SONG OF THE LAMB

Let us rejoice and exult \* and give glory and homage to our Gód.

Salvation and glory and power belong to our Gód,  
whose judgements are true and just.  
Praise our God, all you his servants,  
all who fear him, both small and great.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns: [ ]  
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

For the marriage of the Lamb has come  
and his bride has made herself ready.  
Blessed are those who are invited  
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb [ ]  
be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amén.**

*Revelation 19.1b,5b,6b,7,9b*

## 59 A SONG OF THE HOLY CITY

I saw the holy city \* coming down out of heav'n from Gód.

I saw a new heav'n and a new earth,  
for the first heav'n and the first earth had passed away and the sea was no more.  
And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heav'n from Gód,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice from the throne saying,  
'Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals.  
'He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them.

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes,  
and death shall be no more.  
'Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more,  
for the former things have passed away.'

And the One who sat upon the throne said, [ ]  
'Behold, I make all things new.'

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb [ ]  
be blessing and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever. Amén.**

*Revelation 21.1-5a*

## 60 A SONG OF THE HEAVENLY CITY

**By the river stood the tree of life, \* with healing for all the nations.**

I saw no temple in the city,  
for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb  
And the city has no need of the sun or moon to shine upon it,  
for the glory of God is its light, and its light is the Lamb.

By its light the nations shall walk,  
and the rulers of the earth shall bring their glory into it.  
Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night;  
they shall bring into it the glory and honour of the nations.

I saw the river of life, bright as crystal,  
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.  
And either side of the river stood the tree of life,  
yielding its fruit each month,  
and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be there,  
And his servants shall worship him;  
And they shall see his face  
And his name shall be on their foreheads.

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb [ ]  
be blessing and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Revelation 21.1-5a*

## 61 A SONG OF THE SPIRIT

**Surely I am coming soon. \* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

‘Behold, I am coming soon’, says the Lord, ‘and bringing my reward with me,  
to give to everyone according to their deeds.  
‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end.’

Blessed are those who do God’s commandments,  
that they may have the right to the tree of life, [ ]  
and may enter into the city through the gates.

‘I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you,  
with this testimony for all the churches.  
‘I am the root and the offspring of David,  
I am the bright morning star.’

‘Come!’ say the Spirit and the Bride;  
‘Come!’ let each hearer reply.  
Come forward, you who are thirsty,  
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb [ ]  
be blessing and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Revelation 22. 12-14, 16, 17*

**62a THE EASTER ANTHEMS**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,  
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: [     ]  
death has no more dominion over him.

In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.  
See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead: [     ]  
the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by man came death:  
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;  
for as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

**Glory ...**

*1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8, Romans 6.9-11, 1 Corinthians 15.20-22)*