

1 *THE SONG OF MOSES AND MIRIAM*

In your unfailing love, Ó Lórd, * you lead the people whom you have redeemed. Alléluia.

I will sing to the Lord, who has tri-umphed glóriously,
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the séa.
The Lord is my strength and my s6ng
and has become my salvátion.

This is my God whom I will práise,
the God of my forebears whom I will éxált.
The Lord is a wárrior,
the Lord is his náme.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glórius in pówer:
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the énemy.
At the blast of your nostrils, the séa cóvered them;
they sank as lead in the mighty wáters.

In your unfailing love, Ó Lórd,
you lead the people whom you háve redéemed.
And by your invincíble stréngth
you will guide them to your h6ly dwélling.

You will bring them in and plant thém, Ó Lórd, []
in the sanctuary which your hands háve éstáblished.

Glory

Exodus 15.1b-3,6,10,13,17

2 A SONG OF THE ROCK

The word is vèry nêar to you; * it is in your mouth and in your heart for yòu tò obsérve.

Give ear, O heav'ns, and Í will spéak;
And let the earth hear the words of my móuth.
May my teaching drop as the rain,
my speech distil as thè déw;
as the gentle rain on the grass, and as the showers upòn thè méadow.

For I will proclaim thè name òf thè Lórd.
Ascribe greatness tò our Gód!
The Rock, his work is perfect; for all his wàys àre júst
faithful God without deceit, just and upright is hé.

His degenerate children have déalt còrrúptly with him;
a perverse and crooked gènération.
Do you thus repay the Lord, you foolish and sènselèss péople?
Is not he your father, who created you,
who made you and éstablihed you?

Remember the days of old, consider the yèars lóng pást; []
ask your father, and he will show you;
your elders, and thèy will téll you.

When the Most High gave the nations thè inhéritance,
when he divided the children on thè éarth,
he fixed the bounds òf thè péoples
according to the number of the childrèn òf Gód.

For the Lord's own portion is his péople,
Jacob his allóttèd héritage.
He sustained him in a desert land,
in the howling waste òf thè wílderness;
he shielded him and cared for him;
he kept him as the apple òf his éye.

As an eagle stirs up its nest, and hovers ovèr its yóung,
spreading out its wings, takes them,
and bears them aloft on its pínions,
So the Lord alòne did gúide him,
And no foreign gòd was wíth him.

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Deuteronomy 32. 1-12

3 A SONG OF HANNAH

Blessed are those who believe, * for what God has promised will be fulfilled.

My heart exults in the Lórd;
my strength is exalted in my Gód.
My mouth derides my énemies,
because I rejoice in my víctory.

There is no Holy One like you, the Lórd,
nor any Rock like you, our Gód.
For you are a Gód of knówledge
and by you our actions are weíghed.

The bows of the mighty are bróken,
but the feeble gird on stréngth.
Those who were full now hire themselves out for bréad,
but those who were hungry are well féed.

The barren woman has borne sévenfold,
but she who has many children is fórlórn.
Both the poor and the rich are of your máking;
you bring low and you also éxált.

You raise up the poor from the dúst;
and lift the needy from the ásh heap,
You make them sit with the rúlers
and inherit a place of hónour.

For the pillars of the éarth are yours, []
and on them you have set the wórld.

Glory ...

1 Samuel 2. 1,22,3b-5,7,8

4 A SONG OF DAVID

Splendour and majesty are yours, Ó Gód; * you are exalted as head over all.

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and éver,
for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the májesty.
Everything in heav'n and on éarth is yours;
yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over áll.

Riches and honour come from you
and you rule over áll.
In your hand are pówer and míght;
yours it is to give power and stréngth to áll.

And now we give you thánks, our Gód,
and praise your glórious náme.
For all things come from you,
and of your own have we gíven you.

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1 Chronicles 29.10b-13,14b

5 A SONG OF SOLOMON

Many waters cannot quēnch lóve; * neither can the flōods drōwn it.

Set me as a seal upōn yōur hēart,
as a seal upōn yōur árm;
For love is strong as death, passion fierce as thē gráve;
its flashes are flashes of fire, a ráging fláme.

Many waters cannot quēnch lóve,
neither can the flōods drōwn it.
If all the wealth of our house were offèred fōr lóve,
it would be uttērlý scōrned.

Glory ...

cf Song of Solomon 8.6,7

6 A SONG OF PEACE

Spirit of God, teach ús yōur wáys, * that we may walk in the wáy of péace.

Come, let us go up to the mountáin of Gód,
to the house of the Gód of Jácob;
That God may teach ús his wáys,
and that we may walk in his páths.

For the law shall go out frōm Zíon,
and the word of the Lord frōm Jérúsalem.
God shall judge between thē nátions,
and shall mediate for many péoples.

They shall beat their swords into plóughshares,
and their spears into prúning hooks.
Nation shall not lift up sword ágainst nátion,
neither shall they learn war any móre.

O people of Jácob, cóme: [. . .]
let us walk in the light of thē Lórd.

Glory ...

Isaiah 2.3-5

7 A SONG OF THE MESSIAH

To us a child is born, * to us a son is given.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a gr̄eat líght;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, upon them the líght has d̄awned.
You have increased their joy and given them gr̄eat gl̄ádn̄ess;
they rejoiced before you as with joy at th̄e h̄árvest.

For you have shattered the ȳoke th̄at b̄úrdened them;
the collar that lay heavy òn th̄eir sh̄óuld̄ers.
For to us a child is born and to us a s̄òn is ḡíven,
and the government will be up̄on his sh̄óuld̄er.

And his name will be called: Wonderful Counsellor; the Míghty Gód;
the Everlasting Father; the Prince òf P̄éace.
Of the increase òf his government and òf p̄éace
there will be nò énd,

Upon the throne of David and ov̄er his k̄íngdom,
to establish and uphold it with justice and r̄íghteousness.
From this time forth and for év̄erm̄óre;
the zeal of the Lord of h̄òsts will d̄ó this.

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Isaiah 9.2,3b,4a,6,7

8 A SONG OF GOD'S CHOSEN ONE

The earth shall be full * of the knowledge òf th̄e Lórd.

There shall come forth a shoot from the st̄ock òf J̄ésse,
and a branch shall grow out òf his r̄óots.
And the Spirit of the Lórd shall rést upon him,
the spirit of wisdom and und̄erst̄ánding,

The spirit of couns̄el and míght,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear òf th̄e Lórd.
He shall not judge by what his éȳes s̄ée,
or decide by what his éars h̄éar,

But with righteousness he shall júdge th̄e p̄óor,
and decide with equity for the meek òf th̄e éárth.
The wolf shall dwell with th̄e l̄ámb,
and the leopard shall lie down with th̄e kíd.

The calf, the lion and the fatling t̄oḡéther,
with a little child t̄ò léad them.
They shall not hurt or destroy in all my h̄òly móuntain,
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cov̄er th̄e s̄éa.

Glory ...

Isaiah 11.1,2,3b-4a,6,9

9 A SONG OF DELIVERANCE

All the earth, shout and sing for joy, * for great in your midst is the Holy One.

‘Behold, God is my sálvátion;
I will trust and will not be áfráid;
‘For the Lord God is my strength and my sóng,
and has become my sálvátion.’

With joy you will dräw wáter []
from the wells of sálvátion.

On that day you will sáy,
‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his náme;
‘Make known his deeds among the nátions,
proclaim that his name is éxálted.

‘Sing God’s praises, who has tri-úmphed glóriously;
let this be known in all the wórlð.
‘Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zíon,
for great in your midst is the Holy Óne of Ísrael.’

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Isaiah 12.2-6

10 A SONG OF TRUST

Trust in the Lórd for éver , * for the Lord God is an everlasting róck.

We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls and búlwarks.
Open the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps faith may enter in.
You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stáyed on you,
because he trústs in you.

Trust in the Lórd for éver,
for the Lord God is an everlasting róck.
The way of the righteóus is lével;
you who are upright make smooth the path of the ríghteóus..

In the path of your judgements, O Lórd, we wáit for you;
Your name and renown is the desire of our sóul.
My soul yearns for you in the níght,
my spirit within me earnestly séeks you.

For when your judgements are in the éarth,
the inhabitants of the world léarn ríghéousness.
O Lord, you will ordáin péace for us,
for indeed all that we have done you háve dóné for us.

Glory ...

Isaiah 26. 1-4, 7-9, 12

11 A SONG OF THE WILDERNESS

Lift up your voice with strength, * O herald of good tidings.

The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice,
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weary hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not, your God is coming with judgement,
coming with judgement to save you.'

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
Then shall the lame leap like a hart,
and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, []
and streams in the desert;

The ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing,
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
Joy and gladness shall be theirs,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Glory ...

Isaiah 35.1,2b-4a,4c-6,10

12 A SONG OF GOD'S HERALD

God will feed his flock like a shepherd, * and gather the lambs in his arms.

Go up to a high mountain, herald of good tidings to Zion;
lift up your voice with strength, herald of good tidings to Jerusalem.
Lift up your voice, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might.
and his arm rules for him.
Behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

God will feed his flock like a shepherd,
and gather the lambs in his arms;
He will carry them in his breast,
And gently lead them that are with young.

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Isaiah 40.9-11

13 A SONG OF THE COVENANT

I have given you as a light to the nations, * and I have called you in righteousness.

Thus says God, who created the héav'ns,
who fashioned the earth and all that dwélls in it;
Who gives breath to the peoplé upón it
and spirit to thóse whó wálk in it,

‘I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hánd and képt you;
‘I have given you as a covenant to the péople,
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blínd,

‘To bring out the captives fróm the dúngéon,
from the prison, those who sit in dárkness.
‘I am the Lord, that is my náme;
my glory I give to nó óther.’

Glory ...

Isaiah 42.5-8a

14 A SONG OF THE NEW CREATION

I will make a way in the wilderness, * and rivers in the désert.

‘I am the Lórd, yòur Hóly One,
the Creator of Israél, yòur Kíng.’
Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the séa,
A path in the mighty wáters.

‘Remember nót the fórmér things,
nor consider the things of óld.
Behold, I am doing a nêw thíng,
Now it springs forth, do you nót pèrcéive it?

‘I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the désert,
to give drink to my chòsèn péople,
The peoples whom I fórméd for mysélf,
that they might declàre my práise.’

Glory ...

Isaiah 43. 15,16,18,19,20c,21

15 A SONG OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

Return to the Lord, who will have mércy, * to our God, who will richly párdon.

Seek the Lord while he máy bē fōund,
call upon him while hē is nēar;
Let the wicked abandōn thēir wáys,
and the unrightēous thēir thóughts;

Return to the Lord, who will háve mércy; []
to our God, who will richly párdon.

‘For my thoughts áre nōt yōur thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,’ sáys thē Lórd.
‘For as the heav’ns are higher thán thē éárth,
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thóughts thán yōur thoughts.

‘As the rain and the snow come down frōm ábōve,
and return not again but wátēr thē éárth,
‘Bringing forth life and gíving grōwth,
seed for sowing and bréad tō eat,

So is my word that goes forth frōm mý móuth;
it will not return tō mē frúitless,
‘But it will accomplish that which I púrpose,
and succeed in the task I gáve it.’

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Isaiah 55.6-11

16 A SONG OF THE NEW JERUSALEM

Above you the Holy Óne árisēs, * and above you God’s glórý áppéars.

Arise, shine out, for your líght háš cóme,
the glórý of the Lord is rising upón you.
Though night still covers thē éárth,
and darkness thē péoples;

Above you the Holy Óne árisēs,
and above you God’s glórý áppéars.
The nations will come tō yōur líght,
and kings to your dáwning bríghtness.

Your gates will lie opēn cōntínually,
shut neither by day nōr by níght.
The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in yōur lánd,
or ruin and devastation withín yōur bórders.

You will call your wálls, Sálvátion,
and your gátes, Práise.
No more will the sun gíve yōu dáylight,
nor móonlight shíne upon you;

But the Lord will be your everlásting líght,
your God will be yōur spléndour.
For you shall be called the city of Gód,
the dwelling of the Holy Óne of Ísrael.

Glory ...

Isaiah 60.1-3, 11a, 18, 19, 14b

17 A SONG OF THE LORD'S BLESSED

The Lord has anointed me * and sent me to bring good news to the oppressed.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
because he has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted.

To proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
To proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
to comfort all who mourn.

To give them a garland of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit,
That they may be called oaks of righteousness,
and the planting of the Lord that he may be glorified.

For as the earth puts forth her blossom,
and as seeds in the garden spring up,
So shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise
blossom before all the nations.

You shall be called priests of the Lord;
they shall speak of you as ministers of our God.

Isaiah 61.1-3,11,6a)

18 A SONG OF THE BRIDE

God makes righteousness and praise * blossom before all the nations.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my soul shall exult in my God;
Who has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
and has covered me with the cloak of integrity,

As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth puts forth her blossom,
and as seeds in the garden spring up,

So shall God make righteousness and praise
blossom before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

Until her deliverance shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
The nations shall see your deliverance,
and all rulers shall see your glory;

Then you shall be called by a new name
which the mouth of God will give.
You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Glory ...

Isaiah 61.10,11; 62.1-3

19 A SONG OF THE LORD'S GRACIOUS DEEDS

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lórd, * the praises of the Móst Hígh.

Who is this that còmes fròm Édom,
coming from Bozrah, his garments stáined crimson?
Who is this in glórious appárel,
marching in the greatness of his stréngth?

‘It is I, who announces that right has wón the dáy, []
it is I,’ says the Lórd, ‘for I am mighty to sáve.’

Why are your robes all rэд, Ó Lórd, []
and your garments like theirs who tread the wínepress?

‘I have trodden the winepréss álone, []
and from the peoples no óne was wíth me.’

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lórd,
the praises of the Móst Hígh;
All that God has done for us in his mércy,
by his many ácts of lóve.

For God said, ‘Surely, they are my people, my children who will not déal fálsely,’
and he became their Saviour in all their dístréss.
So God redeemed them by his lóve and píty;
he lifted them up and carried them through all the dáys of óld.

Glory ...

Isaiah 61.10,11; 62.1-3

20 A SONG OF JERUSALEM OUR MOTHER

Thus says our God, I will cómfort you, * you shall see and your heart shall réjóice.

‘Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glád for her,
all you who love her,’ says the Lórd.
‘Rejoice with her in jóy,
all you who móurn over her,

‘That you may drink deeply with délfíght
from her consóling bréast.’
For thus sáys our Gód,
‘You shall be nursed and carried on her árm.

‘As a mother comfórts her chíldren,
so I will cómfort yóu;
‘You shall see and your heart shall réjóice;
you shall flourish like the grass of the fíelds.’

Glory ...

Isaiah 66.10,11a,12a,12c,13a,14a,b

21 A SONG OF LAMENTATION

Great is your faithfulness, Ó Lórd.. * Therefore I will hópe in you.

Is it nothing to you, all you who páss bý?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow;
Which was brought upón me,
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce ánger.

For these things I weep; my eyes flów with téars;
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my cóurage;
Remember my affliction and my bitterness,
the wormwood and the gáll!

But this I call to mínd, []
and therefore I have hópe:
The steadfast love of the Lord névèr céases,
his mercies never come to an énd;

They are new évery mórníng;
great is your fáithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hópe in him.'
The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that séeks him.

It is good that we should wáit quietly
for the salvation of the Lórd.
For the Lord will not reject for éver;
though he causes grief, he will have compásson,

According to the abundance of his steadfast lóve;
for he does not willingly afflict or griève anyone.

Glory...

Lamentations 1.12,16a,b; 3.19,21-26,31-33

22 A SONG OF EZEKIEL

I will put a new spirit within you * and you shall be my péople.

I will take you from the nátions,
and gather you from all the cóuntries.
I will sprinkle clean water upón you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncléannesses.

A new heart I will gíve you,
and put a new spirit within you,
And I will remove from your body the héart of stóne
and give you a héart of flésh.

You shall be my péople, []
and I will be your Gód.

Glory ...

Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b

23 A SONG OF HUMILITY

Raise us up, Ó Gód, * that we may live in your présence.

Come let us return to the Lórd []
who has torn us and will héal us.

--- Gód has stricken us
and will bind up our wóunds.
After two days, he will revíve us,
and on the third day will raise us up, that we may live in his présence.

Let us strive to know the Lórd;
his appearing is as sure as the sunrise.
He will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the éarth.

‘O Ephraim, how shall I déal with you?
How shall I deal with you, Ó Júdah?
‘Your love for me is like the mórning mist,
like the dew that goes early áway.

‘Therefore, I have hewn them by the próphets,
and my judgement goes forth as the light.
‘For loyalty is my desire and not sácrifice,
and the knowledge of God rather than búrn’t ófferings.’

Glory ...

Hosea 6.1-6

24 A SONG OF JONAH

My prayer came to you in your hóly témples, * and you brought my life from the dépths.

I called to you, O God, out of my distress and you answered me:
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.
You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas,
And the flood surrounded me, all your waves and billows passed over me.

Then I said, I am driven away from your sight;
how shall I ever look again upon your hóly témples?
The waters closed in over me, the deep was round about me;
weeds were wrapped around my head at the roots of the móuntains.

I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me for éver,
Yet you brought up my life from the dépths, Ó Gód.
As my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Ó Gód,
And my prayer came to you, into your hóly témples.

With the voice of thanksgiving, I will sácrifice to you;
What I have vowed I will pay; deliverance belongs to the Lórd

Glory ...

Jonah 2.2-7,9

25 THE PRAYER OF HABAKKUK

You came forth to save your people, * to save your anointed, O God.

O Lord, I have heard of your renown,
and I stand in awe, O Lord, of your work.
In the midst of the years renew it;
in the midst of the years make it known;
in wrath remember your mercy.

God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran.
His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.
His brightness was like the sun,
rays flashed from his hand; there he veiled his power.

You came forth to save your people,
to save your anointed.
You trampled the sea with your horses,
churning the mighty waters.

I hear, and my belly trembles,
my lips quiver at the sound;
Rottenness enters into my bones,
and my steps totter beneath me.

I will quietly wait for the day of trouble []
to come upon the people that invade us.

Though the fig tree does not blossom,
nor fruit appear on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail, and the fields yield no food,
Though the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,

Yet will I rejoice in the Lord,
I will exult in the God of my salvation.
God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like hind's feet,
and makes me tread upon the high places.

Glory . . .

Habakkuk 3.2-4, 13a, 15-19

26 A SONG OF TOBIT

See what the Lord our God has done * and exalt him in the sight of the living.

Blessed be God, who lives for ever,
whose reign endures throughout all ages.
Declare God's praise before the nations,
you who are the children of Israel.

For if our God has scattered you among them,
there too has he shown you his greatness.
Exalt him in the sight of the living,
because he is our Lord and God and our Father for ever.

Though God punishes you for your wickedness,
mercy will be shown to you all.
God will gather you from every nation,
from wherever you have been scattered.

When you turn to the Lord with all your heart and soul, []
God will hide his face from you no more.

See what the Lord has done for you
and give thanks with a loud voice.
Praise the Lord of righteousness
and exalt the King of the ages.

Glory ...

Tobit 13.1,3,4-6a

27 A SONG OF JUDITH

You sent forth your Spirit, O God, * and you continue to show mercy to all.

I will sing a new song to my God,
for you are great and glorious, truly strong and invincible.
May your whole creation serve you,
for you spoke and all things came to be.

You sent forth your Spirit and they were formed,
for no one can resist your voice.
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths;
at your presence rocks shall melt like wax.

But to those who fear you,
you continue to show mercy.
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you,
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

Glory . . .

Judith 16. 13-16

28 A SONG OF THE RIGHTEOUS

God has found the righteous worthy * and their hope is full of immortality

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God []
and no torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish, they seem to have died;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others, they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy.
Like gold in the furnace, God tried them
and, like a sacrificial burnt offering, accepted them.

In the time of their visitation, they will shine forth
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples
and God will reign over them for ever.

Glory ...

Wisdom 3.1,2a,3b-8

29 A SONG OF THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM

All good things came to me along with Wisdom; * those who receive her obtain friendship with God.

I prayed and understanding was given me; []
I called on God and the Spirit of Wisdom came to me.

I preferred her to sceptres and thrones
and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.
I loved her more than health or beauty
and I chose to have her rather than light,
because her radiance never ceases.

All good things came to me along with her,
and in her hands uncounted wealth.
I rejoiced in them all, because Wisdom leads them,
but I did not know that she was their mother.

I learned without guile
and I impart without grudging,
I do not hide her wealth.
For Wisdom is an unfailing treasure for mortals:
those who receive her obtain friendship with God.

Glory . . .

Wisdom 7.7-8,10-14a

30 A SONG OF WISDOM

Send Wisdom forth from your hólý héavens; * from the throne of your glory send what is pléasing to you.

O God of our ancestors and Lórd of mércy, []
you have made all things by your wórd.

By your wisdom yòu háve fórméd us
to have dominion over the creatures yòu háve máde;
To rule the world in holiness and ríghteousness
And to pronounce judgement in uprightnéss of sóul.

Give us the Wisdom that sits by yòur thróne; []
do not reject us from among yòur sérvants,

For we are yòur sérvants,
with little understanding of judgement and láws.
Even one who is perfect among us
will be regardéd as nóthing
without the wisdom that comes fróm yóu.

With you is Wisdom, she who knòws yòur wórks,
and was present when you máde the wórlð.
She understands what is pleasing in yòur síght
and what is right according to your còmmándments.

Send her forth from the hólý héavens,
from the throne of your glóry sénd her.
That she may labour at our síde
and that we may learn what is pléasing to you.

For she knows and understands áll things, []
she will guide us wisely in our actions and guard us with hér glóry.

Glory . . .

Wisdom 9.1-5a,c,6,9-11

31 A SONG OF THE REDEEMING SPIRIT

The righteous shall síng hýmns * to your holy náme, Ó Gód.

A holy people and a blámeléss race []
Wisdom delivered from a nation of opprésors.

She entered the soul of a servánt of Gód
and withstood dread rulers with wondérs and sígns.
She gave to holy people the reward of their lábours;
she guided them along a márvellóus wáy.

She became a shelter to thém by dáy
and starry flame through the níght.
She brought them over the Rэд Séa
and led them through dëep wátérs.

The righteous sang hymns to your holy náme, Ó Gód,
and praised with one accord your defénding hánd.
For Wisdom opened the mouths of those who wére múte
and made the tongues of infants spëak cléarly.

Glory . . .

Wisdom 10.15-18,20b-21

32 A SONG OF GOD'S SERVANTS

Hear the prayers of your servants, * those you have named as your own.

Gather all the tribes of Jacob;
give them their inheritance, as at the beginning.
Have mercy on the people called by your name, O God,
On those you have named as your first-born.

Have pity on the city of your sanctuary,
Jerusalem, the place of your dwelling.
Fill it with your majesty,
and your people with your glory.

Bear witness to those you created in the beginning
and fulfil the prophecies spoken in your name.
Reward those who wait for you
and let your prophets be found worthy of trust.

Hear the prayers of your servants, []
That all who are on the earth will know
that you are the God of the ages.

Glory . . .

Ecclesiasticus 34. 13-22

33 A SONG IN PRAISE OF THE WORKS OF GOD

Ascribe majesty to the name of the Most High; * let all creation give thanks with praise.

Listen to me, my faithful children,
and blossom like a rose growing by a stream of water.
Send out fragrance like incense and sing a hymn of praise,
bless our God for all creation.

Ascribe majesty to the name of the Most High,
give thanks with praise, with songs on your lips and with harps.
All your works are good, O God,
and whatever you command will be done.

Glory . . .

Ecclesiastes 39. 13-15a,16

34 A SONG OF PILGRIMAGE

In prayer I inclined my ear * and my heart was stirred to seek Wisdom.

While I was still young,
I sought Wisdom openly in my prayer.
Before the temple I asked for her,
and I will search for until the end.

From the first blossom to the ripening grape,
my heart delighted in her.
My foot walked on the straight path,
from my youth I followed her steps.

I inclined my ear a little and received her,
I found for myself much instruction.
I made progress in Wisdom,
to the One who sent her, I will give glory.

I directed my soul to Wisdom,
and in purity have I found her.
With her, I gained understanding from the first,
therefore will I never be forsaken.

My heart was stirred to seek her, []
With my tongue will I sing God's praise.

Glory . . .

Ecclesiasticus 51. 13a, 13c-17, 20, 21a, 22b

35 A SONG OF BARUCH

Lead us, Lord with joy * to walk in the light of your glory.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height:
look towards the east and see your children,
gathered from the west and east at the word of the Holy One.
They rejoice that God has remembered them
and has brought them back to you.

For God has ordered that every high mountain
and the everlasting hills be made low.
And the valleys filled up to make level ground
so that they may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded them at God's command.
For God will lead his people with joy in the light of his glory
with the mercy and righteousness that comes from God.

Glory . . .

Baruch 5.5, 6c, 7-9

36 BLESS THE LORD

Blessed are you, the God of our ancestors, []
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Blessed are you, in our holy and glorious temple,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who look into the depths,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Blessed are you, enthroned on the cherubim,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Blessed are you in the heights of heaven,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit []
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

The Song of the Three 29-34

37a BENEDICITE – A SONG OF CREATION

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: []
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you heavens: []
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
bless the Lord all you his hosts;
bless the Lord you waters above the heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord sun and moon:
bless the Lord you stars of heaven;
bless the Lord all rain and dew:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all winds that blow:
bless the Lord you fire and heat;
bless the Lord scorching wind and bitter cold:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord dews and falling snows:
bless the Lord you nights and days;
bless the Lord light and darkness;
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord frost and cold:
bless the Lord you ice and snow;
bless the Lord lightnings and clouds:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord:
bless the Lord you mountains and hills;
bless the Lord all that grows in the ground:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever

Bless the Lord you springs:
bless the Lord you seas and rivers;
bless the Lord you whales and all that swim in the waters.
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all birds of the air:
bless the Lord you beasts and cattle;
bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O people of God bless the Lord:
bless the Lord you priests of the Lord;
bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.
Bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

37b BENEDICITE – A SONG OF CREATION (shorter version)

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord you heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O people of God bless the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: []
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

The Song of the Three 35-37,60-65

38 THE SONG OF MANASSEH

Full of compassion and mercy and love * is God, the Most High, the Almighty.

Lord almighty and God of our ancestors,
you who made heav'n and earth in all their glory:
All things tremble with awe at your presence,
before your great and mighty power.

Immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy,
for you are God, Most High.
You are full of compassion, long-suffering and very merciful,
and you relent at human suffering.

O God, according to your great goodness,
you have promised forgiveness for repentance to those who have sinned against you.
The sins I have committed against you
are more in number than the sands of the sea.

I am not worthy to look up to the height of heav'n,
because of the multitude of my iniquities.
And now I bend the knee of my heart before you,
imploping your kindness upon me.

I have sinned, O God, I have sinned,
and I acknowledge my transgressions.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
according to your great mercy.

For all the host of heav'n sings your praise, []
and your glory is for ever and ever.

Glory ...

Manasseh 1a,2,4,6,7a,b,9a,c,11,12,14b,15b