O God to whom all praise is due
Our family bows to worship You;
We trust in Jesus' work alone
To come before Your holy throne.
Come, Holy Spirit, now subdue
All that distracts our hearts from You;
Endear us to our glorious King
While now we read, and pray, and sing!

Hymns for Private and Family Worship

52 Historic and Modern Hymns to Be Learned in Private and Family Worship

– Includes Bible Readings –

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Preface

About Hymns

What is a hymn? The *Oxford English Dictionary* defines it as a religious song of praise, especially a Christian song in praise of God. In the proper sense of the term, all songs that we sing to or about God should be called hymns. In modern parlance, however, we often use the term *hymn* to refer to a strophic song (every verse uses the same tune) with a common rhyming scheme (called meter) normally set to traditional (non-syncopated) tunes. Hymn texts and tunes can either be historic or modern. They typically contain numerous verses (each of which contains several lines) therefore develop theological concepts and devotional thoughts more deeply than other forms of modern praise songs.

Apart from Scripture itself, hymns should be among our most treasured possessions. In previous generations it was common for Christians to carry a small book of hymns along with their Bible for use in private and family worship. These hymnals were filled with more than 1,000 choice hymn texts covering a range of topics so that Christians would have songs to express their love and gratitude for God in every circumstance. Because songs lend themselves to memory better than text alone, the singing of them is a wonderful way to teach one another the great truths of God's character and works.

About this Book

So why publish this little book of hymns? It is our hope that our church family will take the task of learning some of the best hymns seriously and will, over time, commit all of these to memory. These hymns have been chosen according to their lyrical integrity, poetic and theological depth, variety of subject matter, and common usage. *We suggest that you work on one hymn a week* (#1 during the first week of the year, etc.) in private and family worship. Feel free to sing the hymns "O Sacred Head Now Wounded," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" in the weeks immediately preceding Easter. As a church we will make every effort to sing each week's hymn in public worship so that you and your family, especially non-readers, will be better prepared to sing. To help you keep track of the week number the church prints a yearly bookmark that is available in the worship resources section on the Redeemer book table.

A Note on Tunes and Arrangements

Throughout the history of hymnody new tunes have been written for existing texts. This is due in part to the relationship of music to culture. The effectiveness of a tune is rooted in its cultural and historical context. When we set a hymn text to a modern tune that better fits the musical language of today, we are better able to "feel" what we are saying. This is why we use many new tunes for old texts. At the same time, we should not neglect the practical benefits of training our melodic sensibilities by using widely known and loved hymn tunes of the past, even if they seem lifeless at first. In doing so we will gain a greater appreciation for our heritage as well as the ability to more easily sing with other Christians when we travel.

In this volume you will find a wide variety in the age of the hymn texts as well as the age *and* style of the hymn tunes. There are a few topics for which it was difficult to find good, widely known historic hymns, in particular the Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, and Church Membership. To cover those topics more fully, the editor has included a few of his own adaptations or original works. We are excited to see many other modern songwriters adapting historic texts by adding a chorus or even writing new music altogether. Where Redeemer sings or plans to sing one of these adaptations, we have included it in this volume. (Check the notes after each hymn to find out more about the text and tune authors.)

Guide to the Bible Readings

Each of the 52 general hymns is followed by three different collections of Bible readings:

1) Readings for *family worship*. These readings represent a subset of the Bible and seek to present as complete a picture of the Bible's story as possible while focusing on representative narrative portions. Since there are normally fewer readings than days in the week, feel free to read a passage and explain it on more than one day.
2) Readings *from the Psalms*. These should be used in family *and* private worship. Again, there will normally be fewer Psalms than days of the week. It may be good to break apart a Psalm or to read the same Psalm on more than one day.
3) Readings for *private worship*. By following these readings each week you will read through the entire Bible chronologically with as much correlation to the family readings as possible.

The Need for Private and Family Worship

The disciplines of private and family worship are all but gone from today's Evangelical culture. Quiet moments where we reflect on God's Word, sing our praises to Him, and cast our cares on Him both individually and as a family have been crowded out by the din of children's music and sports activities, vacations, leisure time and even church life. How are we to grow in godliness without a regular intake of God's Word? How will our affection for Jesus grow without spending regular special time with Him? How are we to teach our little ones to treasure God's Word and to have meaningful times of worship without showing them? May we be a church family that fights to recover the historic practice of daily private and family worship. Let us heed the words of our church confession of faith (the London Baptist Confession of 1689):

> God is to be worshiped everywhere, in spirit and truth; as, in private families daily, and in secret, each one by himself; so, more solemnly in the public assemblies, which are not carelessly or willfully to be neglected, or forsaken, when God, by his word or providence, calls thereto.

Instructions for Private Worship

Private Worship is not simply a time to check off a Bible reading chart. During our times of quiet devotions we should strive to encounter the living God through His Word and respond in prayer and song. In our time with the Lord we should humbly ask Him to make His Word come alive in our hearts, read and meditate on Scripture, and spend time confessing our sin, praising God for who He is and what He has done, and casting our cares and anxieties on Him. Clear your schedule so that you can spend enough time with God (aim for 30 minutes) to allow the Holy Spirit to soften your heart and move you to praise. An often neglected component of private worship is singing. Don't be afraid to sing alone, with or without a recording or instrument. God is more interested in the disposition of your heart than the accuracy of your tune.

Instructions for Family Worship

Family worship is the gathering of a household to turn their attention to encountering and responding to God together. Ideally, anyone who lives in the home should participate, and the family worship time should be open to guests and visitors. If a household has a father, he bears the primary responsibility by God to lead his family in worship. If the father is unwilling or unable to lead, another family member should lead in his place. Flexibility with scheduling is extremely important if you are to make worship a lasting habit. Don't be overly ambitious with the length of your worship time; small children may only be able to last 5 or 10 minutes. If you are extremely pressed for time, remember that even 2 minutes of a quick Psalm reading is better than nothing. Don't neglect singing just because no one plays an instrument; you can either sing without music or to a recording. To help non-readers participate, consider reading lyrics aloud before singing. Bring your Bible and hymnal with you on vacation, thus demonstrating to your family that you cannot afford to "take a vacation from God."

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(For use in any worship time)

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[at the beginning of worship time]

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Occasional Hymns

(For use at various times)

A. Family Worship Hymn

[at the beginning of worship time]

O God to whom all praise is due
Our family bows to worship You;
We trust in Jesus' work alone
To come before Your holy throne.
Come, Holy Spirit, now subdue
All that distracts our hearts from You;
Endear us to our glorious King
While now we read, and pray, and sing!

Text: David L. Ward (1976-) / Tune: HE LEADETH ME, William Bradbury (1816-1868), Trinity Hymnal #600

B. Doxology

[at the end of worship time]

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.

Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1711) / Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, Genevan Psalter (1551), Trinity Hymnal #731

C. Gloria Patri

[at the end of worship time]

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, amen.

Text: Unknown, 2nd century / Tune: GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX), Henry Greatorex (1813-1858), Trinity Hymnal #735

D. Heav'nly Father, Grant Your Blessing

[at a family meal]

Heav'nly Father, grant Your blessing
On the food before us spread.
All our tongues are now confessing:
By Your hand alone we're fed.
Never let us be forgetting:
Jesus is our Living Bread.

Text: Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892) & David L. Ward (1976-) / Tune: LAUDA ANIMA (Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven), John Goss (1800-1880), Trinity Hymnal #76

E. Praise God Who Gave this Day to Me

[in the morning]

Praise God who gave this day to me;
New mercies I will surely see.
Alleluia, alleluia!
In Christ I am accepted, free
So let me live obediently
For His glory, for His glory.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: David L. Ward (1976-) / Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (All Creatures...) (1623), Trinity Hymnal #115

F. Abide with Me (#45)

[in the evening]

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Text: Henry Lyte (1793-1847) / Tune: EVENTIDE, William Monk (1823-1889), Trinity Hymnal #402

Creeds & Prayers

G. The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

H. The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and
is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

I. A General Confession

The Book of Common Prayer, 1662 (The Church of England)

Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed
from Thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
miserable offenders.
Spare Thou those who confess their faults.
Restore Thou those who are penitent;
According to Thy promises declared
unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake;
That we may hereafter live
a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of Thy holy Name.

Amen.

General Hymns & Readings

(One for each week of the year)

1. My Jesus, I Love Thee

1) My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2) I love Thee because Thou hast first lovéd me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3) I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say, when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

4) In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Text: William Featherstone (1846-1873) / Tune: CARITAS, Adoniram Gordon (1836-1895), Trinity Hymnal #648

John the Baptist (Luk 1:1-66), The birth of Christ (Luk 2:1-20)
Psalms 1-5
Mat 1-4 / Mat 5-7 / Mat 8-11 / Mat 12-15 / Mat 16-19 / Mat 20-22 / Mat 23-25

2. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.

2) Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3) Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

4) Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,
Spreading His wings to o'ershade thee!

5) Praise to the Lord, O 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 fore'er we adore Him.

Text: Joachim Neander (1650-1680), Tr. By Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) / Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, From Stralsund Gesangbuch (1665), Trinity Hymnal #53

Flight to Egypt (Mat 2:13-23), Jesus named (Luk 2:21-40), The young Jesus (Luk 2:41-52)
Psalms 6-8
Mat 26-28 / Mar 1-3 / Mar 4-6 / Mar 7-10 / Mar 11-13 / Mar 14-16 / Luk 1-4

3. Baptism Hymn

(Hast Thou Said, Exalted Jesus)

1) Sweet the sign that now reminds me,
Of my Savior's sacrifice;
Of the ransom freely given,
Bought at such a costly price.
Oh, what pleasure, oh, what pleasure,
To be buried with my Lord!

2) Standing at this tomb of water,
Emblem of my Savior's grave;
Even though I feel unworthy,
Can I run from mercy's wave?
No! I'll enter, No! I'll enter;
Jesus entered there to save.

3) Should it take my worldly pleasures,
Or it bring great shame or loss,
Yet the fragrant, blest reflection:
I have been where Jesus was,
Will revive me, will revive me,
When I faint beneath the cross.

4) Then when baptized in His glory,
Praise to Jesus, I will sing,
Loudly with the ransomed millions,
Worshiping the King of kings!
All creation, all creation,
Love and worship then will bring!

Historic lyrics have been significantly adapted and modernized

Text: John Giles (1805-75) & David L. Ward (1976-) / Tune: Modern tune by David Ward © 2005 ReformedPraise.org or use LAUDA ANIMA (Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven), John Goss (1800-1880), Trinity Hymnal #76, recording at ReformedPraise.org

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Jesus baptized (Mat 3), Jesus tempted (Mat 4:1-17), The 12 disciples (Mat 4:18-25 & 10), The transfiguration (Mat 17:1-13)
Psalms 9-12
Luk 5-8 / Luk 9-12 / Luk 13-16 / Luk 17-20 / Luk 21-24 / Joh 1-4 / Joh 5-8

4. Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

1) Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain)
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

2) Jesus! what a Strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins.
(Refrain)

3) Jesus! what a Help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.
(Refrain)

4) Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night overtakes me,
He, my Pilot, hears my cry.
(Refrain)

5) Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find.
He has granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.
(Refrain)

Text: Wilbur Chapman (1859-1918) / Tune: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Prichard (1811-1887), Trinity Hymnal #498

The sermon on the mount (Mat 5-7)
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Joh 9-12 / Joh 13-16 / Joh 17-21 / Act 1-3 / Act 4-6 / Act 7-9 / Act 10-14

5. Thine Be the Glory

1) Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes, where Thy body lay.

Refrain)
Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won.

2) Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
(Refrain)

3) No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.
(Refrain)

Text: Edmond Budry (1854-1932), Tr. By Richard Hoyle (1875-1939) / Tune: MACCABAEUS, George Frederick Handel (1685-1759), Trinity Hymnal #274

The sower (Mat 13:1-23), The kingdom of heaven (Mat 13:24-52), The unforgiving servant (Mat 18:23-35), The workers in the vineyard, (Mat 20:1-16), The wedding feast (Mat 22:1-14)
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1) Join all the glorious names
Of wisdom, love and pow'r
That mortals ever knew, that angels ever bore;
All are too poor to speak
Your vast and priceless worth,
Too poor to set my Savior forth.

Chorus)
Jesus, your name is glorious,
Our Prophet, Priest and King.
Jesus, you're reigning over us
And forever more your praises we will sing.

2) Great Prophet of my God,
My tongue would bless your name,
Through you the joyful news of our salvation came.
The long-awaited news
Of ev'ry sin forgiv'n,
Of hell subdued and peace with heav'n.
(Chorus)

3) Jesus, my great high Priest,
You shed your blood and died,
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
Your pure and precious blood
For all my sin atoned,
And now it pleads before the throne.
(Chorus)

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) & Bob Kauflin (1955-) / Tune: Bob Kauflin *© 2000 Sovereign Grace Praise, on the album "King of Grace" by Sovereign Grace Music*

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Psalms 19-21
1Co 1-4 / 1Co 5-8 / 1Co 9-12 / 1Co 13-16 / Act 19:11-20:1; 2Co 1-3 / 2Co 4-6 / 2Co 7-9

6b. Join All the Glorious Names

1) Join all the glorious names
Of wisdom, love, and pow'r;
That ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:
All are too poor
to speak His worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.

2) Great Prophet of my God,
My tongue would bless Thy name,
By Thee the joyful news of our salvation came,
The joyful news
Of sins forgiv'n, of hell subdued and peace with heav'n.

3) Jesus, my great High Priest,
Offered His blood and died,
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside:
His pow'rful blood
Did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

4) Thou art my Counselor,
My pattern, and my Guide,
And Thou my Shepherd art; O keep me near Thy side;
Nor let my feet
E'er turn astray to wander in the crooked way.

5) My Savior and my Lord,
My Conqu'ror and my King,
Thy scepter and Thy sword, Thy reigning grace, I sing:
Thine is the pow'r;
Behold I sit in willing bonds beneath Thy feet.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) / Tune: DARWALL (Rejoice, the Lord is King), John Darwall (1731-1789), Trinity Hymnal #301

7. O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

1) O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To Thy glorious rest above!

2) O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

3) O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of ev'ry love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee!

Text: Samuel Francis (1834-1925) / Tune: EBENEZER, Thomas Williams (1869-1944), Trinity Hymnal #535

The good shepherd (Joh 10:1-21), The high-priestly prayer (Joh 17), Water into wine (Joh 2:1-22)
Psalms 22-24
2Co 10-13; Act 20:2 / Rom 1-4 / Rom 5-6 / Rom 7-9 / Rom 10-12 / Rom 13-16 / Act 20-22

8. O Sacred Head Now Wounded

1) O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

2) What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered,
was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

3) What language shall I borrow
to thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to Thee.

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153) / Tune: PASSION, Hans Hassler (1564-1612), Trinity Hymnal #247

Calming of a storm (Mat 8:23-27), Casting out demons (Mat 8:28-34 & 17:14-21), Healing the blind (Mat 9:27-31)
Psalms 25-27
Act 23-25 / Act 26-28 / Eph 1-3 / Eph 4-6 / Phi 1-4 / Col 1-4 / Heb 1-4

9. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1) When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2) Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3) See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4) Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) / Tune: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason (1792-1872), Trinity Hymnal #252

Healing paralyzed (Mat 12:1-14), Feeding thousands (Mat 14:13-21 & 15:29-39), Walking on water (Mat 14:22-36), Raising the dead (Joh 11:1-44)
Psalms 28-29
Heb 5-7 / Heb 8-10 / Heb 11-13 / Phm; 1Pe 1,2 / 1Pe 3-5 / 2Pe 1-3 / 1Ti 1-3

9b. The Wonderful Cross

[Chorus added:]

Oh the wonderful cross,
Oh the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I
May truly live.
Oh the wonderful cross,
Oh the wonderful cross:
All who gather here by grace draw near
And bless Your name.

Text and Tune: Chris Tomlin, J. D. Walt, Jesse Reeves © 2000 WorshipTogether.com, on the album "The Noise We Make" by Chris Tomlin

10. Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

{ Sing the word Alleluia after every line }

1) Christ, the Lord, is ris'n today
Sons of men and angels say
Raise your joys and triumphs high
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply

2) Vain the stone, the watch, the seal
Christ has burst the gates of hell
Death in vain forbids His rise
Christ has opened paradise

3) Lives again our glorious King
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save
Where thy victory, O grave?

4) Soar we now where Christ has led
Foll'wing our exalted Head
Made like Him, like Him we rise
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies

5) Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven
Praise to Thee by both be given
Thee we greet triumphant now
Hail, the resurrection thou!

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) / Tune: EASTER HYMN from Lyra Davidica (1708), Trinity Hymnal #277

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mat 21:1-17), The last supper (Mat 26:17-35), Gethsemane (Mat 26:36-46), Arrest, trial and crucifixion (Mat 26:47-27:66), Resurrection (Mat 28:1-20)
Psalms 30-31
1Ti 4-6 / Tit 1-3 / 2Ti 1-4 / 1 Joh 1,2 / 1 Joh 3-5 / 2 Joh; 3 Joh; Jud / Rev 1-3

11. O God the Holy Spirit

1) O God the Holy Spirit,
Eternal one of three,
My comforter and teacher,
Be merciful to me.
You hovered over chaos
The land and sea to part
So manifest Your power
To calm my restless heart.

2) O God the Holy Spirit,
Direct me to the cross
Where I can see the suff'ring
My waywardness has cost.
In Jesus' death please show me
The power of my sin
And by His life convince me
This battle He will win.

3) O God the Holy Spirit,
Put Jesus on display:
Remind me how my Savior
Took all my guilt away.
My sins were all forgiven
And satisfaction made;
Atonement was completed,
My captive soul was saved.

4) O God the Holy Spirit,
Come deepen and impart
These saving, loving lessons
Upon my desp'rate heart
That I might loathe my evil
And flee from Satan's snares
Then run to my Redeemer
And cast on Him my cares.

Text: David L. Ward (1976-), based on the Valley of Vision prayer "The Spirit's Work" / Tune: Modern tune by David Ward © 2006 Hope Publishing Company or use AURELIA (The Church's One Foundation), Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876), Trinity Hymnal #347, recording at ReformedPraise.org

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The ascension (Act 1:1-12), The coming of the Spirit (Act 2), Ananias and Sapphira (Act 5:1-11)
Psalms 32-34
Rev 4-6 / Rev 7-9 / Rev 10-12 / Rev 13-15 / Rev 16-18 / Rev 19-22 / Gen 1,2

12. And Can It Be that I Should Gain

1) And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain-
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2) He left His Father's throne above
(So free, so infinite His grace!),
Humbled Himself (so great His love!),
And bled for all His chosen race.[1]
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

3) Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray-
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

4) No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Wesley's verse "'Tis myst'ry all..." has been omitted
[1] Originally "emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race"

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) / Tune: SAGINA, Thomas Campbell (1777-1844), Trinity Hymnal #455

Death of Stephen (Act 6-7), Philip and the Ethiopian (Act 8:26-39), Conversion of Paul (Act 9:1-31), Peter and Cornelius (Act 10)
Psalms 35-36
Gen 3-5 / Gen 6-9 / Gen 10,11 / Gen 12-15 / Gen 16-19 / Gen 20-22 / Gen 23-26

13. Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1) Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

2) Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with thine,
To do and to endure.

3) Breathe on me, breath of God,
'Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

4) Breathe on me, breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

Text: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889) / Tune: TRENTHAM, Robert Jackson (1842-1914), Trinity Hymnal #334

Peter in prison (Act 12:1-19), Paul in Philippi (Act 16:11-40), Paul's shipwreck (Act 27-28)
Psalms 37-38
Gen 27-29 / Gen 30-32 / Gen 33-36 / Gen 37-39 / Gen 40-42 / Gen 43-46 / Gen 47-50

14. So Send I You

1) So send I you- By grace made strong to triumph
O'er hosts of hell, O'er darkness, death and sin,
My name to bear, And in that name to conquer-
So send I you, my victory to win.

2) So send I you- To take to souls in bondage
The word of truth That sets the captive free,
To break the bonds Of sin, to loose death's fetters-
So send I you, To bring the lost to me.

3) So send I you- My strength to know in weakness,
My joy in grief, My perfect peace in pain,
To prove my pow'r, My grace, my promised presence-
So send I you, Eternal fruit to gain.

4) So send I you- To bear my cross with patience,
And then one day With joy to lay it down,
To hear my voice, "Well done, my faithful servant-
Come, share my throne, my kingdom, and my crown!"

Text: Margaret Clarkson (1915-) / © 1963 Singspiration Music / Tune: SO SEND I YOU, John W. Peterson (1921-2006), Trinity Hymnal #450 or use FINLANDIA w/o Coda (Be Still, My Soul), Jean Sibelius (1865-1957), Trinity Hymnal #689

Righteousness in Christ (Rom 3:9-31), Security in the Spirit (Rom 8), Life of service (Rom 12)
Psalms 39-40
Job 1-4 / Job 5-7 / Job 8-10 / Job 11-13 / Job 14-17 / Job 18-20 / Job 21-24

15. The Church's One Foundation

1) The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

2) Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

3) Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed:
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song!

4) The Church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end:
Though there be those who hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against both foe and traitor she ever shall prevail.

5) 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

6) Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won,
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Text: Samuel Stone (1839-1900) / Tune: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876), Trinity Hymnal #347

The church (1Co 12), Love (1Co 13), The resurrection (1Co 15), At home with Christ (2Co 5)

Psalms 41-43

Job 25-27 / Job 28-31 / Job 32-34 / Job 35-37 / Job 38-42 / Exo 1-4 / Exo 5-7

16. Amazing Grace

1) 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.

2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

3) Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4) The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

5) And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

6) The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

7) When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton (1725-1807), v. 7 attributed to John P. Rees (1828-1900) / Tune: NEW BRITAIN, Traditional American Melody, Trinity Hymnal #460

Live by the Spirit (Gal 5:16-25), Election (Eph 1), Live as children of light (Eph 4:17-5:21), The armor of God (Eph 6:10-20)
Psalms 44-45
Exo 8-10 / Exo 11-13 / Exo 14-17 / Exo 18-20 / Exo 21-24 / Exo 25-27 / Exo 28-31

16b. Grace Like Rain

[Chorus added:]

Hallelujah! Grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah! All my stains are washed away, are washed away.

Text and Tune: Chris Collins & Todd Agnew / © 2003 Ardent/ Koala Music, on the album "Grace Like Rain" by Todd Agnew

17. Glory Is Certain

(My Rest Is in Heaven, My Rest Is Not Here)

1) My rest is in heaven, my rest is not here,
Then why do I worry when trials are near!
Be hushed my dark spirit, the worst that can come
But shortens your journey, and hastens you home.

2) I dare not be seeking my comfort and bliss,
Or building my hopes in a place such as this;
I look for the city God promised and built,
Where Jesus has banished my sin and its guilt.

Chorus)
I have died to this world,
And am hidden with Christ
So my mind will be set on this:
Glory is certain, for Christ is in me,
Glory is certain, for Christ is in me.

3) Afflictions may press me but cannot destroy,
One glimpse of His love turns them all into joy;
The tears of a lifetime will vanish away
When He stoops to dry them on that coming day.
(Chorus)

4) So let Satan's army assail me full force;
Their plans cannot help but to steady my course.
Come joys or come sorrows, whate'er may befall
An hour with my Savior will sweeten them all.
(Chorus)

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Text: Henry Lyte (1793-1847) & David L. Ward (1976-) / Tune: Modern tune by David Ward © 2006 ReformedPraise.org or use (without chorus) CARITAS (My Jesus, I Love Thee), Adoniram Gordon (1836-1895), Trinity Hymnal #648, recording at ReformedPraise.org

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Rejoicing always (Phi 4:4-20), Holy living (Col 3), Faith (Heb 11)
Psalms 46-48
Exo 32-34 / Exo 35-37 / Exo 38-40 / Lev 1-4 / Lev 5-7 / Lev 8-10 / Lev 11-13

18. Not What My Hands Have Done

1) Not what my hands have done can save this guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load,
Can bear my awful load.

2) Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;
Your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase.
No other work but Yours, no other blood will do;
No strength but that which is divine can bear me safely through,
Can bear me safely through.

3) Your work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
Your blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.
Your love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to You,
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free,
And set my spirit free.

4) I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in His tomb
Each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling'ring shade of gloom,
Each ling'ring shade of gloom.

5) I praise the God of grace, I trust His truth and might;
He calls me His, I call Him mine, my God, my joy and light.
'Tis He Who saves my soul, and freely pardon gives;
I love because He first loved me, I live because He lives,
I live because He lives.

Lyrics have been slightly modernized

Text: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889) / Tune: Modern tune by Brian Moss (1974-) © 2006 Parson John Publishing or use LEOMINSTER, George Martin (1821-1881), Trinity Hymnal #461, on the album "Not What My Hands Have Done" by Brian Moss

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Faith and works (Jam 2:14-26), The tongue (Jam 3:1-12)
Psalms 49-51
Lev 14-16 / Lev 17-19 / Lev 20-22, Psa 95 / Lev 23-27 / Num 1-3 / Num 4-6 / Num 7-10

19. Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

1) Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Who for sinners once was slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
As His vast, triumphant train:[1]
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

2) Ev'ry eye will then behold Him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who have despised and sold Him,[2]
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

3) Ev'ry island, sea, and mountain,
Heav'n and earth, shall flee away;
All who hate Him must, confounded,
Hear the trumpet sound the day:[3]
Come to judgment! Come to judgment!
Come to judgment! Come away!

4) Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear;
All His saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet Him in the air:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the day of God appear!

5) Yes, Amen! let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom for Thine own;
O come quickly! O come quickly!
Alleluia! come, Lord, come.

[1] *Originally "once for favored sinners slain ... swell the triumph of his train"*
[2] *Originally "those who set at naught and sold him"*
[3] *Originally "hear the trump proclaim the day"*

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), John Cennick (1718-1755), Martin Madan (1725-1790) / Tune: REGENT SQUARE (Angels, from the Realms of Glory) Henry Smart (1813-1879), Trinity Hymnal #218

Suffering (1Pe 3:8-17 & 4:12-19), Christ's return (2Pe 3), Walking in light and love (1 Joh 1-5), Practice and protect the truth (2 Joh 1)
Psalms 52-54
Num 11-12:16, Psa 90 / Psa 91; Num 12-14 / Num 15-17 / Num 18-20 / Num 21-24 / Num 25-27 / Num 28-30

20. How Sweet

1) How sweet and awesome is the place,
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores.
Here all the mercy of our God
With vast compassion rolls;
And peace and pardon through His blood,
Is food for ransomed souls.

Chorus)
How sweet is the place
You remind us of grace.
See this bread and this wine –
You have called us to dine.

2) While all our hearts in prayer and song
Join to admire the feast,
Each wonders now with thankful tongue,
"Lord, why am I a guest?
Why was I made to hear Your voice,
And enter while there's room;
When thousands make a wretched choice,
And rather starve than come?"
(Chorus)

3) Show mercy to the nations, God!
Constrain the earth to come;
Send Your victorious Word abroad,
And bring the strangers home.
We long to see Your churches full,
That all the chosen race
May with one voice and heart and soul
Sing Your redeeming grace.
(Chorus)

[Alternate Chorus]
How sweet is the place
You remind us of grace.
On Your Word we will feast
Where delights never cease.

Historic lyrics have been significantly adapted and modernized

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Christ's return and judgment (Rev 19-22)
Psalms 55-58
Num 31-33 / Num 34-36 / Deu 1-3 / Deu 4-6 / Deu 7-9 / Deu 10-12 / Deu 13-16

21. I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1) I sing the mighty pow'r of God,
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.

2) I sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food,
He formed the creatures with His Word,
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky!

3) There's not a plant or flower below,
But makes Your glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Your throne;
While all that borrows life from You
Is ever in Your care;
And everywhere that man can be,
You, God are present there.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) / Tune: ELLACOMBE, William Monk (1823-1889), Hymnal for Worship and Celebration #59

Creation (Gen 1-2), The fall into sin (Gen 3)
Psalms 59-61
Deu 17-19 / Deu 20-22 / Deu 23-25 / Deu 26-28 / Deu 29-31 / Deu 32-34 / Jos 1-3

21b. I Sing Your Power

[Chorus added:]

I sing Your power, I sing Your glory,
That You displayed for all to see.
I sing Your goodness, Your loving-kindness,
Of how You showed Your love by redeeming me.

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22. This Is My Father's World

1) This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

2) This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

3) This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heav'n be one.

Text: Maltbie Babcock (1858-1901)
Tune: TERRA BEATA, Franklin Sheppard (1852-1930), Trinity Hymnal #111

Cain and Abel (Gen 4), Noah and the flood (Gen 6-9), The tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9)
Psalms 62-64
Jos 4-6 / Jos 7-9 / Jos 10-12 / Jos 13-15 / Jos 16-18 / Jos 19-21 / Jos 22-24

23. Covenant Song

1) Brought by God the Holy Spirit to trust Jesus Christ the Son,
We, the church of God the Father, as His people join as one.
Having been, our faith professing, baptized in the Triune name,
We, in joy and holy earnest, do this cov'nant now proclaim.

2) We will work with love and patience for the Spirit's bond of peace.
As we pray, we will endeavor to see holiness increase.
We will warn, exhort, encourage, as occasion may require.
We will seek to love each other, ever quick to reconcile.

3) We will not forsake assembling, nor neglect to serve in prayer.
We will seek to teach the gospel to those God puts in our care.
We will bear each other's burdens and in sorrow share our tears.
We will celebrate God's blessings, sharing in each other's cheer.

4) We will strive to walk in newness, free from worldly lust and sin,
As proclaimed in our immersion, "dead to sin and raised with Him!"
We, our presence, gifts and service, to this church do now commit.
We will keep her faith and practice; to her discipline submit.

5) Should the Lord be pleased to move us, we will seek to quickly find
An assembly of like doctrine with a cov'nant of like kind.
May the grace of the Lord Jesus with God's love upon us fall;
May the Spirit's sweet communion be forever with us all.

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The call of Abraham (Gen 12:1-9), God's covenant with Abram (Gen 15 & 17), Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 18-19)
Psalms 65-66
Jdg 1-4 / Jdg 5-8 / Jdg 9-12 / Jdg 13-15 / Jdg 16-18 / Jdg 19-21 / Rut 1-4

24. Take My Life and Let it Be

1) Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2) Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee.
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3) Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from Thee.
Filled with messages from Thee.

4) Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5) Take my will, and make it Thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne.
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6) Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee.
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879) / Tune: HENDON, Henri A. César Malan (1787-1864), Trinity Hymnal #585

The birth of Isaac (Gen 21:1-8), Abraham sacrifices Isaac (Gen 22:1-19), Isaac and Rebeccah (Gen 24)
Psalms 67-68
1Sa 1-4 / 1Sa 5-8 / 1Sa 9-12 / 1Sa 13-16 / 1Sa 17, 18; Psa 23 / 1Sa 19:1-18; Psa 11, 59 / 1Sa 19:19-24; 20,21; Psa 56, 142

24b. Take My Life

[Chorus added:]

Here am I, all of me: Take my life it's all for Thee.

Text & Tune: Chris Tomlin (1972-) & Louie Giglio (1958-) © 2003WorshipTogether.com, on the album "Hymns Ancient & Modern" by Passion Worship

25. Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1) Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

2) Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3) To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but naught changeth Thee.

4) Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Text: Walter Smith (1824-1908), alt. Bob Kauflin / Tune: JOANNA, Traditional Welsh Melody, Trinity Hymnal #38

Jacob and Esau (Gen 25:19-34 & 27), Jacob marries Rachel and Leah (Gen 28:10-22 & 29:1-30), Jacob wrestles with an angel (Gen 32:22-32)
Psalms 69-71
1Sa 22; Psa 17, 34, 35 / Psa 52, 109, 140 / Psa 31, 64; 1Sa 23:1-29 / Psa 54,22; 1Sa 24 / Psa 63,12,57 / Psa 58, 120; 1Sa 25 / Psa 141; 1Sa 26,27

25b. Your Great Name We Praise

[Chorus added:]

Most Holy, Most glorious, the Ancient of Days.
Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.

Text and Tune: Bob Kauflin (1955-)
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25c. Immortal, Invisible

[Chorus added:]

You are holy, You are worthy,
We exalt You and lift up Your name.
Mere words aren't enough
To declare Your great love
O Zion, O Ancient of Days!

Text and Tune: Lisa Kimmey (1975-)
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26. Blest Be the Tie that Binds

1) Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

2) Before the Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares.

3) We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

4) When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

5) This glorious hope revives
Our courage by the way;
While each in expectation lives,
And longs to see the day.

6) From sorrow, toil and pain,
And sin, we shall be free,
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett (1740-1817) / Tune: DENNIS, Hans G. Nägeli (1773-1836), Trinity Hymnal #359

Joseph and his brothers (Gen 37), Joseph in Egypt (Gen 41-45)
Psalms 72-74
1Sa 28,29,30 / 1Sa 31; 2Sa 1,2 / Psa 101; 2Sa 3,4 / 2Sa 5; Psa 139; 2Sa 6 / Psa 78,96 / Psa 15,24,68 / Psa 132,133

27. It Is Well with My Soul

1) When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well, with my soul."

Refrain)
It is well (it is well),
With my soul (with my soul),
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

2) Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
(Refrain)

3) My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Refrain)

4) O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so," it is well with my soul.
(Refrain)

Text: Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888) / Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876), Trinity Hymnal #691

The suffering of Job (Job 1-3 & 38-39 & 42)
Psalms 75-77
Psa 106, 105 / 2Sa 7; Psa 16,2 / Psa 110; 2Sa 8; Psa 97,98 / Psa 108,117,118 / Psa 60,9,20 / 2Sa 9,10,11 / 2Sa 12; Psa 6,32

28. Come, Thou Almighty King

1) Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy Name to sing,
Help us to praise!
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

2) Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

3) Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Thou Who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r!

4) To the great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore!

Text: Anon., 18th Century, Possibly Charles Wesley (1707-1788) / Tune: TRINITY, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796), Trinity Hymnal #101

Israel and Moses in Egypt (Exo 1-3)
Psalms 78-79
Psa 33,38,39,21 / Psa 40,41,51 / Psa 103,104; 2Sa 13 / Psa 55; 2Sa 14,15 / 2Sa 16; Psa 7; 2Sa 17 / Psa 3,4,42 / Psa 43,5,8

29. The Solid Rock

(My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less)

1) My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

Refrain)
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2) When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
(Refrain)

3) His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
(Refrain)

4) When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
(Refrain)

Text: Edward Mote (1797-1874) / Tune: SOLID ROCK, William Bradbury (1816-1868), Trinity Hymnal #521

The 10 plagues (Exo 7-11), The exodus (Exo 12)
Psalms 80-84
Psa 28,61,62 / Psa 69,70,71,86 / Psa 143, 2Sa 18,19 / Psa 122, 26, 27 / Psa 141, 65; 2Sa 20 / 2Sa 21; Psa 29,30 / Psa 131, 18; 2Sa 22-24; 1Ki 1

30. How Firm a Foundation

1) How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2) Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3) When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4) When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

5) E'en down to old age all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary[1] hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

6) The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

[1] *"hoary" means grey or white hairs that reveal age*

Text: From Rippon's Selection of Hymns (1787) / Tune: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody, Trinity Hymnal #94

The crossing of the Red Sea (Exo 13-14), Manna and quail (Exo 16), Water from the rock (Exo 17:1-7), The 10 commandments (Exo 19:1-20:21)
Psalms 85-87
Psa 72, 145; 1Ki 2 / 1Ki 3,4,5 / Psa 99,100, 127, 128 / Pro 1-4 / Pro 5-7 / Pro 8-11 / Pro 12-15

31. Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

1) Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I!

2) Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

3) Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker died
For man the creature's sin.

4) Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes in tears.

5) But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give my self away,
'Tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) / Tune: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson (1766-1824), Trinity Hymnal #254

The day of atonement (Lev 16), Rewards & punishments (Lev 26)
Psalms 88-89
Pro 16-19 / Pro 20-23 / Pro 24-27 / Pro 28-30 / Pro 31; Ecc 1,2 / Ecc 3-5 / Ecc 6-8

31b. Alas, and Did my Savior Bleed

[Sing verses 1 & 2, 3 & 4 together with Chorus Added:]

My God, why would you shed your blood
So pure and undefiled
To make a sinful one like me
Your righteous[1] precious child?

[1] Originally "chosen," changed by permission

Text and Tune: Bob Kauflin (1955-) © 1997 Sovereign Grace Praise, on the album "Songs for the Cross Centered Life" by Sovereign Grace Music

32. Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1) Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

2) Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

3) When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

Text: William Williams (1717-1791) / Tune: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes (1873-1932), Trinity Hymnal #598

The rebellion (Num 13-14), Israel in the wilderness (Num 20-21), Israel opposed by Balaam (Num 22-24)
Psalms 90-94
Ecc 9-11 / Ecc 12; Song 1,2 / Song 3-5 / Song 6-8 / 1Ki 6-8 / 1Ki 9-11 / 1Ki 12-14

33. Rock of Ages

1) Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded[1] side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Cleanse from guilt make me pure.

2) Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3) Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4) While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,[2]
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

[1] *"riven" changed to "wounded"*
[2] *Originally "when mine eyelids close in death"*

Text: Augustus Toplady (1740-1778) / Tune: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872), Trinity Hymnal #499

Driving out the nations (Deu 7), Blessings and curses (Deu 27-28), Death of Moses (Deu 34)
Psalms 95-98
1Ki 15-17 / 1Ki 18-20 / 1Ki 21,22; 2Ki 1 / 2Ki 2-4 / 2Ki 5-7 / 2Ki 8-10 / 2Ki 11-14:20

34. On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

1) On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

2) All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus)
I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the promised land.

3) No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
There sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.
(Chorus)

4) When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?
(Chorus)

5) Now filled with joy, my raptured soul
Can here no longer stay:
When Jordan's waves around me roll,
I'll fearless, launch away.
(Chorus)

{ *Original chorus)*
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
O who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land. }

Text: Samuel Stennett (1727-1795) / Tune: Modern tune by Christopher Miner (1973-) © 1997 Christopher Miner Music or use PROMISED LAND with original chorus, The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration #552, on the album "Pilgrim Days" by Indelible Grace

Rahab and the spies (Jos 2), Crossing the Jordan (Jos 3-4)
Psalms 99-102
Joe 1-3 / 2Ki 14:21-25; Jonah 1-4 / 2Ki 14:26-29; Amo 1-3 / Amo 4-6 / Amo 7-9 / 2Ki 15-17 / Hos 1-4

35. A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1) A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

2) Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name,
from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

3) And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

4) That word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Text: Martin Luther (1483-1546), Tr. by Frederic Hedge (1805-1890) / Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, Trinity Hymnal #92

The battle of Jericho (Jos 6), Achan's sin (Jos 7), Joshua's long day (Jos 10:1-15)
Psalms 103-104
Hos 5-7 / Hos 8-10 / Hos 11-14 / 2Ki 18; Psa 44 / 2Ki 19:1-34; Psa 73 / 2Ki 19:35-37; Psa 92, 93 / Psa 46, 75, 76

36. Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

1) Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with pow'r.

Refrain)
I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

2) Come, ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.
(Refrain)

3) Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.
(Refrain)

4) Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.
(Refrain)

Text: Joseph Hart (1712-1768) / Tune: ARISE, Traditional American Melody, The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration #334

The pattern of Judges (Jdg 2), Deborah and Barak (Jdg 4), Gideon the judge (Jdg 6-7)
Psalms 105-106
Isa 1-3 / Isa 4-6 / Isa 7-9 / Isa 10-13 / Isa 14-17 / Isa 18-21 / Isa 22-25

37. The Love of God

(O Love of God, How Strong and True)

1) The love of God, how strong and true!
Eternal, and yet ever new,
Uncomprehended and unbought
Beyond all measure and all thought.

Chorus)
How deep, how strong, is the love of God to me!
Without end, without cost, fixed for all eternity,
The love of God.

2) You've shown this love in Him who came
To bear for us the cross of shame;
Sent for Your glory from on high
Our life to live, our death to die.
(Chorus)

3) We see Your pow'r to bless and save,
In the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection light,
We see the fullness of Your might.
(Chorus)

4) O love of God, our shield and stay,
Through all the perils of our way;
Eternal love, in You we rest,
Forever safe, forever blest!
(Chorus)

Historic lyrics have been significantly adapted and modernized

Text: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889) & David L. Ward (1976-) / Tune: Modern tune by David Ward © 2004 ReformedPraise.org, recording at ReformedPraise.org

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Samson the judge (Jdg 13-16), The Moabitess Rut (Rut 1-4)
Psalms 107-108
Isa 26-28 / Isa 29-30 / Isa 31-33 / Isa 34-36 / Isa 37-39 / Isa 40-42 / Isa 43-45

38. Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1) Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount - o fix me on it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

2) Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3) O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790) / Tune: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton (1783-1844), Trinity Hymnal #457

The prophet Samuel (1Sa 1-3), King Saul (1Sa 8-10)
Psalms 109-110
Isa 46-48 / Isa 49-51 / Isa 52-54 / Isa 55-57 / Isa 58-60 / Isa 61-63 / Isa 64-66

38b. Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Alternate v. 2) I was lost in utter darkness
'Til You came and rescued me;
I was bound by all my sin when
Your love came and set me free.
Now my soul can sing a new song,
Now my heart has found a home,
Now Your grace is always with me
And I'll never be alone.

Chorus)
Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride, to You we sing,
Come, Thou Fount of our blessing.

Text and Tune: Thomas Miller
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39. Rejoice, the Lord Is King

1) Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2) Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3) His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n,
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4) He sits at God's right hand
Till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command,
And fall beneath His feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

5) Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) / Tune: DARWALL, John Darwall (1731-1789), Trinity Hymnal #310

David (1Sa 15-19), Saul and the witch (1Sa 28), Saul's death (1Sa 31)
Psalms 111-114
Mic 1-4 / Mic 5-7 / Nah 1-3 / 2Ki 20,21 / Zep 1-3 / Hab 1-3 / 2Ki 22-23; Psa 74

40. Just as I Am

1) Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2) Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3) Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many'a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4) Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5) Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6) Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871) / Tune: WOODWORTH, William Bradbury (1816-1868), Trinity Hymnal #501

David becomes king (2Sa 2:1-7), God's promise for David's house (2Sa 7), David and Bathsheba (2Sa 11-12), David and his son Absolom (2Sa 15 & 18)
Psalms 115-118
Psa 79, 94; 2Ki 24:1-16 / Psa 88; 2Ki 24:17-20, 25 / Oba; Jer 1,2 / Jer 3-5 / Jer 6-8 / Jer 9-12 / Jer 13; Psa 13,14

41. All Creatures of Our God and King

1) All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2) Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3) Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4) And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5) Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) / Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, From Geistliche Kirchengesäng (1623), Trinity Hymnal #115

David's psalm of thanks (2Sa 22), Solomon's wisdom (1Ki 3), Solomon's temple (1Ki 6-7), The queen of Sheba (1Ki 10)
Psalm 119:1-40
Psa 36, 37, 49 / Psa 53, 77, 89 / Psa 123 / Psa 25, 50, 67 / Psa 102, 130 / Jer 14-16 / Jer 17-20

42. O Word of God Incarnate

1) O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
We praise Thee for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A Lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.
(Modern tune use v.4 as chorus)

2) The church from her dear Master
Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket,
Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heav'n-drawn picture
Of Christ, the living Word.
(Modern tune use v.4 as chorus)

3) It floateth like a banner
Before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon
Above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass
That o'er life's surging sea,
'Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.
(Modern tune use v.4 as chorus)

[Modern tune use first half of v. 4 as a chorus]
4) O make Thy Church, dear Savior,
A lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations
Thy true light, as of old. //
O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
'Till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see Thee face to face.

Text: William Walsham How (1823-1897) / Tune: Modern tune by Jeff Bourque © 2006 ReformedPraise.org or use AURELIA (The Church's One Foundation), Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876), Trinity Hymnal #347, recording at ReformedPraise.org

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Benefits of wisdom (Pro 3), Wisdom and her rewards (Pro 8), The gentle answer (Pro 15), The noble wife (Pro 31:10-31)
Psalm 119:41-80
Jer 21-23 / Jer 24-26 / Jer 27-29 / Jer 30-32 / Jer 33-36 / Jer 37-39 / Jer 40-42

43. Be Still, My Soul

1) Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2) Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3) Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

4) Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

Lyrics have been slightly modernized

Text: Katharina Von Schlegel (1697-1768) / Tune: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius (1865-1957), Trinity Hymnal #689

Remember your creator (Ecc 11:6-12:14), Song of love (Son 4), Solomon's sin and death (1Ki 11), The divided kingdom (1Ki 12)
Psalm 119:81-120
Jer 43-46 / Jer 47-49 / Jer 50-52 / Lam 1-5 / 1Ch 1-3 / 1Ch 4-6 / 1Ch 7-9

44. Crown Him with Many Crowns

1) Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2) Crown Him the Lord of love,
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

3) Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round His piercèd feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

4) Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) / Tune: DIADEMATA, George Elvey (1816-1893), Trinity Hymnal #295

The prophet Elijah (1Ki 18:16-46), The prophet Elisha (2Ki 2 & 4-6)
Psalms 119:121-176
1Ch 10-13 / 1Ch 14-16 / 1Ch 17-19 / 1Ch 20-23 / 1Ch 24-26 / 1Ch 27-29 / 2Ch 1-3

45. Abide with Me

1) Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2) Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

3) I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4) I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

5) Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry Lyte (1793-1847) / Tune: EVENTIDE, William Monk (1823-1889), Trinity Hymnal #402

The prophet Jonah (Jon 1-4), The prophet Hos (Hos 1-3)
Psalms 120-122
2Ch 4-6 / 2Ch 7-9 / 2Ch 10-13 / 2Ch 14-16 / 2Ch 17-19 / Psa 82; 2Ch 20; Psa 83 / Psa 47, 48, 115

46. Holy, Holy, Holy

1) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2) Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3) Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826) / Tune: NICAEA, John B. Dykes (1823-1876), Trinity Hymnal #100

The fall of Israel (2Ki 17), False religion worthless (Jer 7), Hezekiah's illness (2Ki 20), Isa's Vision (Isa 6)
Psalms 123-127
2Ch 21-24 / 2Ch 25-27 / 2Ch 28, 29; Psa 80 / 2Ch 30-32 / 2Ch 33-36 / Eze 1-3 / Eze 4-7

47. Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1) Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain)
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided-
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2) Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
(Refrain)

3) Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)

Text: Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960) / Tune: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan (1870-1957), Trinity Hymnal #32 © 1951 Hope Publishing Company

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The fall of Jerusalem (2Ki 25), New mercies every day (Lam 3:1-33), Dan (Dan 1-6)
Psalms 128-131
Eze 8-11 / Eze 12-14 / Eze 15-18 / Eze 19-21 / Eze 22-24 / Eze 25-27 / Eze 28-30

48. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1) O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2) O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

3) O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

4) O come, Thou Day-spring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

5) O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Text: Latin (12th cen.), Tr. by John M. Neale (1818-1866) / Tune: VENI EMMANUEL, Ancient French Melody, Trinity Hymnal #194

Esther (Est 1-10)
Psalms 132-135
Eze 31-33 / Eze 34-36 / Eze 37-39 / Eze 40-42 / Eze 43-45 / Eze 46-48 / Dan 1-3

49. Joy to the World!

1) Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heav'n and nature sing,
And Heav'n and nature sing,
And Heav'n, and Heav'n, and nature sing.

2) Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

3) No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

4) He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) / Tune: ANTIOCH, George Frederick Handel (1685-1759), Trinity Hymnal #195

Shepherds and sheep (Eze 34), The dry bones (Eze 37)
Psalms 136-139
Dan 4-6 / Dan 7-9 / Dan 10-12 / Ezr 1; Psa 85,126, 137 / Ezr 2; Psa 1, 121 / Psa 119 / Ezr 3:1-7; Psa 107, 111

50. Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

1) Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

2) Christ, by highest heav'n adored;
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

3) Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) / Tune: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), Trinity Hymnal #203

Return under Cyrus (Ezr 1), The temple rebuilt (Ezr 6), Sin of intermarriage (Ezr 9-10:18), The walls rebuilt (Neh 2 & 6), Final reforms (Neh 13)

Psalms 140-144

Psa 112, 113, 114 / Ezr 3:8-13; Psa 66, 84,116 / Psa 125, 129; Ezr 4; Hag 1,2 / Zec 1-3 / Zec 4-6 / Zec 7-10 / Zec 11-14

51. O Come, All Ye Faithful

1) O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels;

Refrain)
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

2) True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
Lo, He shuns not the Virgin's womb:
Son of God, begotten, not created;
(Refrain)

3) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
(Refrain)

4) Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
(Refrain)

Text: John Francis Wade (1710-1786), Tr. by Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) & William T. Brooke (1848-1917) / Tune: ADESTE FIDELES, John Wade's Cantus Diversi (1751), Trinity Hymnal #208

To us a son is born (Isa 9:1-7), The branch from Jesse (Isa 11), Comfort for God's people (Isa 40)
Psalms 145-147
Ezr 5, 6:1-15; Psa 138 / Ezr 6:16-22; Psa 81, 134 / Psa 135, 136, 146 / Psa 87; Ezr 7-8 / Ezr 9,10; Est 1,2 / Psa 10, 45; Est 3, 4:1-9 / Est 4:10-17; 5-7

52. O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1) O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

2) Under the shadow of Your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

3) Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting You are God,
To endless years the same.

4) A thousand ages in Your sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5) The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
With all their lives and cares,
Are carried downward by Your flood,
And lost in foll'wing years.

6) Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

7) O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) / Tune: ST. ANNE, William Croft (1678-1727), Trinity Hymnal #30 / May use v. 1 as a chorus; tune: David L. Ward © 2007 ReformedPraise.org

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The suffering servant (Isa 52:13-53:12), Invitation to the thirsty (Isa 55), The new covenant (Jer 31:23-34)
Psalms 148-150
Est 8-10; Psa 124 / Neh 1-3 / Psa 147-149 / Neh 4-6 / Psa 150, 19; Neh 7 / Neh 8-10 / Neh 11-13 / Mal 1-4

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.