

- 1 **Darkness like a shroud covers the earth.**
Evil like a cloud covers the people.
But the Lord will rise upon you
and his glory will appear on you,
nations will come to your light.
- Arise, shine, your light has come,
the glory of the Lord has risen on you!
Arise, shine, your light has come,
Jesus the Light of the world has come.*
- 2 Children of the light, be clean and pure.
Rise, you sleepers, Christ will shine on you.
Take the Spirit's flashing two-edged sword
and with faith declare God's mighty word;
stand up and in his strength be strong.
- 3 Here among us now, Christ the Light
kindles brighter flames in our trembling hearts.
Living Word, our lamp, come guide our feet
as we walk as one in light and peace
till justice and truth shine like the sun.
- 4 Like a city bright so let us blaze;
lights in every street turning night to day.
And the darkness shall not overcome
till the fullness of Christ's kingdom comes,
dawning to God's eternal day.

*Arise, shine, your light has come,
the glory of the Lord has risen on you!
Arise, shine, your light has come,
Jesus the Light of the world,
Jesus the Light of the world,
Jesus the Light of the world has come.*

Graham Kendrick (*b.* 1950)

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Day by day, dear Lord,
of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly,
to love thee more dearly,
to follow thee more nearly,
day by day.

Attributed to St Richard of Chichester (c. 1197–1253) (*alt.*)

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- 1 **Day of judgment! Day of wonder!**
Listen to the trumpet's sound,
louder than the voice of thunder,
echoes all creation round:
God of mercy, God of glory,
may we then in Christ be found.
- 2 See the Judge, our nature wearing,
with the angel he outsoars.
Those who wait for Christ's appearing
then shall sing, 'This God is ours!'
Gracious Saviour, Lord of glory,
own us in that day as yours.
- 3 At God's call we shall awaken,
to the bidding of the Lord;
every nation will be shaken
by God's own eternal word;
friend of sinners, Christ in glory,
intercede for us with God.
- 4 And to those who have confessed him,
loved and served the Lord below,
Christ will say, 'Come now, you blessed,
see the kingdom I bestow'.
God of mercy, friend of sinners,
we shall then your glory know.

John Newton (1725–1807)

adapted by Norman Wallwork (*b.* 1946)

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- 1 **Dear Lord and Father of mankind**
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.
- 3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
- 4 With that deep hush subduing all
our words and works that drown
the tender whisper of thy call,
as noiseless let thy blessing fall
as fell thy manna down.
- 5 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.
- 6 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)

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- 1 **Deep in the darkness a starlight is gleaming,**
 calling us out from the safety of home.
 God of the questions, the mystery of dreaming,
 lighten our journey into the unknown.
- 2 Out of the darkness the voices are crying,
 terror and fear screaming loud in the night.
 God of the hurting, of innocence dying,
 fire us with anger to struggle for right.
- 3 Still in the darkness we search for your healing,
 hoping for meaning to comfort our fear.
 God of the silence, of unspoken feeling,
 teach us the wisdom to make your truth clear.
- 4 On through the darkness we follow your leading,
 searching for joy and a refuge to stay.
 God of our longing, the bliss we are seeking,
 journey with us to the brightness of day.

Jan Berry (*b.* 1953)

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- 1 **Deep in the shadows of the past,**
far out from settled lands,
some nomads travelled with their God
across the desert sands.
The dawning hope of humankind
by them was sensed and shown:
a promise calling them ahead,
a future yet unknown.
- 2 While others bowed to changeless gods,
they met a mystery,
invisible, without a name:
‘I AM WHAT I WILL BE’;
and by their tents, around their fires,
in story, song and law,
they praised, remembered, handed on
a past that promised more.
- 3 From Exodus to Pentecost
the promise changed and grew,
while some, remembering the past,
recorded what they knew,
or with their letters and laments,
their prophecy and praise,
recovered, kindled and expressed
new hope for changing days.
- 4 For all the writings that survived,
for leaders, long ago,
who sifted, copied, and preserved
the Bible that we know,
give thanks, and find its story yet
our promise, strength and call,
the model of emerging faith,
alive with hope for all.

Brian Wren (*b.* 1936)

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- 1 **Down the mountain the river flows,**
and it brings refreshment wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields,
the river is rushing and the river is here.
 The river of God sets our feet a-dancing,
 the river of God fills our hearts with cheer;
 the river of God fills our mouths with laughter,
 and we rejoice for the river is here.
- 2 The river of God is teeming with life,
and all who touch it can be revived.
And those who linger on this river's shore
will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.
- 3 Up to the mountain we love to go
to find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run,
we dance with laughter, giving praise to the Son.

Andy Park

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1 Earth's creator,
 everyday God,
Loving Maker,
 O Jesus,
you who shaped us,
 O Spirit,
recreate us,
 come, be with us.

2 In your presence,
 everyday God,
we are gathered,
 O Jesus,
you have called us,
 O Spirit,
to restore us,
 come, be with us.

3 Life of all lives,
 everyday God,
love of all loves,
 O Jesus,
hope of all hopes,
 O Spirit,
light of all lights,
 come, be with us.

4 In our resting,
 everyday God,
in our rising,
 O Jesus,
in our hoping,
 O Spirit,
in our waiting,
 come, be with us.

5 In our dreaming,
 everyday God,

in our daring,
O Jesus,
in our searching,
O Spirit,
in our sharing,
come, be with us.

6 God of laughter,
everyday God,
God of sorrow,
O Jesus,
home and shelter,
O Spirit,
strong and patient,
come, be with us.

7 Way of freedom,
everyday God,
star of morning,
O Jesus,
timeless healer,
O Spirit,
flame eternal,
come, be with us.

8 Word of gladness,
everyday God,
word of mercy,
O Jesus,
word of friendship,
O Spirit,
word of challenge,
come, be with us.

9 Gentle father,
everyday God,
faithful brother,
O Jesus,
tender sister,
O Spirit,

loving mother,
come, be with us.

10 Our beginning,
everyday God,
our unfolding,
O Jesus,
our enduring,
O Spirit,
journey's ending,
come, be with us.

11 Alleluia,
everyday God,
now and always,
O Jesus,
alleluia,
O Spirit,
through all ages,
come, be with us.

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

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1 **Easter jubilation fills the streets and towns,**
celebrations have begun.
Hear the music and the dancing now,
join the laughter and the fun!

Oh, raise a joyful shout!
Clap your hands and dance,
let your feelings out.
Oh, hear what it's about:
Christ, the Lord, has come
to set us free.

2 Put aside your sorrows, wipe your tears away,
for a better time will come.
There's a promise of a better day,
join the laughter and the fun!

3 La, la, la, la, la, la, *etc.*

4 **Easter jubilation fills the streets and towns,**
celebrations have begun.
Hear the music and the dancing now,
join the laughter and the fun!

(Refrain)
Hoy!

Mark Johnson and Helen Johnson

Verse 3 is optional.

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*Eat this bread and never hunger,
drink this cup and never thirst;
Christ invites us to the table
where the last become the first.*

- 1 Asking for a cup of water,
 Jesus touched forbidden ground;
 and the woman, with a question,
 told the world what she had found.
- 2 Walking down a desert highway,
 Jesus healed a man born blind;
 soon the man became a witness
 to the truth we seek and find.
- 3 Weeping for his friend at graveside,
 Jesus felt the pain of death;
 yet he knew God's power to waken:
 living water, living breath.

Daniel Charles Damon (*b.* 1955)

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Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

or

Jesus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hunger.

Jesus Christ, risen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

- 1 Christ is the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father.
- 2 Our ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven.
- 3 Eat his flesh and drink his blood,
and Christ will raise you up on the last day.
- 4 Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.
- 5 If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life.

Taizé Community

Based on *John 6*

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Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
we call your name, Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
we call your name, Emmanuel.

Bob McGee (*b.* 1949)

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- 1 **Empty, broken, here I stand,**
 Kyrie eleison.
Touch me with your healing hand,
 Kyrie eleison.
Take my arrogance and pride,
 Kyrie eleison.
Wash me in your mercy's tide,
 Kyrie eleison.
 Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
- 2 When my faith has all but gone,
 Kyrie eleison,
give me strength to carry on,
 Kyrie eleison.
When my dreams have turned to dust,
 Kyrie eleison,
in you, O Lord, I put my trust,
 Kyrie eleison.
 Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
- 3 When my heart is cold as ice,
 Kyrie eleison,
your love speaks of sacrifice,
 Kyrie eleison,
love that sets the captives free,
 Kyrie eleison.
O pour compassion down on me,
 Kyrie eleison.
 Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
- 4 You're the voice that calms my fears,
 Kyrie eleison,
you're the laughter, dries my tears,
 Kyrie eleison,

you're my music, my refrain,
Kyrie eleison,
help me sing your song again,
Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

5 Humble heart of holiness,
Kyrie eleison,
kiss me with your tenderness,
Kyrie eleison.
Jesus, faithful friend and true,
Kyrie eleison,
all I am I give to you.
Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Nick Haigh and Anita Haigh

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- 1 **Eternal Father, strong to save,**
 whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
 who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
 its own appointed limits keep:
 O hear us when we cry to thee
 for those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Saviour, whose almighty word
 the winds and waves submissive heard,
 who walked upon the foaming deep,
 and calm amid its rage didst sleep:
- 3 O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
 upon the chaos dark and rude,
 who made its angry tumult cease,
 and gavest light and life and peace:
- 4 O Trinity of love and power,
 shield all who sail in danger's hour;
 from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
 protect them wheresoe'er they go:
 and ever let there rise to thee
 glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

William Whiting (1825–1878)

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Eternal God, your love's tremendous glory
cascades through life in overflowing grace,
to tell creation's meaning in the story
of love evolving love from time and space.

Eternal Son of God, uniquely precious,
in you, deserted, scorned and crucified,
God's love has fathomed sin and death's
deep darkness, and flawed humanity is glorified.

Eternal Spirit, with us like a mother,
embracing us in love serene and pure:
you nurture strength to follow Christ our brother,
as full-grown children, confident and sure.

Love's trinity, self-perfect, self-sustaining;
love which commands, enables and obeys:
you give yourself, in boundless joy,
creating one vast increasing harmony of praise.

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- 1 **Eternal God, we praise your love:**
your love, proclaimed throughout the earth;
your love, enfolding every child,
which knew them all before their birth;
which tends them in their infancy,
and keeps them to eternity.
- 2 We praise you for each child of ours
who comes, to be our pride and joy;
we meet your love in human form
in every gift of girl or boy,
whose helpless innocence demands
the service of our heart and hands.
- 3 Where innocence has been destroyed
or infant helplessness abused,
your judgement, God, condemns us all,
our own unkindness stands accused.
God, crucify our selfishness,
and wound our hearts to tenderness.
- 4 Baptize our children, Gracious God,
with your own Spirit; let them be
enfolded in the grace of Christ,
and know his love in infancy;
then, joyfully live out their days
in courage, gentleness and praise.

Alan Gaunt (*b.* 1935)

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1 **Even as the world began,**
the stars they sang
and all the angels shouted for joy, shouted for joy.
And looking back through history,
your people they have always had
a song they must sing, a song they must sing.
We are the people of God;
we'll sing your song here on the earth.
 All over the world, your song will resound.
 All over the world, your praises ring out.
 We're living to see your name and renown
 all over the world.

2 Young and old, near and far,
there's a place for every heart to join in your song,
join in your song.
Every nation, tribe and tongue
come together, join as one,
give glory to God, give glory to God.
We are the people of God;
we'll sing your song here on the earth.
 Refrain

Great is your name
and great will be your song.
Great is your name
and great will be your song.
We lift up our hands and pray,
we lift up our hands and pray,
for holy is your name.

Matt Redman (*b.* 1974) and Martin J. Smith

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1 **Even though I walk through the valley**
of the shadow of death,
your perfect love is casting out fear.
And even when I'm caught in the middle
of the storm of this life,
I won't turn back; I know you are near.

And I will fear no evil,
for my God is with me.
And if my God is with me,
whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

*Oh no, you never let go,
through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, you never let go,
in every high and every low.
Oh no, you never let go,
Lord, you never let go of me.*

2 And I can see a light that is coming
for the heart that holds on,
a glorious light beyond all compare.
And there will be an end to these troubles,
but until that day comes,
we'll live to know you here on the earth.

And I will fear no evil ...

Oh no, you never let go ...

Yes, I can see a light that is coming
for the heart that holds on,
and there will be an end to these troubles,
but until that day comes,
still I will praise you, still I will praise you.

Yes, I can see a light that is coming
for the heart that holds on,
and there will be an end to these troubles,
but until that day comes,
still I will praise you, still I will praise you.

Oh no, you never let go ...

Matt Redman (*b.* 1974) and Beth Redman

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1 Everlasting God,
the years go by but you're unchanging.
In this fragile world,
you are the only firm foundation.
Always loving, always true,
always merciful and good, so good.

*Yesterday, today and forever,
you are the same, you never change.
Yesterday, today and forever,
you are faithful and we will trust in you.*

2 Uncreated One,
you have no end and no beginning.
Earthly powers fade,
but there is no end to your kingdom.
Always loving, always true,
always merciful and good, so good.

*Yesterday, today and forever,
you are the same, you never change.
Yesterday, today and forever,
you are faithful and we will trust in you.*

*Yahweh, God unchanging.
Yahweh, firm foundation.
You are Yahweh, God unchanging.
Yahweh, firm foundation.*

*Yesterday, today and forever,
you are the same, you never change.
Yesterday, today and forever,
you are faithful and we will trust in you.*

Vicky Beeching

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Everyone needs compassion,

love that's never failing;

let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness,

the kindness of a Saviour;

the Hope of nations.

Saviour,

he can move the mountains,

my God is mighty to save,

he is mighty to save.

Forever,

Author of salvation,

he rose and conquered the grave,

Jesus conquered the grave.

2

So take me as you find me,

all my fears and failures;

fill my life again.

I give my life to follow

everything I believe in;

now I surrender.

Saviour ...

Shine your light

and let the whole world see,

we're singing for the glory

of the risen King, Jesus.

Shine your light

and let the whole world see

we're singing for the glory

of the risen King.

Saviour ...

Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

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Faithful God, faithful God,
all sufficient One, I worship you.
Shalom my peace, my strong Deliverer,
I lift you up, faithful God.

Christopher Alan Bowater (*b.* 1947)

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Faithful One, so unchanging,
Ageless One, you're my rock of peace.
Lord of all I depend on you,
I call out to you again and again.
I call out to you again and again.
You are my rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm your love is the anchor,
my hope is in you alone.

Brian Doerksen (*b.* 1965)

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Father God, I wonder
how I managed to exist
without the knowledge
of your parenthood
and your loving care.
But now I am your child,
I am adopted in your family,
and I can never be alone
'cause, Father God,
you're there beside me.

I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises forever more.
I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises forever more.

Ian Smale (*b.* 1949)

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Father in heaven,
grant to your children
mercy and blessing,
songs never ceasing,
love to unite us,
grace to redeem us —
Father in heaven,
Father our God.

Jesus, Redeemer,
may we remember
your gracious passion,
your resurrection.
Worship we bring you,
praise we shall sing you —
Jesus, Redeemer,
Jesus our Lord.

Spirit descending,
whose is the blessing,
strength for the weary,
help for the needy,
sealed in our kinship
yours be our worship —
Spirit descending, Spirit adored.

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Father, in whom we live,
in whom we are, and move,
glory and power and praise receive
of thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high;
while earth repeats the joyful song,
and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Deity,
let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee,
for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry: 'Salvation to our God,
salvation to the Lamb!'

Spirit of holiness,
let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless
thy heart-renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell
thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable,
the beatific sight.

Eternal, triune Lord!
Let all the hosts above,
let all the sons of men,
record and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled
before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love has made
thine everlasting praise.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

- 1 **Father of everlasting grace,**
your goodness and your truth we praise,
your goodness and your truth we prove;
you have, in honour of your Son,
the gift unspeakable sent down,
the Spirit of life, and power, and love.
- 2 Send us the Spirit of your Son,
to make the depths of Godhead known,
to make us share the life divine;
send him the sprinkled blood to apply,
send him our souls to sanctify,
to bless and seal us with this sign.
- 3 So shall we pray, and never cease,
so shall we thankfully confess
your wisdom, truth, and power, and love,
with joy unspeakable adore,
and bless and praise you evermore,
and serve you as your hosts above:
- 4 Till, added to that heavenly choir,
we raise our songs of triumph higher,
and praise you with a bolder voice,
out-soar the first-born seraph's flight,
and sing, with all our friends in light,
with everlasting love rejoice.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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Father, we love you, we worship and adore you:
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name, in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you:
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name, in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you:
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name, in all the earth.

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- 1 **Father, hear the prayer we offer:**
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.
- 2 Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.
- 3 Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would strike the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.
- 4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be there at our side.

Love Maria Willis (1824–1908)

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- 1 **Father, I place into your hands**
the things I cannot do.
Father, I place into your hands
the times that I've been through.
Father, I place into your hands
the way that I should go,
for I know I always can trust you.
- 2 Father, I place into your hands
my friends and family.
Father, I place into your hands
the things that trouble me.
Father, I place into your hands
the person I would be,
for I know I always can trust you.
- 3 Father, we love to see your face,
we love to hear your voice.
Father, we love to sing your praise
and in your name rejoice.
Father, we love to walk with you
and in your presence rest,

for we know we always can trust you.
- 4 Father, I want to be with you
and do the things you do.
Father, I want to speak the words
that you are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
that you will draw to you,
for I know that I am one with you.

Jenny Hewer (b. 1945)

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1 **Father, we have sinned**
in word, and deed, and thought,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through deliberate fault:
we've sinned against our neighbours
and against you, Lord,
yet we are truly sorry,
and we turn to you once more.

2 Father of the nations,
you who bless the poor,
we're servants of the endless want
and drive for more.
We've made our greed a virtue,
while the children starve;
come, change our joy to sorrow,
till our lives reflect your heart.

Stuart Townend (*b.* 1963) and Keith Getty (*b.* 1974)

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- 1 **Father, whose everlasting love**
your only Son for sinners gave,
whose grace to all did freely move,
and sent him down the world to save:
- 2 Help us your mercy to extol,
immense, unfathomed, unconfined;
to praise the Lamb who died for all,
the Saviour of all humankind.
- 3 Your undistinguishing regard
was cast on Adam's fallen race;
for all you have in Christ prepared
sufficient, sovereign, saving grace.
- 4 The world he suffered to redeem;
for all he has the atonement made;
for those who will not come to him
the ransom of his life was paid.
- 5 Arise, O God, maintain your cause!
The fullness of the nations call;
lift up the standard of your cross,
and all shall own you died for all.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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- 1 **Fight the good fight with all your might;**
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up your eyes, and seek his face;
life with its way before you lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside; upon your guide
lean, and his mercy will provide;
lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, his arm is near;
he changes not, and you are dear;
only believe, and prove it true
that Christ is all in all to you.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811–1875)

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- 1 **Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,**
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.
- 2 Not for the lip of praise alone
nor e'en the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:
- 3 Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.
- 4 Fill every part of me with praise;
let all my being speak
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak.
- 5 So shalt thou, gracious Lord, from me
receive the glory due;
and so shall I begin on earth
the song for ever new.
- 6 So shall no part of day or night
from sacredness be free;
but all my life, in every step,
be fellowship with thee.

Horatius N. Bonar (1808–1889)

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- 1 **First of the week and finest day,**
when God commanded light to shine:
cast darkness and its works away
to celebrate with bread and wine!
- 2 First of the week was Easter morn
when Christ the Lord from death was raised;
new life, fresh hope that day was born
and God in heaven and earth was praised.
- 3 First of the week the Spirit came
to fill the Church with grace and power;
the rushing wind and tongues of flame
were heralds of that promised hour.
- 4 First of the week we set aside
to meet, to learn, to give, to pray;
to spread Christ's gospel far and wide;
in truth, this is the Lord's own day!

David Mowbray (*b.* 1938)

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1 **Food to pilgrims given,**
strength upon the way;
bread come down from heaven —
Christ is ours today!
Feed us now, O Lord,
with this holy food —
let your kingdom come, O Lord,
let your kingdom come;
let your kingdom come, O Lord,
let your kingdom come.

2 Streams of grace are flowing —
life from death for me;
truth and goodness growing
for eternity.
Cleanse my soul, O Lord,
with your precious blood —
let your will be done, O Lord,
let your will be done;
let your will be done, O Lord,
let your will be done.

3 I receive your blessing —
Jesus, king divine;
all your love confessing
in this bread and wine.
Send me out, O Lord,
holy, pure and good,
till the world is won, O Lord,
till the world is won;
till the world is won, O Lord,
till the world is won.

Geon-yong Lee (*b.* 1947)

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- 1 **For all the saints who from their labours rest,**
 who thee by faith before the world confessed,
 thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 thou in the darkness still their one true light:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
 fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
 and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold!
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
 yet all are one in thee, for all are thine:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
 soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
 sweet is the calm of paradise the blest:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
 the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 the King of Glory passes on his way!
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia!

William Walsham How (1823–1867)

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- 1 **For all the saints who showed your love**
in how they lived and where they moved,
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.
- 2 For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.
- 3 For all the saints who named your will,
and saw your kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.
- 4 Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

John L. Bell (*b.* 1949) and Graham Maule (*b.* 1958)

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- 1 **For the beauty of the earth,**
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
 Gracious God, to you we raise
 this our sacrifice of praise.
- 2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:
- 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:
- 5 For each perfect gift and sign
of your love so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835–1917)

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For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God; for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

- 1 **For the healing of the nations,**
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2 Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.
- 3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.
- 4 You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan (1929–2009)

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- 1 **For the music of creation,**
for the song your Spirit sings,
for your sound's divine expression,
burst of joy in living things:
 God, our God, the world's composer,
 hear us, echoes of your voice —
 music is your art, your glory,
 let the human heart rejoice!
- 2 Psalms and symphonies exalt you,
drum and trumpet, string and reed,
simple melodies acclaim you,
tunes that rise from deepest need,
 hymns of longing and belonging,
 carols from a cheerful throat,
 lilt of lullaby and love song
 catching heaven in a note.
- 3 All the voices of the ages
in transcendent chorus meet,
worship lifting up the senses,
hands that praise, and dancing feet;
 over discord and division
 music speaks your joy and peace,
 harmony of earth and heaven,
 song of God that cannot cease!

Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931)

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- 1 **‘Forgive our sins as we forgive,’**
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs, and will not let
old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew,
how small the debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, reconciled by God to all,
our lives will spread your peace.

Rosamond Eleanor Herklots (1905–1987)

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- 1 **Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,**
my daily labour to pursue,
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think, or speak, or do.
- 2 The task thy wisdom has assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil,
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.
- 3 Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labour on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.
- 4 Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to thy glorious day;
- 5 For thee delightfully employ
whate'er thy bounteous grace has given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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- 1 **Forty days and forty nights**
you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted and yet undefiled.
- 2 Burning heat throughout the day,
bitter cold when light had fled;
prowling beasts around your way,
stones your pillow, earth your bed.
- 3 Shall not we your trials share,
learn your discipline of will;
and with you by fast and prayer
wrestle with the powers of hell?
- 4 So if Satan, pressing hard,
soul and body would destroy:
Christ who conquered, be our guard;
give to us the victor's joy.
- 5 Watching, praying, struggling thus,
victory shall be ours too;
angels minister to us,

as they ministered to you.
- 6 Saviour, may we hear your voice;
keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice
at the eternal Eastertide.

George Hunt Smyttan (1822–1870)

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1 **From all that dwell below the skies**
let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
through every land, by every tongue:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

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- 1 **From heaven you came, helpless babe,**
entered our world, your glory veiled,
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.
This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.
- 2 There in the garden of tears
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.
- 3 Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.
- 4 So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Graham Kendrick (*b.* 1950)

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- 1 **From the breaking of the dawn**
to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on every promise of your word.
Words of power, strong to save,
that will never pass away;
I will stand on every promise of your word.
For your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure:
I can stand on every promise of your word.
- 2 When I stumble and I sin,
condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on every promise of your word.
You are faithful to forgive,
that in freedom I might live,
so I stand on every promise of your word.
Guilt to innocence restored;
you remember sins no more.
- 3 So I'll stand on every promise of your word.
When I'm faced with anguished choice
I will listen for your voice,
and I'll stand on every promise of your word.
Through this dark and troubled land,
you will guide me with your hand
as I stand on every promise of your word.
And you've promised to complete
every work begun in me,
so I'll stand on every promise of your word.
- 4 Hope that lifts me from despair;
love that casts out every fear
as I stand on every promise of your word.
Not forsaken, not alone,
for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on every promise of your word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
grace for all who will believe.
We will stand on every promise of your word.

Keith Getty (*b.* 1974) and Stuart Townend (*b.* 1963)

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- 1 From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
creation's revealing your majesty.
From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring,
every creature unique in the song that it sings,
all exclaiming :
*Indescribable, uncontainable,
you placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.
You are amazing, God,
all powerful, untameable.
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim,
you are amazing, God.*
- 2 Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow ?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night ?
None can fathom.
*Indescribable, uncontainable,
you placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.
You are amazing, God,
incomparable, unchangeable.
You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same ;
you are amazing, God.*

Laura Story and Jesse Reeves

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