HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

Hymn Devotion -June 26

Scripture- Psalm 113:1-4.

 Psalm 103:3

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train
Join the sacred Name to hallow;
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

Attributed to Ignace Fanz (1719-1790)

*Translated by Clarence Walworth (1820-1900)*

 This hymn has wonderful imagery of heaven not only filled with angels singing but of the apostles, the prophets, the martyrs and through the Church - the believers - the song goes on to the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - three in name but in essence only One - undivided God - we claim God - kneeling before Him in worship - Owning the mystery - knowing the Living Savior - claiming the sovereignty of God - knowing God and understanding what He means and is to us through the Holy Spirit - claim the ownership for yourself if you haven’t already!

1. What do we do to the Holy God?

2. What do we do before the Lord of all?

3. Scepter is a symbol of sovereignty.

 What about God do we claim?

4. Who adore God?

5. How big is His domain and how long His reign?

6. Verse 2: A definition of hark is listen attentively.

 What and whom are we to listen attentively to?

7. What are the names of the different angels?

8. What is the chorus that is raised in heaven unceasingly with sweet accord?

9. Verse 3: Lo! Is calling attention to an amazing sight!

 What is the amazing sight?

10. What are they joining and doing?

11. Who swell with glad refrain?

12. Who follows?

13. How long does the song go on?

14. Verse 4: Who are the three in name?

15. What are the three?

16. Who is the One we claim?

17. How do we bend the knee?

18. What do we own?

FROM GREENLAND’S ICY MOUNTAINS

Hymn Devotion- June 27

Scripture - Matthew 9:37-38.

 Matthew 28:19-20

From Greenland’s icy mountains,

From India’s coral strand;
Where Afric’s sunny fountains

Roll down their golden sand:
From many an ancient river,

From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver

Their land from error’s chain.

What though the spicy breezes

Blow soft o’er Ceylon’s isle;
Though every prospect pleases,

And only man is vile?
In vain with lavish kindness

The gifts of God are strown;
The heathen in his blindness

Bows down to wood and stone.

Shall we, whose souls are lighted

With wisdom from on high,
Shall we to those benighted

The lamp of life deny?
Salvation! O salvation!

The joyful sound proclaim,
Till earth’s remotest nation

Has learned Messiah’s Name.

Waft, waft, ye winds, His story,

And you, ye waters, roll
Till, like a sea of glory,

It spreads from pole to pole:
Till o’er our ransomed nature

The Lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,

In bliss returns to reign.

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

 We need the gospel right here at home - the mission field in America is very much wide open - the Gospel has not been passed on from generation to generation as faithful as it should be - If you know Jesus as your Savior - Pass it ON!

1. List the countries and their natural identity:

2. List the “from many” areas:

3. What are these places calling us to do?

4. Verse 2: How are the breezes described?

5. Where do the breezes blow softly over?

6. Though these prospects please who is vile?

7. Strown - strow is a form of strew -strewn - scatter.

How can the scattering of God’s gifts, even with loving kindness be in?

8. What is the state of the heathen?

9. What does the heathen do?

10. Verse 3: How is a believer’s soul described?

11. Where does our wisdom come from?

12. A definition of benighted is intellectually or morally ignorant - uninformed.

 What describes those who have not heard the Gospel?

13. What is the “lamp of life”?

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15. Where are we to proclaim the joyful sound of salvation?

16. How long?

17. Verse 4: A definition of waft is to convey or travel easily as through air or over water.

 How does His story go on the wind?

18. Until when are the waters to roll to form?

19. Where will the spreading end?

20. How is our nature described?

21. Who was for sinners slain?

22. How is Jesus described?

23. What will Jesus return to do?

COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD

Hymn Devotion- June 28

Scripture - Psalm 149:1-4.

 Jeremiah 31:6

Come, we that love the Lord,

And let our joys be known;

Join in a song with sweet accord,

And thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing

Who never knew our God;

But children of the heavenly King

May speak their joys abroad.

The men of grace have found

Glory begun below;

Celestial fruit on earthly ground

From faith and hope may grow.

The hill of Zion yields

A thousand sacred sweets

Before we reach the heavenly fields,

Or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound,

And every tear be dry;

We’re marching thro’ Emmanuel’s ground

To fairer worlds on high.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

 We’ll be marching through Emmanuel’s ground - heaven is Jesus’ turf - we will be taken to fairer worlds on high - in heaven.

 The people found Jesus and grace and it starts here on earth - and our heavenly fruit is bore on earthly ground - to determine our “position” in heaven our rewards or crowns. All of this grows through faith and the hope that we have in Christ!

 If you have not put your faith and hope in his hymn is printed different ways, one is, Jesus - it is not too late to take Jesus as your Savior today!

1. What are we to do that love the Lord?

2. What are we to join in?

3. What are we to surround?

4. Verse 2: Who should refuse to sing?

5. What may the children of the Heavenly King do?

6. Verse 3: What are believers called?

7. Where has glory begun?

8. What is produced on earthly ground?

9. What makes it grow?

10. Verse 4: The term Zion in the Bible progresses to mean the Church.

 What does the hill of Zion yield?

11. What are the two things describing heaven?

12. Verse 4: What will abound?

13. What will be dry?

14. Whose ground will we be marching through?

15. What will we arrive to?

WHO IS ON THE LORD’S SIDE

Hymn Devotion- June 29

Scripture - Ephesians 6:13.

 Exodus 32:26

Who is on the Lord’s side? Who will serve the King?
Who will be His helpers, other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world’s side? Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord’s side? Who for Him will go?
By Thy call of mercy, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord’s side—Savior, we are Thine!

Not for weight of glory, nor for crown and palm,
Enter we the army, raise the warrior psalm;
But for love that claimeth lives for whom He died:
He whom Jesus nameth must be on His side.
By Thy love constraining, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord’s side—Savior, we are Thine!

Jesus, Thou hast bought us, not with gold or gem,
But with Thine own lifeblood, for Thy diadem;
With Thy blessing filling each who comes to Thee,
Thou hast made us willing, Thou hast made us free.
By Thy grand redemption, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord’s side—Savior, we are Thine!

Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe,
But the King’s own army none can overthrow;
’Round His standard ranging, victory is secure,
For His truth unchanging makes the triumph sure.
Joyfully enlisting, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord’s side—Savior, we are Thine!

 Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

This last verse on the web sums it up good:

Chosen to be soldiers, in an alien land,
Chosen, called, and faithful, for our Captain’s band,
In the service royal, let us not grow cold;
Let us be right loyal, noble, true and bold.
Master, Thou wilt keep us, by Thy grace divine,
Always on the Lord’s side—Savior, always Thine!

1. Whose side are we to be on?

2. Who are we to serve?

3. What are His helpers to do?

4. When we serve Him whose side to we leave?

5. Who are we facing?

6. Who are we going for?

7. What is the call of?

8. What is divine?

9. Verse 2: A definition of weight is influence or importance. Crown is reward - a palm here is a prize for this.

 What are we “not” in this for?

10. What are we entering?

 What rising?

11. What claims the lives for whom He died?

12. Who names us to be on His side?

13. A definition for constrain is compel.

 What is a compelling force to serve Jesus?

14. Who are we saying we belong to?

15. Verse 3: What did Jesus buy us with?

16. What fills each one that comes to Jesus?

17. What two things has God made us?

18. What is grand?

19. Verse 4: What may be fierce?

20. What may be strong?

21. Whose army cannot be overthrown?

22. A definition for ranging - an attribute to His standard.

 What is secure?

23. What makes the triumph of the conflict sure?

24. How are we to enlist?

25. Whose side are we on?

26. Who are we saying we belong to?

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

Hymn Devotion -June 30

Scripture - Matthew 11:28-30.

 Mark 10:49

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,

Calling for you and for me;

See, on the portals He’s waiting and watching,

Watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

*Come home, come home,*

*Ye who are weary, come home;*

*Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,*

*Calling, O sinner, come home!*

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,

Pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,

Mercies for you and for me?

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,

Passing from you and from me;

Shadows are gathering, death’s night is coming,

Coming for you and for me.

O for the wonderful love He has promised,

Promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,

Pardon for you and for me.

William Larmartine Thompson (1847-1909)

 We are missing out on so much if we do not heed His call, yet many are afraid of what they might have to do to believe in Jesus - believe is all you have to do- John 3:16 - love and service will follow.

 If you are on the “fence” today about whether to turn your life over to Jesus - don’t tarry, time is fleeting - you never know when death’s night will come or Jesus will come to rapture the Church - don’t be left behind because you knew but tarried in making a decision for Christ. He is watching and waiting TODAY for you to come to Him!

1. How and for whom is Jesus calling?

2. A “Portal” is a doorway, entrance or gate.

 What Portal is this?

3. As He is calling He is also doing what?

4. Verse 2: “Tarry” means to wait or delay.

 For what reasons do we wait or delay making a decision for Jesus?

5. “Plead” is to appeal earnestly, to beg. “Mercies” are kindness and forgiveness.

 Why does Jesus appeal to us to come to Him?

 What are we missing when we heed not His mercies?

6. Verse 3: What are fleeting and passing?

7. What in is gathering and coming?

8. Verse 4: What has He promised?

9. Why do we need mercy and pardon?

10. List all the things Jesus is doing “for you and for me”.

11. In the refrain: What home?

 Do we have to die to be “home”?

 What describes the people being called?

 How does being a sinner make us weary?

12. What are the adverbs describing Jesus’ call to us?