COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Hymn Devotion - March 11

Scripture – Ephesians 5:17-20

 Psalm 95:1

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He’ll condescend;
His love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven’s blissful shore,
His goodness we’ll adore,
Singing forevermore,
Alleluia! Amen!

Christian H. Bateman (1813-1889)

 Praising God with our heart and voice we usually think of Christmas but it is a daily joy to sing praises to God from our heart! God made the gracious choice to come down to earth to be human and suffer death on the cross for our sins. Condescending has a bad rap, in the case of Jesus he was gracious enough to come down and live with us so he could know what it was like to walk in our shoes! Praise the Lord that He did! Amen.

1. Alleluia translates Praise the Lord. Amen - so be it. What is being said in this first line?

2. To Whom are we to sing LOUD praise?

3. Not only with voice but also with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

4. Where are we rejoicing when we sing to God?

5. What is His gracious choice?

6. Verse 2: A definition of come is to be available. What do we need to be available to do?

7. What should our praises fill?

8. What are two things that God is to us?

9. What does God do for us?

10. When will His love end?

11. Verse 3: After praising God we should praise God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

12. Will the end of life here on earth end the strain?

13. How is heaven’s shore described?

14. What will we adore?

15. We will sing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

16. All God’s people said:

A WONDERFUL SAVIOR IS JESUS MY LORD

Hymn Devotion - March 12

Scripture – Psalm 27:4-5

 Exodus 33:22

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
A wonderful Savior to me;
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
Where rivers of pleasure I see.

Refrain

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
That shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He hideth my life with the depths of His love,
And covers me there with His hand,
And covers me there with His hand.

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
He taketh my burden away;
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved,
He giveth me strength as my day.

Refrain

With numberless blessings each moment He crowns,
And filled with His fullness divine,
I sing in my rapture, oh, glory to God
For such a Redeemer as mine!

Refrain

When clothed in His brightness, transported I rise
To meet Him in clouds of the sky,
His perfect salvation, His wonderful love
I’ll shout with the millions on high.

Refrain

Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

God is much more than remarkable and admirable as we who know Him as our personal Savior.

Looking at the phrase He giveth me strength *as* my day, not for my day or in my day but strength is my day - that comes with a personal relationship with Him. Through prayer and study of His Word - He is our strength!

What a Wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord!!

1. The definition of wonderful is very remarkable or admirable - Who is a

wonderful Savior?

2. Who is He a wonderful Savior to?

3. A cleft is a split or fissure. It could be thought of as a small cave or a rock - something to hide behind, in or under.

 Who hides our souls?

 Where?

4. What is seen from there?

5. Verse 2: What does He take a way?

6. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me up, I shall not be

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

7. What does He give for my day?

8. Verse 3: How many blessings?

9. What does He crown?

10. What are we filled with?

11. When and what will we be able to sing?

12. Verse 4: How will we be clothed?

13. Where will we meet Him?

14. What will be shouted with the millions on high?

15. Chorus: What does the cleft of the rock shadow?

16. How does He hide our life?

17. What are we covered with?

THE HEAVENS DECLARE THY GLORY, LORD

Hymn Devotion - March 13

Scripture – Psalm 19:1, 4-6

The heav’ns declare Thy glory, Lord,
In every star Thy wisdom shines
But when our eyes behold Thy Word,
We read Thy name in fairer lines.

The rolling sun, the changing light,
And nights and days, Thy power confess
But the blest volume Thou hast writ
Reveals Thy justice and Thy grace.

Sun, moon, and stars convey Thy praise
Round the whole earth, and never stand:
So when Thy truth begun its race,
It touched and glanced on every land.

Nor shall Thy spreading Gospel rest
Till through the world Thy truth has run,
Till Christ has all the nations blest
That see the light or feel the sun.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

 The visual of this hymn is so wonderful - the fact that the earth is round the truth of the Gospel will glance from nation to nation - to everyone who sees light or feels the sun until all the nations are blessed by Christ.

 Even though we can see God in the sun, moon and stars we never quite get the full grasp of the Gospel if we don’t read His Word because it reveals His justice and grace.

1. What do the heavens declare?

2. What shines in every star?

3. What do our eyes need to behold?

4. What is in fairer lines?

5. Verse 2: List what His power confesses:

6. What has He wrote?

7. What is that?

8. What does the Bible reveal?

9. Verse 3: What conveys His praise?

10. Nothing ever “stands” because the earth is?

11. What began its race?

12. Back to the round earth thought - What did it (11’s answer) do?

13. Verse 4: What shall not rest?

14. Where does His truth have to run?

15. What will Christ have done to all nations?

16. What will these nations that need to hear the Gospel see and feel?

I AM THINE, O LORD

Hymn Devotion - March 14

Scripture – James 4:7-8

 Hebrews 10:22

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain

Draw me nearer, nearer blessèd Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessèd Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.

Refrain

O the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God
I commune as friend with friend!

Refrain

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee.

 Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

 We are saying that we are His, we want to become stronger in faith, we want to be dedicated to His service and loose our will in His in doing this we have pure delight in spending time in intimate prayer conversing with our friend. Through all this we will be drawn nearer to our blessed Lord and the side that bled for us to bring us forgiveness of sin. We can only know the depth of God’s love and the height of joy this will bring when we rest in peace with Him.

1. Thine is of or belonging to thee. We are His because we have?

2. What did it tell us?

3. What do we long to do?

4. Then what should happen?

5. Verse 2: A definition of consecrate is to dedicate formally to a religious or divine purpose. What are we asking to be dedicated to?

6. By what power?

7. How is our soul to look up?

8. What should happen to our will?

9. Verse 3: What brings pure delight?

10. When I kneel in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

11. One definition of commune is to speak confidently and intimately.

 At this point we are speaking as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

12. Verse 4: When will we know the depths of God’s love?

13. When will we reach the ultimate height of the joy we have in Jesus?

14. The chorus: Who are we asking to be drawn nearer, nearer to?

15. What did Jesus do for us on the cross?

16. A definition of precious is of great value or worth. What is the value or worth to you of Jesus’ bleeding side?

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

Hymn Devotion - March 15

Scripture – Colossians 3:1-3

 Hebrews 12:2

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There’s a light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

*Refrain*

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion—
For more than conquerors we are!

*Refrain*

His Word shall not fail you—He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

*Refrain*

Helen Howarth Lemmel (1864-1961)

 Our souls often get weary and troubled but we have a wonderful Savior to look to - through His Word and we know that word will not fail us because HE PROMISED. Jesus always keeps His promises. In the His glory and grace the things of earth - gambling, bars, and drugs etc.- will grow strangely dim - What Jesus has to offer life abundant, free and eternal will shine more brightly than anything earth has to offer.

1. What can a soul be?

2. To a Christian the world is dark - What do we look for in that darkness?

3. Who is there light to look at?

4. How will life be with the Savior?

5. Verse 2: He passed through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. What can we do also?

7. What does not control us anymore?

8. What are we?

9. Verse 3: How can we know that His word will not fail us?

10. If we believe Him how will things be?

11. What is the world doing?

12. What are we to do?

13. The Chorus: What are we to do?

14. Where are we to look?

15. How will the things of earth appear?

16. In the light of His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.