BLESSED ASSURANCE

Hymn Devotion - May 1

Scripture - Hebrews 10:18-22

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain*

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

 This is our story - experiences that deserve narrative or voice - and our song - Praising our Savior all the day long - This is what we must do - with the blessed assurance that we have Jesus - believing and accepting Him as our Savior - We have a story that needs telling in words and in song - Tell your vision of rapture - how you are at rest, happy and blest and what it means to you to be lost in His love!

1. A definition of blessed is consecrated. A definition of assurance is guarantee.

 What are we assured of?

2. A definition of foretaste is a partial enjoyment - anticipation.

 What are we foretasting now?

3. We are: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of salvation,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of His

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in His

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Verse 2: A synonym for Perfect is complete and for submission is obedience.

 What does perfect submission to Christ bring?

5. What now burst on our sight?

6. Who are descending?

7. What are they bringing from above?

8. Verse 3: What does Perfect Submission bring?

9. How are we in our Savior?

10. What three things are we doing?

11. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

13. The Chorus: What is our story and our song?

REJOICE THE LORD IS KING

Hymn Devotion - May 2

Scripture - Psalm 95:1-3

 Philippians 4:4

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,

And triumph evermore;

Refrain:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,

The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,

 He took His seat above;

Refrain:

His kingdom cannot fail,

He rules o’er earth and Heaven,
The keys of death and hell

Are to our Jesus given;

Refrain:

Rejoice in glorious hope!

Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up

To their eternal home.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

 We lift up our hearts and voices, we raise them up to celebrate, to rejoice over and over again (Philippians 4:4) the victory that we have in Jesus because He is King, we adore and give Him thanks continually!

1. Some synonyms for rejoice celebrate, revel, exult, delight etc.

What have we to rejoice about?

2. Who should we adore?

3. What four things should we do?

 How long?

4. Verse 2: Who reigns?

5. How is God described?

6. What has He done?

7. Then He took what?

8. Verse 3: What cannot fail?

9. What does He rule over?

10. What was given to our Jesus?

11. Verse 4: A definition of hope is things longed for but yet not seen.

 What should we rejoice in?

12. How is our Lord described here?

13. Where is going to take His servants up to when He comes?

14. The Chorus: What two things are we to lift or raise up?

15. What is repeated twice here?

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

Hymn Devotion - May 3

Scripture - Psalm 148:1, 7-13

 Psalm 69:34

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!

*Refrain*

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

And thou most kind and gentle Death,
Waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod.

*Refrain*

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!

*Refrain*

Francis of Assisi (ll82-1226)

Translated by William H. Draper (1855-1933)

Alleluia is repeated three times in the chorus and seven times in the rest of the song - ten times total - PRAISE BE TO GOD let us lift up our voice with all of creation to praise our God and King. Humbly giving praise - thanks to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

1. A definition of creatures is anything created; a creation

 What is a creature of or all creation of whom?

2. Lift up your voice and do what?

3. What are we to sing?

4. Thou \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Thou \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Verse 2: What is strong?

7. What sail in heaven along?

8. What is in praise rejoice?

9. What are the lights of evening to do?

10. Verse 3: How is the flowing water described?

11. What is the flowing water to do?

12. How is the fire described?

13. What does the fire do?

14. Verse 4: How is death described?

15. What is death waiting to do?

16. Then what does death do?

17. Who the way home has trod?

18. Verse 4: What could the Creator bless?

19. How are we to worship Him?

20. Another word for praise is worship - List all those we are to praise and worship:

21. The Chorus: Who are we to praise or worship? Who is that?

22. How many times is Alleluia repeated in the chorus? In the entire song?

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

Hymn Devotion -May 4

Scripture - Psalm 96:1-6

 Isaiah 6:3

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

*Refrain*

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

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.

*Refrain*

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind’s delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight.

*Refrain*

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

*Refrain*

For Thy Church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.

*Refrain*

For Thyself, best Gift Divine!

To our race so freely given;

For that great, great love of Thine,

Peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*

Filliot Sanford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

 For all of this - to the LORD OF ALL - to THEE we raise this our hymn or song, of grateful, our song of thanksgiving - our song of thankful praise.

1. For in the archaic meaning is forasmuch as -

 List the three For the phrases - then complete the line:

 A.

 B.

 C.

2. Where do these things lie?

3. Verse 2: List the beauty of the first two lines:

4. List the beauty of the things on and around the earth:

5. Verse 3: Make a list of the For joy of our body:

6. What does mystic harmony do?

7. Verse 4: List all the joy of human love:

8. What kind of thoughts?

9. Verse 5: How long for the church?

10. What kind of hands?

11. What is being offered up on every shore?

12. Verse 6: Who is the best Gift Divine?

13. How is this gift given to us?

14. How is God’s love described?

15. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

16. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

17. The Chorus - For everything listed in this hymn - What is our response?

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

Hymn Devotion - May 5

Scripture - John 1:1-3

 Genesis 1:31

Refrain

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

Refrain

The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

Refrain

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

Refrain

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Refrain

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

 There is a saying that God doesn’t make junk - we are all of value to Him and all He made for us is of value to us.

 We need to take the time to look and see all the bright and beautiful things that the Almighty God has made for us and give Him the honor and glory for them and tell others of His greatness.

1. The Chorus: List what all the Lord God Made:

 A.

 B.

 C.

2. Verse 1: What opens up?

3. What sings?

4. What did He make?

5. Verse 2: How is a mountain described?

6. What is running by?

7. What are the two things that brighten up the sky?

8. Verse 3: What has cold wind?

9. How is the summer sun described?

10. What are in the summer gardens?

11. What did He do?

12. Verse 4: He gave us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to see them all.

13. And \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that we might \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

14. Who is great?

15. How has He made all things?