PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

Hymn Devotion- May 11

Scripture - Revelation 5:11-12.

 Psalm 146:2

Praise Him! praise Him—Jesus, our blessed Redeemer,

Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim.

Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy Name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long:

Chorus:

*Praise Him! praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;*

*Praise Him! praise Him! Ever in joyful song!*

Praise Him, praise Him—Jesus, our blessed Redeemer,
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died;
He our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him, hail Him, Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;

Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:

Chorus:

Praise Him, praise Him—Jesus, our blessed Redeemer,
Heav’nly portals loud with hosannas ring,
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever.
Crown Him! Crown Him—Prophet, and Priest, and King!
Christ is coming! Over the world victorious,

Pow’r and glory unto the Lord belong:

Chorus:

Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

 Praise is an act of worship or acknowledgement by which virtues or deeds of another are recognized and extolled. Praising Him for who He is called adoration - Praising Him for what He does is thanksgiving. Hail is to acclaim a synonym is praise.

 Jesus our blessed Redeemer, His love is unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong – Praise Him – Praise Him ever in joyful song!!

1. What are we praising Him as?

2. What is the earth proclaiming?

3. Who are hailing Him?

4. What are we to give to His holy name?

5. What does He do as a shepherd all day long?

6. Verse 2: What did Jesus our blessed Redeemer do?

7. What is He?

8. What is He our hope of?

9. We hail Him as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

10. Why are we to sound His praises?

11. What are the four descriptive words for His love?

12. Verse 3: A portal is a gate. What ring from heavenly gates?

13. How long will Jesus our Savior reign?

14. What is He crowned?

15. Christ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

16. What will Christ be over the world?

18. What does to the Lord belong?

19. Chorus: In our praise - What are we to tell of?

20. How should our song always be?

21. How many times are we told to:

 Praise Him:

 Hail Him:

COME, LET US RISE WITH CHRIST

Hymn Devotion -May 12

Scripture - Colossians 3:3-4.

 I Thessalonians 4:17

Come, let us rise with Christ our Head
And seek the things above,
By the almighty Spirit led
And filled with faith and love;
Our hearts detached from all below
Should after Him ascend,
And only wish the joy to know
Of our triumphant Friend.

Enthroned at God’s right hand He sits,
Maintainer of our cause,
Till every vanquished foe submits
To His victorious cross;
Worthy to be exalted thus,
The Lamb for sinners slain,
The Lord our King, who reigns for us,
And shall forever reign.

To Him our willing hearts we give
Who gives us power and peace,
And dead to sin, His members live
The life of righteousness;
The hidden life of Christ is ours
With Christ concealed above,
And tasting the celestial powers,
We banquet on His love.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

 We visualize here a victorious Christ sitting at the right hand of God the Father in heaven there is also here a commitment on our part that we are saying we will give our willing hearts to Him, detaching our hearts from earthly sin and desires and aspire to know our triumphant friend better, the one who maintains our cause, accepting Jesus as our Savior we receive the Holy Spirit and are filled with faith and love thus giving us power and peace, to live a life of righteousness, right living through forgiveness and to feast on His love.

 The banquet of love has to be attended through prayer and study - Are we at the banquet today?

1. Who are we asking to let us rise with?

2. What are we seeking?

3. Who are we lead by?

4. With what are we filled with?

5. What are we to detach from all below?

6. Who are we to ascend after?

7. What do we only wish to know?

8. What kind of friend?

9. Verse 2: A definition of enthroned is exalt. Where does He enthroned sit?

10. What is He of our cause?

11. How long?

12. To what?

13. How is He worthy to be exalted?

14. Who reigns for us?

15. How long?

16. Verse 3: What should the state of our hearts be when given to the Lord?

17. What does He give us?

18. What are we dead to?

19. What should His members live a life of ?

20. What of Christ do we know?

21. Where with Christ is it concealed?

22. What do we have a tasting of?

23. What do we banquet on?

A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING

Hymn Devotion- May 13

Scripture - Philippians 2:8-10.

 Acts 1:11

A hymn of glory let us sing,

New hymns throughout the world shall ring;

By a new way none have ever trod

Christ takes His place - the throne of God.

You are a present joy, O Lord;

You will be ever our reward;

And great the light in You we see

To guide us to eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,

All praise to You let earth accord,

Who are, while endless ages run,

With Father and with Spirit, One.

The Venerable Bede (673-735)

Stanzas 1-2 translated by

Elizabeth Rundle (1828-1896), altered

Stanza 3 translated by

Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), altered

 Bede is acclaimed first among many things in English Literature, he was a monk, thus the words to this song and other works were in Latin. Through the missionaries faith came through singing. Hymns do speak of the whole realm of Christian learning, grace, hope, salvation etc.

 In Bede’s era all this was new, just as it is for someone just accepting Christ they are walking where they have never been before discovering the light that will guide to eternity, praising Christ the ascended Lord with all praise throughout eternity with God the Father and the Holy Spirit - One God.

 If you are and have been Christians for a while reflect on how it was to start on this new journey and how the light of Christ has guided you through the years. If you are not a Christian look to the Light of Christ to guide you to a knowledge of His grace and forgiveness that will guide you to an eternal home with Him.

1. What kind of hymn let us sing?

2. Where shall new hymns ring?

3. Who have gone this new way?

4. Where does Christ take His place?

5. Verse 2: What is the Lord?

6. What will He ever be?

7. What is great in the Lord that we see?

8. Where will we be guided?

9. Verse 3: Who does the risen Christ become?

10. A definition of accord is give. What does earth give to Him?

11. Who is being spoken of in the phrase “Who are”?

12. What are running?

13. Who is Christ one with?

FAIREST LORD JESUS

Hymn Devotion - May 14

Scripture - Psalm 148:1-6.

 Song of Solomon 6:10

Fairest Lord Jesus,

Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,

Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows,

Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer,

Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,

Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels Heav’n can boast.

 Munster Gesangbuch, 1677

 The pure, beautiful sunshine and even the more beautiful moon and stars are no match for the brightness and purity of Jesus - even the all the angels in heaven cannot boast of being brighter or purer than Jesus.

 What a wonderful hymn, praising the fairest, kindest, gentlest Jesus, our ruler, the ruler of nature - on the next clear moonlit night when the earth looks so majestic under the bright starry heaven, think of how Jesus shines even brighter in our lives as one to love and honor and let our hearts sing the wonders of His nature - His fair, kind and gentle nature - personality of Jesus and His love.

1. Fair in archaic is kind and gentle. Who is the kindest and gentlest?

2. What is He ruler of?

3. What is He of God and man?

4. Thee will I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (love),

 Thee will I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. What is He to our souls?

6. Verse 2: A synonym of fair is beautiful. What is fair?

7. What is even fairer?

8. What are they robed in?

9. Who is fairer and purer?

10. A definition of woeful is sorrowful. What kind of heart through Christ can be made to sing?

11. Verse 3: What is fair?

12. What is fairer?

 Along with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

13. Who shines brighter and purer?

14. Than even who can boast?

PRAYER IS THE SOUL’S SINCERE DESIRE

Hymn Devotion - May 15

Scripture - Luke 11:1-4.

Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire,
Unuttered or expressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer, the sublimest strains
That reach The Majesty on high.

Prayer is the contrite sinner’s voice,
Returning from his ways,
While angels in their songs rejoice
And cry, “Behold, he prays!”

Prayer is the Christian’s vital breath,
The Christian’s native air,
His watchword at the gates of death;
He enters Heav’n with prayer.

O Thou by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod:
Lord, teach us how to pray.

 James Montgomery (1771-1854)

 Prayer is vital to a Christian, as vital as breath is to life - don’t be suffocated, prayer is the only way to have a relationship with Christ - there is no relationship without communication!

 Let us - Pray continually (NIV) - without ceasing (KJV) as Paul told the Thessalonians in I Thessalonians 5:17.

1. What is prayer?

2. Whether \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. What is prayer a motion of?

4. That does what?

5. Verse 2: List the three descriptions of what prayer is:

6. When only who is near?

7. Verse 3: What is prayer?

8. Who can try prayer?

9. Who do even the purest strains of prayer reach?

10. Verse 4: A definition of contrite is feeling remorse. How is the voice of the sinner?

11. Who has changed their ways?

12. What do angels in their song do?

13. What is the angel’s cry?

14. Verse 5: What is prayer?

15. The Christian’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

16. What is prayer at the gates of death?

17. What does a Christian enter heaven with?

18. Verse 6: Who is the “O Thou” of the first line?

19. Who do we come to in prayer?

20. Who does the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ describe?

21. What has Jesus trod?

22. What are we asking the Lord to do?