SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

Hymn Devotion - November 16

Scripture – I Timothy 3:16

Psalm 95:2

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David’s stem  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan’s stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana, wedding guest,  
In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil’s might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

God’s nature, His power, His grace and might are all revealed through the person of Jesus Christ. Are we allowing the nature of Jesus to be manifested – revealed to the world through us? Is our light shining so that others can see Jesus in us?

1. What are raised and to whom?
2. Manifest – made clear, appear, revealed.

What was used to reveal Jesus?

Who was it shown to?

1. Who was Jesus a branch of?
2. Where was the birth?
3. What was revealed in Jesus?
4. Verse 2: What happened at Jordan’s stream? (Mark 1:9-11)
5. What are His supreme descriptions?
6. What was manifested at the wedding?
7. How was the divine power revealed?
8. What are addressed to Jesus?
9. Verse 3: List all the ways that God is manifests Himself through Jesus:

1.

2.

3.

1. Write the reoccurring statement:

O PERFECT LOVE

Hymn Devotion - November 17

Scripture – Ephesians 3:17-19

Ephesians 5:25-33

Matthew 19:6

O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,   
Lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy throne,   
That theirs may be the love which knows no ending,   
Whom Thou forevermore dost join in one.

O perfect Life, be Thou their full assurance,   
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,   
Of patient hope and quiet, brave endurance,   
With childlike trust that fears no pain nor death.

Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow;   
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife,   
And to life’s day the glorious unknown morrow  
That dawns upon eternal love and life.

Dorothy Frances Blomfield Gurney

(1858-1932)

Perfect Love and Life – God is our only hope this side of heaven to have the assurance of love, faith, hope and endurance for this unknown life here on earth that dawns one day in heaven with God the perfect Love and Life for all eternity.

We all have God available to us – the most important person in our marriage is God – if He is the center of our lives all else will fall into place – if He is not – invite Him in today!

1. What is the description of God here?
2. Transcending – beyond the limit of thought or belief

Whose thought cannot contain this love?

1. What is done before God’s throne?
2. How long is this love?
3. How God joins us in love?
4. Verse 2: What is the description of God here?
5. List all the assurances God gives:
6. What kind of trust must we have?
7. What does this trust have no fear of?
8. Verse 3: What is asked to be granted?
9. What is the wish from this joy?
10. What is asked to be granted?
11. What is the wish from this peace?
12. What is unknown?
13. What dawns?

JESUS, THOU JOY OF LOVING HEARTS

Hymn Devotion - November 18

Scripture – Philippians 3:7-8

John 1:4

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts,  
Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts,  
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on Thee call;  
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,  
To them that find Thee all in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread,  
And long to feast upon Thee still;  
We drink of Thee, the Fountainhead,  
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,  
Wherever our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,  
Blessed when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed over the world Thy holy light.

Attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux

(1091-1153)

Translated by Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

The monk that wrote this hymn broke loose from the lifestyle of solitude to become quite a public figure doing as the hymn says – working in public to chase away the dark night of sin by unleashing the holy light of Jesus into the world. See Matthew 5:14-16 – On how being lights in our dark world.

1. What is Jesus?
2. What are the two things Jesus is?
3. What does not fulfill us?
4. Who do we turn to?
5. Verse 2: What has ever stood?
6. How are we saved by Jesus?
7. How is He to those that seek?
8. What is He to those that find?
9. Verse 3: How is Jesus described?
10. How do we “feast” upon Him still?
11. How is Jesus described?
12. What do we thirst for from Jesus?
13. Verse 4: How are we described?
14. How is our nature?
15. What are we glad to see?
16. What holds us fast to Him?
17. Verse 5: What do we want Jesus to do?
18. How are our moments described?
19. What in this world do we want to chase away?
20. How is that chased away?

O LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH AND SEA

November 19 - Hymn Devotion

Scripture – Psalm 107:1-3

Luke 10:21

O Lord of Heav’n and earth and sea,   
To Thee all praise and glory be;   
How shall we show our love to Thee,   
Who givest all?

The golden sunshine, vernal air,   
Sweet flowers and fruits, Thy love declare;   
Where harvests ripen, Thou art there,   
Who givest all.

For peaceful homes and healthful days,   
For all the blessings earth displays,   
We owe Thee thankfulness and praise,   
Who givest all.

For souls redeemed, for sins forgiv’n,   
For means of grace and hopes of Heav’n,  
\*\*\*Father, all praise to Thee be giv’n, Who givest all.

\*\*\*Alternate phrase – What can to Thee, O Lord be given,

Who givest all?

To Thee, from Whom we all derive  
Our life, our gifts, our power to give:   
O may we ever with Thee live,   
Who givest all!

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

We derive all – everything comes from – our life, our gifts – talents, money – our power – our ability to give – The answer to what we can give – May we ever live with Thee – here and for eternity – taking that a step farther – live for Thee.

This was written as an offertory hymn – being thankful for what God gives us – makes us willing to give back to Him – although the return “gift” does not equal what God has given to us – we still must show our thankfulness in living, praising and giving to Him.

1. What is the Lord of?
2. What should be given?
3. What are we wondering how to show
4. What does He give?
5. Verse 2: What declares His love?
6. When is He there?
7. What does He give?
8. Verse 3: What does God give personally?
9. What does the earth display?
10. What do we owe God?
11. Why do we owe this?
12. Verse 4: What has God done for us spiritually?
13. What means are given us?
14. The alternate phrase is a question – Note the web phrase – What is the answer to the question asked?
15. Verse 5: What do we derive from Him?
16. What is our desire?
17. Why?

HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

Hymn Devotion - November 20

Scripture – I Thessalonians 5:2-5

Matthew 3:2

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding;   
“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say,   
“Cast away the works of darkness,   
O ye children of the day.”

Wakened by the solemn warning  
Let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,   
Comes with pardon down from Heav’n;   
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,   
One and all to be forgiven.

That when next He comes in glory,   
And the world is wrapped in fear,   
With His mercy He may shield us,   
And with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing  
Be to God: the Father, Son  
And the everlasting Spirit,   
While eternal ages run.

Latin Hymn (sixth century)

From Hymns Ancient and Modern

1861, altered

The text from the web and the devotion book are different in some places – we will use the web for the questions but will reference the devotion book with the web in the comments.

We need not be wrapped in fear if we Hark! To what the Bible says about Jesus – listen to the prophets and haste to Him with tears of sorrow over sin and one and all will be forgiven. I John 1:8-10. Christ is our sun – the light of our lives.

1. What is sounding?
2. What does it seem to say?
3. What are we to cast away?
4. Who are children of the day?
5. Verse 2: What are we awakened by?
6. What is called to arise?
7. How is Christ described?
8. When all ills are dispelled what happens?
9. Verse 3: Lo is to call attention to – Whom are we to be aware of?
10. What does He come with?
11. How should we hurry to be forgiven?
12. Verse 4: How is He coming next?
13. How will the world be?
14. How will He shield us?
15. How will He draw us near?
16. Verse 5:What will be to God?
17. God being:
18. How long will these ages run?

How lovely shines the Morning Star!  
The nations see and hail afar  
The light in Judah shining.  
Thou David’s Son of Jacob’s race,  
My Bridegroom and my King of Grace,  
For Thee my heart is pining.  
Lowly, holy, great and glorious,  
Thou victorious Prince of graces,  
Filling all the heav’nly places.

O highest joy by mortals won,  
True Son of God and Mary’s Son,  
Thou highborn King of ages!  
Thou art my heart’s most beauteous Flower,  
And Thy blest Gospel’s saving power  
My raptured soul engages.  
Thou mine, I Thine; sing hosanna!  
Heav’nly manna tasting, eating,  
Whilst Thy love in songs repeating.

Now richly to my waiting heart,  
O Thou, my God, deign to impart  
The grace of love undying.  
In Thy blest body let me be,  
E’en as the branch is in the tree,  
Thy life my life supplying.  
Sighing, crying, for the savor  
Of Thy favor; resting never  
Till I rest in Thee forever.

A pledge of peace from God I see  
When Thy pure eyes are turned to me  
To show me Thy good pleasure.  
Jesus, Thy Spirit and Thy Word,  
Thy body and Thy blood afford  
My soul its dearest treasure.  
Keep me kindly in Thy favor,  
O my Savior! Thou wilt cheer me;  
Thy Word calls me to draw near Thee.

Thou, mighty Father, in Thy Son  
Didst love me ere Thou hadst begun  
This ancient world’s foundation.  
Thy Son hath made a friend of me,  
And when in spirit Him I see,  
I joy in tribulation!  
What bliss is this! He that liveth  
To me giveth life forever;  
Nothing me from Him can sever.

Lift up the voice and strike the string,  
Let all glad sounds of music ring  
In God’s high praises blended.  
Christ will be with me all the way,  
Today, tomorrow, every day,  
Till traveling days be ended.  
Sing out, ring out, triumph glorious,  
O victorious, chosen nation;  
Praise the God of your salvation.

Oh, joy to know that Thou, my Friend,  
Art Lord, Beginning without end,  
The First and Last, eternal!  
And Thou at length—O glorious grace!—  
Wilt take me to that holy place,  
The home of joys supernal.  
Amen, Amen! Come and meet me!  
Quickly greet me! With deep yearning  
Lord, I look for Thy returning.

In Christ there is no East or West,  
In Him no South or North;  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord,  
Close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, members of the faith,  
Whatever your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as His child  
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,  
In Him meet North and South;  
All Christly souls are one in Him  
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Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumbering on the brink of woe;  
Death is coming, hell is moving, can you bear to let them go?  
See our fathers and our mothers, and our children sinking down;  
Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses’ sister aided him;  
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace, and filled with tears?  
Is there here a weeping Mary, pouring forth a flood of tears?  
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound;  
Pray, Oh pray that holy manna may be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;  
Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.  
Then He’ll call us home to Heaven, at His table we’ll sit down;  
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

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