

God of Our Life

1. God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee. In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see. With each new day, when morning lifts the veil, we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.
2. God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide. Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide. With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light, and faith's fair vision changes into sight.
3. God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee. When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be. Be thou for us in life our daily bread, our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

Sign Us with Ashes (*Refrain (with congregation), v. 6 (choir only), Refrain (with congregation)*)

Refrain: Sign us with ashes, merciful God, children of dust, as to dust we return. Sign us with ashes, merciful God. Mark us and make us your own.

6. (**Choir sings only**) Surely, you alone redeem us, You fill our dust with holy breath. Bursting from the grave in glory, you rise from the ashes of death! **Refrain**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failing have such kindly judgment given.
2. For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

Open My Eyes, That I May See (vs 1-2)

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

A Prophet-Women Broke a Jar (*choir sings only*)

1. A prophet-women broke a jar, by Love's divine appointing. With rare perfume she filled the room, presiding and anointing. A prophet-women broke a jar, the sneers of scorn defying. With rare perfume she filled the room, preparing Christ for dying.
2. A faithful woman left a tomb by Love's divine commission. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, arising from submission. A faithful woman left a tomb, with resurrection gospel. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, apostle to apostles.
3. Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth, for centuries were hidden, unsung, unwritten, and unheard, derided and forbidden, the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire, on free and slave descending, can tumble our dividing walls, our shame and sadness mending.
4. The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, by Love's divine ordaining, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their powers and gifts unchaining. The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, from women, men, and children, the friends we need to serve and lead. Rejoice, and make them welcome!

Ride On! Ride on in Majesty!

1. Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry; thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our king. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

When Jesus Wept (Choir sings only)

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound. When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted (Choir sings only)

1. A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky; the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall harbor heaven, a stall become a shrine.
2. This child through David's city shall ride in triumph by; the palm shall strew its branches, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, though heavy, dull and dumb, and lie within the roadway to pave his kingdom come.
3. Yet he shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die; the sky shall groan and darken, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, for hearts made hard by sin: God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again.
4. But now, as at the ending, the low is lifted high; the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, in praises of the child by whose descent among us the worlds are reconciled.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Choir sings only)

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me; and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess: the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O Cross thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one. **Refrain**
2. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. **Refrain**
3. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **Refrain**
4. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! **Refrain**

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