

Hymn 6

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.
- U 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)
based on 1 Timothy 1: 17; Psalm 36: 6

Psalm 78

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; ♦
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; ♦
I will pour forth mysteries from of old,
- 3 Such as we have heard and known, ♦
which our forebears have told us.
- 4 We will not hide from their children,
but will recount to generations to come, ♦
the praises of the Lord and his power
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 For he did marvellous things in the sight of their forebears, ♦
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He divided the sea and let them pass through; ♦
he made the waters stand still in a heap.

- 14 He led them with a cloud by day ♦
and all the night through with a blaze of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness ♦
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the rock ♦
and made water gush out like rivers.

Hymn 22

- 1 You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety,
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Be not afraid, I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.*

- 2 If you pass through raging waters,
you shall not be drowned.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.
- 3 Blessèd are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessèd, blessèd are you!

Bob Duffield altd.

based on Isaiah 43: 2-3; Matthew 5: 3-4; Luke 6: 20-21

Nun danket all Gott

- 1 Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who, from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

- 2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

- 3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)
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