

## HYMNS

### God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

God's own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
To make life immortal mine.

### Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

### A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the Valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is.  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us.  
We tremble not, we fear no ill,  
They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none,  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Let these all be gone,  
Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. *Refrain.*

*Refrain*  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
*Refrain*

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace.  
*Refrain*

### Christ, the Life of All the Living

Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving  
To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit  
I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction  
And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion,  
Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented  
That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

### Christ Be My Leader

Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness,  
for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care;  
Darkness is daylight when  
Jesus is there.

Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him;  
though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting  
nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation;  
with Jesus I reign.

## RESPONSIVE BIBLE PASSAGES

### Romans 3:22b–26

**P** There is no distinction: for all  
have sinned and fall short of  
the glory of God,

**C** and are justified by his  
grace as a gift, through  
the redemption that is in  
Christ Jesus,

**P** whom God put forward as a  
propitiation by his blood,

**C** to be received by faith.

**P** This was to show God's  
righteousness ... so that he  
might be just

**C** and the justifier of the one  
who has faith in Jesus.

### John 3:16–17

**L** For God so loved the world,

**C** that he gave his only Son,

**L** that whoever believes in him  
should not perish

**C** but have eternal life.

**L** For God did not send his Son into  
the world to condemn the world,

**C** but in order that the world  
might be saved through him.

### Psalm 139:13–18

**L** For you formed my inward parts;

**C** you knitted me together in  
my mother's womb.

**L** I praise you, for I am fearfully  
and wonderfully made.

**C** Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.

**L** My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,

**C** intricately woven in the  
depths of the earth.

**L** Your eyes saw my unformed  
substance;

**C** in your book were written,  
every one of them,

**L** the days that were formed for me,

**C** when as yet there was  
none of them.

**L** How precious to me are your  
thoughts, O God!

**C** How vast is the sum of them!

**L** If I would count them,  
they are more than the sand.

**C** I awake, and I am still with you.

### Genesis 1:27–28

**L** So God created man in  
his own image,

**C** in the image of God he  
created him; male and  
female he created them.

**L** And God blessed them.

### Psalm 123: 1–4

To you I lift up my eyes,  
O you who are enthroned  
in the heavens!

Behold, as the eyes of servants  
look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a maidservant  
to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
till he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,  
have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than  
enough of contempt.

Our soul has had more than enough  
of the scorn of those who are at ease,  
of the contempt of the proud.

## PRAYER RESPONSES

**L** Grant peace in our time, O Lord.

**C** for there is no one who fights for  
us but You alone, O God.

**L** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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