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¶ Psalm Canticles

I A Song of God's Glorious Name

- 1 O Lord our governor, ♦
how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised ♦
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, ♦
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ♦
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
- 5 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; ♦
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?
- 6 You have made them little lower than the angels ♦
and crown them with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands ♦
and put all things under their feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen, ♦
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea ♦
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our governor, ♦
how glorious is your name in all the world!

Psalm 8

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

For an alternative version, see page 657.

2 A Song of God's Descending

- 1 I love you, O Lord my strength. ♦
The Lord is my crag, my fortress and my deliverer.
- 2 In my distress I called upon the Lord ♦
and cried out to my God for help.
- 3 He heard my voice in his temple ♦
and my cry came to his ears.
- 4 He parted the heavens and came down ♦
and thick darkness was under his feet.
- 5 He rode upon the cherubim and flew; ♦
he came flying on the wings of the wind.
- 6 He made darkness his covering round about him, ♦
dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.
- 7 From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds ♦
burst hailstones and coals of fire.
- 8 The Lord also thundered out of heaven; ♦
the Most High uttered his voice
with hailstones and coals of fire.
- 9 For you will save a lowly people ♦
and bring down the high looks of the proud.
- 10 You also shall light my candle; ♦
the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bright.
- 11 As for God, his way is perfect;
the word of the Lord is tried in the fire; ♦
he is a shield to all who trust in him.

Psalm 18.1,6,7,10-14,28,29,31

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

3 A Song of the King's Glory

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ♦
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas ♦
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ♦
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ♦
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ♦
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 'Who is the King of glory?' ♦
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 'Who is this King of glory?' ♦
'The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.'

Psalm 24

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

4 A Song of God's Light

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? ♦
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid, ♦
and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 3 One thing have I asked of the Lord
and that alone I seek: ♦
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
- 4 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord ♦
and to seek his will in his temple.
- 5 For in the day of trouble
he shall hide me in his shelter; ♦
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me
and set me high upon a rock.
- 6 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation
with great gladness; ♦
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Psalm 27.1,3-6,8

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

5 A Song of Trust in God

- 1 As the deer longs for the water brooks, ♦
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; ♦
when shall I come before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my bread day and night, ♦
while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'
- 4 Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: ♦
how I went with the multitude
and led the procession to the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, ♦
among those who kept holy day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, ♦
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 O put your trust in God; ♦
for I will yet give him thanks,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 42.1-7

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

6 A Song of Penitence

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; ♦
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness ♦
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults ♦
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned ♦
and done what is evil in your sight,
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence ♦
and righteous in your judgement.
- 6 Cast me not away from your presence ♦
and take not your holy spirit from me.
- 7 Give me again the joy of your salvation ♦
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;
- 8 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked ♦
and sinners shall return to you.
- 9 Deliver me from my guilt, O God,
the God of my salvation, ♦
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

Psalm 51.1-5,12-15

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

7 A Song of God's Praise

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; ♦
my soul is athirst for you.
- 2 My flesh also faints for you, ♦
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.
- 3 So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, ♦
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 4 Your loving-kindness is better than life itself ♦
and so my lips shall praise you.
- 5 I will bless you as long as I live ♦
and lift up my hands in your name.
- 6 My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, ♦
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,
- 7 When I remember you upon my bed ♦
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.
- 8 For you have been my helper ♦
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.
- 9 My soul clings to you; ♦
your right hand shall hold me fast.

Psalm 63.1-9

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

8 A Song of God's Blessing

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us ♦
and make his face to shine upon us,
- 2 That your way may be known upon earth, ♦
your saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, ♦
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, ♦
and God, our own God, will bless us.
- 7 God will bless us, ♦
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm 67

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

9 A Song of Mercy and Truth

- 1 O God, will you not give us life again, ♦
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 2 Show us your mercy, O Lord, ♦
and grant us your salvation.
- 3 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, ♦
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 4 Mercy and truth are met together, ♦
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
- 5 Truth shall spring up from the earth ♦
and righteousness look down from heaven.
- 6 Righteousness shall go before him ♦
and direct his steps in the way.

Psalm 85.6,7,9-11,13

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

10 Venite – A Song of Triumph

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; ♦
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving ♦
and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God ♦
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth ♦
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, ♦
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down ♦
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God; ♦
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The canticle may end here.

- 8 O that today you would listen to his voice: ♦
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 9 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof, ♦
though they had seen my works.
- 10 'Forty years long I detested that generation and said, ♦
'This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.'
- 11 'So I swore in my wrath, ♦
'They shall not enter into my rest.' '

Psalm 95

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

11 A Song of God's Splendour

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; ♦
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his name; ♦
tell out his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations ♦
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 Honour and majesty are before him; ♦
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.
- 5 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ♦
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
- 6 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ♦
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 7 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; ♦
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 8 Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king. ♦
with righteousness he will judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

Psalm 96.1-3,6-10a,13b

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

12 Jubilate – A Song of Joy

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; ♦
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God; ♦
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise; ♦
give thanks to him and bless his name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, ♦
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Psalm 100

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

13 A Song of God's Righteousness

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦
and all that is within me bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦
and forget not all his benefits;
- 3 Who forgives all your sins ♦
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 Who redeems your life from the Pit ♦
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things, ♦
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness ♦
and judgement for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses ♦
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord has established his throne in heaven, ♦
and his kingdom has dominion over all.
- 9 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, ♦
you mighty ones who do his bidding
and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 10 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, ♦
you ministers of his who do his will.
- 11 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; ♦
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 103.1-7,19-22

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

14 A Song of God's Compassion

- 1 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, ♦
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 2 He will not always accuse us, ♦
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- 3 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, ♦
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 4 For as the heavens are high above the earth, ♦
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.
- 5 As far as the east is from the west, ♦
so far has he set our sins from us.
- 6 As a father has compassion on his children, ♦
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.
- 7 For he knows of what we are made; ♦
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 8 Our days are but as grass; ♦
we flourish as a flower of the field;
- 9 For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone, ♦
and its place shall know it no more.
- 10 But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old
and endures for ever on those who fear him, ♦
and his righteousness on children's children;
- 11 On those who keep his covenant ♦
and remember his commandments to do them. *Psalm 103.8-18*

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

15 A Song of God's Greatness

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. ♦
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 2 You are clothed with majesty and honour, ♦
wrapped in light as in a garment.
- 3 The sun knows the time for its setting. ♦
You make darkness that it may be night.
- 4 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 5 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 6 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
- 7 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

Psalm 104.1,2,21b,22a,26,32,33,35

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

16 A Song of Worship

- 1 Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, ♦
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.
- 2 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary ♦
and bless the Lord.
- 3 The Lord who made heaven and earth ♦
give you blessing out of Zion.

Psalm 134

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

*17 Verses from Psalm 141 –
A Song of the Evening Sacrifice*

All Let my prayer rise before you as incense, ♦
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; ♦
hear my voice when I cry to you.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, ♦
and guard the door of my lips;

All Let my prayer rise before you as incense, ♦
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; ♦
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; ♦
in you I take refuge; do not leave me defenceless.

All Let my prayer rise before you as incense, ♦
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Psalm 141.1-4b,8

18 A Song of Entreaty

- 1 Hear my prayer, O Lord,
and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; ♦
answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgement with your servant, ♦
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- 3 My spirit faints within me; ♦
my heart within me is desolate.
- 4 I stretch out my hands to you; ♦
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.
- 5 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; ♦
hide not your face from me
lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 6 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for in you I put my trust; ♦
show me the way I should walk in,
for I lift up my soul to you.
- 7 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; ♦
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.
- 8 Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake; ♦
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

Psalm 143.1,2,4,6-8,10,11

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

¶ Old Testament and Apocrypha Canticles

19 The Song of Moses and Miriam

Refrain:

**All In your unfailing love, O Lord,
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.**

- 1 I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously, ♦
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- 2 The Lord is my strength and my song ♦
and has become my salvation.
- 3 This is my God whom I will praise, ♦
the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.
- 4 The Lord is a warrior, ♦
the Lord is his name.
- 5 Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power: ♦
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
- 6 At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them; ♦
they sank as lead in the mighty waters.
- 7 In your unfailing love, O Lord, ♦
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.
- 8 And by your invincible strength ♦
you will guide them to your holy dwelling.
- 9 You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord, ♦
in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

Exodus 15.1b-3,6,10,13,17

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All In your unfailing love, O Lord,
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.**

20 A Song of the Rock

Refrain:

All **The word is very near to you;
it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.**

- 1 Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; ♦
and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
- 2 May my teaching drop as the rain,
my speech distil as the dew, ♦
as the gentle rain on the grass,
and as the showers upon the meadow.
- 3 For I will proclaim the name of the Lord. ♦
Ascribe greatness to our God!
- 4 The Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are just: ♦
a faithful God without deceit, just and upright is he.
- 5 His degenerate children have dealt corruptly with him; ♦
a perverse and crooked generation.
- 6 Do you thus repay the Lord, you foolish and senseless people? ♦
Is not he your father, who created you,
who made you and established you?
- 7 Remember the days of old, consider the years long past; ♦
ask your father, and he will show you;
your elders, and they will tell you.
- 8 When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance,
when he divided the children of earth, ♦
he fixed the bounds of the peoples
according to the number of the children of God.
- 9 For the Lord's own portion is his people, ♦
Jacob his allotted heritage.
- 10 He sustained him in a desert land,
in the howling waste of the wilderness; ♦
he shielded him and cared for him;
he kept him as the apple of his eye.

11 As an eagle stirs up its nest, and hovers over its young, ♦
spreading out its wings, takes them,
and bears them aloft on its pinions,

12 So the Lord alone did guide him, ♦
and no foreign god was with him.

Deuteronomy 32.1-12

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All **The word is very near to you;
it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.**

21 A Song of Hannah

Refrain:

**All Blessed are those who believe,
for what God has promised will be fulfilled.**

- 1 My heart exults in the Lord; ♦
my strength is exalted in my God.
- 2 My mouth derides my enemies, ♦
because I rejoice in your salvation.
- 3 There is no Holy One like you, O Lord, ♦
nor any Rock like you, our God.
- 4 For you are a God of knowledge ♦
and by you our actions are weighed.
- 5 The bows of the mighty are broken, ♦
but the feeble gird on strength.
- 6 Those who were full now hire themselves out for bread, ♦
but those who were hungry are well fed.
- 7 The barren woman has borne sevenfold, ♦
but she who has many children is forlorn.
- 8 Both the poor and the rich are of your making; ♦
you bring low and you also exalt.
- 9 You raise up the poor from the dust, ♦
and lift the needy from the ash heap.
- 10 You make them sit with the rulers ♦
and inherit a place of honour.
- 11 For the pillars of the earth are yours ♦
and on them you have set the world.

1 Samuel 2.1,2,3b-5,7,8

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Blessed are those who believe,
for what God has promised will be fulfilled.**

Refrain:

**All Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.**

1 Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, ♦
for yours is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

2 Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; ♦
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head over all.

3 Riches and honour come from you ♦
and you rule over all.

4 In your hand are power and might; ♦
yours it is to give power and strength to all.

5 And now we give you thanks, our God, ♦
and praise your glorious name.

6 For all things come from you, ♦
and of your own have we given you. *I Chronicles 29.10b-13,14b*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.**

23 A Song of Solomon

Refrain:

**All Many waters cannot quench love;
neither can the floods drown it.**

- 1 Set me as a seal upon your heart, ♦
as a seal upon your arm;
- 2 For love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave; ♦
its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.
- 3 Many waters cannot quench love, ♦
neither can the floods drown it.
- 4 If all the wealth of our house were offered for love, ♦
it would be utterly scorned. *cf Song of Solomon 8.6,7*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Many waters cannot quench love;
neither can the floods drown it.**

Refrain:

**All Spirit of God, teach us your ways,
that we may walk in the paths of peace.**

- 1 Come, let us go up to the mountain of God, ♦
to the house of the God of Jacob;
- 2 That God may teach us his ways, ♦
and that we may walk in his paths.
- 3 For the law shall go out from Zion, ♦
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
- 4 God shall judge between the nations, ♦
and shall mediate for many peoples.
- 5 They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, ♦
and their spears into pruning hooks.
- 6 Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, ♦
neither shall they learn war any more.
- 7 O people of Jacob, come: ♦
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah 2.3-5

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Spirit of God, teach us your ways,
that we may walk in the paths of peace.**

25 A Song of the Messiah

Refrain:

**All To us a child is born,
to us a son is given.**

- 1 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; ♦
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
upon them the light has dawned.
- 2 You have increased their joy and given them great gladness; ♦
they rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest.
- 3 For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them; ♦
the collar that lay heavy on their shoulders.
- 4 For to us a child is born and to us a son is given, ♦
and the government will be upon his shoulder.
- 5 And his name will be called: Wonderful Counsellor;
the Mighty God; ♦
the Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.
- 6 Of the increase of his government and of peace ♦
there will be no end,
- 7 Upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, ♦
to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness.
- 8 From this time forth and for evermore; ♦
the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. *Isaiah 9.2,3b,4a,6,7*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All To us a child is born,
to us a son is given.**

26 A Song of God's Chosen One

Refrain:

All The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord.

- 1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stock of Jesse, ♦
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- 2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, ♦
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
- 3 The spirit of counsel and might, ♦
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- 4 He shall not judge by what his eyes see, ♦
or decide by what his ears hear,
- 5 But with righteousness he shall judge the poor, ♦
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.
- 6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, ♦
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.
- 7 The calf, the lion and the fatling together, ♦
with a little child to lead them.
- 8 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, ♦
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea. *Isaiah 11.1,2,3b-4a,6,9*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord.

27 A Song of Deliverance

Refrain:

**All All the earth, shout and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One.**

- 1 'Behold, God is my salvation; ♦
I will trust and will not be afraid;
- 2 'For the Lord God is my strength and my song, ♦
and has become my salvation.'
- 3 With joy you will draw water ♦
from the wells of salvation.
- 4 On that day you will say, ♦
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;
- 5 'Make known his deeds among the nations, ♦
proclaim that his name is exalted.
- 6 'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously; ♦
let this be known in all the world.
- 7 'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion, ♦
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

Isaiah 12.2-6

**All All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All All the earth, shout and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One.**

28 A Song of Trust

Refrain:

**All Trust in the Lord for ever,
for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.**

- 1 We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks. ♦
Open the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps faith
may enter in.
- 2 You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, ♦
because he trusts in you.
- 3 Trust in the Lord for ever, ♦
for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.
- 4 The way of the righteous is level; ♦
you who are upright make smooth the path of the righteous.
- 5 In the path of your judgements, O Lord, we wait for you; ♦
your name and renown is the desire of our soul.
- 6 My soul yearns for you in the night, ♦
my spirit within me earnestly seeks you.
- 7 For when your judgements are in the earth, ♦
the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.
- 8 O Lord, you will ordain peace for us, ♦
for indeed all that we have done you have done for us.

Isaiah 26.1-4,7-9,12

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Trust in the Lord for ever,
for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.**

29 A Song of the Wilderness

Refrain:

**All Lift up your voice with strength,
O herald of good tidings.**

- 1 The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice, ♦
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.
- 2 They shall see the glory of the Lord, ♦
the majesty of our God.
- 3 Strengthen the weary hands, ♦
and make firm the feeble knees.
- 4 Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not,
your God is coming with judgement, ♦
coming with judgement to save you.'
- 5 Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, ♦
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- 6 Then shall the lame leap like a hart, ♦
and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.
- 7 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, ♦
and streams in the desert;
- 8 The ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing, ♦
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
- 9 Joy and gladness shall be theirs, ♦
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. *Isaiah 35.1,2b-4a,4c-6,10*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Lift up your voice with strength,
O herald of good tidings.**

30 A Song of God's Herald

Refrain:

**All God will feed his flock like a shepherd,
and gather the lambs in his arms.**

- 1 Go up to a high mountain,
herald of good tidings to Zion; ♦
lift up your voice with strength,
herald of good tidings to Jerusalem.
- 2 Lift up your voice, fear not; ♦
say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'
- 3 See, the Lord God comes with might, ♦
and his arm rules for him.
- 4 Behold, his reward is with him, ♦
and his recompense before him.
- 5 God will feed his flock like a shepherd, ♦
and gather the lambs in his arms;
- 6 He will carry them in his breast, ♦
and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40. 9-11

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All God will feed his flock like a shepherd,
and gather the lambs in his arms.**

31 A Song of the Covenant

Refrain:

**All I have given you as a light to the nations,
and I have called you in righteousness.**

- 1 Thus says God, who created the heavens, ♦
who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;
- 2 Who gives breath to the people upon it ♦
and spirit to those who walk in it,
- 3 'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness, ♦
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
- 4 'I have given you as a covenant to the people, ♦
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
- 5 'To bring out the captives from the dungeon, ♦
from the prison, those who sit in darkness.
- 6 'I am the Lord, that is my name; ♦
my glory I give to no other.'

Isaiah 42.5-8a

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All I have given you as a light to the nations,
and I have called you in righteousness.**

32 A Song of the New Creation

Refrain:

**All I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.**

- 1 'I am the Lord, your Holy One, ♦
the Creator of Israel, your King.'
- 2 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, ♦
a path in the mighty waters,
- 3 'Remember not the former things, ♦
nor consider the things of old.
- 4 'Behold, I am doing a new thing; ♦
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
- 5 'I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert, ♦
to give drink to my chosen people,
- 6 'The people whom I formed for myself, ♦
that they might declare my praise.'

Isaiah 43.15,16,18,19,20c,21

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.**

33 A Song of the Word of the Lord

Refrain:

All **Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,
to our God, who will richly pardon.**

- 1 Seek the Lord while he may be found, ♦
call upon him while he is near;
- 2 Let the wicked abandon their ways, ♦
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
- 3 Return to the Lord, who will have mercy; ♦
to our God, who will richly pardon.
- 4 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, ♦
neither are your ways my ways,' says the Lord.
- 5 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, ♦
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- 6 'As the rain and the snow come down from above, ♦
and return not again but water the earth,
- 7 'Bringing forth life and giving growth, ♦
seed for sowing and bread to eat,
- 8 'So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; ♦
it will not return to me fruitless,
- 9 'But it will accomplish that which I purpose, ♦
and succeed in the task I gave it.'

Isaiah 55.6-11

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All **Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,
to our God, who will richly pardon.**

34 A Song of the New Jerusalem

Refrain:

**All Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God's glory appears.**

- 1 Arise, shine out, for your light has come, ♦
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.
- 2 Though night still covers the earth, ♦
and darkness the peoples;
- 3 Above you the Holy One arises, ♦
and above you God's glory appears.
- 4 The nations will come to your light, ♦
and kings to your dawning brightness.
- 5 Your gates will lie open continually, ♦
shut neither by day nor by night.
- 6 The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land, ♦
or ruin and devastation within your borders.
- 7 You will call your walls, Salvation, ♦
and your gates, Praise.
- 8 No more will the sun give you daylight, ♦
nor moonlight shine upon you;
- 9 But the Lord will be your everlasting light, ♦
your God will be your splendour.
- 10 For you shall be called the city of God, ♦
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel. *Isaiah 60.1-3, 11a, 18, 19, 14b*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God's glory appears.**

35 A Song of the Lord's Anointed

Refrain:

**All The Lord has anointed me
and sent me to bring good news to the oppressed.**

- 1 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ♦
because he has anointed me.
- 2 He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, ♦
to bind up the broken-hearted,
- 3 To proclaim liberty to the captives, ♦
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
- 4 To proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, ♦
to comfort all who mourn,
- 5 To give them a garland instead of ashes, ♦
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit,
- 6 That they may be called oaks of righteousness, ♦
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.
- 7 For as the earth puts forth her blossom, ♦
and as seeds in the garden spring up,
- 8 So shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise ♦
blossom before all the nations.
- 9 You shall be called priests of the Lord; ♦
they shall speak of you as ministers of our God.

Isaiah 61.1-3, 11, 6a

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All The Lord has anointed me
and sent me to bring good news to the oppressed.**

Refrain:

All God makes righteousness and praise
blossom before all the nations.

- 1 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, ♦
my soul shall exult in my God;
- 2 Who has clothed me with the garments of salvation, ♦
and has covered me with the cloak of integrity,
- 3 As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, ♦
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- 4 For as the earth puts forth her blossom, ♦
and as seeds in the garden spring up,
- 5 So shall God make righteousness and praise ♦
blossom before all the nations.
- 6 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, ♦
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
- 7 Until her deliverance shines out like the dawn, ♦
and her salvation as a burning torch.
- 8 The nations shall see your deliverance, ♦
and all rulers shall see your glory;
- 9 Then you shall be called by a new name ♦
which the mouth of God will give.
- 10 You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, ♦
a royal diadem in the hand of your God. *Isaiah 61.10,11; 62.1-3*

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**
**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All **God makes righteousness and praise
blossom before all the nations.**

37 A Song of the Lord's Gracious Deeds

Refrain:

**All I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praises of the Most High.**

- 1 Who is this that comes from Edom, ♦
coming from Bozrah, his garments stained crimson?
- 2 Who is this in glorious apparel, ♦
marching in the greatness of his strength?
- 3 'It is I, who announce that right has won the day, ♦
it is I,' says the Lord, 'for I am mighty to save.'
- 4 Why are your robes all red, O Lord, ♦
and your garments like theirs who tread the winepress?
- 5 'I have trodden the winepress alone, ♦
and from the peoples no one was with me.'
- 6 I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, ♦
the praises of the Most High;
- 7 All that God has done for us in his mercy, ♦
by his many acts of love.
- 8 For God said, 'Surely, they are my people,
my children who will not deal falsely,' ♦
and he became their Saviour in all their distress.
- 9 So God redeemed them by his love and pity; ♦
he lifted them up and carried them
through all the days of old.

Isaiah 63.1-3a,7-9

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praises of the Most High.**

38 A Song of Jerusalem our Mother

Refrain:

**All Thus says our God, I will comfort you,
you shall see and your heart shall rejoice.**

- 1 'Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, ♦
all you who love her,' says the Lord.
- 2 'Rejoice with her in joy, ♦
all you who mourn over her,
- 3 'That you may drink deeply with delight ♦
from her consoling breast.'
- 4 For thus says our God, ♦
'You shall be nursed and carried on her arm.
- 5 'As a mother comforts her children, ♦
so I will comfort you;
- 6 'You shall see and your heart shall rejoice; ♦
you shall flourish like the grass of the fields.'

Isaiah 66.10, 11a, 12a, 12c, 13a, 14a,b

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Thus says our God, I will comfort you,
you shall see and your heart shall rejoice.**

39 A Song of Lamentation

Refrain:

All Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.

- 1 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? ♦
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
- 2 Which was brought upon me, ♦
which the Lord inflicted
on the day of his fierce anger.
- 3 For these things I weep;
my eyes flow with tears; ♦
for a comforter is far from me,
one to revive my courage.
- 4 Remember my affliction and my bitterness, ♦
the wormwood and the gall!
- 5 But this I call to mind, ♦
and therefore I have hope:
- 6 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, ♦
his mercies never come to an end;
- 7 They are new every morning; ♦
great is your faithfulness.
- 8 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, ♦
'therefore I will hope in him.'
- 9 The Lord is good to those who wait for him, ♦
to the soul that seeks him.
- 10 It is good that we should wait quietly ♦
for the salvation of the Lord.
- 11 For the Lord will not reject for ever; ♦
though he causes grief, he will have compassion,
- 12 According to the abundance of his steadfast love; ♦
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Lamentations 1.12,16a,b; 3.19,21-26,31-33

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All **Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.**

40 A Song of Ezekiel

Refrain:

All **The Spirit of God fills the whole world.**

- 1 I will take you from the nations, ♦
and gather you from all the countries.
- 2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you, ♦
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.
- 3 A new heart I will give you, ♦
and put a new spirit within you,
- 4 And I will remove from your body the heart of stone ♦
and give you a heart of flesh.
- 5 You shall be my people, ♦
and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All **The Spirit of God fills the whole world.**

41 A Song of Humility

Refrain:

**All Raise us up, O God,
that we may live in your presence.**

- 1 Come, let us return to the Lord ♦
who has torn us and will heal us.
- 2 God has stricken us ♦
and will bind up our wounds.
- 3 After two days, he will revive us, ♦
and on the third day will raise us up,
that we may live in his presence.
- 4 Let us strive to know the Lord; ♦
his appearing is as sure as the sunrise.
- 5 He will come to us like the showers, ♦
like the spring rains that water the earth.
- 6 'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you? ♦
How shall I deal with you, O Judah?
- 7 'Your love for me is like the morning mist, ♦
like the dew that goes early away.
- 8 'Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets, ♦
and my judgement goes forth as the light.
- 9 'For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice, ♦
and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.' *Hosea 6.1-6*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Raise us up, O God,
that we may live in your presence.**

Refrain:

**All My prayer came to you in your holy temple,
and you brought up my life from the depths.**

- 1 I called to you, O God, out of my distress
and you answered me; ♦
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.
- 2 You cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas, ♦
and the flood surrounded me,
all your waves and billows passed over me.
- 3 Then I said, I am driven away from your sight; ♦
how shall I ever look again upon your holy temple?
- 4 The waters closed in over me,
the deep was round about me; ♦
weeds were wrapped around my head
at the roots of the mountains.
- 5 I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me for ever, ♦
yet you brought up my life from the depths, O God.
- 6 As my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, O God, ♦
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.
- 7 With the voice of thanksgiving, I will sacrifice to you; ♦
what I have vowed I will pay;
deliverance belongs to the Lord! *Jonah 2.2-7,9*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All My prayer came to you in your holy temple,
and you brought up my life from the depths.**

43 The Prayer of Habakkuk

Refrain:

**All You came forth to save your people,
to save your anointed, O God.**

- 1 O Lord, I have heard of your renown, ♦
and I stand in awe, O Lord, of your work.
- 2 In the midst of the years renew it;
in the midst of the years make it known; ♦
in wrath remember mercy.
- 3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. ♦
His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.
- 4 His brightness was like the sun, ♦
rays flashed from his hand; there he veiled his power.
- 5 You came forth to save your people, ♦
to save your anointed.
- 6 You trampled the sea with your horses, ♦
churning the mighty waters.
- 7 I hear, and my belly trembles, ♦
my lips quiver at the sound;
- 8 Rottenness enters into my bones, ♦
and my steps totter beneath me.
- 9 I will quietly wait for the day of trouble ♦
to come upon the people that invade us.
- 10 Though the fig tree does not blossom,
nor fruit appear on the vines, ♦
the produce of the olive fail, and the fields yield no food,
- 11 Though the flock be cut off from the fold ♦
and there be no herd in the stalls,
- 12 Yet will I rejoice in the Lord, ♦
I will exult in the God of my salvation.
- 13 God, the Lord, is my strength; ♦
he makes my feet like hinds' feet,
and makes me tread upon the high places.

Habakkuk 3.2-4, 13a, 15-19

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

All **You came forth to save your people,**
to save your anointed, O God.

Refrain:

All See what the Lord our God has done
and exalt him in the sight of the living.

- 1 Blessed be God, who lives for ever, ♦
whose reign endures throughout all ages.
- 2 Declare God's praise before the nations, ♦
you who are the children of Israel.
- 3 For if our God has scattered you among them, ♦
there too has he shown you his greatness.
- 4 Exalt him in the sight of the living, ♦
because he is our Lord and God and our Father for ever.
- 5 Though God punishes you for your wickedness, ♦
mercy will be shown to you all.
- 6 God will gather you from every nation, ♦
from wherever you have been scattered.
- 7 When you turn to the Lord
with all your heart and soul, ♦
God will hide his face from you no more.
- 8 See what the Lord has done for you ♦
and give thanks with a loud voice.
- 9 Praise the Lord of righteousness ♦
and exalt the King of the ages.

Tobit 13.1,3,4-6a

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All See what the Lord our God has done
and exalt him in the sight of the living.

45 A Song of Judith

Refrain:

All You sent forth your Spirit, O God,
and you continue to show mercy to all.

- 1 I will sing a new song to my God, ♦
for you are great and glorious,
truly strong and invincible.
- 2 May your whole creation serve you, ♦
for you spoke and all things came to be.
- 3 You sent forth your Spirit and they were formed, ♦
for no one can resist your voice.
- 4 Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths; ♦
at your presence rocks shall melt like wax.
- 5 But to those who fear you, ♦
you continue to show mercy.
- 6 No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, ♦
but whoever fears the Lord
shall stand in your sight for ever.

Judith 16.13-16

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. **Amen.**

All You sent forth your Spirit, O God,
and you continue to show mercy to all.

46 A Song of the Righteous

Refrain:

All God has found the righteous worthy
and their hope is full of immortality.

- 1 The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God ♦
and no torment will ever touch them.
- 2 In the eyes of the foolish, they seem to have died; ♦
but they are at peace.
- 3 For though, in the sight of others, they were punished, ♦
their hope is full of immortality.
- 4 Having been disciplined a little,
they will receive great good, ♦
because God tested them and found them worthy.
- 5 Like gold in the furnace, God tried them ♦
and, like a sacrificial burnt offering, accepted them.
- 6 In the time of their visitation, they will shine forth ♦
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
- 7 They will govern nations and rule over peoples ♦
and God will reign over them for ever.

Wisdom 3.1,2a,3b-8

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

All God has found the righteous worthy
and their hope is full of immortality.

Refrain:

All Send Wisdom forth from your holy heavens;
from the throne of your glory
send what is pleasing to you.

- 1 O God of our ancestors and Lord of mercy, ♦
you have made all things by your word.
- 2 By your wisdom you have formed us ♦
to have dominion over the creatures you have made;
- 3 To rule the world in holiness and righteousness ♦
and to pronounce judgement in uprightness of soul.
- 4 Give us the Wisdom that sits by your throne; ♦
do not reject us from among your servants,
- 5 For we are your servants, ♦
with little understanding of judgement and laws.
- 6 Even one who is perfect among us ♦
will be regarded as nothing
without the wisdom that comes from you.
- 7 With you is Wisdom, she who knows your works, ♦
and was present when you made the world.
- 8 She understands what is pleasing in your sight ♦
and what is right according to your commandments.
- 9 Send her forth from the holy heavens, ♦
from the throne of your glory send her.
- 10 That she may labour at our side ♦
and that we may learn what is pleasing to you.
- 11 For she knows and understands all things, ♦
she will guide us wisely in our actions
and guard us with her glory.

Wisdom 9.1-5a,c,6,9-11

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

All Send Wisdom forth from your holy heavens;
from the throne of your glory
send what is pleasing to you.

Refrain:

All In prayer I inclined my ear
and my heart was stirred to seek Wisdom.

- 1 While I was still young, ♦
I sought Wisdom openly in my prayer.
- 2 Before the temple I asked for her, ♦
and I will search for her until the end.
- 3 From the first blossom to the ripening grape, ♦
my heart delighted in her.
- 4 My foot walked on the straight path, ♦
from my youth I followed her steps.
- 5 I inclined my ear a little and received her, ♦
I found for myself much instruction.
- 6 I made progress in Wisdom; ♦
to the One who sent her, I will give glory.
- 7 I directed my soul to Wisdom, ♦
and in purity have I found her.
- 8 With her, I gained understanding from the first, ♦
therefore will I never be forsaken.
- 9 My heart was stirred to seek her, ♦
with my tongue will I sing God's praise.

Ecclesiasticus 51.13a,13c-17,20,21a,22b

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

All In prayer I inclined my ear
and my heart was stirred to seek Wisdom.

Refrain:

All Lead us, O God, with joy
to walk in the light of glory.

- 1 Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height: ♦
look to the east and see your children,
- 2 Gathered from the west and the east ♦
at the word of the Holy One.
- 3 They rejoice that God has remembered them ♦
and has brought them back to you.
- 4 For God has ordered that every high mountain ♦
and the everlasting hills be made low,
- 5 And the valleys filled up to make level ground ♦
so that they may walk safely in the glory of God.
- 6 The woods and every fragrant tree ♦
have shaded them at God's command.
- 7 For God will lead his people with joy
in the light of his glory ♦
with the mercy and righteousness that comes from God.

Baruch 5.5,6c,7-9

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

All Lead us, O God, with joy
to walk in the light of glory.

50 Bless the Lord

- 1 Blessed are you, the God of our ancestors, ♦
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 2 Blessed is your holy and glorious name, ♦
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 3 Blessed are you, in your holy and glorious temple, ♦
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 4 Blessed are you who look into the depths, ♦
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 5 Blessed are you, enthroned on the cherubim, ♦
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 6 Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, ♦
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 7 Blessed are you in the heights of heaven, ♦
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

The Song of the Three 29-34

**All Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

51a Benedicite – A Song of Creation

- 1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 2 Bless the Lord you heavens: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: ♦
bless the Lord all you his hosts;
bless the Lord you waters above the heavens: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 4 Bless the Lord sun and moon: ♦
bless the Lord you stars of heaven;
bless the Lord all rain and dew: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

- 5 Bless the Lord all winds that blow: ♦
bless the Lord you fire and heat;
bless the Lord scorching wind and bitter cold: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 6 Bless the Lord dews and falling snows: ♦
bless the Lord you nights and days;
bless the Lord light and darkness: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 7 Bless the Lord frost and cold: ♦
bless the Lord you ice and snow;
bless the Lord lightnings and clouds: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 8 O let the earth bless the Lord: ♦
bless the Lord you mountains and hills;
bless the Lord all that grows in the ground: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 9 Bless the Lord you springs: ♦
bless the Lord you seas and rivers;
bless the Lord you whales and all that swim in the waters: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 10 Bless the Lord all birds of the air: ♦
bless the Lord you beasts and cattle;
bless the Lord all people on earth: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 11 O people of God bless the Lord: ♦
bless the Lord you priests of the Lord;
bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 12 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: ♦
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

The Song of the Three 35-65

**All Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

*51b Benedicite – A Song of Creation
(shorter version)*

- 1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 2 Bless the Lord you heavens: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 4 Bless the Lord all people on earth: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 5 O people of God bless the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: ♦
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

The Song of the Three 35-37, 60-65

**All Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

52 The Song of Manasseh

Refrain:

**All Full of compassion and mercy and love
is God, the Most High, the Almighty.**

- 1 Lord almighty and God of our ancestors, ♦
you who made heaven and earth in all their glory:
- 2 All things tremble with awe at your presence, ♦
before your great and mighty power.
- 3 Immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy, ♦
for you are God, Most High.
- 4 You are full of compassion, long-suffering and very merciful, ♦
and you relent at human suffering.
- 5 O God, according to your great goodness, ♦
you have promised forgiveness for repentance
to those who have sinned against you.
- 6 The sins I have committed against you ♦
are more in number than the sands of the sea.
- 7 I am not worthy to look up to the height of heaven, ♦
because of the multitude of my iniquities.
- 8 And now I bend the knee of my heart before you, ♦
imploping your kindness upon me.
- 9 I have sinned, O God, I have sinned, ♦
and I acknowledge my transgressions.
- 10 Unworthy as I am, you will save me, ♦
according to your great mercy.
- 11 For all the host of heaven sings your praise, ♦
and your glory is for ever and ever.

Manasseh 1a,2,4,6,7a,b,9a,c,11,12,14b,15b

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Full of compassion and mercy and love
is God, the Most High, the Almighty.**

53 A Song of the Blessed

Refrain:

All **Rejoice and be glad
for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

- 1 Blessed are the poor in spirit, ♦
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 2 Blessed are those who mourn, ♦
for they shall be comforted.
- 3 Blessed are the meek, ♦
for they shall inherit the earth.
- 4 Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst after righteousness, ♦
for they shall be satisfied.
- 5 Blessed are the merciful, ♦
for they shall obtain mercy.
- 6 Blessed are the pure in heart, ♦
for they shall see God.
- 7 Blessed are the peacemakers, ♦
for they shall be called children of God.
- 8 Blessed are those who suffer persecution
for righteousness' sake, ♦
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.3-10

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All **Rejoice and be glad
for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

54a Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

54b Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

Timothy Dudley-Smith
(Tune: 10 10 10 10, e.g. 'Woodlands')

54c Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

With Mary let my soul rejoice,
and praise God's holy name –
his saving love from first to last,
from age to age the same!

How strong his arm, how great his power!
the proud he will disown;
the meek and humble he exalts
to share his glorious throne.

The rich our God will send away
and feed the hungry poor;
the arms of love remain outstretched
at mercy's open door.

So shall God's promise be fulfilled,
to Israel firmly made:
a child is born, a Son is given
whose crown will never fade.

All glory to the Father, Son
and Spirit now proclaim;
with Mary let the world rejoice
and praise God's holy name!

David Mowbray
(Tune: CM, e.g. 'St Stephen')

55a *Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.68-79*

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

55b *Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

Now bless the God of Israel who comes in love and power,
who raises from the royal house deliv'rance in this hour.
Through holy prophets God has sworn to free us from alarm,
to save us from the heavy hand of all who wish us harm.

Remembering the covenant, God rescues us from fear,
that we might serve in holiness and peace from year to year.
And you, my child, shall go before, to preach, to prophesy,
that all may know the tender love, the grace of God most high.

In tender mercy, God will send the dayspring from on high,
our rising sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh.
God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more.
Sing praises to the Holy One, O worship and adore.

To God the Father, fount of grace, through his beloved Son,
with God their Spirit, bond of love, be glory ever One.

Ruth Duck

Doxology: James Quinn SJ
(Tune: DCM, e.g. 'Kingsfold')

55c *Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

Bless the Lord, the God of Israel,
who has come to set us free.
He has raised for us a Saviour
sprung from royal David's tree.
Through his prophets God had spoken
of the hope the Christ would bring;
of his faithfulness and mercy
let each generation sing.

Long ago God made a promise
he would set his people free,
that in all our life and worship
we might know true liberty,
to be holy, to be righteous
in his sight throughout our days;
now this child will be a herald
making ready all God's ways.

Let all people know salvation
through forgiveness of their sin,
as our God in his compassion
bids a shining dawn begin.
So may all who dwell in darkness
see the shadows disappear
while he guides our feet in pathways
where his peace is ever near.

To the Father be all glory
with the Spirit and the Son,
as it was, is now and shall be
while eternal ages run.

Anne Harrison
(Tune: 87 87 D, e.g. 'Corvedale')

56 *Nunc Dimittis* (The Song of Simeon)

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: ♦
your word has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation ♦
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
- 3 A light to reveal you to the nations ♦
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

57 A Song of the Justified

Refrain:

**All Our hope is not in vain,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts.**

- 1 God reckons as righteous those who believe, ♦
who believe in him who raised Jesus from the dead;
- 2 For Christ was handed over to death for our sins, ♦
and raised to life for our justification.
- 3 Since we are justified by faith, ♦
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4 Through Christ we have gained access
to the grace in which we stand, ♦
and rejoice in our hope of the glory of God.
- 5 We even exult in our sufferings, ♦
for suffering produces endurance,
- 6 And endurance brings hope, ♦
and our hope is not in vain,
- 7 Because God's love has been poured into our hearts, ♦
through the Holy Spirit, given to us.
- 8 God proves his love for us: ♦
while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.
- 9 Since we have been justified by his death, ♦
how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath.
- 10 Therefore, we exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ♦
in whom we have now received our reconciliation.

Romans 4.24,25; 5.1-5,8,9,11

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Our hope is not in vain,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts.**

58 A Song of God's Children

Refrain:

**All The Spirit of the Father,
who raised Christ Jesus from the dead,
gives life to the people of God.**

- 1 The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus ♦
has set us free from the law of sin and death.
- 2 All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God; ♦
for we have received the Spirit that enables us to cry, 'Abba, Father'.
- 3 The Spirit himself bears witness that we are children of God ♦
and if God's children, then heirs of God;
- 4 If heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Christ; ♦
since we suffer with him now, that we may be glorified with him.
- 5 These sufferings that we now endure ♦
are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed.
- 6 For the creation waits with eager longing ♦
for the revealing of the children of God. *Romans 8.2, 14, 15b-19*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All The Spirit of the Father,
who raised Christ Jesus from the dead,
gives life to the people of God.**

59 A Song of Divine Love

Refrain:

**All Love bears all things
and will never come to an end.**

- 1 Love is patient and kind, ♦
love is not jealous or boastful,
it is not arrogant or rude.
- 2 Love does not insist on its own way, ♦
it is not angry or resentful.
- 3 It does not rejoice in wrongdoing ♦
but rejoices in the truth.
- 4 Love bears all things and believes all things; ♦
love hopes all things and endures all things.
- 5 Love will never come to an end, ♦
but prophecy will vanish,
tongues cease and knowledge pass away.
- 6 Now we know only in part ♦
and we prophesy only in part,
- 7 But when the perfect comes, ♦
the partial shall pass away.
- 8 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, ♦
I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.
- 9 But when I became mature, ♦
I put an end to childish ways.
- 10 For now we see only puzzling reflections in a mirror, ♦
but then we will see face to face.
- 11 Now I know only in part; ♦
then I shall know fully,
even as I have been fully known.
- 12 There are three things that last for ever,
faith, hope and love, ♦
but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13.4-13

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All **Love bears all things
and will never come to an end.**

Refrain:

All **The glorious grace of God
is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

- 1 Blessed are you,
 the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ♦
for you have blest us in Christ Jesus
 with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
- 2 You chose us to be yours in Christ
 before the foundation of the world, ♦
that we should be holy and blameless before you.
- 3 In love you destined us for adoption as your children,
 through Jesus Christ, ♦
according to the purpose of your will,
- 4 To the praise of your glorious grace, ♦
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
- 5 In you, we have redemption
 through the blood of Christ, ♦
the forgiveness of our sins,
- 6 According to the riches of your grace, ♦
which you have lavished upon us.
- 7 You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, ♦
the mystery of your will,
- 8 According to your purpose
 which you set forth in Christ, ♦
as a plan for the fullness of time,
- 9 To unite all things in Christ, ♦
things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1.3-10

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All **The glorious grace of God
is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

61 The Song of Christ's Glory

Refrain:

**All At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.**

- 1 Christ Jesus was in the form of God, ♦
but he did not cling to equality with God.
- 2 He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, ♦
and was born in our human likeness.
- 3 Being found in human form he humbled himself, ♦
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
- 4 Therefore God has highly exalted him, ♦
and bestowed on him the name above every name,
- 5 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, ♦
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;
- 6 And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, ♦
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.**

62 A Song of Redemption

Refrain:

**All Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.**

- 1 The Father has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, ♦
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son;
- 2 In whom we have redemption, ♦
the forgiveness of our sins.
- 3 He is the image of the invisible God, ♦
the firstborn of all creation.
- 4 For in him all things were created, ♦
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.
- 5 All things were created through him and for him, ♦
he is before all things and in him all things hold together.
- 6 He is the head of the body, the Church, ♦
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.
- 7 In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell; ♦
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things.

Colossians 1.13-18a,19,20a

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.**

63 A Song of Christ's Appearing

Refrain:

**All Christ was believed in throughout the world
and taken up in glory.**

- 1 Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh ♦
and vindicated in the spirit.
- 2 He was seen by angels ♦
and proclaimed among the nations.
- 3 Believed in throughout the world, ♦
he was taken up in glory.
- 4 This will be made manifest at the proper time ♦
by the blessed and only Sovereign,
- 5 Who alone has immortality, ♦
and dwells in unapproachable light.

**All To the King of kings and Lord of lords ♦
be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.**

1 Timothy 3.16; 6.15,16

**All Christ was believed in throughout the world
and taken up in glory.**

64 A Song of God's Assembled

Refrain:

**All We have come before the throne of God
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

- 1 We have come before God's holy mountain, ♦
to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.
- 2 We have come before countless angels making festival, ♦
before the assembly of the firstborn citizens of heaven.
- 3 We have come before God, who is judge of all, ♦
before the spirits of the just made perfect.
- 4 We have come before Jesus, ♦
the mediator of the new covenant.
- 5 We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken: ♦
so let us give thanks and offer to God acceptable worship,
- 6 Full of reverence and awe; ♦
for our God is a consuming fire. *Hebrews 12.22-24a,28,29*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All We have come before the throne of God
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

65 A Song of Faith

Refrain:

All God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain.

- 1 Blessed be the God and Father ♦
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- 2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope ♦
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, ♦
kept in heaven for you,
- 4 Who are being protected by the power of God through faith, ♦
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 5 You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors ♦
not with perishable things like silver or gold
- 6 But with the precious blood of Christ ♦
like that of a lamb without spot or stain.
- 7 Through him you have confidence in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, ♦
so that your faith and hope are set on God. *1 Peter 1.3-5,18,19,21*

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

All God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain.

66 A Song of Christ the Servant

Refrain:

**All Christ committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips.**

- 1 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, ♦
that you should follow in his steps.
- 2 He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, ♦
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.
- 3 When he suffered, he did not threaten, ♦
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.
- 4 Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, ♦
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
- 5 By his wounds, you have been healed,
for you were straying like sheep, ♦
but have now returned
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. *1 Peter 2.21b-25*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Christ committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips.**

67 A Song of Repentance

Refrain:

**All Tell the good news of Jesus the Christ
to all who are searching for redemption.**

- 1 This is the message we have heard from Christ
and proclaim to you: ♦
that God is light,
in whom there is no darkness at all.
- 2 If we say that we have fellowship with God
while we walk in darkness, ♦
we lie and do not do what is true.
- 3 But if we walk in the light
as God is in the light, ♦
we have fellowship with one another.
- 4 And the blood of Jesus, the Son of God, ♦
cleanses us from all our sins.
- 5 If we say that we have no sin, ♦
we deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us.
- 6 If we confess our sins, ♦
the One who is faithful and just will forgive us
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1.5-9

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Tell the good news of Jesus the Christ
to all who are searching for redemption.**

68 A Song of God's Love

Refrain:

All God's love was revealed among us
so that we might live through Jesus.

1 Beloved, let us love one another,
for love is of God; ♦
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

2 Whoever does not love does not know God, ♦
for God is love.

3 In this the love of God was revealed among us, ♦
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.

4 In this is love,
not that we loved God but that he loved us, ♦
and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

5 Beloved, since God loved us so much, ♦
we ought also to love one another.

6 For if we love one another, God abides in us, ♦
and God's love will be perfected in us.

1 John 4.7-11, 12b

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

All God's love was revealed among us
so that we might live through Jesus.

69 A Song of Praise

This Canticle is also known as Glory and Honour.

Refrain:

**All You created all things, O God,
and are worthy of our praise for ever.**

- 1 You are worthy, our Lord and God, ♦
to receive glory and honour and power.
- 2 For you have created all things, ♦
and by your will they have their being.
- 3 You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, ♦
and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and nation.
- 4 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests
serving our God, ♦
and they will reign with you on earth. *Revelation 4.11; 5.9b,10*

**All To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**All You created all things, O God,
and are worthy of our praise for ever.**

Refrain:

All **Salvation belongs to our God,
who will guide us to springs of living water.**

- 1 Behold, a great multitude ♦
which no one could number,
- 2 From every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and tongues, ♦
standing before the throne and the Lamb.
- 3 They were clothed in white robes
and had palms in their hands, ♦
and they cried with a loud voice, saying,
- 4 'Salvation belongs to our God
who sits on the throne, ♦
and to the Lamb.'
- 5 These are they
who have come out of the great tribulation, ♦
they have washed their robes
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb;
- 6 Therefore they stand before the throne of God, ♦
whom they serve day and night within the temple.
- 7 And the One who sits upon the throne ♦
will shelter them with his presence.
- 8 They shall never again feel hunger or thirst, ♦
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
- 9 For the Lamb at the heart of the throne ♦
will be their Shepherd,
- 10 He will guide them to springs of living water, ♦
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7.9,10,14b-17

All **To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

All **Salvation belongs to our God,
who will guide us to springs of living water.**

71 Great and Wonderful

Refrain:

All All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,
and share in the feast of your kingdom.

1 Great and wonderful are your deeds, ♦
Lord God the Almighty.

2 Just and true are your ways, ♦
O ruler of the nations.

3 Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord? ♦
for you alone are holy.

4 All nations shall come and worship in your presence: ♦
for your just dealings have been revealed. *Revelation 15.3,4*

All To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.

All All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,
and share in the feast of your kingdom.

72 A Song of the Lamb

Refrain:

**All Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.**

- 1 Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ♦
whose judgements are true and just.
- 2 Praise our God, all you his servants, ♦
all who fear him, both small and great.
- 3 The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns: ♦
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.
- 4 For the marriage of the Lamb has come ♦
and his bride has made herself ready.
- 5 Blessed are those who are invited ♦
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb. *Revelation 19.1b,2a,5b,6b,7,9b*

**All To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**All Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.**

73 A Song of the Holy City

Refrain:

**All I saw the holy city
coming down out of heaven from God.**

- 1 I saw a new heaven and a new earth, ♦
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away
and the sea was no more.
- 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God, ♦
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, ♦
'Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals.
- 4 'He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples, ♦
and God himself will be with them.
- 5 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes, ♦
and death shall be no more.
- 6 'Neither shall there be mourning,
nor crying, nor pain any more, ♦
for the former things have passed away.'
- 7 And the One who sat upon the throne said, ♦
'Behold, I make all things new.'

Revelation 21.1-5a

**All To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**All I saw the holy city
coming down out of heaven from God.**

74 A Song of the Heavenly City

Refrain:

All By the river stood the tree of life,
with healing for all the nations.

- 1 I saw no temple in the city, ♦
for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty
and the Lamb.
- 2 And the city has no need of sun or moon
to shine upon it, ♦
for the glory of God is its light,
and its lamp is the Lamb.
- 3 By its light the nations shall walk, ♦
and the rulers of the earth
shall bring their glory into it.
- 4 Its gates shall never be shut by day,
nor shall there be any night; ♦
they shall bring into it
the glory and honour of the nations.
- 5 I saw the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal, ♦
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- 6 And either side of the river stood the tree of life,
yielding its fruit each month, ♦
and the leaves of the tree
were for the healing of the nations.
- 7 The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be there,
and his servants shall worship him; ♦
and they shall see his face
and his name shall be on their foreheads.

Revelation 21.22-26; 22.1,2b,d,3b,4

All To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.

All By the river stood the tree of life,
with healing for all the nations.

75 A Song of the Spirit

Refrain:

**All Surely I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

- 1 'Behold, I am coming soon', says the Lord,
 'and bringing my reward with me, ♦
to give to everyone according to their deeds.
- 2 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, ♦
the beginning and the end.'
- 3 Blessed are those who do God's commandments,
 that they may have the right to the tree of life, ♦
and may enter into the city through the gates.
- 4 'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, ♦
with this testimony for all the churches.
- 5 'I am the root and the offspring of David, ♦
I am the bright morning star.'
- 6 'Come!' say the Spirit and the Bride; ♦
'Come!' let each hearer reply.
- 7 Come forward, you who are thirsty, ♦
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

Revelation 22.12-14, 16, 17

**All To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**All Surely I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

76 The Easter Anthems

- 1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: ♦
so let us celebrate the feast,
- 2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: ♦
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8
- 3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: ♦
death has no more dominion over him.
- 4 In dying he died to sin once for all: ♦
in living he lives to God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: ♦
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Romans 6.9-11*
- 6 Christ has been raised from the dead: ♦
the first fruits of those who sleep.
- 7 For as by man came death: ♦
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
- 8 for as in Adam all die: ♦
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. *1 Corinthians 15.20-22*

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

¶ Other Canticles

77 Phos Hilaron – A Song of the Light

O gladdening light,
of the holy glory of the immortal Father
heavenly, holy, blessed,
O Jesus Christ.

Now that we have come to the setting of the sun
and see the evening light
we give praise to God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Worthy are you at all times
to be worshipped with holy voices,
O Son of God and giver of life:
therefore all the world glorifies you.

For an alternative version, see page 110.

78 Gloria in Excelsis – A Song of God's Glory

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

79 *Te Deum Laudamus* – A Song of the Church

- 1 We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;
- 2 all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.
- 3 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
- 4 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
- 5 The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
- 6 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
- 7 **Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**
- 8 You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
- 9 When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
- 10 You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
- 11 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
- 12 **Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

The canticle may end here.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

All Govern and uphold them now and always.

Day by day we bless you.

All We praise your name for ever.

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.

All Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy,

All for we have put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope:

All let us never be put to shame.

80 *A Song of Ephrem the Syrian*

- 1 Behold: Fire and Spirit in the womb that bore you: ♦
Behold: Fire and Spirit in the river where you were baptized.
- 2 Fire and Spirit in our baptism: ♦
In the Bread and the Cup, Fire and Holy Spirit.
- 3 In your Bread is hidden a Spirit not to be eaten, ♦
In your Wine dwells a Fire not to be drunk.
- 4 Spirit in your Bread, Fire in your Wine, ♦
A wonder set apart, yet received by our lips.
- 5 How wonderful your footsteps, walking on the waters! ♦
You subdued the great sea beneath your feet.
- 6 Yet to a little stream you subjected your head, ♦
Bending down to be baptized in it.
- 7 The stream was like John who performed the baptism in it, ♦
In their smallness each an image of the other.
- 8 To the stream so little, to the servant so weak, ♦
The Lord of them both subjected himself.

81 *Salus Aeterna – Saviour Eternal*

Saviour eternal,
life of the world unfailing,
light everlasting
and our true redemption.

Taking our humanity
in your loving freedom,
you rescued our lost earth
and filled the world with joy.

By your first advent justify us,
by your second, set us free:
that when the great light dawns
and you come as judge of all,
we may be robed in immortality
and ready, Lord, to follow
in your footsteps blest, wherever they may lead.

after the Advent Sequence

82 A Song of Anselm

- 1 Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; ♦
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
- 2 Often you weep over our sins and our pride, ♦
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.
- 3 You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, ♦
in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.
- 4 Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life; ♦
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.
- 5 Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; ♦
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
- 6 Your warmth gives life to the dead, ♦
your touch makes sinners righteous.
- 7 Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; ♦
in your love and tenderness remake us.
- 8 In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, ♦
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

from Anselm of Canterbury

83 *Victimae Paschali – A Song of the Resurrection*

Come, Christians, bring your sacrifice of praise
to Jesus Christ, our conquering victim and our Easter king.
Jesus, the sinless lamb, has saved the sinful flock
and reconciled us to the Father.

All **Death and life have wrestled
in a wondrous fight,
the leader of the living
fell to the powers of night
dead, yet he reigns in power
his strange victory to share.**

Speak, Mary, friend of Christ,
what did you see on sorrow's road?
Tell us your story.

All **'I saw the tomb of the living Christ.
I saw his resurrection glory.
I saw the witnessing angels.
I saw the head-cloth and the shroud.
Christ my hope has risen,
and goes before his own to Galilee.'**

Trust Mary, believers,
for only she has truth to tell,
unlike the falsifying crowd
of rumour-makers and deceivers.

All **We know that Christ is truly risen,
defeating death and hell's dark thrall,
so conquering king, have mercy on us all.
Alleluia.**

after the Easter Sequence

84 A Song of Francis of Assisi

- 1 Most High, all powerful, good Lord, ♦
to you be praise, glory, honour and all blessing.
- 2 Only to you, Most High, do they belong ♦
and no one is worthy to call upon your name.
- 3 May you be praised, my Lord, with all your creatures,
especially brother sun, ♦
through whom you lighten the day for us.
- 4 He is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; ♦
he signifies you, O Most High.
- 5 Be praised, my Lord, for sister moon and the stars: ♦
clear and precious and lovely, they are formed in heaven.
- 6 Be praised, my Lord, for brother wind; ♦
for air and clouds, clear skies and all weathers,
by which you give sustenance to your creatures.
- 7 Be praised, my Lord, for sister water, ♦
who is very useful and humble and precious and pure.
- 8 Be praised, my Lord, for brother fire,
by whom the night is illumined for us: ♦
he is beautiful and cheerful, full of power and strength.
- 9 Be praised, my Lord, for our sister, mother earth,
who sustains and governs us ♦
and produces diverse fruits
and coloured flowers and grass.
- 10 Be praised, my Lord, by all those who forgive for love of you ♦
and who bear weakness and tribulation.
- 11 Blessed are those who bear them in peace: ♦
for you, Most High, they will be crowned.
- 12 Be praised, my Lord, for our sister, the death of the body, ♦
from which no one living is able to flee;
woe to those who are dying in mortal sin.
- 13 Blessed are those who are found doing your most holy will, ♦
for the second death will do them no harm.
- 14 Praise and bless my Lord and give him thanks ♦
and serve him with great humility.

85 *Veni Sancte Spiritus – Come, Holy Spirit*

Come, Holy Spirit;
send down from heaven's height
your radiant light.

Come, lamp of every heart,
come, parent of the poor;
all gifts are yours.

Comforter beyond all comforting,
sweet unexpected guest,
sweetly refresh.

Rest in hard labour,
coolness in heavy heat,
hurt souls' relief.

Refill the secret hearts
of your faithful,
O most blessed light.

Without your holy power
nothing can bear your light,
nothing is free from sin.

Wash all that is filthy,
water all that is parched,
heal what is hurt within.

Bend all that is rigid,
warm all that has frozen hard,
lead back the lost.

Give to your faithful ones,
who come in simple trust,
your sevenfold mystery.

Give virtue its reward,
give, in the end, salvation
and joy that has no end.

after the Golden Sequence

86 A Song of Julian of Norwich

- 1 God chose to be our mother in all things ♦
and so made the foundation of his work,
most humble and most pure,
in the Virgin's womb.
- 2 God, the perfect wisdom of all, ♦
arrayed himself in this humble place.
- 3 Christ came in our poor flesh ♦
to share a mother's care.
- 4 Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; ♦
our true mother, Jesus,
bears us for joy and endless life.
- 5 Christ carried us within him in love and travail, ♦
until the full time of his passion.
- 6 And when all was completed
and he had carried us so for joy, ♦
still all this could not satisfy
the power of his wonderful love.
- 7 All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, ♦
for the love of Christ works in us;
Christ is the one whom we love.

87 *Saviour of the World*

- 1 Jesus, Saviour of the world,
 come to us in your mercy: ♦
we look to you to save and help us.
- 2 By your cross and your life laid down,
 you set your people free: ♦
we look to you to save and help us.
- 3 When they were ready to perish, you saved your disciples: ♦
we look to you to come to our help.
- 4 In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our chains, ♦
forgive the sins of all your people.
- 5 Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer; ♦
save and help us that we may praise you.
- 6 Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus: ♦
hear our prayer and be with us always.
- 7 And when you come in your glory: ♦
make us to be one with you
 and to share the life of your kingdom.

