

*Collection of Psalms and Hymns (1737)*¹

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Editorial Introduction:

This collection grew out of the worship practice of the Oxford Methodists and John Wesley's pastoral practice in Georgia, where he encouraged supplementing Sunday worship with fasting and private worship on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Creation of the collection was possibly suggested by a collection published anonymously ten years earlier for distribution by the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.² Given his active involvement with the SPCK, including distributing their books in his Georgia parish, Wesley likely knew this work. He would also have understood the anonymous collector's insistence (pp. 3–4) that the collection was designed for personal use outside of public services, since the Church of England discouraged singing anything beyond the approved psalms in formal worship. Wesley surely hoped that his own collection would find such use, but he had also cautiously begun introducing hymns in formal worship—particularly during the communion service.³ His ultimate goal in this and all subsequent volumes with the same title was to supplement broadly Anglican patterns of worship, in both Sunday and other settings. This purpose found its most formal expression in 1784, as Wesley prepared resources for the newly organized Methodist Episcopal Church in North America. Among the items Wesley sent over was the *Sunday Service*, a slight abridgement of the *Book of Common Prayer* of the Church of England. He appended to the *Sunday Service* a version of the *Collection of Psalms and Hymns* series focused specifically on Sunday worship—*CPH* (1784).

Wesley published this initial collection anonymously. An introduction to its production is provided in Robert Stevenson, "John Wesley's First Hymn-book," *Patterns of Protestant Church Music* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 1953).

None of the pieces in the collection are original to John Wesley, but he translated five from the German and altered or adapted nearly all of the others. For some indication of the type of revisions that Wesley made in his sources see Frank Baker, "The Sources of John Wesley's *Collection of Psalms and Hymns*, Charleston, 1737," *Proceedings of the Wesley Historical Society* 31 (1957–58): 186–93.

Wesley never reprinted this collection in its current form. However he included nearly two thirds of the items (44/70) in the enlarged *Collection of Psalms and Hymns* (1741), while placing 17 items in the alternative *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (1739).

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²A *Collection of Psalms and Divine Hymns, Suited to the great Festivals of the Church, for Morning and Evening and other Occasions* (London: J. Downing, 1727).

³See Carlton R. Young, *Music of the Heart* (Carol Stream, IL: Hope Publishing, 1995), 39–41. This novel practice was one of the charges laid against Wesley by some in the congregation in Georgia; see *Works*, 18:555.

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**Psalms and Hymns
For Sunday.**

**1.
Psalm 33.⁴**

- 1 Ye holy souls, in God rejoice,
Your Maker's praise becomes your voice:
Great is your theme, your songs be new
Sing of his name, his word, his ways,
His works of nature and of grace,
How wise and holy, just and true!
- 2 Justice and truth he ever loves,
And the whole earth his goodness proves;
His word the heavenly arches spread:
How wide they shine from north to south!
And by the spirit of his mouth
Were all the starry armies made.
- 3 Thou gatherest the wide-flowing seas;
Those wat'ry treasures know their place
In the vast storehouse of the deep:
He spake, and gave all nature birth;
And fires and seas and heaven and earth
His everlasting orders keep.
- 4 Let mortals tremble and adore
A God of such resistless power,
Nor dare indulge their feeble rage:
Vain are your thoughts and weak your hands,
But his eternal counsel stands,
And rules the world from age to age.

⁴Source: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* (London: Clark, Ford & Cruttenden, 1719), 88–89.

2.
Psalm 46.⁵

- 1 On God supreme our hope depends,
Whose omnipresent sight
Even to the pathless realms extends
Of uncreated night.
- 2 Plunged in the abyss of deep distress
To him we raised our cry:
His mercy bade our sorrows cease
And filled our tongue with joy.
- 3 Though earth her ancient seat forsake,
By pangs convulsive torn,
Though her self-balanced fabric shake
And ruined nature mourn:
- 4 Though hills be in the ocean lost
With all their trembling load,
No fear shall e'er disturb the just,
Or shake his trust in God.
- 5 Nations remote and realms unknown
In vain resist his sway;
For lo! Jehovah's voice is shown
And earth shall melt away.
- 6 Let war's devouring surges rise
And swell on every side:
The Lord of hosts our safeguard is,
And Jacob's God our guide.

3.
Psalm 47.⁶

- 1 O for a shout of sacred joy
To God the sovereign King!

⁵Source: David Lewis, ed., *Miscellaneous Poems* (London: J. Watts, 1726), 255–56. By Henry Pitt, sent by John Wesley to Lewis; cf. Wesley, *Works*, 25:195–97.

⁶Source: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* (London: Clark, Ford & Cruttenden, 1719), 124–25.

- Let every land their tongues employ,
And hymns of triumph sing.
- 2 Jesus our God ascends on high;
His heavenly guards around
Attend him rising through the sky,
With trumpet's joyful sound.
- 3 While angels shout and praise their king,
Let mortals learn their strains:
Let all the earth his honours sing;
O'er all the earth he reigns.
- 4 Rehearse his praise with awe profound,
Let knowledge guide the song.
Nor mock him with a solemn sound
Upon a thoughtless tongue.
- 5 In Israel stood his ancient throne,
He lov'd that chosen race;
But now he calls the world his own.
And heathens taste his grace.
- 6 Remotest nations are the Lord's;
There Abraham's God is known:
While powers and princes, shields and swords
Bow down before his throne.

4.
Psalm 100.⁷

- 1 Before Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy.
Know that the Lord is God alone;
He can create, and he destroy.
- 2 His sovereign power without our aid
Made us of clay and formed us men;
And when like wand'ring sheep we strayed
He brought us to his fold again.

⁷Source: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* (London: Clark, Ford & Cruttenden, 1719), 256–57 (stanzas 2 alt., 3, 5, 6).

- 3 We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,
High as the heavens our voices raise;
And earth with her ten thousand tongues
Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.
- 4 Wide as the world is thy command.
Vast as eternity thy love:
Firm as a rock thy truth must stand
When rolling years shall cease to move.

5.
Psalm 113.⁸

- 1 Ye priests of God, whose happy days
Are spent in your Creator's praise,
 Still more and more his fame express!
Ye pious worshippers proclaim
With shouts of joy his holy name;
 Nor satisfied with praising, bless.
- 2 Let God's high praises still resound,
Beyond old time's too scanty bound
 And through eternal ages pierce,
From where the sun first gilds the streams
To where he sets with purpled beams,
 Through all the wide-stretched universe.
- 3 The various tribes of earth obey
Thy awful and imperial sway;
 Nor earth thy sovereign power confines;
Above the sun's all-cheering light
Above the stars and far more bright
 Thy pure essential glory shines.
- 4 What mortal formed of fading clay,
What native of eternal day
 Can with the God of heaven compare?
Yet angels round thy glorious throne

⁸Source: Samuel Wesley Sr., *The Pious Communicant Rightly Prepared* (London: Charles Harper, 1700), 251–53 (stanzas 1–5; doxology in stanza 6 is new).

Thou stoop'st to view: nor they alone;
Even earth-born men thy goodness share.

5 The poor thou liftest from the dust;
The sinner, if in thee he trust,
From depths of guilt and shame thou'lt raise,
That he in peace and safety placed
With power and love and wisdom graced
May sing aloud his Saviour's praise.

6 To Father, Son and Holy-Ghost
The God whom heaven's triumphant host
And suffering saints on earth adore,
Be glory as in ages past,
As now it is and so shall last
When earth and heaven shall be no more.

6.
Part of Psalm 115.⁹

1 Not unto us: we all disclaim:
Glory alone to God's great name
Whose truth shall stand forever fast,
Whose love to endless ages last.

2 Thou reignest, Lord, enthroned above!
Yet dost thy humble sons approve:
Thou all events disposest still;
For all obey thy sovereign will.

3 The silent dead no praises give:
But we who by thy mercy live,
While we have breath wilt offerings bring,
And grateful hallelujahs sing.

4 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be honour, praise and glory given,
By all on earth and all in heaven.

⁹Source: Samuel Wesley Sr., *The Pious Communicant Rightly Prepared* (London: Charles Harper, 1700), 254–57 (stanzas 1, 3, 14); stanza 4 from Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 312 (Book 3, no. 32).

7.
Psalm 116.¹⁰

- 1 O thou, who when I did complain,
Didst all my griefs remove,
O Saviour, do not now disdain
My humble praise and love.
- 2 Since thou a pitying ear didst give
And hear me when I prayed,
I'll call upon thee while I live,
And never doubt thy aid.
- 3 Pale death with all his ghastly train
My soul encompassed round,
Anguish and sin, and dread and pain
On every side I found.
- 4 To thee, O Lord of life, I prayed
And did for succour flee:
O save (in my distress I said)
The soul that trusts in thee!
- 5 How good thou art! How large thy grace!
How easy to forgive!
The helpless thou delight'st to raise:
And by thy love I live.
- 6 Then, O my soul, be never more
With anxious thoughts distressed,
God's bounteous love doth thee restore
To ease and joy and rest.
- 7 My eyes no longer drowned in tears
My feet from falling free,
Redeemed from death and guilty fears
O Lord, I'll live to thee!

¹⁰Source: Samuel Wesley Sr., *The Pious Communicant Rightly Prepared* (London: Charles Harper, 1700), 257–59 (stanzas 1–7).

8.
Psalm 117.¹¹

- 1 Ye nations, who the globe divide,
Ye numerous nations scattered wide,
 To God your grateful voices raise:
To all his boundless mercy's¹² shown,
His truth to endless ages known
 Require our endless love and praise.
- 2 To him who reigns enthroned on high,
To his dear Son, who deigned to die,
 Our guilt and errors to remove;
To that blest Spirit who grace imparts,
Who rules in all believing hearts,
 Be ceaseless glory, praise and love!

9.
Psalm 146.¹³

- 1 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath
And when my voice is lost in death
 Praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
While life and thought and being last,
 Or immortality endures.
- 2 Happy the man whose hopes rely
On Israel's God: he made the sky
 And earth and seas with all their train:
His truth forever stands secure;
He saves th' oppressed; he feeds the poor,
 And none shall find his promise vain.
- 3 The Lord pours eyesight on the blind,
The Lord supports the fainting mind,
 He sends the labouring conscience peace,

¹¹Source: Samuel Wesley Sr., *The Pious Communicant Rightly Prepared* (London: Charles Harper, 1700), 259–60.

¹²Ori., “mercies”; corrected in *HSP* (1739), 139.

¹³Source: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* (London: Clark, Ford & Cruttenden, 1719), 384–85 (stanzas 1, 3, 4 alt., 6).

He helps the stranger in distress,
The widow and the fatherless,
And grants the prisoner sweet¹⁴ release.

- 4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath,
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers:
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
While life and thought and being last,
Or immortality endures.

10.
Psalm 147.¹⁵

- 1 Praise ye the Lord: 'tis good to raise
Our hearts and voices in his praise,
His nature and his works invite
To make this duty our delight.
- 2 He formed the stars, those heavenly flames
He counts their numbers, calls their names
His wisdom's vast and knows no bound,
A deep where all our thoughts are drowned.
- 3 Great is the Lord and great his might
And all his glory's infinite
He crowns the meek, rewards the just,
And treads the wicked to the dust.
- 4 Sing to the Lord exalt him high,
Who spreads his clouds around the sky,
There he prepares the fruitful rain,
Nor lets the drops descend in vain.
- 5 He makes the grass the hills adorn
And clothes the smiling fields with corn.
The beasts with food his hands supply
And the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁴Ori., "sweat"; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1741), 89.

¹⁵Source: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* (London: Clark, Ford & Cruttenden, 1719), 385–86 (omitting stanza 2; and adding Thomas Ken's doxology, originally st. 14 of "A Morning Hymn" in *A Manual of Prayers*, revised edition (London: Charles Brome, 1695), 145.

- 6 What is the creature's skill or force?
 The spritely man or warlike horse?
 The piercing wit, the active limb?
 All are too mean delights for him.
- 7 But saints are lovely in his sight
 He views his children with delight:
 He sees their hope, he knows their fear,
 And looks and loves his image there.
- 8 Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise him all creatures here below:
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

11.

Hymn to God the Father.¹⁶

- 1 Hail, Father, whose creating call
 Unnumbered worlds attend,
 Jehovah, comprehending all,
 Whom none can comprehend!
- 2 In light unsearchable enthroned
 Which angels dimly see;
 The fountain of the Godhead owned
 And foremost of the Three.
- 3 From thee through an eternal now,
 The Son, thine offspring, flowed;
 An everlasting Father thou,
 As everlasting God.
- 4 Nor quite displayed to worlds above,
 Nor quite on earth concealed:
 By wondrous, unexhausted love
 To mortal man revealed.

¹⁶Source: Samuel Wesley Jr., "Hymn to God the Father," *Weekly Miscellany* 85 (July 27, 1734), 2; reprinted in *Poems on Several Occasions* (London: E. Say, 1736), 1–3.

- 5 Supreme and all-sufficient God,
When nature shall expire
And worlds created by thy nod
Shall perish by thy fire.
- 6 Thy name Jehovah be adored
By creatures without end,
Whom none but thy essential Word
And Spirit comprehend.

12.
Hymn to God the Son.¹⁷

- 1 Hail, God the Son, in glory crowned
Ere time began to be,
Throned with thy Sire through half the round
Of wide eternity!
- 2 Let heaven and earth's stupendous frame
Display their author's power,
And each exalted seraph flame,
Creator, thee adore!
- 3 Thy wondrous love the Godhead showed
Contracted to a span,
The coeternal Son of God,
The mortal Son of man.
- 4 To save mankind from lost estate,
Behold his life-blood stream!
Hail, Lord Almighty to create!
Almighty to redeem!
- 5 The Mediator's Godlike sway,
His church beneath sustains:
Till nature shall her judge survey
The King Messiah reigns.

¹⁷Source: Samuel Wesley Jr., "Hymn to God the Son," *Weekly Miscellany* 87 (Aug. 10, 1734), 2; reprinted in *Poems on Several Occasions* (London: E. Say, 1736), 3–4.

- 6 Hail with essential glory crowned
When time shall cease to be,
Throned with thy¹⁸ Father through the round
Of whole eternity!

**13.
Hymn to God the Holy-Ghost.¹⁹**

- 1 Hail, Holy-Ghost, Jehovah, third
In order of the Three;
Sprung from the Father and the Word
From all eternity.
- 2 Thy Spirit brooding o'er th' abyss
Of formless²⁰ waters lay,
Spoke into order all that is,
And darkness into day.
- 3 In deepest hell or heaven's height
Thy presence who can fly?
Known is the Father to thy sight,
Th' abyss of deity.
- 4 Thy power through Jesus' life displayed
Quite from the virgin's womb,
Dying his soul an offering made,
And raised him from the tomb.
- 5 God's image which our sins destroy
Thy grace restores below.
And truth and holiness and joy
From thee, their fountain, flow.
- 6 Hail, Holy Ghost, Jehovah, third
In order of the Three,
Sprung from the Father and the Word
From all eternity.

¹⁸Ori., "the"; corrected to agree with Samuel's published form in *CPH* (1743), 124.

¹⁹Source: Samuel Wesley Jr., "Hymn to God the Holy Ghost," *Weekly Miscellany* 88 (Aug. 17, 1734), 2; reprinted in *Poems on Several Occasions* (London: E. Say, 1736), 4–6.

²⁰Ori., "firmless"; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1741), 98.

14.
Hymn to the Trinity.²¹

- 1 Hail, holy, holy, holy Lord!
Be endless praise to thee!
Supreme, essential One, adored
In coeternal Three.
- 2 Enthroned in everlasting state
Ere time its round began,
Who joined in council to create
The dignity of man.
- 3 To whom Isaiah's vision showed
The seraphs veil their wings,
While thee, Jehovah, Lord and God
Th' angelic army sings.
- 4 To thee by mystic powers on high
Were humble praises given,
When John beheld with favoured eye
Th' inhabitants of heaven.
- 5 All that the name of creature owns
To thee in hymns aspire:
May we as angels on our thrones
Forever join the choir!
- 6 Hail, holy, holy, holy Lord!
Be endless praise to thee;
Supreme, essential One, adored
In coeternal Three.

15.
God's Eternity.²²

- 1 Rise, O my soul and leave the ground,
Stretch all thy thoughts abroad,

²¹Source: Samuel Wesley Jr., "Hymn to the Trinity," *Weekly Miscellany*, 89 (Aug. 24, 1734), 2; reprinted in *Poems on Several Occasions* (London: E. Say, 1736), 6–7.

²²Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 143 (Book 2, no. 17).

And rouse up every tuneful sound
To praise th' eternal God.

- 2 Long ere the lofty skies were spread
Jehovah filled his throne;
Ere Adam formed or angels made
The Maker lived alone.
- 3 Thy boundless years can ne'er decrease,
But still maintain their prime,
Eternity's thy dwelling place,
And ever is thy time.
- 4 While like a tide our minutes flow,
The present and the past,
He fills his own immortal now
And sees our ages waste.
- 5 The sea and sky must perish too
And vast destruction come;
The creatures, look how old they grow!
And wait their fiery doom.
- 6 Well, let the sea waste all away,
And flame melt down the skies,
My God shall live an endless day,
When th' old creation dies.

16.
From the German.²³

- 1 O God, thou bottomless abyss,
Thee to perfection who can know?
O height immense! What words suffice
Thy countless attributes to show!
Unfathomable depths thou art!
I plunge me in thy mercy's sea;
Void of true wisdom is my heart:

²³Source: Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, ed. *Das Gesang-Buch der Gemeinde in Herrn-Huth* ([Herrnhut]: Wäsen-hause, 1735), 8–10 (#9, by Ernst Lange).

With love embrace and cover me.
While thee, all-infinite, I set
 Before my ravished eye,
My weakness bends beneath the weight:
 I sink, I faint, I die!

2 Eternity thy fountain was,
Which like thee, no beginning knew;
Thou wast ere time began his race,
Ere glowed with stars th' eternal blue.²⁴
Greatness unspeakable is thine
Greatness whose undiminished ray
When short-lived worlds are lost, shall shine,
When earth and heaven are fled away.
Unchangeable, all perfect Lord,
 Of life the boundless sea,
What lives and moves, lives by thy word
 What is, is all from thee!

3 Thy parent hand, thy forming skill
Firm fixed this universal chain:
Else empty, barren darkness still
Had held his unmolested reign.
Whate'er in earth, or sea, or sky
Or shuns or meets the wand'ring thought
Escapes or strikes the searching eye,
By thee was to perfection brought.
High is thy power above all height:
 Whate'er thou will'st is done:
Thy wisdom equal to thy might
 Only to thee is known.

4 Heaven's glory is thy awful throne,
Yet earth partakes thy gracious sway;
Vain man! Thy wisdom, folly own:
Lost is thy reason's feeble ray.
What his dim eye could never see
Is plain and naked to thy sight;

²⁴Ori., "blew"; corrected in *HSP* (1739), 162.

What thickest darkness veils, to thee
Shines clearly as the morning light.
In light thou dwell'st: light that no shade
 No changes ever knew:
And heaven above and hell beneath
 Are open to thy view.

5 Thou, true and only God, lead'st forth
 Th' immortal armies of the sky:
 Thou laugh'st to scorn the gods of earth;
 Thou thunder'st, and amazed they fly.
 With downcast eye th' angelic choir
 Appear before thy awful face,
 Trembling they strike the golden lyre
 And through heaven's vault resound thy praise.
 In earth, air, skies, in all thou art:
 Creation feels thy nod,
 Whose hand impressed on every part
 The image of its God.

6 Thine, Lord, is wisdom, thine alone;
 Justice and truth before thee stand:
 Yet nearer to thy sacred throne
 Mercy withholds thy lifted hand.
 Each evening shows thy tender love,
 Each rising morn thy plenteous grace;
 Thy wakened wrath doth slowly move;
 Thy willing mercy flies a pace.
 Father, to thy indulgent care
 This light, this breath we owe:
 And all we have, and all we are,
 From thee, great fountain, flow.

7 Parent of good, thy bounteous hand
 Incessant blessings down distills,
 And all in air or sea, or land
 With plenteous food and gladness fills.

All things in thee, live, move and are,
Thy power infused does all sustain;
Even those thy daily favours share
Who thankless spurn thy easy reign.
Thy sun thou bidd'st his genial ray
 On all impartial pour;
To all who hate or bless thy sway
 Thou send'st the fruitful show'r.

- 8 Yet while at length, who scorned thy might
Shall feel thee a consuming fire,
How sweet the joys, the crown how bright
Of those who to thy love aspire!
All creatures praise th' eternal name!
Ye hosts that to his courts belong,
Cherubic choirs, seraphic flames,
Awake the everlasting song.
Thrice holy, thine the kingdom is,
 Th' almighty power is thine,
And when created nature dies
 Thy ceaseless glories shine.

17.

Hymn to Christ.²⁵

- 1 Jesu, behold the wise from far,
Led to thy cradle by a star
 Bring gifts to thee, their God and King;
O guide us by thy light, that we
The way may find, and so to thee
 Our hearts, our all for tribute bring.
- 2 Jesu, the pure, the spotless Lamb,
Who to the temple humbly came,
 Duteous the legal rights to pay,
O make our proud, our stubborn will

²⁵Source: William Birchley [i.e., John Austin], *Devotions in the Ancient Way of Offices ... Reformed by a Person of Quality* [Susanna Hopton] and *Published by George Hickes* (London: for J. Jones, 1700), Hymn 31, stanzas 2–7 (pp. 330–31).

All thy wise, gracious laws fulfill,
What e'er rebellious nature say.

[3]²⁶ Jesu, who on the fatal wood
Pour'dst forth thy life's last drop of blood
Nailed to th' accursed shameful cross;
O may we bless thy love, and be
Ready, dear Lord, to bear for thee
All shame, all grief, all pain, all loss!

4 Jesu, who by thine own love slain,
By thine own power took'st life again
And Conqueror from the grave did'st rise,
O may thy death our hearts revive,
And at our death a new life give,
A glorious life that never dies.

5 Jesu, who to thy heaven again
Return'dst in triumph, there to reign
Of men and angels sovereign King,
O may our parting souls take flight
Up to that land of joy and light
And there forever grateful sing.

6 All glory to the sacred Three,
One undivided Deity,
All honour, power and love and praise;
Still may thy blessed name shine bright
In beams of uncreated light
Crowned with its own eternal rays.

18. Adoption.²⁷

1 Behold what wondrous grace
The Father hath bestowed
On sinners of a mortal race,
To call them sons of God!

²⁶Ori., "4"; a misprint.

²⁷Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 47–48 (Book 1, no. 64, omitting stanza 2).

- 2 Nor doth it yet appear
How great we shall be made
But when we see our Saviour here
We shall be like our head.
- 3 Lord, arm us with this hope
All trials to endure:
O purge our souls from sense and sin,
As thou our God art pure.
- 4 If in my Father's love
I share a²⁸ filial part,
Show'r down thy influence, Holy Dove,
And rest upon my heart.
- 5 We would no longer lie
Like slaves beneath thy throne:
O let us Abba, Father, cry
And thou the kindred own!

19.
The Christian Race.²⁹

- 1 Awake our souls (away our fears,
Let every trembling thought be gone)
Awake, and run the heavenly race
And put a cheerful courage on.
- 2 True, 'tis a straight and thorny road,
And mortal spirits tire and faint:
But we forget the mighty God,
That feeds the strength of every saint.
- 3 O mighty God thy matchless power
Is ever new, and ever young,
And firm endures while endless years
Their everlasting circles run.
- 4 From thee the overflowing spring

²⁸Ori. omitted the "a"; corrected in *CPH* (1741), 20.

²⁹Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 33–34 (Book 1, no. 48).

Our souls shall drink a fresh supply:
While such as trust their native strength
Shall melt away and droop and die.

- 5 Swift as an eagle cuts the air
We'll mount aloft to thine abode;
On wings of love our souls shall fly
Nor tire amidst the heavenly road!

20.
Praise.³⁰

- 1 O King of Glory, King of Peace,
Thee only will I love;
Thee that my love may never cease
Incessant will I move.
- 2 For thou hast granted my request,
For thou my cries hast heard;
Marked all the workings of my breast,
And hast in mercy spared.
- 3 Therefore with all my strength and art
Thy mercy will I sing:
To thee the tribute of my heart
My soul, my all I bring.
- 4 What though my sins against me cried
Thou didst the sinner spare:
In vain th' accuser loud replied;
For love had charmed thy ear.
- 5 The seven whole days, not one in seven,
Unwearied will I praise,
And in my heart as in thy heaven
Thy throne triumphant raise.
- 6 Softened and vanquished by my tears
Thou could'st no more withstand,

³⁰Source: George Herbert, *The Temple* (Cambridge: Buck & Daniel, 1633), 140 (#117), much altered.

But when stern justice called for fears
Disarmed her lifted hand.

- 7 Small is it in this humble sort
Thy mercy's fame to raise;
For even eternity's too short
To utter all thy praise!

21.

Christ's Humiliation and Exaltation.³¹

- 1 What equal honours shall we bring
To thee O Lord, our God the Lamb?
Since all the notes that angels sing
Are far inferior to thy name.
- 2 Worthy is he that once was slain,
The Prince of Peace that groaned and died,
Worthy to rise and live and reign
At his Almighty Father's side.
- 3 Power and dominion are his due
Who stood condemned at Pilate's bar:
Wisdom belongs to Jesus too,
Though he was charged with madness here.
- 4 Honour immortal must be paid
Instead of scandal and of scorn.
While glory shines around his³² head,
And a bright crown without a thorn.
- 5 Blessings forever on the Lamb,
Who bore the curse for wretched men!
Let angels sound his sacred name,
And every creature say, Amen.

22.

Hymn to the Holy-Ghost.³³

- 1 Come Holy Spirit, send down those beams
Which gently flow in silent streams

³¹Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 46–47 (Book 1, no. 63, omitting stanza 4).

³²Ori., “this”; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1741), 24.

³³Source: William Birchley [i.e., John Austin], *Devotions in the Ancient Way of Offices ... Reformed by a Person of Quality* [Susanna Hopton] and *Published by George Hickes* (London: for J. Jones, 1700), Hymn 35, stanzas 1, 2, 4, 6 (pp. 377–78.), much altered.

From thy eternal throne above:
Come thou, enricher of the poor,
Thou bounteous source of all our store,
Fill us with faith and hope and love.³⁴

2 Come thou, our soul's delightful guest,
The wearied pilgrim's sweetest rest,
The fainting sufferer's best relief:
Come thou, our passions cool allay:
Thy comfort wipes all tears away,
And turns to peace and joy all grief.³⁵

3 Lord, wash our sinful stains away,
Water from heaven our barren clay,
Our sickness cure, our bruises heal:
To thy sweet yoke our stiff necks bow,
Warm with thy fire our hearts of snow,
And there enthroned forever dwell.

4 All glory to the sacred Three
One everlasting Deity,
All love and power and might and praise;
As at the first, ere time begun,
May the same homage still be done
When earth and heaven itself decays.

23.

The Offices of Christ.³⁶

1 We bless the prophet of the Lord,
That comes with truth and grace;
Jesus, thy spirit and thy word
Shall lead us in thy ways.

2 We rev'ence our high priest above;
Who offered up his blood:
Live, Lord, and carry on thy love
By pleading with our God.

³⁴Line revised in *CPH* (1741) to: "Fill us with faith, with hope, and love."

³⁵Ori., "turns to peace all joy and grief"; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1741), 26.

³⁶Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 248 (Book 2, No. 132).

3 We honour our exalted King;
How sweet are thy commands!
O guard our souls from hell and sin
In thy almighty hands.

4 Hosanna to thy glorious name
Who sav'st by different ways!
Thy mercies lay a sovereign claim
To our immortal praise.

24.
Hymn for Sunday.³⁷

1 Behold we come, dear Lord, to thee
And bow before thy throne,
We come to offer all our vows,
Our souls to thee alone.

2 What e'er we have, what e'er we are,
Thy bounty freely gave:
Thou dost us here in mercy spare,
And wilt hereafter save.

3 But O! Can all our store afford
No better gifts for thee?
Thus we confess thy riches, Lord,
And thus our poverty.

4 'Tis not our tongues or knees can pay
The mighty debt we owe:
Far more we should, than we can say,
Far lower should we bow.

5 Come then my soul, bring all thy powers
And grieve thou hast no more,
Bring every day thy choicest hours
And thy great God adore.

6 But above all prepare thy heart
On this his own blest day,

³⁷Source: William Birchley [i.e., John Austin], *Devotions in the Ancient Way of Offices ... Reformed by a Person of Quality* [Susanna Hopton] and *Published by George Hicke* (London: for J. Jones, 1700), Hymn 1, (pp. 3-4).

In its sweet task to bear a part,
And sing and love and pray!

25.
Triumph Over Death.³⁸

- 1 And must this body die?
This well wrought frame decay?
And must these active limbs of mine
Lie mould'ring in the clay?
- 2 Corruption, earth and worms
Shall but refine this flesh,
Till my triumphant spirit comes
To put it on afresh.
- 3 God my Redeemer lives
And often from the skies
Looks down and watches all my dust,
Till he shall bid it rise.
- 4 Arrayed in glorious grace
Shall these vile bodies shine,
And every shape and every face
Be heavenly and divine.
- 5 These lively hopes we owe,
Lord, to thy dying love:
O may we bless thy grace below,
And sing thy power above.
- 6 Saviour accept the praise
Of these our humble songs,
Till tunes of nobler sound we raise
With our immortal tongues.

³⁸Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 230–31 (Book 2, no. 110).

26.
From the German.³⁹

- 1 Jesu, to thee my heart I bow,
Strange flames far from my soul remove:
Fairest among ten thousand thou,
Be thou my Lord, my life, my love.
- 2 All heav'n thou fill'st with pure desire;
O shine upon my frozen breast;
With sacred warmth my heart inspire,
May I too thy hid sweetness taste.
- 3 I see thy garments rolled in blood,
Thy streaming head, thy hands, thy side:
All hail, thou suffering, conquering God,
Now man shall live; for God hath died.
- 4 O kill in me this rebel sin,
And triumph o'er my willing breast:
Restore thy image Lord, therein,
And lead me to my Father's rest.
- 5 Ye earthly loves be far away!
Saviour, be thou my love alone;
Ne'er⁴⁰ more may mine usurp the sway,
But in me thy great will be done!
- 6 Yea, thou, true witness, spotless Lamb,
All things for thee I count but loss;
My sole desire, my constant aim,
My only glory be thy cross!

27.
Thanksgiving for God's
Particular Providence.⁴¹

- 1 When all thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,

³⁹Source: Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, ed. *Das Gesang-Buch der Gemeine in Herrn-Huth* ([Herrnhut]: Wäsen-hause, 1735), 215–16 (#225, stanzas 1, 10–12, 16–17; by Zinzendorf).

⁴⁰“Ne'er” changed to “No” in *HSP* (1739).

⁴¹Source: Joseph Addison & Richard Steele, *The Spectator* (London: Sharpe & Hailes, 1711–14), 453 (August 9, 1712), stanzas 1, 3–7, 10–11, 13.

- Why my cold heart, art thou not lost
In wonder, love and praise?
- 2 Thy providence my life sustained
And all my wants redressed,
While in the silent womb I lay
And hung upon the breast.
- 3 To all my weak complaints and cries
Thy mercy lent an ear
Ere yet my feeble thoughts had learned
To form themselves in prayer.
- 4 Unnumbered comforts on my soul
Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived
From whom those comforts flowed.
- 5 When in the slippery paths of youth
With heedless steps I ran,
Thine arm unseen conveyed me safe
And led me up to man.
- 6 Through hidden dangers, toils and deaths
It gently cleared my way,
And through the pleasing snares of vice,
More to be feared than they.
- 7 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes those gifts with joy.
- 8 Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death in distant worlds
The pleasing theme renew.
- 9 Through all eternity to thee
A grateful song I'll raise:

But O! Eternity's too short
To utter all thy praise.

28.
A Morning Hymn.⁴²

- 1 My God how endless is thy love!
Thy gifts are every evening new:
And morning mercies from above
Gently distill like early dew.
- 2 Thou spread'st the curtains of the night
Great guardian of my sleeping hours:
Thy sovereign word restores the light
And quickens all my drooping powers.
- 3 I yield my powers to thy command,
To thee I consecrate my days:
Perpetual blessings from thy hand
Demand perpetual songs of praise.

29.
Heaven Begun on Earth.⁴³

- 1 Come, ye that love the Lord,
And let your joys be known,
Join in a song with sweet accord
While ye surround his throne.
- 2 Let those refuse to sing
That never knew our God:
But servants of the heavenly King
May speak their joys abroad.
- 3 The God that rules on high,
That all the earth surveys,
That rides upon the stormy sky

⁴²Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 65 (Book 1, no. 81).

⁴³Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 155–57 (Book 2, no. 30, omitting stanzas 2, 9).

- And calms the roaring seas.
- 4 This awful God is ours,
Our Father and our love:
Thou shalt send down thy heavenly powers
To carry us above.
- 5 There we shall see thy face
And never, never sin;
There from the rivers of thy grace
Drink endless pleasures in.
- 6 Yea, and before we rise
To that immortal state,
The thoughts of such amazing bliss,
Should constant joys create.
- 7 The men of grace have found
Glory begun below:
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
From faith and hope may grow.
- 8 Then let our songs abound
And every tear⁴⁴ be dry:
We're marching through Immanuel's ground
To fairer⁴⁵ worlds on high.

30.

The Names of Christ.⁴⁶

- 1 Join all the names of love and power
That ever men or angels⁴⁷ bore;
All are too mean to speak thy worth,
Saviour, or set thy glories forth.
- 2 But O! What condescending ways
Thou tak'st to teach thy heavenly grace:⁴⁸
My eyes with joy and wonder see
What forms of love thou bear'st for me.⁴⁹

⁴⁴Ori., "fear"; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1743), 136.

⁴⁵Ori., "farer"; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1741), 117.

⁴⁶Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 122–23 (Book 1, no. 149, omitting stanzas 3, 6, 7, 9), several alterations.

⁴⁷Changed to "man or angel" in *CPH* (1741), 112.

⁴⁸Line revised to "He takes to teach his sovereign" in *CPH* (1741), 112.

⁴⁹"Thou bear'st for" changed to "he bears to" in *CPH* (1741), 112.

- 3 Great *Prophet*, let me bless thy name!
 By⁵⁰ thee the joyful tidings came,
 Of wrath appeased, of⁵¹ sins forgiven,
 Of hell subdued, and peace with heaven.
- 4 My bright *Example* and my *Guide*,
 I would be walking near thy side:
 O never let me run astray,
 Nor follow the forbidden way.
- 5 Jesus my great *High Priest* has died,
 I seek no sacrifice beside;
 Thy⁵² blood did once for all atone,
 And now it pleads before thy⁵³ throne.
- 6 My *Lord*, my *Conqueror* and my *King*,
 Thy scepter and thy sword I sing,
 Thine is the victory and I sit
 A joyful subject at thy feet.
- 7 Aspire, my soul, to glorious deeds,
 The *Captain of Salvation* leads:
 March on, nor fear to win the day,
 Though death and hell obstruct the way.
- 8 Should death and hell and powers unknown
 Put on their forms of mischief on,
 I shall be safe, for Christ displays
 Salvation in more powerful⁵⁴ ways.

31.

Song of Solomon 2:8ff.⁵⁵

- 1 The voice of my beloved sounds,
 Over the rocks and rising grounds,
 O'er hills of guilt and seas of grief
 He leaps, he flies to my relief.
- 2 Now through the veil of flesh I see

⁵⁰“By” changed to “from” in *CPH* (1741), 112.

⁵¹“Of” changed to “and” in *CPH* (1741), 112.

⁵²“Thy” changed to “his” in *CPH* (1741), 112.

⁵³“Thy” changed to “the” in *CPH* (1741), 112.

⁵⁴“Powerful” changed to “sovereign” in *CPH* (1741), 113.

⁵⁵Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 52–53 (Book 1, no. 69).

With eyes of love he looks at me,
Now in the gospel's clearest glass
He shows the beauties of his face.

- 3 Gently he draws my heart along
Both with his beauties and his tongue;
Rise, saith my Lord, make haste away,
No mortal joys are worth thy stay.
- 4 The Jewish wintry state is gone
The mists are fled, the spring comes on,
The sacred turtle dove we hear
Proclaim the new, the joyful year.
- 5 Th' immortal vine of heavenly root
Blossoms and buds and gives her fruit;
Lo⁵⁶ we are come to taste the wine;
Our souls rejoice and bless the vine.
- 6 And when I hear my Jesus say
Rise up, my love, make haste away!
My heart would fain outfly the wind,
And leave all earthly loves behind.

32.

[Song of Solomon 2:]14ff.⁵⁷

- 1 Dear Lord, my thankful heart revives
The hope thine invitation gives:
To thee my joyful lips shall raise
The voice of prayer, the voice of praise.
- 2 I am my Lord's, and he is mine:
Our hearts, our hopes, our passions join:
Nor⁵⁸ let a motion or a word,
Or thought arise to grieve my Lord.
- 3 Till the day breaks and shadows flee,
Till the sweet dawning⁵⁹ light I see,

⁵⁶Ori., "So"; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1741), 123.

⁵⁷Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 53–54 (Book 1, no. 70, stanzas 4–5, 7–8).

⁵⁸Ori., "Not"; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1741), 123.

⁵⁹Ori., "drawing"; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1741), 123.

Thine eyes to me-ward ever turn,
Nor let my soul in darkness mourn.

- 4 Be like a hart on mountains green;
Leap o'er these⁶⁰ hills of fear and sin:
Nor guilt nor unbelief divide
My love, my Saviour from my side.

33.

Sincere Praise.⁶¹

- 1 Almighty Maker, God!
How glorious is thy name!
Thy wonders how diffused abroad,
Throughout creation's frame!
- 2 In native white and red,
The rose and lily stand:
And free from pride their beauties spread
To show thy skillful hand.
- 3 The lark mounts up the sky
With unambitious song,
And bears her Maker's praise on high
Upon her artless tongue.
- 4 Fain would I rise and sing
To my Creator too;
Fain would my heart adore my King
And give him praises due.
- 5 But pride that busy sin,
Spoils all that I perform,
Cursed pride that creeps securely in
And swells a haughty worm.
- 6 Thy glories I abate,
Or praise thee with design,

⁶⁰“These” changed to “those” in *CPH* (1741), 123.

⁶¹Source: Isaac Watts, *Horae Lyricae* (London: Humfreys, 1709), 49–51 (omitting stanzas 2, 8).

Part of thy favours I forget,
Or think the merit mine.

7 Create my soul anew,
Else all my worship's vain.
This wretched heart will ne'er prove true,
Till it be formed again.

8 Descend, celestial fire
And seize me from above!
Wrap me in flames of pure desire
A sacrifice to love.

9 Let joy and worship spend
The remnant of my days,
And to my God my soul ascend
In sweet perfumes of praise!

34.

**O Ye Spirits and Souls of the
Righteous, Bless Ye the Lord.⁶²**

1 Hail, glorious angels, heirs of light,
Ye high-born sons of fire!
Whose hearts burn chaste,⁶³ whose flames shine bright,
All joy, yet all desire.

2 Hail, holy saints, who long in hope
And expectation sat,
Till for its King, heaven did set ope
Its everlasting gate.

3 Hail, great apostles of the Lamb,
Who brought that early ray,
Which from our sun reflected came,
And made a glorious day.

⁶²Source: William Birchley [i.e., John Austin], *Devotions in the Ancient Way of Offices ... Reformed by a Person of Quality* [Susanna Hopton] and *Published by George Hickes* (London: for J. Jones, 1700), Hymn 38, stanzas 3–6, 8–10 (pp. 419–20).

⁶³In one surviving copy the word “chaff” appears; in the other copy, the word “chast”; It is corrected to “chaste” in *CPH* (1741), 120.

- 4 Hail, generous martyrs, whose strong hearts
Bravely rejoiced to prove,
How weak, pale death, are all thy darts
Compared to those of love.
- 5 Hail, beauteous virgins, whose pure love
Renounced all low desires,
Who wisely fixed your hearts above,
And burnt with heavenly fires.
- 6 Hail, all ye happy spirits above,
Who make that glorious ring
About the sparkling throne of love
And there forever sing.
- 7 Great Lord, among their crowns of praise
Accept this little wreath,
Which while their lofty notes they raise
We humbly sing beneath.

35.

The Shortness of Life.⁶⁴

- 1 Time, what an empty vapour 'tis!
And days how swift they are!
Swift as an Indian arrow flies
Or as a shooting star!
- 2 The present moments just appear,
Then glide away in haste,
That we can never say, They're here!
But only say, They're past!
- 3 Our life is ever on the wing
And death is ever nigh;
The moment when our lives begin
We all begin to die.

⁶⁴Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 181–82 (Book 2, no. 58).

- 4 Yet, mighty God, our fleeting days
Thy lasting favours share:
Yet with the bounties of thy grace
Thou load'st the rolling year.
- 5 'Tis sovereign mercy finds us food,
And we are clothed by love,
While grace stands pointing out the road
That leads our souls above.
- 6 Thy goodness runs an endless round!
All glory to the Lord!
Thy mercy never knows a bound,
Be thy great name adored!
- 7 Thus we begin the lasting song,
And when we close our eyes,
Let following times thy praise prolong,
Till time and nature dies.

36.
Christ Our Wisdom, ...⁶⁵

- 1 Buried in shadows of the night
We lie, till Christ restores the light
Wisdom descends to heal the blind
And chase the darkness of the mind.
- 2 Our guilty souls are drowned in tears
Till thy atoning blood appears:
Then we awake from deep distress
And sing, the Lord our righteousness.
- 3 Jesus beholds where Satan reigns,
Binding his slaves in heavy chains,
He sets the prisoners free and breaks
The iron bondage from our necks.

⁶⁵Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 78 (Book 1, no. 97).

- 4 Poor helpless worms in thee possess
Grace, wisdom, power and righteousness;
Thou art our mighty all, and we
Give our whole selves, O Lord, to thee.

37.

Gloria Patri.⁶⁶

- 1 Blest be the Father and his love,
To whose celestial source we owe
Rivers of endless joys above
And rills of comfort here below.
- 2 Glory to thee, great Son of God,
Forth from thy wounded body rolls
A precious stream of vital blood,
Pardon and life for dying souls.
- 3 We give the sacred Spirit praise,
Who in our hearts of sin and woe
Makes living springs of grace arise
And into boundless glory flow.
- 4 Thus God the Father, God the Son
And God the Spirit we adore;
That sea of life, and love unknown
Without a bottom or a shore.

38.

Hymn to Christ.⁶⁷

- 1 O Jesu, why, why dost thou love
Such worthless things as we
Why is thy heart still toward us
Who seldom think on thee?

⁶⁶Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 309 (Book 3, no. 26).

⁶⁷Source: William Birchley [i.e., John Austin], *Devotions in the Ancient Way of Offices ... Reformed by a Person of Quality* [Susanna Hopton] and *Published by George Hickes* (London: for J. Jones, 1700), Hymn 30, stanzas 1–3, 6–8 (pp. 316–17).

- 2 Thy bounty gives us all we have
And we thy gifts abuse:
Thy bounty gives us even thyself,
And we thyself refuse.
- 3 And why alas, why do we love
Such wretched things as these?
These that withdraw us from our Lord
And his pure eyes displease?
- 4 Break off and raise thy manly eye
Up to those joys above,
Behold all these our Lord prepares
To gain and crown thy love.
- 5 Alas, O Lord, we cannot love
Unless thou draw our heart!
Thou who vouchsaf'st to make us know,
O make us do our part.
- 6 Still do thou love me, O my Lord,
That I may still love thee:
Still make me love thee, O my God
That thou may'st still love me.

39.
Prayer.⁶⁸

- 1 How swiftly wafted in a sigh,
Thou God that hear'st the prayer,
Do our requests invade the sky
And pierce thy bending ear!
- 2 My suit is made, my prayer is o'er,
If I but lift my eye;
Thou gracious Father, canst no more
Not hear, than thou canst die.

⁶⁸Source: George Herbert, *The Temple* (Cambridge: Buck & Daniel, 1633), 95–96 (#78), paraphrased.

- 3 How shall we thy great arm revere
 Which gives this all to be,
 Connects the center with the sphere
 And spans infinity?
- 4 Whate'er our ardent souls require,
 Whate'er we wish is there;
 Thy power exceeds our scant desire
 And blames our partial prayer.
- 5 O! How unbounded is thy love
 Which when thou could'st not die,
 Descending from thy throne above
 Put on mortality!
- 6 Thou leav'st thy Father's blissful face
 Our guilt and curse to assume,
 To burst the bars that stopped thy grace
 And make thy bounty room.
- 7 Then still let prayer with me remain,
 This my companion be;
 So shall I all my wants obtain,
 Obtain all heaven in thee!

40.

From the German.⁶⁹

- 1 O Jesu, source of calm repose,
 Thy like nor man nor angel knows,
 Fairest among ten thousand fair!
 Even those whom death's sad fetters bound,
 Whom thickest darkness compassed round
 Find light and life if thou appear.
- 2 Effulgence of the light divine,
 Ere rolling planets knew to shine,
 Ere time its ceaseless course began;

⁶⁹Source: Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, ed. *Das Gesang-Buch der Gemeinde in Herrn-Huth* ([Herrnhut]: Wäsen-hause, 1735), 32–33 (#30, stanzas 1, 3–5, 8, 13; by Johann Freylinghausen).

Thou when the appointed hour was come
Didst not disdain⁷⁰ the virgin's womb,
But God with God wert man with man:

3 The world, sin, death oppose in vain,
Thou by thy dying, death hast slain,
My great Deliverer and my God!
In vain does the old dragon rage,
In vain all hell its powers engage:
None can withstand thy conquering blood.

4 Lord over all, sent to fulfill
Thy gracious Father's sovereign will,
To thy dread scepter will I bow:
With duteous reverence at thy feet,
Like humble Mary, lo, I sit,
Speak, Lord, thy servant heareth now.

5 Renew thy image Lord in me,
Lowly and gentle may I be;
No charms to thee but these⁷¹ are dear:
No anger may'st thou ever find;
No pride in my unruffled mind
But faith and heav'n-born peace are⁷² there.

6 A patient, a victorious mind
That life and all things cast behind,
Springs forth, obedient to thy call,
A heart that no desire can move,
But still t' adore and praise⁷³ and love,
Give me, my Lord, my life, my all.

⁷⁰“Disdain” changed to “abhor” in *HSP* (1739), 181.

⁷¹Changed to “No charms but these to thee” in *HSP* (1739).

⁷²“Are” changed to “be” in *HSP* (1739).

⁷³“And praise” changed to “believe” in *HSP* (1739).

**Psalms and Hymns
For Wednesday or Friday.**

1.

Psalm 38.⁷⁴

- 1 Amidst thy wrath remember love,
 Restore thy servant, Lord!
Nor let a Father's chast'ning prove
 Like an avenger's sword!
- 2 My sins a heavy burden are,
 And o'er my head are gone:
Too heavy they for me to bear,
 Too great for me t' atone.
- 3 My thoughts are like a troubled sea,
 My head still bending down:
And I go mourning all the day,
 Father, beneath thy frown.
- 4 All my desire to thee is known,
 Thine eye counts every tear,
And every sigh and every groan
 Is noticed by thine ear.
- 5 Thou art my God, my only hope;
 O hearken to my cry;
O bear my fainting spirits up;
 When Satan bids me die.
- 6 Lord, I confess my guilt to thee,
 I grieve for all my sin;
My helpless impotence I see,
 And beg support divine.

⁷⁴Source: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* (London: Clark, Ford & Cruttenden, 1719), 104–6 (omitting stanzas 2, 5, 8; several alterations).

7 O God, forgive my follies past;
Be thou forever nigh!
O Lord of my salvation haste,
And save me, or I die!

2.
Psalm 51.⁷⁵

1 O thou that hear'st when sinners cry,
Though all my crimes before thee lie,
Behold me not with angry look,
But blot their memory from thy book.

2 Create my nature pure within,
And form my soul averse from sin:
Let thy good Spirit ne'er depart,
Nor hide thy presence from my heart.

3 I cannot live without thy light,
Cast out and banished from thy sight:
Thy saving strength, O Lord restore,
And guard me that I fall no more.

4 Though I have grieved thy Spirit, Lord,
His help and comfort still afford:
And let a wretch come near thy throne
To plead the merits of thy Son.

5 My soul lies humbled in the dust,
And owns thy dreadful sentence just:
Look down O Lord with pitying eye,
And save the soul condemned to die.

6 Then will I teach the world thy ways:
Sinners shall learn thy sovereign grace:
I'll lead them to my Saviour's blood,
And they shall praise a pard'ning God.

⁷⁵Source: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* (London: Clark, Ford & Cruttenden, 1719), 143–44 (omitting stanza 5).

7 O may thy love inspire my tongue,
Salvation shall be all my song,
And all my powers shall join to bless
The Lord my strength and righteousness.

3.
Psalm 90.⁷⁶

1 Through every age, eternal God,
Thou art our rest, our safe abode:
High was thy throne ere heaven was made,
Or earth thy humble footstool laid.

2 Long hadst thou reigned ere time began
Or dust was fashioned into man:
And long thy kingdom shall endure,
When earth and time shall be no more.

3 But man, weak man is born to die,
Made up of guilt and vanity:
Thy dreadful sentence, Lord, was just:
Dust as thou art, return to dust.

4 Death like an overflowing stream
Sweeps us away, our life's a dream:
An empty tale, a morning flower,
Cut down and withered in an hour.

5 Our age to seventy years is set:
How short the term, how frail the state!
Or if to eighty we arrive,
We rather sigh and groan than live.

6 Teach us, O Lord, how frail is man;
And kindly lengthen out our span,
Till from the chains of sin set free
We find immortal life in thee!

⁷⁶Source: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* (London: Clark, Ford & Cruttenden, 1719), 228–29 (omitting stanzas 4, 7).

4.
The Same [Psalm 90].⁷⁷

- 1 Lord if thine eye surveys our faults
And justice grow severe,
Thy dreadful wrath exceeds our thoughts,
And burns beyond our fear.⁷⁸
- 2 Thine anger turns our frame to dust:
By one offence to thee
Adam with all his sons have lost
Their immortality.
- 3 Life like a vain amusement flies,
A fable or a song,
By swift degrees our nature dies,
Nor can our joys be long.
- 4 'Tis but a few whose days amount
To three score years and ten:
And all beyond that short account,
Is sorrow, toil and pain.
- 5 Almighty God reveal thy love,
And not thy wrath alone!
O let our sweet experience prove
The mercies of thy throne.
- 6 Our souls would learn the heav'nly art
T' improve the hours we have:
That we may act the wiser part,
And live beyond the grave.

5.
A Thought in Affliction.⁷⁹

- 1 Wilt thou, O Lord, regard my tears
The fruit of guilt and fear?

⁷⁷Source: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* (London: Clark, Ford & Cruttenden, 1719), 231–32 (omitting stanza 5).

⁷⁸Ori., “fears”; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1741), 7.

⁷⁹Source: David Lewis, ed., *Miscellaneous Poems* (London: J. Watts, 1726), 134–36 (stanzas 5–6, 8–10).

Me, who thy justice have provoked,
O will thy mercy spare?

2 Yes: for the broken, contrite heart
Saviour, thy sufferings plead:
O quench not then the smoking flax,
Nor break the bruised reed!

3 Thy poor unworthy servant view,
Resigned to thy decree;
Ordain me or to live or die,
But live or die in thee.

4 Upon thy gracious promise, Lord,
My humbled soul is cast!
O bear me safe through life, through death,
And raise me up at last!

5 Low as this mortal frame must lie
This mortal frame shall sing,
Where is thy victory, O grave,
And where, O death, thy sting!

6.
On the Crucifixion.⁸⁰

1 From whence these dire portents around,
That earth and heav'n amaze?
Wherefore do earthquakes cleave the ground,
Why hides the sun his rays?

2 Not thus did Sinai's trembling head
With sacred horror nod,
Beneath the dark pavilion spread
Of⁸¹ legislative God.

3 Thou, earth, thy lowest center shake
With Jesu sympathize!

⁸⁰Source: Samuel Wesley Jr., *Poems on Several Occasions* (London: E. Say, 1736), 136–37 (omitting stanza 4).

⁸¹Ori., “O”; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1741), 17.

Thou sun, as hell's deep gloom be black,
'Tis thy Creator dies!

4 See streaming from th' accursed tree
His all-atoning blood!
Is this the infinite! 'Tis he,
My Saviour and my God!

5 For me these pangs his soul assail,
For me the death is borne!
My sin gave sharpness to the nail
And pointed every thorn!

6 Let sin no more my soul enslave?
Break, Lord, the tyrant's chain?
O save me, whom thou cam'st to save,
Nor bleed nor die in vain!

7.
Discipline.⁸²

1 O throw away thy rod!
O throw away thy wrath!
My gracious Saviour and my God,
O take the gentle path.

2 Thou seest my heart's desire
Still unto thee is bent!
Still does my longing soul aspire
To an entire consent.

3 Not ev'n⁸³ a word or look
Do I approve or own,
But by the model of thy book,
Thy sacred book alone.

4 Although I fail, I weep,
Although I halt in pace⁸⁴

⁸²Source: George Herbert, *The Temple* (Cambridge: Buck & Daniel, 1633), 173–74 (#151).

⁸³Ori., “e'en”; changed in *HSP* (1739), 77.

⁸⁴Ori., “peace”; a misprint, corrected in *HSP* (1739), 77.

Yet still with trembling steps I creep
Unto the throne of grace.

- 5 O then let wrath remove;
For love will do the deed;
Love will the conquest gain with love
Even stony⁸⁵ hearts will bleed.
- 6 For love is swift of foot,
Love is a man of war;
Love can resistless arrows shoot,
And hit the mark from far.
- 7 Who can escape his bow?
That which hath wrought on thee,
Which brought the King of Glory low,
Must surely work on me.
- 8 O throw away thy rod,
What though man frailties hath?
Thou art our Saviour and our God:⁸⁶
O throw away thy wrath!

8.
On the Crucifixion.⁸⁷

- 1 Behold the Saviour of mankind
Nailed to the shameful tree!
How vast the love that him inclined
To bleed and die for thee!
- 2 Hark how he groans! While nature shakes,
And earth's strong pillars bend!
The temple's veil in sunder breaks,
The solid marbles rend.
- 3 'Tis done! The precious ransom's paid;
Receive my soul, he cries:

⁸⁵Ori., "strong"; a misprint, corrected in *HSP* (1739), 77.

⁸⁶Changed to read "my Saviour and my God" in *HSP* (1739), 78

⁸⁷Source: Samuel Wesley Sr., a manuscript recovered after the rectory at Epworth was destroyed by fire. John Wesley omits stanzas 2 & 6 of the six-stanza original.

See where he bows his sacred head!
He bows his head and dies.

- 4 But soon he'll break death's envious chain
And in full glory shine;
O Lamb of God was ever pain,
Was ever love like thine!

9.
A Sinner's Prayer.⁸⁸

- 1 Thou Lord my power and wisdom art
O do not then reject my heart!
Thy clay that weeps, thy dust I am
That calls—O put me not to shame:
- 2 Thy glories, Lord, in all things shine,
Thine is the deed, the praise is thine.
A feeble helpless creature, I
Do at thy pleasure live or die.
- 3 Lord well I know, I merit grief,
Yea endless fears without relief:
Yet O! T' exact thy due forbear,
And spare, a feeble creature, spare.
- 4 Still if I wail not (still to wail
Nature denies and flesh would fail)
Lord, pardon, for thy Son makes good
My want of tears with store of blood.

10.
Judgment.⁸⁹

- 1 When rising from the bed of death,
O'erwhelmed with guilt and fear
I view my Maker face to face,
O how shall I appear.

⁸⁸Source: George Herbert, *The Temple* (Cambridge: Buck & Daniel, 1633), 137–38 (#115, stanzas 1–2), 128–29 (#107, stanzas 3–4).

⁸⁹Source: Joseph Addison & Richard Steele, *The Spectator* (London: Sharpe & Hailes, 1711–14), 513 (Oct. 18, 1712).

- 2 If yet, while pardon may be found
And mercy may be sought,
My soul with inward horror shrinks,
And trembles at the thought;
- 3 When thou O Lord shalt stand disclosed
In majesty severe,
And sit in judgment on my soul,
O how shall I appear!
- 4 O may my broken, contrite heart
Timely my sins lament,
And early with repentant tears
Eternal woe prevent!
- 5 Behold the sorrows of my heart;
Ere yet it be too late!
And hear my Saviour's dying groans
To give those sorrows weight.
- 6 For never shall my soul despair
Her pardon to secure;
Who knows thy only Son has died;
To make that pardon sure.

11.

Christ's Compassion to the Tempted.⁹⁰

- 1 With joy we meditate the grace
Of our high priest above;
His heart is made of tenderness,
His bowels melt with love.
- 2 Touched with a sympathy within
He knows our feeble frame;
He knows what sore temptations mean,
For he hath felt the same.

⁹⁰Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 99–100 (Book 1, no. 125, omitting stanza 3).

- 3 He in the days of feeble flesh
Poured out his cries and tears
And in his measure feels afresh
What every member bears.
- 4 He'll never quench the smoking flax
But raise it to a flame,
The bruised reed he never breaks
Nor scorns the meanest name.
- 5 Then let our humble faith address
His mercy and his power:
We shall obtain delivering grace
In the distressing hour.

12.
Frailty.⁹¹

- 1 Lord, how in silence I despise
The giddy worldling's snare,
This beauty, riches, honour, toys
Beneath a moment's care?
- 2 Hence painted dust, and gilded clay!
You have no charms for me:
Delusive breath be far away!
I waste no thought on thee.
- 3 But when abroad at once I view
Both the world's hosts and thine,
These simple, sad, afflicted, few,
Those numerous, gay and fine!
- 4 Lost my resolves, my scorn is past,
I boast my strength no more.
A willing slave they bind me fast
With unresisted power.

⁹¹Source: George Herbert, *The Temple* (Cambridge: Buck & Daniel, 1633), 62–63 (#46), paraphrased.

- 5 O brook not this! Let not thy foes
Profane thy hallowed shrine:
Thine is my soul, by sacred vows
Of strictest union thine!
- 6 O hear my just, though late request,
Once more the captive free,
Renew thy image in my breast,
And claim my heart for thee.

13.
Unfruitfulness.⁹²

- 1 Long have I sat beneath the sound
Of thy salvation, Lord,
But still how weak my faith is found
And knowledge of thy word!
- 2 Oft I frequent thy holy place;
Yet hear almost in vain:
How small a portion of thy grace
Can my hard heart retain!
- 3 My gracious Saviour and my God
How little art thou known
By all the judgments of thy rod,
And blessings of thy throne?
- 4 How cold and feeble is my love!
How negligent my fear!
How low my hope of joys above!
How few affections there!
- 5 Great God, thy sovereign power impart,
To give thy word success;
Write thy salvation in my heart,
And make me learn thy grace.

⁹²Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 274–75 (Book 2, no. 165).

- 6 Show my forgetful feet the way
That leads to joys on high,
There knowledge grows without decay
And love shall never die.

14.
From the German.⁹³

- 1 Thou Lamb of God, thou Prince of Peace,
For thee my thirsty soul doth pine!
My longing heart implores thy grace
O make in me thy likeness shine.
- 2 With fraudless, even, humble mind
Thy will in all things may I see:
In love be every wish resigned,
And hallowed my whole heart to thee:
- 3 When pain o'er my weak flesh prevails
With lamb-like patience arm my breast:
When grief my wounded soul assails
In lowly meekness may I rest.
- 4 Close by thy side still may I keep,
How e'er life's various current flow;
With steadfast eye mark every step,
And follow thee where'er thou go.
- 5 Thou, Lord, the dreadful fight hast won
Alone thou hast the winepress⁹⁴ trod:
In me thy strengthening grace be shown,
O may I conquer through thy blood!
- 6 So when on Sion thou shalt stand,
And all heaven's host adore their king,
Shall I be found at thy right hand,
And free from pain thy glories sing.

⁹³Source: Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, ed. *Das Gesang-Buch der Gemeinde in Herrn-Huth* ([Herrnhut]: Wäsen-hause, 1735), 707–8 (#781, omitting stanza 3; by Christian Friedrich Richter).

⁹⁴Ori., “vinepress”; changed in *HSP* (1739), 146.

15.
Faith in Christ.⁹⁵

- 1 How sad our state by nature is,
 Our sin how deep it stains!
 And Satan binds our captive souls
 Fast in his slavish chains.
- 2 But there's a voice of sovereign grace
 Sounds from thy sacred word,
 Here ye⁹⁶ despairing sinners come
 And trust upon the Lord.
- 3 My soul obeys th' almighty call
 And runs to this relief:
 I would believe thy promise, Lord!
 O help my unbelief.
- 4 To the blest fountain of thy blood,
 Incarnate God, I fly:
 Here let me wash my spotted soul
 From crimes of deepest dye.⁹⁷
- 5 Stretch out thy arm, victorious King,
 My reigning sins subdue:
 Drive the old dragon from his seat
 With his infernal crew.
- 6 A guilty, weak and helpless worm
 Into thy arms I fall;
 Be thou my strength and righteousness,
 My Jesus and my all.

16.
Longing.⁹⁸

- 1 With bended⁹⁹ knees and aching eyes
 Weary and faint to thee my cries,

⁹⁵Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 211–12 (Book 2, no. 90).

⁹⁶“Ye” changed to “the” in *CPH* (1741), 19.

⁹⁷Ori., “die”; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1741), 19.

⁹⁸Source: George Herbert, *The Temple* (Cambridge: Buck & Daniel, 1633), 142–45 (#119).

⁹⁹“Bended” changed to “bending” in *HSP* (1739).

- To thee my tears, my groans I send;
O when shall my complainings end?
- 2 Withered my heart like barren ground
Accurst of God: my head turns round,
My throat is hoarse; I faint, I fall,
Yet falling still for pity call.
- 3 Eternal streams of pity flow
From thee their source to earth below:
Mothers are kind, because thou art,
Thy tenderness o'erflows their heart.
- 4 Lord of my soul, bow down thine ear!
Hear, bowels of compassion, hear!
O give not to the winds my prayer!
Thy name, thy hallowed name is there.
- 5 Look on my sorrows! Mark them well:
The shame, the pangs, the flames,¹⁰⁰ I feel!
Consider, Lord, thine ear incline:
Thy Son hath made my sufferings thine.
- 6 Thou, Jesu, on th' accursed tree
Didst bow thy dying head for me:
Incline it now! Who made the ear
Can he, can he¹⁰¹ forget to hear?
- 7 See thy poor dust in pity see
It stirs, it creeps, it aims at thee!
Haste, save it from the greedy tomb!
Come, every atom bids thee come!
- 8 'Tis thine to help! Forget me not!
O be thy mercy ne'er forgot!
Locked is thy ear? Yet still my plea
May speed, for mercy keeps the key.
- 9 Thou tarriest while I sink, I die,
And fall to nothing! Thou on high

¹⁰⁰“Flames” changed to “fires” in *HSP* (1739).

¹⁰¹“Can he, can he” changed to “Shall he, shall he” in *HSP* (1739).

Seest me undone! Yet am I stilled
By thee (lost as I am) thy child!

- 10 Yet thou art good;¹⁰² and yet abide
Thy promises; they speak, they chide,
They in my bosom pour my tears,
And my complaint present as theirs.
- 11 Hear, Jesu! Hear my broken heart!
Broken so long, that every part
Hath got a tongue which ne'er shall cease,
Till thou pronounce, depart in peace.
- 12 My Lord,¹⁰³ my Saviour, hear my cry,
By these thy feet at which I lie;
Pluck out thy dart: regard my sighs:
Now heal my heart,¹⁰⁴ or now it dies.

17.

Salvation by Grace.¹⁰⁵

- 1 Lord, we confess our numerous faults,
How great our guilt has been!
Foolish and vain were all our thoughts,
And all our lives were sin.
- 2 But, O my soul, forever praise
Forever love his name,
Who turns thy feet from dangerous ways
Of folly, sin and shame.
- 3 'Tis not by works of righteousness,
Which our own hands have done;
But we are saved by sovereign grace
Abounding through thy Son.
- 4 'Tis from the mercy of our God
That all our hopes begin;

¹⁰²“Yet thou art good” changed to “Yet sin is dead” in *HSP* (1739).

¹⁰³“Lord” changed to “love” in *HSP* (1739).

¹⁰⁴“Heart” changed to “soul” in *HSP* (1739).

¹⁰⁵Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 88 (Book 1, no.

- 'Tis by the water and the blood
Our souls are washed¹⁰⁶ from sin:
- 5 'Tis through the purchase of his death
Who hung upon the tree
Thy Spirit is sent down to breathe¹⁰⁷
On such dry bones as we.
- 6 Raised from the dead we live anew
And justified by grace,
We shall appear in glory too
And see our Father's face.

18.
Inconstancy.¹⁰⁸

- 1 Lord Jesu, when, when shall it be,
That I no more shall break with thee?
When will this war of passions cease,
And my free soul enjoy thy peace?
- 2 Here I repent and sin again:
Now I revive and now am slain:
Slain with the same unhappy dart,
Which, O! Too often wounds my heart.
- 3 O Saviour, when, when shall I be
A garden sealed to all but thee?
No more exposed, no more undone:
But live and grow to thee alone!
- 4 Guide thou, my¹⁰⁹ Lord, guide thou my course
And draw me on with thy sweet force?
Still make me walk, still make me tend
By thee my way, to thee my end.

¹⁰⁶“Washed” changed to “cleansed” in *CPH* (1741), 24.

¹⁰⁷Ori., “to breath”; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1741), 24.

¹⁰⁸Source: William Birchley [i.e., John Austin], *Devotions in the Ancient Way of Offices ... Reformed by a Person of Quality* [Susanna Hopton] and Published by George Hickes (London: for J. Jones, 1700), Hymn 4, stanzas 1–3 (pp. 42–44) & Hymn 13, stanza 6 (p. 122).

¹⁰⁹“My” is changed to “O” in *CPH* (1743), 32.

19.
Christ Our Righteousness.¹¹⁰

- 1 How heavy is the night
 That hangs upon our eyes!
 Till Christ with his reviving light
 Upon our souls arise!

- 2 Our guilty spirits dread
 To meet the wrath of heaven:
 But in thy righteousness arrayed
 We see our sins forgiven.

- 3 Unholy and impure
 Are all our thoughts and ways:
 Thy hand infected nature cure
 With sanctifying grace.

- 4 The powers of hell agree
 To hold our souls in vain:
 Thou sett'st the sons of bondage free,
 And break'st the cursed chain.

- 5 Lord, we adore thy ways
 To bring us near to God,
 Thy sovereign power, thy healing grace
 And thine atoning blood.

20.
From the German.¹¹¹

- 1 My soul before thee prostrate lies,
 To thee, her source my spirit flies,
 My wants I mourn, my chains I see
 O let thy presence set me free!

- 2 Lost and undone for aid I cry;
 In thy death, Saviour, let me die!

¹¹⁰Source: Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 2nd ed. (London: John Lawrence, 1709), 78–79 (Book 1, no. 98).

¹¹¹Source: Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, ed. *Das Gesang-Buch der Gemeine in Herrn-Huth* ([Herrnhut]: Wäsen-hause, 1735), 724–25 (#804, omitting stanza 5; by Christian Friedrich Richter).

Grieved with thy grief, pained with thy pain,
Ne'er may I feel self-love again.

- 3 Jesu, vouchsafe my heart and will
With thy meek lowliness to fill;
No more her power let nature boast,
But in thy will may mine be lost!
- 4 I feel well that I love thee, Lord:
I exercise me in thy word:
Yet vile affections claim a part,
And thou hast only half my heart.
- 5 In life's short day let me yet more
Of thy enlivening power implore:
My mind must deeper sink in thee;
My foot stand firm, from wand'ring free.
- 6 Ye sons of men, here nought avails
Your strength, here all your wisdom fails;
Who bids a sinful heart be clean?
Thou only, Lord, supreme of men.
- 7 And well I know thy tender love:
Thou never didst unfaithful prove:
And well I know thou stand'st by me,
Pleased from myself to set me free.
- 8 Still I do¹¹² watch and labour still
To banish every thought of ill,
Till thou in thy good time appear
And sav'st me from the fowler's snare.
- 9 Already springing hope I feel;
God will destroy the power of hell:
God from the land of wars and pain
Leads me, where peace and safety reign.
- 10 One only care my soul shall know,
Father, all thy commands to do:

¹¹²Changed to "Still will I ..." in *HSP* (1739), 95.

Ah deep engrave it on my breast,
That I in thee ev'n now am blest;

- 11 When my warmed thoughts I fix on thee
And plunge me in thy mercy's sea,
Then ev'n on me thy face shall shine
And quicken this dead heart of mine.
- 12 So ev'n in storms my zeal shall grow,
So shall I thy hid sweetness know,
And feel (what endless age shall prove)
That thou, my Lord, my God art love!

**Psalms and Hymns
For Saturday.**

1.

Psalm 19.¹¹³

- 1 Behold the lofty sky
Declares its Maker God,
And all his starry works on high
Proclaim his power abroad.
- 2 The darkness and the light
Still keep their course the same,
While night to day and day to night
Divinely teach his name.
- 3 In every different land
Their general voice is known:
They show the wonders of his hand,
And orders of his throne.
- 4 Ye happy lands rejoice
Where he reveals his word:

¹¹³Source: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* (London: Clark, Ford & Cruttenden, 1719), 53–54 (omitting stanza 7).

We are not left to nature's voice
To bid us know the Lord.

- 5 His statutes and commands
Are set before our eyes;
He puts his gospel in our hands
Where our salvation lies:
- 6 His laws are just and pure
His truth without deceit,
His promises forever sure,
And his rewards are great.
- 7 While of thy works I sing
Thy glory to proclaim,
Accept the praise, my God and King
In my Redeemer's name.

2.

The Same [Psalm 19].¹¹⁴

- 1 The spacious firmament on high,
And all the wide, ethereal sky,
And spangled heav'ns, a shining frame,
Their great original proclaim.
Th' unwearied sun from day to day
Does his Creator's power display
And publishes to every land
The work of an almighty hand.
- 2 Soon as the evening shades prevail
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And nightly to the list'ning earth
Repeats the story of her birth:
While all the stars that round her burn
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

¹¹⁴Source: Joseph Addison & Richard Steele, *The Spectator* (London: Sharpe & Hailes, 1711–14), 465 (Aug. 23, 1712).

- 3 What though in solemn silence all
 Move round this dark terrestrial ball?
 What though no real voice nor sound
 Amid their radiant orbs be found?
 In reason's ear they all rejoice,
 And utter forth a glorious voice,
 Forever singing as they shine,
 The hand that made us is divine!

3.
The Same [Psalm 19].¹¹⁵

- 1 Great God, the heav'ns well-ordered frame
 Declares the glory of thy name,
 There thy rich works of wonder shine:
 A thousand starry beauties there,
 A thousand radiant marks appear
 Of boundless power and skill divine.
- 2 From night to day from day to night
 The dawning and the falling light
 Lectures of heavenly wisdom read:
 With silent eloquence they raise
 Our thoughts to our Creator's praise,
 And neither sound nor language need.
- 3 Yet their divine instructions run
 Far as the journeys of the sun,
 And every nation knows their voice:
 The sun like a young bridegroom dressed
 Breaks from the chamber of the east
 Rolls round and makes the earth rejoice.
- 4 Where'er he spreads his beams abroad
 He smiles and speaks his Maker God:
 All nature joins to show thy praise:

¹¹⁵Source: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* (London: Clark, Ford & Cruttenden, 1719), 57–59 (omitting stanzas 6–7).

Thus God in every creature shines;
Fair are the book of nature's lines;
But fairer is thy book of grace.

5 I love the volumes of thy word:
What joy and light those leaves afford
To souls benighted and distressed;
Thy precepts guide my doubtful way,
Thy fear forbids my feet to stray;
Thy promise leads my heart to rest.

6 Who knows the errors of his thoughts?
O cleanse me from my secret faults,
And from presumptuous sins restrain:
Accept my poor attempts of praise,
If I have read thy book of grace
And book of nature not in vain.

4.
Psalm 65.¹¹⁶

1 On thee the race of man depends,
Far as the earth's remotest ends;
Where the Creator's name is known
By nature's feeble light alone.

2 At thy command the morning ray
Smiles in the east and leads the day;
Thou guid'st the sun's declining wheels
Over the tops of western hills.

3 Seasons and times obey thy voice;
The evening and the morn rejoice
To see the earth made soft with showers,
Laden with fruit and dressed in flowers.

4 'Tis from the wat'ry stores on high
Thou giv'st the thirsty ground supply;

¹¹⁶Source: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* (London: Clark, Ford & Cruttenden, 1719), 163–65 (using stanzas 2, 7–12).

Thou walk'st upon the clouds, and thence
Dost thy enriching drops dispense.

- 5 The desert grows a fertile field;
Abundant fruit the valleys yield
The valleys shout with cheerful voice,
And neighbouring hills repeat their joys.
- 6 The pastures smile in green array,
Where lambs and larger cattle play:
The larger cattle and the lamb,
Each in his language speaks thy name.
- 7 Thy works pronounce thy power divine;
O'er every field thy glories shine:
Through every month thy gifts appear,
Great God, thy goodness crowns the year.

5.
Psalm 104.¹¹⁷

Part 1.

- 1 Thee, Lord, my soul aspires to sing,
Almighty, everlasting King,
Creator! Wondrous to survey
Thy works excite the grateful lay.
From thy bright throne beyond yon height
Spread plains of empyrean light,
The spheres assume the second place,
Swift moving through th' eternal¹¹⁸ space.
- 2 Beneath more close compacted lie
The regions of th' inferior sky.
Here float the clouds, the thunders roll,
And tempests whirl from pole to pole.
Here thy obedient spirits find
The stores of vengeance for mankind:
And pleased thy orders to perform
Lance the hot bolt, or drive the storm.

¹¹⁷Source: Thomas Fitzgerald, *Poems on Several Occasions* (London: J. Watts, 1733), 82–90, altered.

¹¹⁸“Eternal” changed to “ethereal” in *CPH* (1741), 80.

- 3 Till thou restrained it like a robe
The deep involved the shapeless globe;
And now though the proud surges rise,
Range the wide¹¹⁹ waste, and threat the skies,
Fixed is their bound, their tumults end;
Yet where thou bidd'st the main extend,
Awed by thy voice aloof they roar,
Or gently leave th' uninjured shore.
- 4 Mean while the piercing liquid strains
Through the tall mountains secret veins;
Thence down the silver currents flow
And wander through the vales below.
And while their streams fresh moisture yield
To the dry cattle of the field,
Lo, trees project their branches fair
And lodge the songsters of the air.

Part 2.

- 1 Thou send'st, thy creatures to sustain,
The former and the latter rain:
See straight herbs, flowers and fruits appear,
And various plenty crowns the year.
Grass for the beast, the olive grows
For man, and the rich vintage flows
His life and vigour to sustain
Waves o'er the field the ripening grain.
- 2 Lord, how dost thou all-bounteous send,
Unnumbered blessings without end!
"Through all the earth thy glories shine,
Thy works pronounce thy power divine."
To their full growth by just degrees
Majestic rise the forest trees
Up to the clouds their arms they throw.
Their roots the center seek below.

¹¹⁹Ori., "wise"; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1741), 80.

- 3 The nations of the feathered kind
Here hospitable shelter find
The stork in the tall fir trees height
Here leaves her brood, and wings her flight.
And where their shadowy gloom they throw
Wide waving o'er the mountain's brow
Earth's feeblers tribes rejoice to share
Thy tender love and guardian care.

Part 3.

- 1 The moon to run her destined space
Fills her pale orb with borrowed rays;
The appointed sun with just career
Metes out the day, the month, the year.
His lamp withdrawn then ravens stray
Wild beasts, outrageous for their prey;
The lion roars his wants aloud
And roaring, seeks his meat from God.
- 2 When the east glows with opening day
Back to their dens they haste away:
Nor sooner are the shades of night
Fled from the sun's returning light,
Than¹²⁰ the strong husbandman renews
His toil, his daily task pursues,
Till evening calls again to rest,
Both toiling man and weary beast.
- 3 How various is thy praise displayed
O Lord, in all thy hands have made!
Lost in amazement down we fall;
In wisdom thou hast made them all!
How on the earth thy riches shower
Incessant, unexhausted store;
New every morn thy gifts appear;
Great God, thy goodness fills the year!

¹²⁰Ori., "then"; a misprint, corrected in *CPH* (1741), 82.

4 And yet, lo other scenes disclose!
 The sea no less thy goodness shows,
 Here the finned race unnumbered stray,
 Dive deep, or on the surface play.
 Here huge leviathan may reign
 Sole tyrant of the wat'ry plain.
 He moves; the boiling deeps divide:
 He breathes a storm and spouts a tide.

Part 4.

1 These all own thy paternal care,
 In thee they live and move and are!
 The copious good thy hand bestows
 Enjoy, and praise thee as it flows.
 But thy blest influence once withdrawn,
 No more joy, light or comfort dawn:
 Dire pain succeeds and sad decay,
 And death demands his destined prey.

2 Yet unimpaired the species all
 Stand, while the individuals fall;
 Thy timely care each chasm supplies,
 One rising as another dies.
 Hence through the whole creation known
 Still shall thy guardian power be shown
 Till at thy word devouring flame
 Consume the universal frame.

3 Ev'n in that lov'd that dreadful day
 When earth and heav'n shall melt away,
 Thou still, my soul, shalt sound abroad
 Praise to thy Father, and thy God.
 Praise thou the Lord: he is thy friend,
 The cause of all things and their end!
 O'er earth, seas, heav'n, let time prevail
 The Rock thou build'st on, cannot fail.

6.
Psalm 114.¹²¹

- 1 When Israel, freed from Pharoah's hand,
 Left the proud tyrant and his land,
 The tribes with cheerful homage own
 Their King, and Judah was his throne.

- 2 Across the deep their journey lay;
 The deep divides to make them way:
 Jordan beheld their march and fled
 With backward current to his head.

- 3 The mountains shook like frightened sheep.
 Like lambs the little hillocks leap:
 Not Sinai on the¹²² base could stand,
 Conscious of sovereign pow'r at hand.

- 4 What pow'r could make the deep divide?
 Make Jordan backward roll his tide?
 Why did ye leap, ye little hills?
 And whence the fright that Sinai feels?

- 5 Let every mountain, every flood
 Retire, and know th' approaching God,
 The King of Israel: see him here,
 Tremble thou earth; adore and fear!

- 6 He thunders, and all nature mourns;
 The rock to standing pools he turns;
 Flints spring with fountains at his word,
 And fires and seas confess the Lord.

7.
Psalm 148.¹²³

Part 1.

- 1 Let every creature join
 To praise th' eternal God,

¹²¹Source: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* (London: Clark, Ford & Cruttenden, 1719), 299–300.

¹²²“The” changed to “his” in *CPH* (1741), 85.

¹²³Source: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* (London: Clark, Ford & Cruttenden, 1719), 394–96.

Ye heavenly hosts the song begin
And sound his name abroad.

- 2 Thou sun with golden beams
 And moon with paler rays,
Ye starry lights, ye sparkling flames
 Shine to your Maker's praise.
- 3 He built those worlds above
 And fixed their wondrous frame,
By his command they stand or move
 And ever speak his name.
- 4 Ye vapours, when ye rise
 Or fall in showers, or snow,
Ye thunders murm'ring round the skies
 His power and glory show.
- 5 Wind, hail and flashing fire
 Agree to praise the Lord,
When ye in vengeful storms conspire
 To execute his word.
- 6 By all his works above
 His honours be expressed:
But those who taste his saving love
 Should sing his praises best.

Part 2.

- 1 Let earth and ocean know
 They owe their Maker praise:
Praise him, ye wat'ry worlds below
 And monsters of the seas.
- 2 From mountains near the sky
 Let his loud praise resound;
From humble shrubs and cedars high
 And vales and fields around.

- 3 Ye lions of the wood
And tamer beasts that graze,
Ye live upon his daily food,
And he expects your praise.
- 4 Ye birds of lofty wing,
On high his praises bear:
Or sit on flow'ry boughs¹²⁴ and sing
Your Maker's glory there.
- 5 Ye creeping ants and worms
His various wisdom show;
And flies in all your shining forms
Praise him that dressed you so.
- 6 By all the earth-born race
His honours be expressed:
But those that know his heavenly grace.
Should learn to praise him best.

Part 3.

- 1 Monarchs of wide command,
Praise ye th' eternal King:
Judges, adore that sovereign hand
Whence all your honours spring.
- 2 Let vigorous youth engage
To sound his praises high,
While growing babes and withering age
Their feebler¹²⁵ voices try.
- 3 United zeal be shown
His wondrous fame to raise:
God is the Lord; his name alone
Deserves our endless praise.
- 4 Let nature join with art
And all pronounce him blest:

¹²⁴Ori., "bows"; corrected in *CPH* (1741), 91.

¹²⁵"Feebler" changed to "feeble" in *CPH* (1743), 117.

But saints who dwell so near his heart
Should sing his praises best.

8.
Universal Praise.¹²⁶

- 1 Hark, my dull soul, how every thing
Strives to adore our bounteous King!
Hark, each a double tribute pays:
First sings its part and then obeys.
- 2 Here nature's sprightliest, sweetest choir
Their Lord with cheerful notes admire
And every day they chant their lauds,
Th' echoing grove their song applauds.
- 3 What though their voices lower be,
The streams too have their melody,
Both night and day they warbling run,
They never pause but still sing on.
- 4 All the gay flow'rs that paint the spring
Hither their silent music bring;
If heaven bless them thankful they
Do smell more sweet, and look more gay.
- 5 Awake from shame my sluggish heart,
Awake and gladly sing thy part,
Learn ev'n of birds and springs and flowers
How to employ thy nobler powers.
- 6 O call whole nature to thy aid
Since it was he whole nature made:
Join we in one eternal song,
We who to one God all belong.
- 7 Live thou forever, glorious Lord,
Live thou by all thy works adored,

¹²⁶Source: William Birchley [i.e., John Austin], *Devotions in the Ancient Way of Offices ... Reformed by a Person of Quality* [Susanna Hopton] and *Published by George Hickes* (London: for J. Jones, 1700), Hymn 6, omitting stanza 5 (pp. 69–70). Wesley revises throughout, rendering the meter of the hymn problematic. He revises again, to restore the original meter (but not quite the original words) in *CPH* (1741), 101–2.

Great One in Three and Three in One
May all things bow to thee alone.

9.

**Sun, Moon and Stars,
Praise Ye the Lord.**¹²⁷

- 1 Regent of all the worlds above,
Thou, sun, whose rays adorn our sphere
And with unwearied swiftness move
To form the circle of the year:
- 2 Praise the Creator of the skies
Who decks thy orb with borrowed rays;
Or may the sun forget to rise
When he forgets his Maker's praise.
- 3 Thou reigning beauty of the night,
Fair queen of silence, silver moon,
Whose paler fires and female light
Are softer rivals of the noon:
- 4 Arise, and to that sovereign power
Waxing and waning honours pay,
Who bade thee rule the dusky hours
And half supply the absent day.
- 5 Ye glittering stars that gild the skies
When darkness has her curtain drawn,
That keep the watch with wakeful eyes,
When business, cares and day are gone:
- 6 Proclaim the glories of your¹²⁸ Lord,
Dispersed through all the heav'nly street,
Whose boundless treasures can afford
So rich a pavement for his feet.

¹²⁷Source: Isaac Watts, *Horae Lyricae* (London: Humfreys, 1709), 45–47, altered.

¹²⁸“Your” changed to “our” in *CPH* (1743), 129.

- 7 Thou heav'n of heav'ns supremely bright,
 Fair palace of the court divine,
 Where with inimitable light
 The Godhead condescends to shine:
- 8 Praise thou thy great inhabitant,
 Who scatters lovely beams of grace
 On every angel, every saint,
 Nor veils the lustre of his face.
- 9 O God of glory, God of love,
 Thou art the sun that mak'st our days:
 Midst all thy wondrous works above
 Let earth and dust attempt thy praise!

10.

Eupolis's Hymn to the Creator.¹²⁹

Part 1.

- 1 Author of being, source of light,
 With never fading beauties bright.
 Thou, fullness, goodness, rolling round
 Thy own fair orb without a bound.
 Ei, or Jao, thee we hail,
 Great essence that canst never fail!
 By Grecian or barbaric name,
 Thy steadfast being still the same!
- 2 Thee may thy humble suppliants call
 Or truth, or good, or one, or all!
 Thee, when fair morning greets the skies
 With rosy cheeks and humid eyes,
 Thee, when¹³⁰ the sweet declining day
 Now sinks in purple waves away,
 Thee will I sing, O parent Jove,
 And teach the world to praise and love.

¹²⁹Source: Samuel Wesley Sr., from the manuscript, altered. When John Wesley published this hymn in *Arminian Magazine* 1 (1778): 39–45, he prefaced it with a *new* dialogue between Plato and Eupolis the provides the supposed occasion for the hymn.

¹³⁰Ori., “ween”; a misprint.

- 3 Lo! Yonder azure vault on high,
Lo! Yonder blue, low, liquid sky,
Lo! Earth on its firm basis placed,
And round with circling waves embraced;
All these creating power confess,
All these their mighty Maker bless;
And still thy powerful hands sustain
Both earth and heav'n, both firm and main.

Part 2.

- 1 Scarce can our daring thought arise
To thy pavilion in the skies;
Nor can a mortal tongue declare
The bliss, the joy, the rapture there.
Nor solitary dost thou reign,
But circled with a glorious train,
The sons of God, the sons of light,
Forever joying in thy sight!
- 2 For thee their silver harps are strung,
While ever beauteous, ever young,
Th' angelic forms their voices raise,
And through heav'n's arch resound thy¹³¹ praise.
The feathered souls that swim the air,
And bath in liquid ether there;
The lark, precentor of their choir,
Leading them higher still and higher.
- 3 Listen and learn th' angelic notes
Repeating in their warbling throats:
And ere to soft repose they go
They teach them to their lords below.
On the green turf, their mossy nest,
The ev'ning anthem swells their breast.
Thus, like thy golden chain from high,
Thy praise unites the earth and sky!

¹³¹Ori., "they"; a misprint, corrected in *HSP* (1739), 2.

Part 3.

- 1 Thou, sole from sole, command'st the sun
 Round on the burning axles run;
 The stars like dust around him fly
 And strew the area of the sky,
 He drives so swift his race above
 That mortals can't perceive him move:
 So smooth his course, oblique or straight,
 Olympus shakes not with his weight.

- 2 As the fair queen of solemn night
 Fills at his vase her orb of light,
 Imparted lustre; thus we see
 The solar virtue shines by thee.
 Eiresione we'll no more
 Imaginary power adore,
 Since oil and wool and cheering wine
 And life-sustaining bread are thine.

- 3 The fragrant thyme, the bloomy rose,
 Flower and herb and shrub that grows
 Or on Thessalian Tempe's plain,
 Or where the rich Sabeans reign:
 That treat the taste, or smell, or sight,
 For food, for medicine, or delight,
 All planted by thy parent care
 Do spring and smile and flourish there.

Part 4.

- 1 O ye sweet nurses of soft dreams,
 Ye reedy brooks and winding streams,
 Or murm'ring o'er the pebbles* sheen,
 Or sliding through the meadows green;
 Or where through matted sedge you creep
 Slow trav'ling to your parent deep,

*i.e., *shining* or *smooth*.

Resound his praise by whom you rose
That sea, which never ebbs or flows.

- 2 Ye trees, whose roots descend as low
As high in air your branches grow,
That pour a venerable shade
For thought and friendly converse made:
Your leavy arms to heaven extend,
And bend your heads, in homage bend:
Cedars and pines that wave above,
Waving adore your parent Jove.
- 3 No evil can from thee proceed,
'Tis only suffered, not decreed;
As darkness is not from the sun,
Nor mount the shades till he is gone.
Even then the pious on his guard
Stands undismayed, for all prepared:
Whate'er befall, his mind's at rest;
Since what thou send'st, must needs be best.
- 4 O Father King, whose heavenly face
Shines still serene on all thy race,
Can we forget thy guardian care,
How slow to punish, glad to spare!
We thy magnificence adore;
We thy unceasing aid implore:
Nor vainly for thy help we call,
Nor can we want; for thou art ALL.