

*Hymns on the Lord's Supper (1745)*¹

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Editorial Introduction:

One of the most recognized characteristics of the early Methodist revival is the increased place given to singing in formal and informal worship. Equally central, though sometimes less recognized, is the emphasis of the Wesley brothers on frequent reception of the Lord's Supper. These two characteristics came together with the introduction of singing during reception of the bread and cup. It appears from the charges brought against him in Georgia that John Wesley began this practice prior to the revival (see his *MS Journal*, 21–22 Aug. 1737, *Works* 18:555). It became common practice in Methodist celebration of the Lord's Supper.

This required the gathering of appropriate songs for such use. Several selections appeared in the first collection focused on funding Methodist worship—*HSP* (1739). John also included a few in the collection aimed more toward Anglican worship—*CPH* (1741). These were supplemented in March 1745 by publication of *Hymns on the Lord's Supper*, which is likely the largest single collection in Christian history of hymns devoted specifically to this focus.

HLS (1745) was prefaced by an extract of Daniel Brevint's *The Christian Sacrament and Sacrifice* (1673), which highlighted the various theological dimensions of communion. This was followed by 166 hymns gathered into groups corresponding to the six sub-sections of the preface. John Wesley was responsible for the extract of Brevint (not included below). While the hymns are again unidentified, scholars concur that the vast majority come from the pen of Charles. Seven of the hymns (signified by blue font in the Table of Contents) are taken over, with slight revisions, from *HSP* (1739); the remainder are new. Three of the seven repeats are adaptations from other authors, and comprise those most likely the work of John. For more reflection on the issue of authorship in this specific work see Daniel Stevick, *The Altar's Fire: Charles Wesley's Hymns on the Lord's Supper* (Peterborough: Epworth, 2004), 247–49.

Charles's journal and letters give little information on the composition of these hymns. He surely was writing occasional verse on this theme over the years. But the strong echoes of the exposition of Brevint in many of the hymns suggest that they were composed in a focused setting, likely near the time of publication.

This volume proved popular in Methodist worship, going through nine British editions over the next forty years. Few significant revisions emerged in the process. Cf. Frank Baker, "Approaching a Variorum Edition of *Hymns on the Lord's Supper*," *Proceedings of the Charles Wesley Society* 2 (1995): 7–15.

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**HYMNS
ON THE
LORD'S SUPPER.**

**1. As it is a Memorial of the Sufferings
and Death of Christ.**

Hymn 1.

- 1 In that sad memorable night,
 When Jesus was for us betrayed,
He left his death-recording rite,
 He took, and bless'd, and brake the bread,
And gave his own their last bequest,
And thus his love's intent expressed:

- 2 Take eat, this is my body given,
 To purchase life and peace for you,
Pardon and holiness and heaven;³
 Do this, my dying love to show,

³“And heaven” changed to “in heaven” in 4th edn. (1757) only.

Accept your precious legacy,
And thus, my friends, remember me.

- 3 He took into his hands the cup,
 To crown the sacramental feast,
And full of kind concern looked up,
 And gave what he to them had blest,
And drink ye all of this, he said,
In solemn memory of the dead.
- 4 This is my blood which seals the new
 Eternal covenant of my grace,
My blood so freely shed⁴ for you,
 For you and all the sinful race,
My blood that speaks your sins forgiven,
And justifies your claim to heaven.
- 5 The grace which I to all bequeath
 In this divine memorial take,
And mindful of your Saviour's death,
 Do this, my followers, for my sake,
Whose dying love hath left behind
Eternal life for all mankind.

Hymn 2.

- 1 In this expressive bread I see
The wheat by man cut down for me,
 And beat, and bruised, and ground:
The heavy plagues and pains and blows
Which Jesus suffered from his foes,
 Are in this emblem found.
- 2 The bread dried up and burnt with fire
Presents the Father's vengeful ire
 Which my Redeemer bore:
Into his bones the fire he sent,
Till all the flaming darts were spent,
 And justice asked no more.

⁴“Shed” changed to “spilt” in 9th edn. (1786).

- 3 Why hast thou, Lord, forsook thine own?
Alas, what evil hath he done,
The spotless Lamb of God?
Cut off, not for himself, but me,
He bears my sins on yonder tree,
And pays my debt in blood.
- 4 Seized by the rage of sinful man
I see him bound, and bruised, and slain;
'Tis done, the martyr dies!
His life to ransom ours is given,
And lo! The fiercest fire of heaven
Consumes the sacrifice.
- 5 He suffers both from man and God,
He bears the universal load
Of guilt and misery;
He suffers to reverse our doom;
And lo! My Lord is here become
The bread of life to me!

Hymn 3.

- 1 Then let us go, and take, and eat
The heavenly everlasting meat
For fainting souls prepared;
Fed with the living bread divine
Discern we in the sacred sign
The body of the Lord.
- 2 The instruments that bruised him so
Were broke and scattered long ago,
The flames extinguished were,
But Jesu's death is ever new,
He whom in ages past they slew
Doth still as slain appear.

- 3 Th' oblation sends as sweet a smell,
Ev'n now it pleases God as well
As when it first was made,
The blood doth now as freely flow,
As when his side received the blow
That showed him newly dead.
- 4 Then let our faith adore the Lamb
Today as yesterday the same,
In thy great offering join,
Partake the sacrificial food,
And eat thy flesh and drink thy blood,
And live forever thine.

Hymn 4.

- 1 Let all who truly bear
The bleeding Saviour's name,
Their faithful hearts with us prepare,
And eat the Pascal Lamb.
Our Passover was slain
At Salem's hallowed place,
Yet we who in our tents remain,
Shall gain his largest grace.
- 2 This eucharistic feast
Our every want supplies,
And still we by his death are blest,
And share his sacrifice.
By faith his flesh we eat,
Who here his Passion show,
And God out of his holy seat
Shall all his gifts bestow.
- 3 Who thus our faith employ
His sufferings to record,
Ev'n now we mournfully enjoy
Communion with our Lord,

As though we every one
Beneath his cross had stood,
And seen him heave, and heard him groan,
And felt his gushing blood.

- 4 O God! 'Tis finished now!
The mortal pang is past!
By faith his head we see him bow,
And hear him breathe his last!
We too with him are dead,
And shall with him arise,
The cross on which he bows his head,
Shall lift us to the skies.

Hymn 5.

- 1 O thou eternal victim slain
A sacrifice for guilty man,
By the eternal Spirit made
An offering in the sinner's stead,
Our everlasting priest art thou,
And plead'st thy death for sinners now.
- 2 Thy offering still continues new,
Thy vesture keeps its bloody hue,
Thou stand'st the ever slaughtered Lamb,
Thy priesthood still remains the same,
Thy years, O God, can never fail,
Thy goodness is unchangeable.
- 3 O that our faith may never move,
But stand unshaken as thy love,
Sure evidence of things unseen,
Now let it pass the years between,
And view thee bleeding on the tree,
My God, who dies for me, for me!

Hymn 6.

- 1 Ah give me, Lord, my sins to mourn,
My sins which have thy body torn,
Give me with broken heart to see
Thy last tremendous agony,
To weep o'er an expiring God,
And mix my sorrow with thy blood.
- 2 O could I gain the mountain's height,
And look upon that piteous sight!
O that with Salem's daughters I
Might stand and see my Saviour die,
Smite on my breast and inly mourn,
But never from thy cross return!

Hymn 7.

- 1 Come Holy Ghost, set to thy seal,
Thine inward witness give,
To all our waiting souls reveal
The death by which we live.
- 2 Spectators of the pangs divine
O that we now may be,
Discerning in the sacred sign
His Passion on the tree.
- 3 Give us to hear the dreadful sound
Which told his mortal pain,
Tore up the graves, and shook the ground,
And rent the rocks in twain.
- 4 Repeat the Saviour's dying cry
In every heart so loud,
That every heart may now reply
This was the Son of God!

Hymn 8.

- 1 Come to the Supper come,
 Sinners there still is room;
Every soul may be his guest,
 Jesus gives the general word;
Share the monumental feast,
 Eat the Supper of your Lord.

- 2 In this authentic sign
 Behold the stamp divine:
Christ revives his sufferings here,
 Still exposes them to view,
See the crucified appear,
 Now believe he died for you!

Hymn 9.⁵

- 1 Come hither all, whose grov'ling taste
 Enslaves your souls, and lays them waste,
 Save your expense, and mend your cheer:
Here God himself's prepared and dressed,
 Himself vouchsafes to be your feast,
 In whom alone all dainties are.

 Come hither all, whom tempting wine
 Bows to your father Belial's shrine,
 Sin all your boast, and sense your God:
Weep now for what ye've drank amiss,
 And lose your taste of sensual bliss
 By drinking here your Saviour's blood.

- 2 Come hither all, whom searching pain,
 And conscience's loud cries arraign,

⁵Source: George Herbert, *The Temple* (Cambridge: Buck & Daniel, 1633), 174–75 (#152). This adaptation appeared first in *HSP* (1739): 125–26; divided there into six stanzas.

Producing all your sins to view:
Taste; and dismiss your guilty fear,
O taste, and see that God is here,
To heal your souls, and sin subdue.

Come hither all, whom careless joy
Doth with alluring force destroy
While loose ye range beyond your bounds:
True love is here, that passes quite,
And all your transient mean delight
Drowns, as a flood the lower grounds.

- 3 Come hither all, whose idol-love,
While fond the pleasing pain ye prove,
Raises your foolish raptures high,
True love is here, whose dying breath
Gave life to us; who tasted death,
And dying once no more can die.

Lord, I have now invited all:
And instant still the guests shall call,
Still shall I all invite to thee:
For O my God, it seems but right
In mine, thy meanest servant's sight,
That where all is there all should be.

Hymn 10.

- 1 Father, thy own in Christ receive,
Who deeply for our follies grieve,
And cast our sins away,
Resolved to lead our lives anew,
Thine only glory to pursue,
And only thee obey.
- 2 Faith in thy pard'ning love we have,
Willing thou art our souls to save,

For Jesu's sake alone:
Jesus thy wrath hath pacified,
Jesus, thy well-belov'd hath died
For all mankind t' atone.

- 3 The death sustained for all mankind
With humblest thanks we call to mind,
With grateful joy approve;
And every soul of man embrace,
And love the dearly ransomed race
In the Redeemer's love.
- 4 Receive us then, thou pard'ning God,
Partakers of his flesh and blood
Grant that we now may be:
The Sp'rit's attesting seal impart,
And speak to every sinner's heart
The Saviour died for thee!

Hymn 11.

- 1 O God, that hear'st the prayer,
Attend thy people's cry,
Who to thy house repair,
And on thy death rely,
Thy death which now we call to mind,
And trust our legacies to find.
- 2 Thou meetest them that joy
In these thy ways to go,
And to thy praise employ
Their happy lives below,
And still within thy temple-gate
For all thy promised mercies wait.
- 3 We wait t' obtain them now,
We seek the crucified,
And at thy altar bow;
And long to feel applied

The blood for our redemption given,
And eat the bread that came from heaven.

- 4 Come then our dying Lord,
 To us thy goodness show,
 In honour of thy word
 The inward grace bestow,
And magnify the sacred sign,
And prove the ordinance divine.

Hymn 12.

- 1 Jesu, suffering deity,
 Can we help rememb'ring thee,
 Thee, whose blood for us did flow,
 Thee, who diedst to save thy foe!
- 2 Thee Redeemer of mankind,
 Gladly now we call to mind,
 Thankfully thy grace approve,
 Take the tokens of thy love.
- 3 This for thy dear sake we do,
 Here thy bloody Passion show,
 Till thou dost to judgment come,
 Till thy arms receive us home.
- 4 Then we walk in means no more,
 There their sacred use is o'er,
 There we see thee face to face,
 Saved eternally by grace.

Hymn 13.

- 1 Come all who truly bear
 The name of Christ your Lord,
His last mysterious Supper share,
 And keep his kindest word:

Hereby your faith approve
In Jesus crucified,
In mem'ry of my dying love
Do this, he said; and died.

2 The badge and token this,
 The sure confirming seal
That he is ours, and we are his,
 The servants of his will,
 His dear peculiar ones,
 The purchase of his blood;
His blood which once for all atones,
 And brings us *now* to God.

3 Then let us still profess
 Our Master's honoured name,
Stand forth his faithful witnesses,
 True followers of the Lamb:
 In proof that such we are
 His saying we receive,
And thus to all mankind declare
 We *do* in Christ believe.

4 Part of his church below
 We thus our right maintain,
Our living membership we show,
 And in the fold remain;
 The sheep of Israel's fold,
 In England's pastures fed,
And fellowship with all we hold
 Who hold it with our head.

Hymn 14.

1 Father, hear the blood of Jesus,
 Speaking in thine ears above!
From thy wrath and curse release us,
 Manifest thy pard'ning love;

O receive us to thy favour,
For his only sake receive,
Give us to our bleeding Saviour,
Let us by thy dying live.

- 2 “To thy pard’ning grace receive them”
Once he prayed upon the tree,
Still his blood cries out “Forgive them,
All their sins were purged by me.”
Still our advocate in heaven
Prays the prayer on earth begun,
“Father, show their sins forgiven,
Father, glorify thy Son!”

Hymn 15.

- 1 Dying friend of sinners, hear us
Humbly at thy cross who lie,
In thine ordinance be near us,
Now th’ ungodly justify:
Let thy bowels of compassion
To thy ransomed creatures move,
Show us all thy great salvation,
God of truth, and God of love.
- 2 By thy meritorious dying
Save us from this death of sin,
By thy precious blood’s applying
Make our inmost nature clean;
Give us worthily t’ adore thee,
Thou our full Redeemer be,
Give us pardon, grace, and glory,
Peace, and power, and heaven in thee.

Hymn 16.

- 1 Come, thou everlasting Spirit,
 Bring to every thankful mind
All the Saviour's dying merit
 All his suffering⁶ for mankind:
True recorder of his Passion,
 Now the living faith impart,
Now reveal his great salvation,
 Preach his gospel to our heart.

- 2 Come, thou witness of his dying,
 Come, remembrancer divine,
Let us feel thy power applying
 Christ to every soul and mine;
Let us groan thine inward groaning,
 Look on him we pierced, and grieve,
All receive the grace atoning,
 All the sprinkled blood receive.

Hymn 17.

- 1 Who is this, that comes from far
 Clad in garments dipped in blood!
Strong triumphant traveller,
 Is he man, or is he God?

- 2 I that speak in righteousness,
 Son of God and man I am,
Mighty to redeem your race;
 Jesus is your Saviour's name.

- 3 Wherefore are thy garments red,
 Died as in a crimson sea?
They that in the wine-vat⁷ tread
 Are not stained so much as thee.

⁶“Suffering” changed to “sufferings” in 2nd edn. (1747) and following.

⁷Ori., “wine-fat” (in all edns.).

- 4 I the Father's fav'rite Son,
Have the dreadful wine-press trod,
Borne the vengeful wrath alone,
All the fiercest wrath of God.

Hymn 18.

- 1 Lift your eyes of faith, and look,
On the signs he did ordain!
Thus the bread of life was broke,
Thus the Lamb of God was slain,
Thus was shed on Calvary
His last drop of blood for me!
- 2 See the slaughtered sacrifice,
See the altar stained with blood!
Crucified before our eyes
Faith discerns the dying God,
Dying that our souls might live,
Gasping at his death, forgive!

Hymn 19.

Forgive, the Saviour cries,
They know not what they do,
Forgive, my heart replies,
And all my soul renew;
I claim the kingdom in thy right,
Who now thy suffering⁸ share,
And mount with thee to Sion's height,
And see thy glory there.

⁸“Suffering” changed to “sufferings” in 4th edn. (1757) and following.

Hymn 20.

- 1 Lamb of God, whose bleeding love
We thus recall to mind,
Send the answer from above,
And let us mercy find;
Think on us, who think on thee
And every struggling soul release:
O remember Calvary,
And bid us go in peace.
- 2 By thine agonizing pain,
And bloody sweat, we pray,
By thy dying love to man,
Take all our sins away;
Burst our bonds, and set us free,
From all iniquity release:
O remember Calvary,
And bid us go in peace.
- 3 Let thy blood, by faith applied
The sinner's pardon seal,
Speak us freely justified,
And all our sickness heal:
By thy Passion on the tree
Let all our griefs and troubles cease:
O remember Calvary,
And bid us go in peace.
- 4 Never will we hence depart,
Till thou our wants relieve,
Write forgiveness on⁹ our heart,
And all thine image give:
Still our souls shall cry to thee
Till perfected in holiness:
O remember Calvary,
And bid us go in peace.

⁹“On” changed to “in” in 2nd edn. (1747) only.

Hymn 21.

- 1 God of unexampled grace,
Redeemer of mankind,
Matter of eternal praise
We in thy Passion find:
Still our choicest strains we bring,
Still the joyful theme pursue,
Thee the friend of sinners sing
Whose love is ever new.

- 2 Endless scenes of wonder rise
With that mysterious tree,
Crucified before our eyes
Where we our Maker see:
Jesus, Lord, what hast thou done!
Publish we the death divine,
Stop, and gaze, and fall, and own
Was never love like thine!

- 3 Never love nor sorrow was
Like that my Jesus showed;
See him stretched on yonder cross
And crushed beneath our load!
Now discern the deity,
Now his heavenly birth declare!
Faith cries out 'Tis he, 'tis he,
My God that suffers there!

- 4 Jesus drinks the bitter cup;
The wine-press treads alone,
Tears the graves and mountains up
By his expiring groan:
Lo! The powers of heaven he shakes;
Nature in convulsions lies,
Earth's profoundest centre quakes,
The great Jehovah dies!

- 5 Dies the glorious cause of all,
The true eternal Pan,
Falls to raise us from our fall,
To ransom sinful man:
Well may Sol withdraw his light,
With the sufferer sympathize,
Leave the world in sudden night,
While his Creator dies.
- 6 Well may heaven be clothed with black
And solemn sackcloth wear,
Jesu's agony partake
The hour of darkness share:
Mourn th' astonished¹⁰ hosts above,
Silence saddens all the skies,
Kindler of seraphic love
The God of angels dies.
- 7 O my God, he dies for me,
I feel the mortal smart!
See him hanging on the tree—
A sight that breaks my heart!
O that all to thee might turn!
Sinners, ye may love him too,
Look on him ye pierced, and mourn
For one who bled for you.
- 8 Weep o'er your desire and hope
With tears of humblest love;
Sing, for Jesus is gone up,
And reigns enthroned above!
Lives our head, to die no more:
Power is all to Jesus given,
Worshiped as he was before
Th' immortal King of heaven.
- 9 Lord, we bless thee for thy grace,
And truth which never fail,
Hast'ning to behold thy face
Without a dimming veil:

¹⁰Ori., "astonied"; corrected in 6th edn. (1771) and following.

We shall see our heavenly King,
All thy glorious love proclaim,
Help the angel-choirs to sing
Our dear triumphant Lamb.

Hymn 22.

- 1 Prince of life, for sinners slain,
Grant us fellowship with thee,
Fain we would partake thy pain,
Share thy mortal agony,
Give us now the dreadful power,
Now bring back thy dying hour.
- 2 Place us near th' accursed wood
Where thou didst thy life resign,
Near as once thy mother stood;
Partners of the pangs divine,
Bid us feel her sacred smart,
Feel the sword that pierced her heart.
- 3 Surely now the prayer he hears:
Faith presents the crucified!
Lo! The wounded Lamb appears
Pierced his feet, his hands his side,
Hangs our hope on yonder tree,
Hangs, and bleeds to death for me!

Hymn 23.

- 1 Hearts of stone, relent, relent,
Break by Jesu's cross subdued,
See his body mangled, rent,
Covered with a gore of blood!
Sinful soul, what hast thou done?
Murdered God's eternal Son!

- 2 Yes, our sins have done the deed,
Drove the nails that fix him here,
Crowned with thorns his sacred head,
Pierced him with the soldier's spear,
Made his soul a sacrifice;
For a sinful world he dies.
- 3 Shall we let him die in vain?
Still to death pursue our God?
Open tear his wounds again,
Trample on his precious blood?
No; with all our sins we part,
Saviour, take my broken heart!

Hymn 24.

- 1 Expiring in the sinner's place,
Crushed with the universal load
He hangs!—A down his mournful face,
See trickling fast the tears and blood!
The blood that purges all our stains
It starts in rivers from his veins.
- 2 A fountain gushes from his side,
Opened that all may enter in,
That all may feel the death applied,
The death of God, the death of sin,
The death by which our foes are killed,
The death by which our souls are healed.

Hymn 25.

- 1 In an accepted time of love
To thee, O Jesus, we draw near,
Wilt thou not now the veil remove,
And meet thy mournful followers here,

Who humbly at thy altar lie,
And wait to find thee passing by?

2 Thou bidd'st us call thy death to mind,
 But thou must give the solemn power,
Come then thou Saviour of mankind,
 And bring that last tremendous hour,
And stand in all thy wounds confessed,
And wrap us in thy bloody vest.

3 With reverential faith we claim
 Our share in thy great sacrifice:
Come, O thou all-atoning Lamb,
 Revive us by thy dying cries,
Apply to all thy healing blood,
And sprinkle *me, my Lord, my God!*

Hymn 26.

1 'Tis done! Th' atoning work is done:
 Jesus the world's Redeemer dies!
All nature feels th' important groan
 Loud-echoing through the earth and skies,
The earth doth to her center quake,
And heaven as hell's deep gloom is black!

2 The temple's veil is rent in twain,
 While Jesus meekly bows his head,
The rocks resent his mortal pain,
 The yawning graves give up their dead,
The bodies of the saints arise,
Reviving as their Saviour dies.

3 And shall not we his death partake,
 In sympathetic anguish groan?
O Saviour, let thy Passion shake
 Our earth, and rend¹¹ our hearts of stone,
To second life our souls restore,
And wake us that we sleep no more.

¹¹Ori., "rent" (in all edns.).

Hymn 27.

- 1 Rock of Israel, cleft for me,
 For us, for all mankind,
See, thy feeblest followers see
 Who call thy death to mind:
Sion is the weary land;
 Us beneath thy shade receive,
Grant us in the cleft to stand,
 And by thy dying¹² live.

- 2 In this howling wilderness
 On Calvary's steep top,
Made a curse our souls to bless
 Thou once was lifted up;
Stricken there by Moses' rod,
 Wounded with a deadly blow;
Gushing streams of life o'erflowed
 The thirsty world below.

- 3 Rivers of salvation still
 Along the desert roll,
Rivers to refresh and heal
 The fainting sin-sick¹³ soul;
Still the fountain of thy blood
 Stands for sinners opened wide,
Now, e'en now, my Lord, and God,
 I wash me in thy side.

- 4 Now, e'en now we all plunge in
 And drink the purple wave,
This the antidote of sin,
 'Tis this our souls shall save:
With the life of Jesus fed,
 Lo! From strength to strength we rise,
Followed by our Rock, and led
 To meet him in the skies.

¹²“Thy dying” changed to “thy death to” in 3rd edn. (1751), 4th edn. (1757), and 5th edn. (1762).

¹³“Sin-sick” changed to “sinking” in 2nd edn. (1747); and in 6th edn. (1771) and following.

2. As it is a Sign and a Means of Grace.

Hymn 28.

- 1 Author of our salvation thee
With lowly thankful hearts we praise
Author of this great mystery,
Figure and means of saving grace.
- 2 The sacred true effectual sign
Thy body and thy blood it shows,
The glorious instrument divine
Thy mercy and thy strength bestows.
- 3 We see the blood that seals our peace,
Thy pard'ning mercy we receive:
The bread doth visibly express
The strength through which our spirits live.
- 4 Our spirits drink a fresh supply,
And eat the bread so freely given,
Till borne on eagles' wings we fly,
And banquet with our Lord in heaven.

Hymn 29.

- 1 O thou who this mysterious bread
Didst in Emmaus break,
Return herewith our souls to feed
And to thy followers speak.

- 2 Unseal the volume of thy grace,
Apply the gospel-word,
Open our eyes to see thy face,
Our hearts to know the Lord.
- 3 Of thee we commune still, and mourn
Till thou the veil remove,
Talk with us, and our hearts shall burn
With flames of fervent love.
- 4 Enkindle now the heavenly zeal,
And make thy mercy known,
And give our pardoned souls to feel
That God and love are one.

Hymn 30.¹⁴

- 1 Jesu, at whose supreme command
We thus approach to God,
Before us in thy vesture stand,
Thy vesture dipped in blood.
- 2 Obedient to thy gracious word
We break the hallowed bread,
Commemorate thee, our dying Lord,
And trust on thee to feed.
- 3 Now, Saviour, now thyself reveal,
And make thy nature known,
Affix the sacramental seal,
And stamp us for thine own.
- 4 The tokens of thy dying love,
O let us all receive,
And feel the quick'ning Spirit move,
And *sensibly* believe.

¹⁴Appeared first in *HSP* (1742): 28–29.

- 5 The cup of blessing blest by thee,
Let it thy blood impart;
The bread thy mystic body be,
And cheer each languid heart.
- 6 The grace which sure salvation brings
Let us herewith receive;
Sate the hungry with good things,
The hidden manna give.
- 7 The living bread sent down from heaven
In us vouchsafe to be;
Thy flesh for all the world is given,
And all may live by thee.
- 8 Now, Lord, on us thy flesh bestow,
And let us drink thy blood,
Till all our souls are filled below
With all the life of God.

Hymn 31.

- 1 O Rock of our salvation, see
The souls that seek their rest in thee,
Beneath thy cooling shadow hide,
And keep us, Saviour, in thy side,
By water and by blood redeem,
And wash us in the mingled stream.
- 2 The sin-atoning blood apply,
And let the water sanctify,
Pardon and holiness impart,
Sprinkle and purify our heart,
Wash out the last remains of sin,
And make our inmost nature clean.
- 3 The double stream in pardons rolls,
And brings thy love into our souls,

Who dare the truth divine receive,
And credence to thy witness give,
We here thy utmost power shall prove
Thy utmost power of perfect love.

Hymn 32.

- 1 Jesu, to thee for help we call,
Plunged in the depth of Adam's fall,
 Plagued with a carnal heart and mind,
No distance or of time or place
Secures us from the foul disgrace
 By him entailed on all mankind.
- 2¹⁵ Six thousand years are now passed by,
Yet still like him we sin and die,
 As born within his house we were,
As each were that accursed Cain,
We feel the all-polluting stain,
 And groan our inbred sin to bear.
- 3 Thou God of sanctifying love,
Adam descended from above,
 The virtue of thy blood impart,
O let it reach to all below,
As far extend as freely flow
 To cleanse, as his t' infect our heart.
- 4 Ruin in him complete we have,
And canst not thou as greatly save,
 And fully here our loss repair?
Thou canst, thou wilt, we dare believe,
We here thy nature shall retrieve,
 And all thy heavenly image bear.

Hymn 33.

- 1 Jesu, dear, redeeming Lord,
Magnify thy dying word,

¹⁵In 1745 original only the first and third stanzas are numbered, but in all later editions all four stanzas are numbered.

In thine ordinance appear,
Come, and meet thy followers here.

- 2 In the rite thou hast enjoined
Let us now our Saviour find,
Drink thy blood for sinners shed,
Taste thee in the broken bread.
- 3 Thou our faithful hearts prepare,
Thou thy pardoning grace declare,
Thou that hast for sinners died,
Show thyself the crucified!
- 4 All the power of sin remove,
Fill us with thy perfect love,
Stamp us with the stamp divine,
Seal our souls forever thine.

Hymn 34.

- 1 Lord of life, thy followers see
Hung'ring, thirsting after thee,
At thy sacred table feed,
Nourish us with living bread.
- 2 Cheer us with immortal wine,
Heavenly sustenance divine,
Grant us now a fresh supply,
Now relieve us, or we die.

Hymn 35.

- 1 O thou Pascal Lamb of God,
Feed us with thy flesh and blood,
Life and strength thy death supplies,
Feast us on thy sacrifice.

2 Quicken our dead souls again,
 Then our living souls sustain,
 Then in us thy life keep up,
 Then confirm our faith and hope.

3 Still, O Lord, our strength repair,
 Till renewed in love we are,
 Till thy utmost grace we prove,
 All thy life of perfect love.

Hymn 36.

1 Amazing mystery of love!
 While posting to eternal pain,
 God saw his rebels from above,
 And stooped into a mortal man.

2 His mercy cast a pitying look;
 By love, mere causeless love inclined,
 Our guilt and punishment he took,
 And died a victim for mankind.

3 His blood procured our life and peace,
 And quenched the wrath of hostile heaven;
 Justice gave way to our release,
 And God hath all *my* sins forgiven.

4 Jesu, our pardon we receive,
 The purchase of that blood of thine,
 And now begin by grace to live,
 And breathe the breath of love divine.

Hymn 37.

[1] But soon the tender life will die,
 Though bought by thy atoning blood,
 Unless thou grant a fresh supply,
 And wash us in the wat'ry flood.

- 2 The blood removed our guilt in vain
If sin in us must always stay;
But thou shalt purge our inbred stain,
And wash its relics all away.
- 3 The stream that from thy wounded side
In blended blood and water flowed,
Shall cleanse whom first it justified,
And fill us with the life of God.
- 4 Proceeds from thee the double grace;
Two effluxes with life divine
To quicken all the faithful race,
In one eternal current join.
- 5 Saviour, thou didst not come from heaven,
By water or by blood alone,
Thou diedst that we might live forgiven,
And all be sanctified in one.

Hymn 38.

- 1 Worthy the Lamb of endless praise,
Whose double life we here shall prove,
The pard'ning and the hallowing grace,
The childish and the perfect love.
- 2 We here shall gain our calling's prize,
The gift unspeakable receive,
And higher still in death arise,
And all the life of glory live.
- 3 To make our right and title sure,
Our dying Lord himself hath given,
His sacrifice did all procure,
Pardon, and holiness, and heaven.

- 4 Our life of grace we here shall feel
Shed in our loving hearts abroad,
'Till Christ our glorious life reveal,
Long hidden with himself in God.
- 5 Come dear Redeemer of mankind,
We long thy open face to see,
Appear, and all who seek shall find
Their bliss consummated in thee.
- 6 Thy presence shall the cloud dispart,
Thy presence shall the life display,
Then, then our all in all thou art,
Our fullness of eternal day.

Hymn 39.

- 1 Sinner with awe draw near,
And find thy Saviour here,
In his ordinances still,
Touch his sacramental clothes,
Present in his power to heal,
Virtue from his body flows.
- 2 His body is the seat
Where all our blessings meet,
Full of unexhausted worth,
Still it makes the sinner whole,
Pours divine effusions forth,
Life to every dying soul.
- 3 Pardon, and power, and peace,
And perfect righteousness
From that sacred fountain springs;
Washed in his all-cleansing blood
Rise, ye worms, to priests and kings,
Rise in Christ, and reign with God.

Hymn 40.

- 1 Author of life divine,
Who hast a table spread,
Furnished with mystic wine
And everlasting bread,
Preserve the life thyself hast given,
And feed, and train us up for heaven.
- 2 Our needy souls sustain
With fresh supplies of love,
Till all thy life we gain,
And all thy fulness prove,
And strengthened by thy perfect grace,
Behold without a veil thy face.

Hymn 41.

- 1 Truth of the pascal sacrifice,
Jesu, regard thy people's cries,
Nor let us in our sins remain;
Surely thou hear'st the prisoners groan,
Come down, to our relief come down,
And break the dire accuser's chain.
- 2 Humble the proud oppressive king,
Deliverance to thine Israel bring,
And while th' unsprinkled victims die,
Thy death for us present to God,
Write our protection in thy blood,
And bid the hellish fiend pass by.

Hymn 42.

- 1 Glory to him who freely spent
 His blood that we might live,
 And through this choicest instrument
 Doth all his blessings give.
- 2 Fasting he doth and hearing bless,
 And prayer can much avail,
 Good vessels all to draw the grace
 Out of salvation's well.
- 3 But none like this mysterious rite
 Which dying mercy gave
 Can draw forth all his promised might
 And all his will to save.
- 4 This is the richest legacy
 Thou hast on man bestowed,
 Here chiefly, Lord, we feed on thee,
 And drink thy precious blood.
- 5 Here all thy blessings we receive,
 Here all thy gifts are given;
 To those that would in thee believe,
 Pardon, and grace, and heaven.
- 6 Thus may we still in thee be blest
 'Till all from earth remove,
 And share with thee the marriage-feast,
 And drink the wine above.

Hymn 43.

- 1 Saviour, and can it be
 That thou should dwell with me!
From thy high and lofty throne,
 Throne of everlasting bliss,
Will thy majesty stoop down
 To so mean an house as this?
- 2 I am not worthy, Lord,
 So foul, so self-abhorred,
Thee, my God, to entertain
 In this poor polluted heart;
I am a frail a sinful man,¹⁶
 All my nature cries, depart!
- 3 Yet come thou heavenly guest,
 And purify my breast,
Come thou great and glorious King,
 While before thy cross I bow,
With thyself salvation bring,
 Cleanse the house by ent'ring now.

Hymn 44.

- 1 Our Passover for us is slain,
The tokens of his death remain,
 On these authentic signs impressed:
By Jesus out of Egypt led
Still on the Pascal Lamb we feed,
 And keep the sacramental feast.
- 2 That arm which smote the parting sea
Is still stretched out for us, for me,

¹⁶Reads "I am a frail sinful man" in all editions until the 8th (1786), which corrects to proper metre.

The Angel-God is still our guide,
And lest¹⁷ we in the desert faint,
We find our spirit's every want
By constant miracle supplied.

- 3 Thy flesh for our support is given,
Thou art the bread sent down from heaven,
That all mankind by thee might live;
O that we evermore may prove
The manna of thy quick'ning love,
And all thy life of grace receive!
- 4 Nourish us to that awful day
When types and veils shall pass away,
And perfect grace in glory end;
Us for the marriage-feast prepare,
Unfurl thy banner in the air,
And bid thy saints to heaven ascend.

Hymn 45.

- [1] Tremendous love to lost mankind!
Could none but Christ the ransom find,
Could none but Christ the pardon buy?
How great the sin of Adam's race!
How greater still the Saviour's grace,
When God doth for his creature die!
- Not heaven so rich a grace can show
As this he did on worms bestow,
Those darlings of th' incarnate God;
Less favoured were the angel-powers;
Their crowns are cheaper far than ours,
Nor ever cost the Lamb his blood.
- 2 Our souls eternally to save
More than ten thousand worlds he gave;

¹⁷Ori., "least"; changed in 2nd edn. (1747) and following.

That we might know our sins forgiven,
That we might in thy glory shine,
The purchase-price was blood divine,
And bought the Aceldama¹⁸ of heaven.

Jesu, we bless thy saving name,
And trusting in thy merits claim
Our rich inheritance above;
Thou shalt thy ransomed servants own,
And raise and seat us on thy throne
Dear objects of thy dying love.

Hymn 46.

- 1 How richly is the table stored
Of Jesus our redeeming Lord!
Melchizedek and Aaron join
To furnish out the feast divine.
- 2 Aaron for us the blood hath shed,
Melchizedek bestows the bread,
To nourish this, and that t' atone;
And both the priests in Christ are one.
- 3 Jesus appears to sacrifice,
The flesh and blood himself supplies;
Entered the veil his death he pleads,
And blesses all our souls, and feeds.
- 4 'Tis here he meets the faithful line,
Sustains us with his bread and wine;
We feel the double grace is given,
And gladly urge our way to heaven.

¹⁸Ori., "Acaldema" (in all edns.).

Hymn 47.

- 1 Jesu, thy weakest servants bless,
Give what these hallowed signs express,
And what thou giv'st secure;
Pardon into my soul convey,
Strength in thy pard'ning love to stay,
And to the end endure.
- 2 Raise, and enable me to stand,
Save out of the destroyer's hand
This helpless soul of mine,
Vouchsafe me then thy strength'ning grace,
And with the arms of love embrace,
And keep me ever thine.

Hymn 48.

- [1] Saviour of my soul from sin,
Thou my kind preserver be,
'Stablish what thou dost begin,
Carry on thy work in me,
All thy faithful mercies show,
Hold, and never let me go.
- 2 Never let me lose my peace,
Forfeit what thy goodness gave,
Give it still, and still increase,
Save me, and persist to save,
Seal the grant conferred before,
Give thy blessing evermore.

Hymn 49.

- 1 Son of God, thy blessing grant,
Still supply my every want,
Tree of life thine influence shed,
With thy sap my spirit feed.
- 2 Tenderest branch alas am I,
Wither without thee and die,
Weak as helpless infancy,
O confirm my soul in thee.
- 3 Unsustained by thee I fall,
Send the strength for which I call,
Weaker than a bruised reed
Help I every moment need.
- 4 All my hopes on thee depend,
Love me, save me to the end,
Give me the continuing grace,
Take the everlasting praise.

Hymn 50.

- 1 Father of everlasting love,
Whose bowels of compassion move,
 To all thy gracious hands have made,
See, in the howling desert see
A soul from Egypt brought by thee,
 And help me with thy constant aid.
- 2 Ah, do not, Lord, thine own forsake,
Nor let my feeble soul look back,
 Or basely turn to sin again,
No never let me faint or tire,
But travel on in strong desire,
 'Till I my heavenly Canaan gain.

Hymn 51.

- 1 Thou very Pascal Lamb,
 Whose blood for us was shed,
Through whom we out of Egypt came;
 Thy ransomed people lead.
- 2 Angel of gospel-grace,
 Fulfil thy character,
To guard and feed the chosen race,
 In Israel's camp appear.
- 3 Throughout the desert-way
 Conduct us by thy light,
Be thou a cooling cloud by day,
 A cheering fire by night.
- 4 Our fainting souls sustain
 With blessings from above,
And ever on thy people rain
 The manna of thy love.

Hymn 52.

- 1 O thou who hanging on the cross,
 Didst buy our pardon with thy blood,
Canst thou not still maintain our cause,
 And fill us with the life of God,
Bless with the blessings of thy throne,
 And perfect all our souls in one?
- 2 Lo, on thy bloody sacrifice
 For all our graces we depend!
Supported by thy cross arise,
 To finished holiness ascend,
And gain on earth the mountain's height,
 And then salute our friends in light.

Hymn 53.

- 1 O God of truth and love,
Let us thy mercy prove
Bless thine ordinance divine,
Let it now effectual be,
Answer all its great design,
All its gracious ends in me.
- 2 O might the sacred word
Set forth our dying Lord,
Point us to thy sufferings past,
Present grace and strength impart,
Give our ravished souls a taste,
Pledge of glory in our heart.
- 3 Come in thy Spirit down,
Thine institution crown,
Lamb of God as slain appear,
Life of all believers thou,
Let us now perceive thee near,
Come thou hope of glory now.

Hymn 54.

- 1 Why did my dying Lord ordain
This dear memorial of his love?
Might we not all by faith obtain,
By faith the mountain-sin remove,
Enjoy the sense of sins forgiven,
And holiness the taste of heaven?
- 2 It seemed to my Redeemer good
That faith should *here* his coming wait,
Should here receive immortal food,
Grow up in him divinely great,

And filled with holy violence seize
The glorious crown of righteousness.

- 3 Saviour, thou didst the mystery give
That I thy nature might partake,
Thou bidd'st me outward signs receive,
One with thyself my soul to make,
My body, soul and spi'rit to join
Inseparably one with thine.
- 4 The prayer, the fast, the word conveys,
When mixed with faith, thy life to me,
In all the channels of thy grace,
I still have fellowship with thee,
But chiefly here my soul is fed
With fullness of immortal bread.
- 5 Communion closer far I feel,
And deeper drink th' atoning blood,
The joy is more unspeakable,
And yields me larger draughts of God,
'Till nature faints beneath the power,
And faith filled up can hold no more.

Hymn 55.

- 1 'Tis not a dead external sign
Which here my hopes require,
The living power of love divine
In Jesus I desire.
- 2 I want the dear Redeemer's grace,
I seek the crucified,
The man that suffered in my place,
The God that groaned, and died.

- 3 Swift, as their rising Lord to find
The two disciples ran,
I seek the Saviour of mankind,
Nor shall I seek in vain.
- 4 Come all who long his¹⁹ face to see
That did our burden bear,
Hasten to Calvary with me,
And we shall find him there.

Hymn 56.

- 1 How dreadful is the mystery,
Which instituted, Lord, by thee
Or life or death conveys!
Death to the impious and profane;
Nor shall our faith in thee be vain,
Who here expect thy grace.
- 2 Who eats unworthily this bread
Pulls down thy curses on his head,
And eats his deadly bane;
And shall not we who rightly eat
Live by the salutary meat,
And equal blessings gain?
- 3 Destruction if thy body shed,
And strike the soul of sinners dead
Who dare the signs abuse;
Surely the instrument divine
To all that are, or would be thine
Shall saving health diffuse.
- 4 Savour of life and joy and bliss,
Pardon, and power, and perfect peace
We shall herewith receive,
The grace implied through faith is given,
And we that eat the bread of heaven
The life of heaven shall live.

¹⁹Ori., “this”; changed in 3rd edn. (1751) and following.

Hymn 57.

- 1 O the depth of love divine,
Th' unfathomable grace!
Who shall say how bread and wine
God into man conveys?
How the bread his flesh imparts,
How the wine transmits his blood,
Fills his faithful people's hearts
With all the life of God!

- 2 Let the wisest mortal show
How we the grace receive:
Feeble elements bestow
A power not theirs to give:
Who explains the wondrous way?
How through these the virtue came?
These the virtue did convey,
Yet still remain the same.

- 3 How can heavenly spirits rise
By earthly matter fed,
Drink herewith divine supplies
And eat immortal bread?
Ask the Father's wisdom *how*;
Him that did the means ordain
Angels round our altars bow
To search it out, in vain.

- 4 Sure and real is the grace,
The manner be unknown;
Only meet us in thy ways
And perfect us in one,
Let us taste the heavenly powers,
Lord, we ask for nothing more;
Thine to bless, 'tis only ours
To wonder, and adore.

Hymn 58.

- 1 How long, thou faithful God shall I
 Here in thy ways forgotten lie,
 When shall the means of healing be
 The channels of thy grace to me!
- 2 Sinners on every side step in,
 And wash away their pain and sin,
 But I an helpless sin-sick soul
 Still lie expiring at the pool.
- 3 In vain I take the broken bread,
 I cannot on thy mercy feed,
 In vain I drink the hallowed wine,
 I cannot taste the love divine.
- 4 Angel and Son of God come down,
 Thy sacramental banquet crown,
 Thy power into the means infuse,
 And give them now their sacred use.
- 5 Thou seest me lying at the pool,
 I would, thou know'st, I would be whole;
 O let the troubled waters move,
 And minister thy healing love.
- 6 Break to me now the hallowed bread,
 And bid me on thy body feed,
 Give me the wine, Almighty God,
 And let me drink thy precious blood.
- 7 Surely if thou the symbols bless,
 The cov'nant blood shall seal my peace,
 Thy flesh e'en now shall be my food,
 And all my soul be filled with God.

Hymn 59.

- 1 God incomprehensible
 Shall man presume to know,
Fully search him out, or tell
 His wondrous ways below?
Him in all his ways we find;
 How the means transmit the power
Here he leaves our thought behind,
 And faith inquires no more.

- 2 How he did these creatures raise
 And make this bread and wine
Organs to convey his grace
 To this poor soul of mine,
I cannot the way descry,
 Need not know the mystery,
Only this I know, that I
 Was blind, but now I see.

- 3 Now mine eyes are opened wide
 To see his pard'ning love,
Here I view the God that died
 My ruin to remove;
Clay upon mine eyes he laid
 (I at once my sight received)
Bless'd and bid me eat the bread,
 And lo! My soul believed.

Hymn 60.

- 1 Come to the feast, for Christ invites,
 And promises to feed,
'Tis here his closest love unites
 The members to their head.

- 2 'Tis here he nourishes his own
With living bread from heaven,
Or makes himself to mourners known,
And shows their sins forgiven.
- 3 Still in his instituted ways
He bids us ask the power,
The pard'ning or the hallowing grace,
And wait th' appointed hour.
- 4 'Tis not for us to set our God
A time his grace to give,
The benefit whene'er bestowed
We gladly should receive.
- 5 Who seek redemption through his love
His love shall them redeem;
He came self-emptied from above
That we might live through him.
- 6 Expect we then the quick'ning word
Who at his altar bow:
But if it be thy pleasure, Lord,
O let us find thee now.

Hymn 61.

- 1 Thou God of boundless power and grace,
How wonderful are all thy ways,
How far above our loftiest thought!
In presence of the meanest things,
(While all from thee the virtue springs,)
Thy most stupendous works are wrought.

Struck by a stroke of Moses' rod
The parting sea confessed its God,

And high in crystal bulwarks rose;
At Moses' beck it burst the chain,
Returned to all its strength again,
And swept to hell thy church's foes.

- 2 Let but thy ark the walls surround,
Let but the ram's-horn trumpets sound,
The city boasts its height no more,
Its bulwarks are at once o'erthrown,
Its massy walls by air blown down,
They fall before almighty power.

Jordan at thy command shall heal
The sore disease incurable,
And wash out all the leper's stains;
Or oil the med'cine shall supply,
Or clothes, or shadows passing by,
If so thy sovereign will ordains.

- 3 Yet not from these the power proceeds,
Trumpets, or rods, or clothes, or shades,
Thy only arm the work hath done,
If instruments thy wisdom choose,
Thy grace confers their saving use;
Salvation is from God alone.

Thou in this sacramental bread
Dost now our hungry spirits feed,
And cheer us with the hallowed wine,
(Communion of thy flesh and blood)
We banquet on immortal food,
And drink the streams of life divine.

Hymn 62.

- 1 The heavenly ordinances thine,
And speak their origin divine,
The stars diffuse their golden blaze,
And glitter to their Maker's praise.

- 2 They each in different glory bright
 With stronger or with feebler light
 Their influence on mortals shed,
 And cheer us by their friendly aid.
- 3 The gospel-ordinances here
 As stars in Jesu's church appear,
 His power they more or less declare,
 But all his heavenly impress bear.
- 4 Around our lower orb they burn,
 And cheer and bless us in their turn,
 Transmit the light by Jesus given,
 The faithful witnesses of heaven.
- 5 They steer the pilgrim's course aright,
 And bounteous of their borrowed light
 Conduct throughout the desert way,
 And lead us to eternal day.
- 6 But first of the celestial train
 Benignest to the sons of men,
 The *sacramental glory* shines,
 And answers all our God's designs.
- 7 The heavenly host it passes far,
 Illustrious as the morning star,
 The light of life divine imparts,
 While Jesus rises in our hearts.
- 8 With joy we feel its sacred power,
 But neither stars nor²⁰ means adore,
 We take the blessing from above,
 And praise the God of truth and love.
- 9 What he did for our use ordain
 Shall still from age to age remain,
 Whoe'er rejects the kind command
 The word of God shall ever stand.

²⁰“Nor” changed to “or” in 3rd edn. (1751), 4th edn. (1757), and 5th edn. (1762).

- 10 Go, foolish worms, his word deny,
Go tear those planets from the sky,
But while the sun and moon endure,
The ordinance on earth is sure.

Hymn 63.

- 1 O God thy word we claim,
Thou here record'st thy name,
Visit us in pard'ning grace,
Christ the crucified appear,
Come in thy appointed ways,
Come, and meet, and bless us here.
- 2 No local deity
We worship, Lord, in thee:
Free thy grace and unconfined,
Yet it here doth freest move;
In the means thy love enjoined
Look we for thy richest love.

Hymn 64.

- 1 O the grace on man bestowed!
Here my dearest Lord I see
Offering up his death to God,
Giving all his life to me:
God for Jesu's sake forgives
Man by Jesu's Spirit lives.
- 2 Yes, thy sacrament extends
All the blessings of thy death
To the soul that here attends,
Longs to feel thy quick'ning breath;
Surely we who wait shall prove
All thy life of perfect love.

Hymn 65.

- 1 Blest be the Lord forever blest
 Who bought us with a price,
 And bids his ransomed servants feast
 On his great sacrifice.
- 2 Thy blood was shed upon the cross
 To wash us white as snow,
 Broken for us thy body was
 To feed our souls below.
- 3 Now on the sacred table laid
 Thy flesh becomes our food,
 Thy life is to our souls conveyed
 In sacramental blood.
- 4 We eat the offerings of our peace,
 The hidden manna prove,
 And only live t' adore and bless
 Thine all-sufficient love.

Hymn 66.

- 1 Jesu, my Lord and God bestow
 All which thy sacrament doth show,
 And make the real sign
 A sure effectual means of grace,
 Then sanctify my heart and bless,
 And make it all like thine.
- 2 Great is thy faithfulness and love,
 Thine ordinance can never prove
 Of none effect and vain,
 Only do thou my heart prepare,
 To find thy real presence there,
 And all thy fullness gain.

Hymn 67.

- 1 Father, I offer thee thine own
This worthless soul, and thou thy Son
Dost offer here to me:
Wilt thou so mean a gift receive,
And will the holy Jesus live
With loathsome leprosy?
- 2 Saint of the Lord, my soul is sin,
Yet O eternal priest come in,
And cleanse thy mean abode,
Convert into a sacred shrine,
And count this abject soul of mine
A temple meet for God.

Hymn 68.

- 1 Jesu, Son of God draw near,
Hasten to my sepulchre,
Help, where dead in sin I lie,
Save, or I forever die.
- 2 Let no savour of the grave
Stop thy power to help and save,
Call me forth to life restored
Quickened by my dying Lord.
- 3 By thine all-atoning blood
Raise and bring me now to God,
Now pronounce my sins forgiven,
Loose, and let me go to heaven.

Hymn 69.

- 1 Sinful, and blind, and poor,
And lost without thy grace,
Thy mercy I implore,
And wait to see thy face,

Begging I sit by the wayside,
And long to know the crucified.

- 2 Jesu, attend my cry,
 Thou Son of David hear,
 If now thou passest by,
 Stand still and call me near,
Thy darkness from my heart remove,
And show me now thy pard'ning love.

Hymn 70.

Happy the man, to whom 'tis given,
To eat the bread of life in heaven:
This happiness in Christ we prove,
Who feed on his forgiving love.

Hymn 71.

- 1 Draw near ye blood-besprinkled race,
 And take what God vouchsafes to give;
The outward sign of inward grace,
 Ordained by Christ himself, receive:
The sign transmits the signified,
The grace is by the means applied.
- 2 Sure pledges of his dying love
 Receive the sacramental meat,
And feel the virtue from above,
 The mystic flesh of Jesus eat,
Drink with the wine his healing blood,
And feast on the incarnate God.
- 3 Gross misconceit be far away!
 Through faith we on his body feed,
Faith only doth the Spi'rit convey,
 And fills our souls with living bread,

Th' effects of Jesu's death imparts,
And pours his blood into our hearts.

Hymn 72.

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, thine influence shed,
And realize the sign,
Thy life infuse into the bread,
Thy power into the wine.
- 2 Effectual let the tokens prove,
And made by heavenly art
Fit channels to convey thy love
To every faithful heart.

Hymn 73.

- 1 Is not the cup of blessing, blest
By us, the sacred means t' impart
Our Saviour's blood, with power impressed
And pardon to the faithful heart?
- 2 Is not the hallowed broken bread
A sure communicating sign,
An instrument ordained to feed
Our souls with mystic flesh divine?
- 3 Th' effects of his atoning blood,
His body offered on the tree
Are with the awful types bestowed
On me, the pardoned rebel *me*.²¹
- 4 On all, who at his word draw near,
In faith the outward veil look through:
Sinners, believe; and find him here:
Believe; and feel he died for you.

²¹“Me” lacks emphasis in the 1st edn., but is italicized in all subsequent editions.

- 5 In mem'ry of your dying God
The symbols faithfully receive,
And eat the flesh, and drink the blood
Of Jesus, and forever live.

Hymn 74.

- 1 This, this is he that came
By water and by blood!
Jesus is our atoning Lamb,
Our sanctifying God.
- 2 See from his wounded side
The mingled current flow!
The water and the blood applied
Shall wash us white as snow.
- 3 The water cannot cleanse
Before the blood we feel,
To purge the guilt of all our sins,
And our forgiveness seal.
- 4 But both in Jesus join,
Who speaks our sins forgiven,
And gives the purity divine
That makes us meet for heaven.

Hymn 75.

- 1 Father the grace we claim,
The double grace bestowed,
On all who trust in him that came
By water and by blood.
- 2 Jesu, the blood apply,
The righteousness bring in,
Us by thy dying justify,
And wash out all our sin.

3 Spirit of faith, come down,
Thy seal with power set to,
The banquet by thy presence crown,
And prove the record true.

4 Pardon, and grace impart:
Come quickly from above,
And witness now in every heart
That God is perfect love.

Hymn 76.

1 Searcher of hearts, in ours appear,
And make, and keep them all sincere,
Or draw us burdened to thy Son,
Or make him to his mourners known.

2 Thy promised grace vouchsafe to give
As each is able to receive,
The blessed grief to all impart;
Or joy; or purity of heart.

3 Our helpless unbelief remove,
And melt us by thy pard'ning love,
Work in us faith, or faith's increase,
The dawning, or the perfect peace.

4 Give each to thee as seemeth best,
But meet us all at thy own feast,
Thy blessing in thy means convey,
Nor empty send one soul away.

²²Printer numbering error in *HLS* (1745) has page 52 followed by page 65. However, no text seems to be missing. Numbering corrected in later editions.

Hymn 77.

- 1 How long, O Lord, shall we
 In vain lament for thee!
Come, and comfort them that mourn,
 Come, as in the ancient days,
In thine ordinance return,
 In thine own appointed ways.
- 2 Come to thy house again,
 Nor let us seek in vain:
This the place of meeting be,
 To thy weeping flock repair,
Let us here thy beauty see,
 Find thee in the house of prayer.
- 3 Let us with solemn awe
 Nigh to thine altar draw,
Taste thee in the broken bread,
 Drink thee in the mystic wine;
Now the gracious Spirit shed,
 Fill us now with love divine.
- 4 Into our minds recall
 Thy death endured for all:
Come in this accepted day,
 Come, and all our souls restore,
Come, and take our sins away,
 Come, and never leave us more.

Hymn 78.

- 1 Lamb of God, for whom we languish,
 Make thy grief our relief,
 Ease us by thine anguish.

- 2 O our agonizing Saviour,
By thy pain let us gain
God's eternal favour.
- 3 Suffer sin no more t' oppress us,
Set us free (all with me)
By thy bonds release us.
- 4 Clear us by thy condemnation;
Slain for all, let thy fall
Be our exaltation.
- 5 Thy deserts to us make over;
Speak us whole, every soul
By thy wounds recover.
- 6 Let us through thy curse inherit
Blessings' store, love and power,
Fulness of thy Spirit.
- 7 The whole ben'fit of thy Passion,
Present peace, future bliss,
All thy great salvation.
- 8 Power to walk in all well-pleasing
Bid us take, come and make
This th' accepted season.
- 9 In thine own appointments bless us,
Meet us here, now appear,
Our Almighty Jesus.
- 10 Let the ordinance be sealing,
Enter now, claim us thou
For thy constant dwelling.
- 11 Fill the heart of each believer,
We are thine, love divine,
Reign in us forever.

Hymn 79.

- 1 Jesu regard the plaintive cry
The groaning of thy prisoners hear,²³
Thy blood to every soul apply,
The heart of every mourner cheer,
The tokens of thy Passion show,
And meet us in thy ways below.
- 2 Th' atonement thou for all hast made,
O that we all might now receive!
Assure us now the debt is paid,
And thou hast died that all may live,
Thy death for all, for us reveal,
And let thy blood *my* pardon seal.

Hymn 80.

- 1 With pity, Lord, a sinner see
Weary of thy ways and thee:
Forgive my fond despair
A blessing in the means to find,
My struggling to throw off the care
And cast them all behind.
- 2 Long have I groaned thy grace to gain,
Suffered on but all in vain:
An age of mournful years
I waited for thy passing by,
And lost my prayers, and sighs, and tears,
And never found thee nigh.
- 3 Thou wouldst not let me go away;
Still thou forcest me to stay.

²³Ori., "here"; a mistake, corrected in 4th edn. (1757) & in 7th edn. (1776) and following.

O might the secret power
Which will not with its captive part,
Nail to the posts of mercy's door
My poor unstable heart.

- 4 The nails that fixed thee to the tree
Only they can fasten me:
The death thou didst endure
For me let it effectual prove:
Thy love alone my soul can cure,
Thy dear expiring love.
- 5 Now in the means the grace impart,
Whisper peace into my heart;
Appear the justifier
Of all who to thy wounds would fly,
And let me have my one desire
And see thy face, and die.

Hymn 81.

- 1 Jesu, we thus obey
Thy last and kindest word,
Here in thine own appointed way
We come to meet our Lord;
The way thou hast enjoined
Thou wilt therein appear:
We come with confidence to find
Thy special presence here.
- 2 Our hearts we open wide
To make the Saviour room:
And lo! The Lamb, the crucified,
The sinner's friend is come!
His presence makes the feast,
And now our bosoms feel
The glory not to be expressed,
The joy unspeakable.

- 3 With pure celestial bliss
 He doth our spirits cheer,
His house of banqueting is this,
 And he hath brought us here:
 He doth his servants feed
 With manna from above,
His banner over us is spread,
 His everlasting love.
- 4 He bids us drink and eat
 Imperishable food,
He gives his flesh to be our meat,
 And bids us drink his blood:
 Whate'er th' Almighty can
 To pardoned sinners give,
The fulness of our God made man
 We here with Christ receive.

Hymn 82.

- 1 Jesu, sinner's friend, receive us
 Feeble, famishing, and faint,
O thou bread of life relieve us,
 Now, or now we die for want
Least²⁴ we faint, and die forever
 Thou our sinking spirits stay,
Give some token of thy favour,
 Empty send us not away.
- 2 We have in the desert tarried
 Long, and nothing have to eat,
Comfort us through wand'ring wearied,
 Feed our souls with living meat,
Still with bowels of compassion
 See thy helpless people see,
Let us taste thy great salvation,
 Let us feed by faith on thee.

²⁴“Least” changed to “Lest” in 3rd edn. (1751) and following.

Hymn 83.

- 1 Lord, if now thou passest by us,
Stand and call us unto thee,
Freely, fully justify us,
Give us eyes thy love to see,
Love that brought thee down from heaven,
Made our God a man of grief:
Let it show our sins forgiven;
Help, O help our unbelief.

- 2 Long we for thy love have waited,
Begging sat by the wayside,
Still we are not new-created,
Still we are not sanctified,²⁵
Thou to some in great compassion
Hast in part their sight restored,
Show us all thy full salvation,
Make the servants as their Lord.

Hymn 84.

- 1 Christ our Passover for us
Is offered up and slain!
Let him be remembered thus
By every soul of man:
We are bound above the rest
His oblation to proclaim,
Keep we then the solemn feast
And banquet on the Lamb.

- 2 Purge we all our sin away
That old accursed leaven,
Sin in us no longer stay
In us through Christ forgiven:

²⁵Line changed to “Are not wholly sanctified” in 2nd edn. (1747) and following.

Let us all with hearts sincere
Eat the new²⁶ unleavened bread,
To our Lord with faith draw near,
And on his promise feed.

3 Jesus, master of the feast,
The feast itself thou art,
Now receive thy meanest guest,
And comfort every heart:
Give us living bread to eat,
Manna that from heaven comes down,
Fill us with immortal meat,
And make thy nature known.

4 In this barren wilderness
Thou hast a table spread,
Furnished out with richest grace,
Whate'er our souls can need;
Still sustain us by thy love,
Still thy servants' strength repair,
Till we reach the courts above,
And feast forever there.

Hymn 85.²⁷

1 O thou, whom sinners love, whose care
Doth all our sickness heal,
Thee we approach with heart sincere,
Thy power we joy to feel.
To thee our humblest thanks we pay,
To thee our souls we bow,
Of hell e'erwhile the helpless prey,
Heirs of thy glory now.

2 As incense to thy throne above,
O let our prayers arise
Wing with the flames of holy love
Our living sacrifice:

²⁶Ori., "now"; a misprint, corrected in 2nd edn. (1747) and following.

²⁷Source: Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, ed. *Das Gesang-Buch der Gemeine in Herrn-Huth* (Halle: Wäysenhaus, 1737), 969 (#1072, by Zinzendorf). First appeared as "Prayer to Christ Before the Sacrament. From the German," in *HSP* (1739), 189–90.

Stir up thy strength, O Lord of might,
Our willing breasts inspire,
Fill our whole souls with heavenly light,
Melt with seraphic fire.

- 3 From thy blest wounds life let us draw,
Thine all-atoning blood
Now let us drink with trembling awe;
Thy flesh be now our food.
Come, Lord, thy sovereign aid impart,
Here make thy likeness shine,
Stamp thy whole image on our heart,
And all our heart is thine.

Hymn 86.²⁸

- 1 And shall I let him go?
If now I do not *feel*
The streams of living water flow
Shall I forsake the well?
- 2 Because he hides his face,
Shall I no longer stay,
But leave the channels of his grace,
And cast the means away?
- 3 Get thee behind me fiend,
On others try thy skill,
Here let thy hellish whispers end,
To thee I say “Be still!”
- 4 Jesus hath spoke the word,
His will my reason is,
Do this in memory of thy Lord,
Jesus hath said, “Do this!”

²⁸A manuscript precursor of this hymn appears in MS Thirty, 15–16.

- 5 He bids me eat the bread,
 He bids me drink the wine,
No other motive, Lord, I need
 No other word than thine.
- 6 I cheerfully comply
 With what my Lord doth say,
Let others ask a reason why,
 My glory is t' obey.
- 7 His will is good and just:
 Shall I his will withstand?
If Jesus bid me lick the dust
 I bow at his command:
- 8 Because he saith "Do this,"
 This I will always do,
Till Jesus come in glorious bliss
 I *thus* his death will *show*.

Hymn 87.

- 1 By the picture of thy Passion
 Still in pain I remain
Waiting for salvation.
- 2 Jesu, let thy sufferings ease me,
 Saviour, Lord, speak the word,
By thy death release me.
- 3 At thy cross behold me lying,
 Make my soul th'roughly whole
By thy blood's applying.
- 4 Hear me, Lord, my sins confessing,
 Now relieve, Saviour give,
Give me now the blessing.

- 5 Still my cruel sins oppress me,
Tied and bound 'till the sound
Of thy voice release me.
- 6 Call me out of condemnation,
To my grave come and save,
Save me by thy Passion.
- 7 To thy foul and helpless creature,
Come, and cleanse all my sins,
Come and change my nature.
- 8 Save me now, and still deliver,
Enter in, cast out sin,
Keep thine house forever.

Hymn 88.

- 1 Give us this day, all bounteous Lord,
Our sacramental bread,
Who thus his sacrifice record
That suffered in our stead.
- 2 Reveal in every soul thy Son,
And let us taste the grace
Which brings assured salvation down
To all who seek thy face.
- 3 Who here commemorate his death
To us his life impart,
The loving filial Spirit breathe
Into my waiting heart.
- 4 My earnest of eternal bliss
Let my Redeemer be,
And if even now he present is,
Now let him speak in me.

Hymn 89.

- 1 Ye faithful souls, who thus record
 The Passion of that Lamb divine,
Is the memorial of your Lord
 An useless form, an empty sign,
Or doth he here his life impart?
What saith the witness in your heart?
- 2 Is it the dying master's will
 That we should this persist to do?
Then let him here himself reveal,
 The tokens of his presence show,
Descend in blessings from above,
And answer by the fire of love.
- 3 Who thee remember in thy ways,
 Come, Lord, and meet and bless us here,
In confidence we ask the grace,
 Faithful and true appear, appear,
Let all perceive thy blood applied,
Let all discern the crucified.
- 4 'Tis done; the Lord sets to his seal,
 The prayer is heard, the grace is given,
With joy unspeakable we feel
 The Holy Ghost sent down from heaven,
The altar streams with sacred blood,
And all the temple flames with God!

Hymn 90.²⁹

- 1 Blest be the love, forever blest
 The bleeding love we thus record!
Jesus, we take the dear bequest,
 Obedient to thy kindest word,

²⁹Ori., "40"; a misprint, corrected in 2nd edn. (1747) and following.

Thy word which stands divinely sure,
And shall from age to age endure.

- 2 In vain the subtle tempter tries
 Thy dying precept to repeal,
To hide the letter from our eyes,
 And break the testamental seal,
Refine the solid truth away,
And make us free—to disobey.
- 3 In vain he labours to persuade
 Thou didst not mean the word should bind,
The feast for thy first followers made
 For them and us, and all mankind,
Mindful of thee we still attend,
And this we do, till time shall end.
- 4 Through vain pretence of clearer light
 We do not, Lord, refuse to see,
Or weakly the commandment slight
 To show our Christian liberty,
Or seek rebelliously to prove
The pureness of our cath'lic love.
- 5 Our wand'ring brethren's hearts to gain
 We will not let our Saviour go,
But in thine ancient paths remain,
 But thus persist thy death to show,
Till strong with all thy life we rise,
And meet thee coming in the skies!

Hymn 91.

- 1 All-loving, all-redeeming Lord,
 Thy wand'ring sheep with pity see,
Who slight thy dearest dying word,
 And will not thus remember thee,

To all who would perform thy will
The glorious promised truth reveal.

- 2 Can we enjoy thy richest love,
Nor long that they the grace may share?
Thou from their eyes the scales remove,
Thou the eternal word declare,
Thy Spirit with thy word impart,
And speak the precept to their heart.
- 3 If chiefly here thou may'st be found,
If now, e'en now we find thee here,
O let their joys like ours abound,
Invite them to the royal cheer,
Feed with imperishable food,
And fill their raptured souls with God.
- 4 Jesu, we will not let thee go,
But keep herein our fastest hold,
Till thou to them thy counsel show,
And call and make us all one fold,
One hallowed undivided bread,
One body knit to thee our head.

Hymn 92.

- 1 Ah tell us no more
The Spirit and power
Of Jesus our God
Is not to be found in this life-giving food!
- 2 Did Jesus ordain
His Supper in vain,
And furnish a feast
For none but his earliest servants to taste?
- 3 Nay, but this is his will
(We know it and feel)

That *we* should partake
The banquet for all he so freely did make.

4 In rapturous bliss
 He bids us do this,
 The joy it imparts
Hath witnessed his gracious design in our hearts.

5 'Tis God we believe,
 Who cannot deceive,
 The witness of God
Is present, and speaks in the mystical blood.

6 Receiving the bread
 On Jesus we feed,
 It doth not appear
His manner of working; but Jesus is here!

7 With bread from above,
 With comfort and love
 Our spirit he fills,
And all his unspeakable goodness reveals.

8 O that all men would haste
 To the spiritual feast,
 At Jesus's word
Do this, and be fed with the love of our Lord!

9 True light of mankind
 Shine into their mind,
 And clearly reveal
Thy perfect and good and acceptable will.

10 Bring near the glad day
 When all shall obey
 Thy dying request,
And eat of thy Supper, and lean on thy breast.

- 11 To all men impart
 One way and one heart,
 Thy people be shown
All righteous and sinless and perfect in one.
- 12 Then, then let us see
 Thy glory, and be
 Caught up in the air
This heavenly Supper in heaven to share.

3. The Sacrament a Pledge of Heaven.

Hymn 93.

- 1 Come let us join with one accord
 Who share the Supper of the Lord,
 Our Lord and Master's praise to sing,
 Nourished on earth with living bread
 We now are at his table fed,
 But wait to see our heavenly King;
 To see the great invisible
 Without a sacramental veil,
 With all his robes of glory on,
 In rapt'rous joy and love and praise
 Him to behold with open face,
 High on his everlasting throne.

- 2 The wine which doth his Passion show,
 We soon with him shall drink it new
 In yonder dazzling courts above,
 Admitted to the heavenly feast
 We shall his choicest blessings taste,
 And banquet on his richest love.
 We soon the midnight cry shall hear,
 Arise, and meet the Bridegroom near,
 The marriage of the Lamb is come,
 Attended by his heavenly friends
 The glorious King of saints descends
 To take his bride in triumph home.

- 3 Then let us still in hope rejoice,
And listen for th' archangel's voice
 Loud-echoing to the trump of God,
Haste to the dreadful joyful day,
When heaven and earth shall flee away
 By all-devouring flames destroyed:
While we from out the burnings fly,
With eagles' wings mount up on high,
 Where Jesus is on Sion seen;
'Tis there he for our coming waits,
And lo, the everlasting gates
 Lift up their heads to take us in!
- 4 By faith and hope already there
Ev'n now the marriage-feast we share,
 Ev'n now we by the Lamb are fed,
Our Lord's celestial joy we prove,
Led by the Spirit of his love,
 To springs of living comfort led
Suffering and curse and death are o'er,
And pain afflicts the soul no more
 While harboured in the Saviour's breast,
He quiets all our plaints and cries,
And wipes the sorrow from our eyes,
 And lulls us in his arms to rest!

Hymn 94.

- 1 O what a soul-transporting feast
 Doth this communion yield!
Rememb'ring here thy Passion past
 We with thy love are filled.
- 2 Sure instrument of present grace
 Thy sacrament we find,
Yet higher blessings it displays,
 And raptures still behind.

- 3 It bears us now on eagles' wings,
If thou the power impart,
And thee our glorious earnest brings
Into our faithful heart.
- 4 O let us still the earnest feel,
Th' unutterable peace,
This loving Spirit be the seal,
Of our eternal bliss!

Hymn 95.

- 1 In Jesus we live, in Jesus we rest,
And thankful receive his dying bequest;
The cup of salvation his mercy bestows,
And all from his Passion our happiness flows.
- 2 With mystical wine he comforts us here,
And gladly we join, till Jesus appear,
With hearty thanksgiving his death to record;
The living, the living should sing of their Lord.
- 3 He hallowed the cup which now we receive,
The pledge of our hope with Jesus to live,
(Where sorrow and sadness shall never be found)
With glory and gladness eternally crowned.
- 4 The fruit of the vine (the joy it implies)
Again we shall join to drink in the skies,
Exult in his favour, our triumph renew;
And I, saith the Saviour, will drink it with you.

Hymn 96.

- 1 Happy the souls to Jesus joined,
And saved by grace alone,
Walking in all thy ways we find
Our heaven on earth begun.

- 2 The church triumphant in thy love
Their mighty joys we know,
They sing the Lamb in hymns above,
And we in hymns below.
- 3 Thee in thy glorious realm they praise,
And bow before thy throne,
We in the kingdom of thy grace,
The kingdoms are but one.
- 4 The holy to the holiest leads,
From hence our spirits rise,
And he that in thy statutes treads
Shall meet thee in the skies.

Hymn 97.

- 1 Thee King of saints we praise
For this our living bread,
Nourished by thy preserving grace,
And at thy table fed;
- Who in these lower parts
Of thy great kingdom feast,
We feel the earnest in our hearts
Of our eternal rest.
- 2 Yet still an higher seat
We in thy kingdom claim,
Who here begin by faith to eat
The Supper of the Lamb,
- That glorious heavenly prize
We surely shall attain,
And in the palace of the skies
With thee forever reign.

Hymn 98.

- 1 Where shall this memorial end?
 Thither let our souls ascend,
 Live on earth to heaven restored,
 Wait the coming of our Lord.

- 2 Jesus terminates our hope,
 Jesus is our wishes' scope,
 End of this great mystery
 Him we fain would die to see.

- 3 He whom we remember here,
 Christ shall in the clouds appear,
 Manifest to every eye,
 We shall soon behold him nigh.

- 4 Faith ascends the mountain's height,
 Now enjoys the pompous sight,
 Antedates the final doom,
 Sees the judge in glory come.

- 5 Lo, he comes triumphant down,
 Seated on his great white throne!
 Cherubs bear it on their wings,
 Shouting bear the King of kings.

- 6 Lo, his glorious banner spread
 Stains the skies with deepest red,
 Dies the land, and fires the wood,
 Turns the ocean into blood.

- 7 Gathered to the well-known sign
 We our elder brethren join,
 Swiftly to our Lord fly up,
 Hail him on the mountaintop;

- 8 Take our happy seats above,
Banquet on his heavenly love,
Lean on our Redeemer's breast,
In his arms forever rest.

Hymn 99.

- 1 Whither should our full souls aspire
At this transporting feast?
They never can on earth be higher,
Or more completely blest.
- 2 Our cup of blessing from above
Delightfully runs o'er,
Till from these bodies they remove
Our souls can hold no more.
- 3 To heav'n the mystic banquet leads,
Let us to heaven ascend,
And bear this joy upon our heads
Till it in glory end:
- 4 Till all who truly join in this,
The marriage-supper share,
Enter into their Master's bliss
And feast forever there.

Hymn 100.

- 1 Returning to his throne above
The friend of sinners cried,
Do this in mem'ry of my love;
He spoke the word, and died.
- 2 He tasted death for every one,
The Saviour of mankind
Out of our sight to heaven is gone,
But left his pledge behind.

- 3 His sacramental pledge we take,
Nor will we let it go;
Till in the clouds our Lord comes back
We thus his death will show.
- 4 Come quickly, Lord, for whom we mourn,
And comfort all that grieve,
Prepare the bride, and then return
And to thyself receive.
- 5 Now to thy gracious kingdom come,
(Thou hast a token given)
And when thy arms receive us home
Recall thy pledge in heaven.

Hymn 101.

- 1 How glorious is the life above
Which in this ordinance we *taste*;
That fulness of celestial love,
That joy which shall forever last!
- 2 That heavenly life in Christ concealed
These earthen vessels could not bear,
The part which now we find revealed
No tongue of angels can declare.
- 3 The light of life eternal darts
Into our souls a dazzling ray,
A drop of heav'n o'erflows our hearts,
And deluges the house of clay.
- 4 Sure pledge of ecstasies unknown
Shall this divine communion be,
The ray shall rise into a sun,
The drop shall swell into a sea.

Hymn 102.

- 1 O the length and breadth and height
And depth of dying love!
Love that turns our faith to sight
And wafts to heaven above!
Pledge of our possession this,
This which nature faints to bear;
Who shall then support the bliss,
The joy the rapture there!
- 2 Flesh and blood shall not receive
The vast inheritance;
God we cannot see, and live
The life of feeble sense,
In our weakest nonage, here,
Up into our head we grow,
Saints before our Lord appear,
And ripe for heaven below.
- 3 We his image shall regain,
And to his stature rise,
Rise unto³⁰ a perfect man,
And then ascend the skies,
Find our happy mansions there,
Strong to bear the joys above
All the glorious weight to bear
Of everlasting love.

Hymn 103.

- 1 Take, and eat, the Saviour saith,
This my sacred body is!
Him we take and eat by faith,
Feed upon that flesh of his,

³⁰Charles Wesley changed “unto” to “into” in *All in All* (1761).

All the benefits receive
Which his Passion did procure,
Pardoned by his grace we live,
Grace which makes salvation sure.

- 2 Title to eternal bliss
Here his precious death we find,
This the pledge the earnest this
Of the purchased joys behind:
Here he gives our souls a taste,
Heaven into our hearts he pours;
Still believe, and hold him fast,
God and Christ and all is ours!

Hymn 104.

- 1 Returning to his Father's throne
Hear all the interceding Son,
And join in that eternal prayer:
He prays that we with him may reign,
And he that did the kingdom gain
For us, shall soon conduct us there.
- 2 "I will that those thou giv'st to me
May all my heavenly glory see,
But first be perfected in one."
Amen, amen our heart replies,
Prepare and take us to the skies,
Thy prayer be heard, thy will be done!

Hymn 105.

- 1 Lift up your eyes³¹ of faith and see
Saints and angels joined in one,
What a countless company
Stands before yon dazzling throne!

³¹Charles Wesley changed to "Lift your eyes" in *All in All* (1765), to correct metre.

Each before his Saviour stands,
All in milk-white robes arrayed,
Palms they carry in their hands,
Crowns of glory on their head.

- 2 Saints begin the endless song,
Cry aloud in heavenly lays
Glory doth to God belong,
God the glorious Saviour praise,
All from him salvation came,³²
Him who reigns enthroned on high,
Glory to the bleeding Lamb
Let the morning stars reply.
- 3 Angel-powers the throne surround,
Next the saints in glory they,
Lulled with the transporting sound
They their silent homage pay,
Prostrate on their face before
God and his Messiah fall,
Then in hymns of praise adore,
Shout the Lamb that died for all.
- 4 Be it so, they all reply,
Him let all our orders praise,
Him that did for sinners die,
Saviour of the favoured race,
Render we our God his right,
Glory, wisdom, thanks and power,
Honour, majesty and might,
Praise him, praise him evermore!

Hymn 106.

- 1 What are these arrayed in white
Brighter than the noonday sun,
Foremost of the sons of light,
Nearest the eternal throne?

³²Charles Wesley changed to read “All salvation from him came” in *All in All* (1761).

These are they that bore the cross,
Nobly for their Master stood,
Sufferers in his righteous cause,
Followers of the dying God.

2 Out of great distress they came,
Washed their robes by faith below
In the blood of yonder Lamb,
Blood that washes white as snow.
Therefore are they next the throne,
Serve their Maker day and night.
God resides among his own,
God doth in his saints delight.

3 More than conquerors at last,
Here they find their trials o'er,
They have all their sufferings past,
Hunger now and thirst no more;
No excessive heat they feel
From the sun's directer ray,
In a milder clime they dwell,
Region of eternal day!

4 He that on the throne doth reign
Them the Lamb shall always feed,
With the tree of life sustain,
To the living fountains lead,
He shall all their sorrows chase,
All their wants at once remove,
Wipe the tears from every face,
Fill up every soul with love.

Hymn 107.

1 All hail thou suffering Son of God,
Who didst these mysteries ordain,
Communion of thy flesh and blood,
Sure instrument thy grace to gain,

Type of the heavenly marriage-feast,
Pledge of our everlasting rest.

- 2 Jesu, thine own with pity see,
Our helpless unbelief remove,
Empower us to remember thee,
Give us the faith that works by love,
The faith which thou hast giv'n increase,
And seal us up in glorious peace.

Hymn 108.

- 1 Ah give us, Saviour, to partake
The sufferings, which this emblem shows,
Thy flesh our food immortal make,
Thy blood which in this channel flows
In all its benefits impart,
And sanctify our sprinkled heart.
- 2 For all that joy which now we taste
Our happy hallowed souls prepare,
O let us hold the earnest fast,
This pledge that we thy heaven shall share,
Shall drink it new with thee above
The wine of thy eternal love.

Hymn 109.

- 1 Lord, thou know'st my simpleness,
All my groans are heard by thee,
See me hung'ring after grace,
Gasping at thy table see,
One who would in thee believe
Would with joy the crumbs receive.

- 2 Look as when thy closing eye
 Saw the thief beside thy cross;
Thou art now gone up on high,
 Undertake my desperate cause,
In thy heavenly kingdom thou
Be the friend of sinners now.
- 3 Saviour, prince, enthroned above,
 Send a peaceful answer down,
Let the bowels of thy love
 Echo to a sinner's groan,
One who feebly thinks of thee
Thou for good remember me.

Hymn 110.

- 1 Jesu on thee we feed
 Along the desert way,
Thou art the living bread
 Which doth our spirits stay,
And all who in this banquet join
Lean on the staff of life divine .
- 2 While to thy upper courts
 We take our joyful flight
Thy blessed cross supports
 Each feeble Israelite,
Like hoary dying Jacob we
Lean on our staff, and worship thee.
- 3 O may we still abide
 In thee our pard'ning God,
Thy Spirit be our guide,
 Thy body be our food,
Till thou who hast the token given
Shalt bear us on thyself to heaven.

Hymn 111.

- 1 And can we call to mind
 The Lamb for sinners slain,
 And not expect to find
 What he for us did gain,
What God to us in him hath given,
Pardon, and holiness, and heaven?
- 2 We now forgiveness have,
 We feel his work begun,
 And he shall fully save,
 And perfect us in one,
Shall soon in all his image dressed
Receive us to the marriage-feast.
- 3 This token of thy love
 We thankfully receive,
 And hence with joy remove
 With thee in heaven to live,
There Lord we shall thy pledge restore,
And live to praise thee evermore.

Hymn 112.

- 1 Eternal Spirit gone up on high
 Blessings for mortals to receive,
Send down those blessings from the sky,
 To us thy gifts and graces give;
With holy things our mouths are filled,
 O let our hearts with joy o'erflow;
Descend in pard'ning love revealed,
 And meet us in thy courts below.

- 2 Thy sacrifice without the gate
Once offered up we call to mind,
And humbly at thy altar wait
Our interest in thy death to find:
We thirst to drink thy precious blood,
We languish in thy wounds to rest,
And hunger for immortal food,
And long on all thy love to feast.
- 3 O that we now thy flesh may eat,
Its virtue really receive,
Empower'd by this immortal meat
The life of holiness to live:
Partakers of thy sacrifice
O may we all thy nature share,
Till to the holiest place we rise,
And keep the feast forever there.

Hymn 113.

- 1 Give us, O Lord, the children's bread,
By ministerial angels fed,
(The angels of thy church below)
Nourish us with preserving grace
Our forty years or forty days,
And lead us through the vale of woe:
- 2 Strengthened by this immortal food,
O let us reach the mount of God,
And face to face our Saviour see,
In songs of praise and love and joy,
With all thy first-born sons employ
An happy whole eternity.

Hymn 114.

- 1 See there the quick'ning cause of all
Who live the life of grace beneath!
God caused on him the sleep to fall,
And lo, his eyes are closed in death!
- 2 He sleeps; and from his opened side
The mingled blood and water flow;
They both give being to his bride,
And wash his church as white as snow.
- 3 True principles of life divine
Issues from these the second Eve,
Mother of all the faithful line,
Of all that by his Passion live.
- 4 O what a miracle of love
Hath he, our heavenly Adam showed!
Jesus forsook his throne above,
That we might all be born of God.
- 5 'Twas not an useless rib he lost,
His heart's last drop of blood he gave;
His life, his precious life it cost
Our dearly ransomed souls to save.
- 6 And will he not his purchase take
Who died to make us all his own,
One spirit with himself to make
Flesh of his flesh, bone of his bone?
- 7 He will, our hearts reply, he will;
He hath ev'n here a token given,
And bids us meet him on the hill,
And keep the marriage-feast in heaven.

Hymn 115.

- 1 O glorious instrument divine
Which blessings to our souls conveys,
Brings with the hallowed bread and wine
His strength'ning and refreshing grace,
Presents his bleeding sacrifice,
His all-reviving death applies!

- 2 Glory to God who reigns above,
But suffered once for man below,
With joy we celebrate his love,
And thus his precious Passion show,
Till in the clouds our Lord we see,
And shout with all his saints—'TIS HE!

4. The Holy Eucharist as it Implies a Sacrifice.

Hymn 116.

- 1 Victim divine, thy grace we claim
While thus thy precious death we show,
Once offered up a spotless Lamb
In thy great temple here below,
Thou didst for all mankind atone,
And standest now before the throne.
- 2 Thou standest in the holiest place,
As now for guilty sinners slain,
Thy blood of sprinkling speaks, and prays
All-prevalent for helpless man,
Thy blood is still our ransom found,
And spreads³³ salvation all around.
- 3 The smoke of thy atonement here
Darkened the sun and rent the veil,
Made the new way to heaven appear,
And showed the great invisible:
Well pleased in thee our God looked down,
And called his rebels to a crown.
- 4 He still respects thy sacrifice,
Its savour sweet doth always please,
The offering smokes through earth and skies,
Diffusing life and joy and peace,
To these thy lower courts it comes,
And fills them with divine perfumes.

³³“Spreads” changed to “speaks” in 7th edn. (1776) and following.

- 5 We need not now go up to heaven
To bring the long-sought Saviour down,
Thou art to all already given:
Thou dost ev'n now thy banquet crown,
To every faithful soul appear,
And show thy real presence here.

Hymn 117.

- 1 Thou Lamb that suffer'dst on the tree,
And in this dreadful mystery
Still offer'st up thyself to God,
We cast us on thy sacrifice,
Wrapped in the sacred smoke arise,
And covered with th' atoning blood.

Thy death presented in our stead
Enters us³⁴ now among the dead,
Parts of thy mystic body here,
By thy divine oblation raised,
And on our Aaron's ephod placed
We now with thee in heaven appear.

- 2 Thy death exalts thy ransomed ones,
And sets us 'midst the precious stones,
Closest thy dear thy loving breast,
Israel as on thy shoulders stands;
Our names are graven on the hands
The heart of our eternal priest.

For us he ever intercedes,
His heaven-deserving Passion pleads
Presenting us before the throne;
We want no sacrifice beside,
By that great offering sanctified,
One with our head, forever one.

³⁴“Us” is mistakenly omitted in 4th edn. (1757) and 5th edn. (1762).

Hymn 118.

- 1 Live our eternal priest
 By men and angels blest!
Jesus Christ, the crucified,
 He who did for all atone,
From the cross where once he died
 Now he up to heaven is gone.

- 2 He ever lives, and prays
 For all the faithful race;
In the holiest place above
 Sinners' advocate he stands,
Pleads for us his dying love,
 Shows for us his bleeding hands.

- 3 His body torn and rent
 He doth to God present;
In that dear memorial shows
 Israel's chosen tribes impressed:
All our names the Father knows,
 Reads them on our Aaron's breast.

- 4 He reads, while we beneath
 Present our Saviour's death,
Do as Jesus bids us do,
 Signify his flesh and blood,
Him in a memorial show,
 Offer up the Lamb to God.

- 5 From this thrice hallowed shade
 Which Jesu's cross hath made,
Image of his sacrifice,
 Never, never will we move,
Till with all his saints we rise,
 Rise, and take our place above.

Hymn 119.

- 1 Father, God, who seest in me
 Only sin and misery,
 See thine own anointed one,
 Look on thy beloved Son.

- 2 Turn from me thy glorious eyes
 To that bloody sacrifice,
 To the full atonement made,
 To the utmost ransom paid;

- 3 To the blood that speaks above,
 Calls for thy forgiving love;
 To the tokens of his death
 Here exhibited beneath.

- 4 Hear his blood's prevailing cry,
 Let thy bowels then reply,
 Then through him the sinner see,
 Then in Jesus look on me.

Hymn 120.

- 1 Father see the victim slain,
 Jesus Christ the just, the good,
 Offered up for guilty man,
 Pouring out his precious blood,
 Him, and then the sinner see,
 Look through Jesu's wounds on me.

- 2 Me, the sinner most distressed,
 Most afflicted, and forlorn,
 Stranger to a moment's rest,
 Ruining that I e'er was born,

Pierced with sin's envenomed dart,
Dying of a broken heart.

3 Dying, whom thy hands have made
All thy blessings to receive,
Dying, whom thy love hath stayed,
Whom thy pity would have live,
Dying at my Saviour's side,
Dying for whom Christ hath died.

4 Can it, Father, can it be?
What doth Jesu's blood reply?
If it doth not plead for me,
Let my soul forever die;
But if mine through him thou art,
Speak the pardon to my heart.

Hymn 121.

1 Father, behold thy fav'rite Son,
The glorious partner of thy throne,
Forever placed at thy right hand,
O look on thy Messiah's face,
And seal the cov'nant of thy grace,
To us who in thy Jesus stand.

To us thou hast redemption sent;
And we again to thee present
The blood that speaks our sins forgiven,
That sprinkles all the nations round;
And now thou hear'st the solemn sound
Loud-echoing through the courts of heaven.

2 The cross on Calvary he bore,
He suffered once to die no more,

But left a sacred pledge behind:
See here!—It on thy altar lies,
Memorial of the sacrifice
He offered once for all mankind.

Father, the grand oblation see,
The death as present now with thee,
As when he gasped on earth—“Forgive!”
Answer, and show the curse removed,
Accept us in the well-belov’d,
And bid thy world of rebels live.

Hymn 122.

- [1] Father, let the sinner go,
The Lamb did once atone,
Lo! We to thy justice show
The Passion of thy Son;
Thus to thee we set it forth:
He the dying precept gave,
He, who hath sufficient worth
A thousand worlds to save.
- 2 Can thy justice aught³⁵ reply
To our prevailing plea?
Jesus died thy grace to buy
For all mankind and me;
Still before thy righteous throne
Stands the Lamb as newly slain:
Canst thou turn away thy Son,
Or let him bleed in vain?
- 3 Still the wounds are open wide,
The blood doth freely flow,
As when first his sacred side
Received the deadly blow:

³⁵Ori. (in all edns.), “ought”; a misprint.

Still, O God, the blood is warm,
Covered with the blood we are;
Find a part it doth not arm,
And strike the sinner there!

Hymn 123.

- 1 O thou whose offering on the tree
The legal offerings all foreshowed,
Borrowed their whole effect from thee,
And drew their virtue from thy blood;
The blood of goats and bullocks slain
Could never for one sin atone;
To purge the guilty offerer's stain
Thine was the work, and *thine* alone.
- 2 Vain in themselves their duties were,
Their services could never please,
'Till joined with thine, and made to share
The merits of thy righteousness:
Forward they cast a faithful look
On thy approaching sacrifice,
And thence their pleasing savour took,
And rose accepted in the skies.
- 3 Those feeble types and shadows old
Are all in thee the truth fulfilled,
And through this Sacrament we hold
The substance in our hearts revealed;
By faith we see thy sufferings past
In this mysterious rite³⁶ brought back,
And on thy grand oblation cast
Its saving benefit partake.
- 4 Memorial of thy sacrifice
This eucharistic mystery
The full atoning grace supplies,
And sanctifies our gifts in thee:

³⁶“Rite” mistakenly replaced by “right” in 2nd edn. (1747), 3rd edn. (1751), and 4th edn. (1757).

Our persons and performance please,
While God in thee looks down from heaven,
Our acceptable service sees,
And whispers all our sins forgiven.

Hymn 124.

1 All hail, Redeemer of mankind!
Thy life on Calvary resigned
Did fully once for all atone,
Thy blood hath paid our utmost price,
Thine all-sufficient sacrifice
Remains eternally alone:

Angels and men might strive in vain,
They could not add the smallest grain
T' augment thy death's atoning power,
The sacrifice is all-complete,
The death thou never canst repeat,
Once offered up to die no more.

2 Yet may we celebrate below,
And daily thus thine offering show
Exposed before thy Father's eyes;
In this tremendous mystery
Present thee bleeding on the tree
Our everlasting sacrifice;

Father, behold thy dying Son!
Ev'n now he lays our ransom down,
Ev'n now declares our sins forgiven:
His flesh is rent, the living way
Is opened to eternal day,
And lo, through him we pass to heaven!

Hymn 125.

- 1 O God of our forefathers hear,
 And make thy faithful mercies known,
To thee through Jesus we draw near,
 Thy suffering, well-beloved Son,
In whom thy smiling face we see,
In whom thou art well-pleased with *me*.

- 2 With solemn faith we offer up,
 And spread before thy glorious eyes
That only ground of all our hope,
 That precious, bleeding sacrifice,
Which brings thy grace on sinners down,
And perfects all our souls in one.

- 3 Acceptance through his only name,
 Forgiveness in his blood we have;
But more abundant life we claim
 Through him who died our souls to save,
To sanctify us by his blood,
And fill with all the life of God.

- 4 Father, behold thy dying Son,
 And hear his blood that speaks above,
On us let all thy grace be shown,
 Peace, righteousness, and joy, and love,
Thy kingdom come to every heart,
And all thou hast and all thou art.

Hymn 126.

- 1 Father to him we turn our face
 Who did for all atone,
And worship tow'rd thy holy place,
 And seek thee in thy Son.

- 2 Him the true ark and mercy-seat
By faith we call to mind,
Faith in the blood atoning yet
For us and all mankind.
- 3 To thee his Passion we present,
Who for our ransom dies,
We reach by this great instrument
Th' eternal sacrifice.
- 4 The Lamb as crucified afresh
Is here held out to men,
The tokens of his blood and flesh
Are on this table seen.
- 5 The Lamb his Father now surveys,
As on this altar slain,
Still³⁷ bleeding and imploring grace
For every soul of man.
- 6 Father, for us ev'n us he bleeds,
The sacrifice receive,
Forgive, for Jesus intercedes,
He gasps in death—"Forgive!"

Hymn 127.

- 1 Did thine ancient Israel go
With solemn praise and prayer
To thy hallowed courts below
To meet and serve thee there?
To thy body, Lord, we flee;
This the consecrated shrine,
Temple of the deity,
The real house divine.

³⁷“Still” changed to “Its” in 3rd edn. (1751), 4th edn. (1757), and 5th edn. (1762).

2 Did they tow'rd the altar turn
 Their hopes and heart and face,
Whence the victim's blood was borne
 Into the holiest place?
Tow'rd the cross we still look up,
 Tow'rd the Lamb for sinners given,
Through thine only death we hope
 To find our way to heaven.

5. Concerning the Sacrifice of our Persons.

Hymn 128.

- 1 All hail, thou mighty to atone!
To expiate sin is thine alone,
 Thou hast alone the wine-press trod,
Thou only hast for sinners died,
By one oblation satisfied
 Th' inexorably righteous God:
- Should the whole church in flames arise,
Offered as one burnt-sacrifice
 The sinner's smallest debt to pay,
They could not, Lord, thine honour share,
With thee the Father's justice bear,
 Or bear one single sin away.
- 2 Thyself our utmost price hast paid,
Thou hast for all atonement made,
 For all the sins of all mankind;
God doth in thee redemption give:
But how shall we the grace receive,
 But how shall we the blessing find?
- We only can *accept* the grace,
And humbly our Redeemer praise
 Who bought the glorious liberty:
The life thou didst for all procure
We make by our believing sure
 To us who live and die to thee.

3 While faith th' atoning blood applies,
Ourselves a living sacrifice
 We freely offer up to God:
And none but those his glory share
Who crucified with Jesus are,
 And follow where their Saviour trod.

Saviour, to thee our lives we give,
Our meanest sacrifice receive,
 And to thy own oblation join,
Our suffering and triumphant head,
Through all thy states thy members lead,
 And seat us on the throne divine.

Hymn 129.

1 See where our great high priest
 Before the Lord appears,
 And on his loving breast
 The tribes of Israel bears,
Never without his people seen,
The head of all believing men!

2 With him the cornerstone
 The living stones conjoin,
 Christ and his church are one,
 One body and one vine,
For us he uses all his powers,
And all he has, or is, is ours.

3 The motions of our head
 The members all pursue,
 By his good Spirit led
 To act, and suffer too
Whate'er he did on earth sustain,
'Till glorious all like him we reign.

Hymn 130.

- 1 Jesu, we follow thee,
 In all thy footsteps tread,
And pant for full conformity
 To our exalted head;
- We would, we would partake
 Thy every state below,
And suffer all things for thy sake,
 And to thy glory go.³⁸
- 2 We in thy birth are born,
 Sustain thy grief and loss,
Share in thy want and shame and scorn,
 And die upon thy cross.
- Baptized into thy death
 We sink into thy grave,
Till thou the quick'ning Spirit breathe,
 And to the utmost save.
- 3 Thou saidst "Where'er I am
 There shall my servant be."
Master, the welcome word we claim,
 And die to live with thee;
- To us who share thy pain
 Thy joy shall soon be given,
And we shall in thy glory reign,
 For thou art now in heaven.

Hymn 131.

- 1 Would the Saviour of mankind
 Without his people die?
No, to him we all are joined
 As more than standers by.

³⁸"Go" changed to "do" in 3rd edn. (1751), 4th edn. (1757), and 5th edn. (1762).

Freely as the victim came
To the altar of his cross,
We attend the slaughtered Lamb,
And suffer for his cause.

2 Him ev'n now by faith we see:
Before our eyes he stands!
On the suffering deity
We lay our trembling hands,
Lay our sins upon his head,
Wait on the dread sacrifice,
Feel the lovely victim bleed,
And die while Jesus dies!

3 Sinners see, he dies for all,
And feel his mortal wound,
Prostrate on your faces fall,
And kiss the hallowed ground;
Hallowed by the streaming blood,
Blood, whose virtue all may know,
Sharers with the dying God,
And crucified below.

4 Sprinkled with the blood we lie,
And bless its cleansing power,
Crying in the Spirit's cry,
Our Saviour we adore!
Jesu, Lord, whose cross we bear,
Let thy death our sins destroy,
Make us who thy sorrow share
Partakers of thy joy.

Hymn 132.

1 Let heaven and earth proclaim
 Our common Saviour's name,
Offered by himself to God
 In his temple here beneath,
Him who shed for all his blood,
 Him for all who tasted death.

2 By faith ev'n now we see
 The suffering deity,
At the head of whole mankind
 Lo! He comes for all to die,
Not a soul is left behind
 Whom he did not love and buy.

3 First-born of many sons
 His blood for us atones,
Saves us from the mortal pain,
 If we by his cross abide,
If we in the house remain
 Where our elder brother died.

Hymn 133.

1 O thou, who hast our sorrows took,
 Who all our sins didst singly bear,
To thy dear, bloody cross we look,
 We cast us on thy offering there,
For pardon on thy death rely,
For grace and strength to reach the sky.

2 We look on thee our dying Lamb,
 On thee whom we have pierced, and mourn,
Partakers of thy grief and shame:
 Thy anguish hath our bosoms torn,

For us thou didst thy life resign;
Was ever love or grief like thine!

- 3 O what a killing thought is this,
 A sword to pierce the faithful heart!
Our sins have slain the Prince of Peace;
 Our sins, which caused his mortal smart,
With him we vow to crucify;
Our sins which murdered God shall die!
- 4 By faith we nail them to the tree,
 Till not one breath of life remain,
But what we can present to thee,
 (To thee whose blood hath purged our stain)
Conjoined to thy great sacrifice,
Well-pleasing in thy Father's eyes.
- 5 The saved and Saviour now agree
 In closest fellowship combined,
We grieve, and die, and live with thee,
 To thy great Father's will resigned;
And God doth all thy members own
One with thyself, forever one.

Hymn 134.

- 1 Jesu, we know that thou hast died,
 And share the death we show,
If the first fruits be sanctified,
 The lump is holy too.
- 2 The sheaf was waved before the Lord,
 When Jesus bowed his head,
And we who thus his death record
 One with himself are made.

- 3 The sheaf and harvest is but one
Accepted sacrifice,
And we who have thy sufferings known
Shall in thy life arise.
- 4 Still all-involved in God we are,
And offered with the Lamb,
Till all in heaven with Christ appear
Eternally the same.

Hymn 135.

- 1 Amazing love to mortals showed!
The sinless body of our God
Was fastened to the tree;
And shall our sinful members live?
No, Lord, they shall not thee survive,
They all shall die with thee.
- 2 The feet which did to evil run,
The hands which violent acts have done,
The greedy heart and eyes,
Base weapons of iniquity,
We offer up to death with thee
A whole burnt sacrifice.
- 3 Our sins are on thine altar laid,
We do not for their being plead,
Or circumscribe thy power:
Bound on thy cross thou seest them lie:
Let all this cursed Adam die,
Die, and revive no more.
- 4 Root out the seeds of pride and lust,
That each may of thy Passion boast
Which doth the freedom give,
“The world to me is crucified,
And I who on his cross have died
To God forever live.”

Hymn 136.

- 1 O thou holy Lamb divine,
How canst thou and sinners join?
God of spotless purity,
How shall man concur with thee;
- 2 Offer up one sacrifice
Acceptable to the skies?
What shall wretched sinners bring
Pleasing to the glorious king?
- 3 Only sin we call our own,
But thou art the darling Son,
Thine it is our God t' appease,
Him thou dost forever please.
- 4 We on thee alone depend,
With thy sacrifice ascend,
Render what thy grace hath given,
Lift our souls with thee to heaven.

Hymn 137.

- 1 Ye royal priests of Jesus, rise,
And join the daily sacrifice,
Join all believers in his name
To offer up the spotless Lamb.
- 2 Your meat and your drink-offerings throw
On him who suffered once below,
But ever lives with God above,
To plead for us his dying love.
- 3 Whate'er we cast on him alone
Is with his great oblation one,
His sacrifice doth ours sustain,
And favour and acceptance gain.

- 4 On him, who all our burdens bears,
We cast our praises and our prayers,
Ourselves we offer up to God,
Implunged in his atoning blood.
- 5 Mean are our noblest offerings,
Poor feeble unsubstantial things;
But when to him our souls we lift,
The altar sanctifies the gift.
- 6 Our persons and our deeds aspire
When cast into that hallowed fire,
Our most imperfect efforts please
When joined to Christ our righteousness.
- 7 Mixed with the sacred smoke we rise,
The smoke of his burnt sacrifice,
By the eternal Spirit driven
From earth, in Christ we mount to heaven.

Hymn 138.

- 1 All praise to the Lord, all praise is his due,
Today is his word of promise found true;
We, we are the nations, presented to God,
Well-pleasing oblations through Jesus' s³⁹ blood.
- 2 Poor heathens from far to Jesus we came,
And offered we are to God through his name,
To God through the Spirit ourselves do we give,
And saved by the merit of Jesus we live.

Hymn 139.

- 1 God of all-redeeming grace,
By thy pard'ning love compelled
Up to thee our souls we raise,
Up to thee our bodies yield.

³⁹Ori., "Jesus his"; changed in 3rd edn. (1751) and following.

- 2 Thou our sacrifice receive,
 Acceptable through thy Son,
While to thee alone we live,
 While we die to thee alone.
- 3 Just it is, and good, and right
 That we should be wholly thine,
In thy only will delight,
 In thy blessed service join.
- 4 O that every thought and word
 Might proclaim how good thou art,
HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD
 Still be written on our heart.

Hymn 140.

- 1 He dies, as now for us he dies!
 That all-sufficient sacrifice
Subsists eternal as the Lamb,
In every time and place the same,
To all alike it co-extends,
Its saving virtue never ends.
- 2 He lives for us to intercede,
For us he doth this moment plead,
And all who could not see him die
May now with faith's interior eye
Behold him stand as slaughtered there,
And feel the answer to his prayer.
- 3 While now for us the Saviour prays,
Father, we humbly sue for grace,
Poor helpless dying victims we,
Laden with sin and misery
His infinite atonement plead,
Ourselves presenting with our head.

- 4 Assured we shall acceptance find,
To Jesus in oblation joined,
Where'er the scattered members look,
To him who all our sorrows took,
The saving efflux we receive,
And quickened by his Passion live.

Hymn 141.

- 1 Happy the souls that followed thee
Lamenting to th' accursed wood,
Happy who underneath the tree
Unmovable in sorrow stood.
- 2 When nature felt the deadly blow
By which thy soul to God was driven,
Which shook with sympathetic woe
Temple, and graves, and earth, and heaven.
- 3 O what a time for offering up
Their souls upon thy sacrifice!
Who would not with thy burden stoop,
And bow the head when Jesus dies!
- 4 Not all the days before or since
An hour so solemn could afford
For suffering with our bleeding prince,
For dying with our slaughtered Lord.
- 5 Yet in this ordinance divine
We still the sacred load may bear;
And now we in thy offering join,
Thy sacramental Passion share.
- 6 We cast our sins into that fire
Which did thy sacrifice consume,
And every base and vain desire
To daily crucifixion doom.

7 Thou art with all thy members here,
 In this tremendous mystery
We jointly before God appear
 To offer up ourselves with thee.

8 True followers of our bleeding Lamb
 Now on thy daily cross we die,
And mingled in a common flame
 Ascend triumphant to the sky.

Hymn 142.

1 Come we that record
 The death of our Lord,
 The death let us bear,
By faithful remembrance his sacrifice share.

2 Shall we let our God groan
 And suffer alone,
 Or to Calvary fly,
And nobly resolve with our Master to die!

3 His servants shall be
 With him on the tree,
 Where Jesus was slain,
His crucified servants shall always remain.

4 By the cross we abide
 Where Jesus hath died,
 To all we are dead;
The members can never outlive their own head.

5 Poor penitents we
 Expect not to see
 His glory above,
Till first we have drunk of the cup of his love:

- 6 Till first we partake
The cross for his sake,
And thankfully own
The cup of his love and his sorrow are one.
- 7 Conformed to his death
If we suffer beneath,
With him we shall know
The power of his first resurrection below.
- 8 If his death we receive,
His life we shall live,
If his cross we sustain,
His joy and his crown we in heaven shall gain.

Hymn 143.

- 1 Father, behold I come to do
Thy will, I come to suffer too
Thy acceptable will;
Do with me, Lord, as seems thee good,
Dispose of this weak flesh and blood,
And all thy mind fulfil.
- 2 Thy creature in thy hands I am,
Frail dust and ashes is my name;
Thy earthen vessel use,
Mould as thou wilt the passive clay,
But let me all thy will obey,
And all thy pleasure choose.
- 3 Welcome whate'er my God ordain!
Afflict with poverty or pain
This feeble flesh of mine,
(But grant me strength to bear my load)
I will not murmur at thy rod,
Or for relief repine.

- 4 My spirit wound (but oh! Be near)
With what far more than death I fear,
The darts of keenest shame,
Fulfilled with more than killing smart,
And wounded in the tenderest part
I still adore thy name.
- 5 Beneath thy bruising hand I fall,
Whate'er thou send'st I take it all,
Reproach, or pain, or loss,
I will not for deliverance pray,
But humbly unto death obey,
The death of Jesu's cross.

Hymn 144.

- 1 Let both Jews and Gentiles join,
Friends and enemies combine,
Vent their utmost rage on me,
Still I look through all to thee.
- 2 Humbly own it is the Lord!
Let him wake on me⁴⁰ his sword:
Lo, I bow me to thy will;
Thou thy whole design fulfil.
- 3 Stricken by thine anger's rod,
Dumb I fall before my God;
Or my dear chastiser bless,
Sing the pascal psalm of praise.
- 4 While the bitter herbs I eat,
Him I for my foes entreat;
Let me die, but Oh! Forgive,
Let my pardoned murderers live.

⁴⁰“Wake on me” changed to “wave o'er me” in 6th edn. (1771) and following.

Hymn 145.

- 1 Father, into thy hands alone
 I have my all restored,
My all thy property I own,
 The steward of the Lord.

- 2 Hereafter none can take away
 My life or goods or fame,
Ready at thy demand to lay
 Them down I always am.

- 3 Confiding in thy only love,
 Through him who died for me,
I wait thy faithfulness to prove,
 And give back all to thee.

- 4 Take when thou wilt into thy hands,
 And as thou wilt require;
Resume by the Sabeian bands,
 Or the devouring fire.

- 5 Determined all thy will t' obey,
 Thy blessings I restore;
Give, Lord, or take thy gifts away,
 I praise thee evermore.

Hymn 146.

- 1 Father, if thou willing be,
 Then my griefs a while suspend,
Then remove the cup from me,
 Or thy strength'ning angel send;
Would'st thou have me suffer on?
Father, let thy will be done.

- 2 Let my flesh be troubled still,
Filled with pain or sore disease,
Let my wounded spirit feel
Strong, redoubled agonies,
Meekly I my will resign,
Thine be done, and only thine.
- 3 Patient as my great high priest
In his bitterness of pain,
Most abandoned and distressed,
Father, I the cross sustain;
All into thy hands I give,
Let me die or let me live.
- 4 Following where my Lord hath led,
Thee I on the cross adore,
Humbly bow like him my head,
All thy benefits restore,
Till my spirit I resign
Breathed into the hands divine.

Hymn 147.

- 1 Jesu, to thee in faith we look,
O that our services might rise
Perfumed and mingled with the smoke
Of thy sweet-smelling sacrifice.
- 2 Thy sacrifice with heavenly powers
Replete, all-holy, all-divine,
Human and weak, and sinful ours;
How can the two oblations join?
- 3 Thy offering doth to ours impart
Its righteousness and saving grace,
While charged with all our sins thou art,
To death devoted in our place.

4 Our mean imperfect sacrifice
On thine is as a burden thrown,
Both in a common flame arise,
And both in God's account are one.

Hymn 148.

1 Father of mercies hear
Through thine atoning Son,
Who doth for us in heaven appear,
And prays before thy throne;

2⁴¹ By that great sacrifice
Which he for us doth plead,
Into our Saviour's death baptize,
And make us like our head.

3 Into the fellowship
Of Jesu's sufferings take,
Us who desire with him to sleep,
That we with him may wake:

4 Plant us into his death
That we his life may prove,
Partakers of his cross beneath,
And of his crown above.

Hymn 149.

1 Jesu, my strength and hope,
My righteousness and power,
My soul is lifted up
Thy mercy to implore;
My hands I still stretch out to thee,
My hands I fasten to the tree.

2 No more may they offend,
But do thy work below;

⁴¹First edition numbers this hymn as two double stanzas; numbered as four stanzas in all subsequent edns.

Thou know'st I fain would spend
My life thy praise to show;
Nor will thy gracious love despise
A sinner's meanest sacrifice.

3 Thy wounds have wounded me,
Thy bloody cross subdued,
I feel my misery,
And ever gasp for God;
My prayers and griefs and groans I join,
And mingle all my pangs with thine.

4 Jesu, a soul receive
Upon thine altar cast
To die with thee, and live
When all my deaths are past;
To live where grief can never rise,
And reign with thee above the skies.

Hymn 150.

1 Father, on us the Spirit bestow,
Through which thine everlasting Son
Offered himself for man below,
That *we*, ev'n *we* before thy throne
Our souls and bodies may present,
And pay thee all thy grace hath lent.

2 O let thy Spirit sanctify
Whate'er to thee we now restore,
And make us with thy will comply,
With all our mind and soul and power,
Obey thee as thy saints above
In perfect innocence and love.

Hymn 151.

- 1 Come thou Spirit of contrition,
 Fill our souls with tender fears,
Conscious of our lost condition
 Melt us into gracious tears,
Just and holy detestation
 Of our bosom-sins impart,
Sins that caused our Saviour's Passion,
 Sins that stabbed him to the heart.

- 2 Fill our flesh with killing anguish,
 All our members crucify,
Let th' offending nature languish
 Till on Jesu's cross it die;
All our sins to death deliver,
 Let not one, not one survive;
Then we live to God forever,
 Then in heaven on earth we live.

Hymn 152.

- 1 Arm of the Lord, whose vengeance laid
My sins upon my Saviour's head,
In mercy now the sinner see,
And O destroy them all in me.

- 2 Accept all-gracious as thou art,
Accept a mournful sinner's heart,
Who pour my tears before my God,
As a poor victim does its blood.

- 3 My feeble soul would fain aspire,
Its zeal and thoughts, and whole desire
Lift up to thee, through Jesu's name,
As a burnt-sacrifice, its flame.

4 And since it cannot please alone,
Accept it, Father, through thy Son;
Supported by his sacrifice,
O may it from his altar rise.

5 Clothed in his righteousness receive,
And bid me one with Jesus live,
Join all he sanctifies in one,
One cross, one glory, and one crown.

Hymn 153.

1 Father, thy feeble children meet,
 And make thy faithful mercies known;
Give us through faith the flesh to eat,
 And drink the blood of Christ thy Son;
Honour thine own mysterious ways,
 Thy sacramental presence show,
And all the fullness of thy grace,
 With Jesus, on our souls bestow.

2 Father, our sacrifice receive,
 Our souls and bodies we present,
Our goods, and vows, and praises give,
 Whate'er thy bounteous love hath lent.
Thou canst not now our gift despise,
 Cast on that all-atoning Lamb,
Mixed with that bleeding sacrifice,
 And offered up through Jesu's name.

Hymn 154.

1 Jesu, did they crucify
 Thee by highest heaven adored?
Let us also go and die
 With our dearest dying Lord!

- 2 Lord, thou seest our willing heart,
Know'st its uppermost desire,
With our nature's life to part,
Meekly on thy cross t' expire.
- 3 Fain we would be all like thee,
Suffer with our Lord beneath:
Grant us full conformity,
Plunge us deep into thy death.
- 4 Now inflict the mortal pain,
Now exert thy Passion's power,
Let the man of sin be slain,
Die the flesh to live no more.

Hymn 155.⁴²

- 1 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One in Three, and Three in One,
As by the celestial host
Let thy will on earth be done;
Praise by all to thee be given,
Glorious Lord of earth and heaven!
- 2 Vilest of the fallen race,
Lo! I answer to thy call,
Meanest vessel of thy grace,
(Grace divinely free for all)
Lo, I come to do thy will,
All thy counsel to fulfil.
- 3 If so poor a worm as I
May to thy great glory live,
All my actions sanctify,
All my words and thoughts receive:
Claim me, for thy service claim
All I have, and all I am.

⁴²A manuscript precursor of this hymn appears in MS Shent, 172a–172b.

- 4 Take my soul and body's powers,
 Take my mem'ry, mind, and will,
All my goods, and all my hours,
 All I know, and all I feel,
All I think, and speak, and do;
Take my heart—but make it new.
- 5 Now, O God, thine own I am,
 Now I give thee back thy own,
Freedom, friends, and health, and fame,
 Consecrate to thee alone;
Thine I live, thrice happy I,
Happier still, for thine I die.
- 6 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 One in Three, and Three in One,
As by the celestial host,
 Let thy will on earth be done;
Praise by all to thee be given,
Glorious Lord of earth and heaven.

Hymn 156.

- 1 All glory and praise
 To the ancient of days,
Who was born, and was slain to redeem a lost race.
- 2 Salvation to God,
 Who carried our load,
And purchased our lives with the price of his blood.
- 3 And shall he not have
 The lives which he gave
Such an infinite ransom forever to save.

4 Yes, Lord, we are thine,
 And gladly resign
Our souls to be filled with the fulness divine.

5 We yield thee thine own,
 We serve thee alone,
Thy will upon earth as in heaven be done.

6 How, when it shall be
 We cannot foresee;
But Oh! Let us live, let us die unto thee!

Hymn 157.

1 Let him to whom we now belong
 His sovereign right assert,
And take up every thankful song,
 And every loving heart.

2 He justly claims us for his own
 Who bought us with a price:
The Christian lives to Christ alone
 To Christ alone he dies.

3 Jesu, thine own at least receive,
 Fulfil our heart's desire,
And let us to thy glory live,
 And in thy cause expire.

4 Our souls and bodies we resign,
 With joy we render thee
Our all, no longer ours, but thine
 Through all eternity!

[6.] After the Sacrament.

Hymn 158.

- 1 All praise to God above
In whom we have believed!
The tokens of whose dying love
We have ev'n now received,

Have with his flesh been fed,
And drank his precious blood:
His precious blood is drink indeed,
His flesh immortal food.
- 2 O what a taste is this
Which now in Christ we know,
An earnest of our glorious bliss,
Our heaven begun below!

When he the table spreads,
How royal is the cheer!
With rapture we lift up our heads,
And own that God is here.
- 3 He bids us taste his grace,
The joys of angels prove,
The stammerers' tongues are loosed to praise
Our dear Redeemer's love.

Salvation to our God
That sits upon the throne;
Salvation be alike bestowed
On his triumphant Son!

4 The Lamb for sinners slain,
 Who died to die no more,
Let all the ransomed sons of men
 With all his hosts adore:

 Let earth and heaven be joined
 His glories to display,
And hymn the Saviour of mankind
 In one eternal day.

Hymn 159.

1 All glory and praise to Jesus our Lord!
 His ransoming grace we gladly record,
 His bloody oblation, and death on the tree,
 Hath purchased salvation and heaven for me.

2 The Saviour hath died for *me* and for *you*,
 The blood is applied, the record is true;
 The Spirit bears witness, and speaks in the blood,
 And gives us the fitness for living with God.

Hymn 160.⁴³

1 Welcome delicious sacred cheer,
 Welcome my God, my Saviour dear!
 O with me, in me, live and dwell;
 Thine, earthly joy surpasses quite,
 The depths of thy supreme delight
 Not angel-tongues can fully tell.

2 What streams of sweetness from the bowl
 Surprise and deluge all my soul,
 Sweetness which is, and makes divine,
 Surely from God's right hand they flow,
 From thence derived to earth below,
 To cheer us with immortal wine.

⁴³Source: George Herbert, *The Temple* (Cambridge: Buck & Daniel, 1633), 175–77 (#153). This adaptation appeared first in *HSP* (1739), 126–28.

- 3 Soon as I taste the heavenly bread,
 What manna o'er my soul is shed,
 Manna that angels never knew!
 Victorious sweetness fills my heart,
 Such as my God delights t' impart,
 Mighty to save, and sin subdue.
- 4 I had forgot my heavenly birth,
 My soul degen'rate clave to earth,
 In sense and sin's base pleasures drowned,
 When God assumed humanity,
 And spilt his sacred blood for me,
 To wash, and lift me from the ground.
- 5 Soon as his love has raised me up,
 He mingles blessings in a cup,
 And sweetly meets my ravished taste;
 Joyous I now throw off my load,
 I cast my sins and care on God,
 And wine becomes a wing at last.
- 6 Upborne on this, I mount, I fly;
 Regaining swift my native sky,
 I wipe my streaming eyes, and see
 Him, whom I seek, for whom I sue,
 My God, my Saviour there I view,
 And live with him who died for me.

Hymn 161.⁴⁴

“Therefore with Angels and Archangels”

- 1 Lord, and God of heavenly powers,
 Theirs—yet Oh! Benignly ours;
 Glorious King, let earth proclaim,
 Worms attempt to chant thy name.

⁴⁴Appeared first in *HSP* (1739), 128.

2 Thee to laud in songs divine,
Angels and archangels join;
We with them our voices raise,
Echoing thy eternal praise.

3 Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Live by heaven and earth adored!
Full of thee they ever cry
Glory be to God most high!

Hymn 162.

1 Hosanna in the highest
To our exalted Saviour,
 Who left behind
 For all mankind
These tokens of his favour:

His bleeding love and mercy,
His all-redeeming Passion,
 Who here displays
 And gives the grace
Which brings us our salvation.

2 Louder than gathered waters,
Or bursting peals of thunder,
 We lift our voice
 And speak our joys,
And shout our loving wonder!

Shout all our elder brethren,
While we record the story
 Of him that came,
 And suffered shame
To carry us to glory.

3 Angels in fixed amazement
Around our altars hover,
 With eager gaze
 Adore the grace
Of our eternal lover:

Himself and all his fulness
Who gives to the believer;
And by this bread
Whoe'er are fed
Shall live with God forever!

Hymn 163.⁴⁵

**“Glory be to God on High,
and on Earth Peace”**

- 1 Glory be to God on high,
God whose glory fills the sky;
Peace on earth to man forgiven,
Man the well-belov'd of heaven!
- 2 Sovereign Father, heavenly King,
Thee we now presume to sing,
Glad thine attributes confess,
Glorious all and numberless.
- 3 Hail by all thy works adored,
Hail the everlasting Lord!
Thee with thankful hearts we prove,
Lord of power, and God of love.
- 4 Christ our Lord and God we own,
Christ the Father's only Son:
Lamb of God for sinners slain,
Saviour of offending man.
- 5 Bow thine ear, in mercy bow,
Hear, the world's atonement thou:
Jesu, in thy name we pray,
Take, O take our sins away.

⁴⁵Appeared first in *HSP* (1739), 128–29.

- 6 Powerful advocate with God,
Justify us by thy blood!
Bow thine ear, in mercy bow,
Hear, the world's atonement thou!
- 7 Hear, for thou, O Christ, alone,
With thy glorious Sire art One,
One the Holy Ghost with thee,
One supreme eternal Three!

Hymn 164.⁴⁶

- 1 Sons of God, triumphant rise,
Shout th' accomplished sacrifice,
Shout your sins in Christ forgiven,
Sons of God, and heirs of heaven!
- 2 Ye that round our altars throng,
List'ning angels join the song;
Sing with us, ye heavenly powers,
Pardon, grace, and glory ours!
- 3 Love's mysterious work is done;
Greet we now th' atoning Son,
Healed and quickened by his blood,
Joined to Christ, and one with God.
- 4 Christ, of all our hopes, the seal,
Peace divine in Christ we feel,
Pardon to our souls applied,
Dead for all, for *me* he died.
- 5 Sin shall tyrannize no more,
Purged its guilt, dissolved its power,
Jesus makes our hearts his throne,
There he lives, and reigns alone.

⁴⁶Appeared first in *HSP* (1739), 190–92.

- 6 Grace our every thought controls,
Heaven is opened in our souls,
Everlasting life is won,
Glory is on earth begun.
- 7 Christ in us; in him we see
Fulness of the deity,
Beam of the eternal beam;
Life divine we taste in him.
- 8 Him by faith we taste below,
Mightier joys ordained to know,
When his utmost grace we prove,
Rise to heaven by perfect love.

Hymn 165.

- 1 How happy are thy servants, Lord,
Who thus remember thee!
What tongue can tell our sweet accord,
Our perfect harmony!
- 2 Who thy mysterious Supper share,
Here at thy table fed,
Many, and yet but one we are,
One undivided bread.
- 3 One with the living bread divine,
Which now by faith we eat,
Our hearts, and minds, and spirits join,
And all in Jesus meet.
- 4 So dear the tie where souls agree
In Jesu's dying love;
Then only can it closer be,
When all are joined above.

Hymn 166.

- 1 Happy the saints of former days
Who first continued in the word,
A simple lowly loving race,
True followers of their lamb-like Lord.
- 2 In holy fellowship they lived,
Nor would from the commandment move,
But every joyful day received
The tokens of expiring love.
- 3 Not then above their Master wise,
They simply⁴⁷ in his paths remained,
And called to mind his sacrifice
With steadfast faith and love unfeigned.
- 4 From house to house they broke the bread
Impregnated with life divine,
And drank the Spirit of their head
Transmitted in the sacred wine.
- 5 With Jesu's constant presence blest,
While duteous to his dying word,
They kept the eucharistic feast,
And supped in Eden with their Lord.
- 6 Throughout their spotless lives was seen
The virtue of this heavenly food,
Superior to the sons of men
They soared aloft, and walked with God.
- 7 O what a flame of sacred love
Was kindled by the altar's fire!
They lived on earth like those above,
Glad rivals of the heavenly choir.

⁴⁷“Simply” changed to “simple” in 6th edn. (1771) and following.

- 8 Strong in the strength herewith received,
And mindful of the crucified;
His confessors for him they lived,
For him his faithful martyrs died.
- 9 Their souls from chains of flesh released,
By torture from their bodies driven
With violent faith the kingdom seized,
And fought and forced their way to heaven.
- 10 Where is the pure primeval flame,
Which in their faithful bosom glowed?
Where are the followers of the Lamb,
The dying witnesses for God?
- 11 Why is the faithful seed decreased,
The life of God extinct and dead?
The daily sacrifice is ceased,
And charity to heaven is fled.
- 12 Sad mutual causes of decay,
Slackness and vice together move,
Grown cold we cast the means away,
And quenched our latest spark of love.
- 13 The sacred signs thou didst ordain,
Our pleasant things are all laid waste;
To men of lips and hearts profane,
To dogs and swine, and heathen cast.
- 14 Thine holy ordinance contemned
Hath let the flood of evil in,
And those who by thy name are named,
The sinners unbaptized out-sin.
- 15 But canst thou not thy work revive
Once more in our degenerate years?
O wouldst thou with thy rebels strive,
And melt them into gracious tears!

- 16 O wouldst thou to thy church return!
For which the faithful remnant sighs,
For which the drooping nations mourn,
Restore the daily sacrifice.
- 17 Return, and with thy servants sit,
Lord of the sacramental feast,
And satiate us with heavenly meat,
And make the *world* thy happy guest.
- 18 Now let the spouse, reclined on thee,
Come up out of the wilderness,
From every spot, and wrinkle free,
And washed, and perfected in grace.
- 19 Thou hear'st the pleading Spirit's groan,
Thou know'st the groaning Spirit's will:
Come in thy gracious kingdom down,
And all thy ransomed servants seal.
- 20 Come quickly, Lord, the Spirit cries,
The number of thy saints complete,
Come quickly, Lord, the bride replies,
And make us all for glory meet.
- 21 Erect thy tabernacle here,
The New Jerusalem send down,
Thyself amidst thy saints appear,
And seat us on thy dazzling throne.
- 22 Begin the great millennial day,
Now, Saviour, with a shout descend,
Thy standard in the heavens display,
And bring thy joy which ne'er shall end!