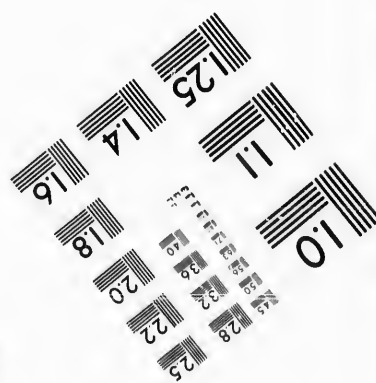
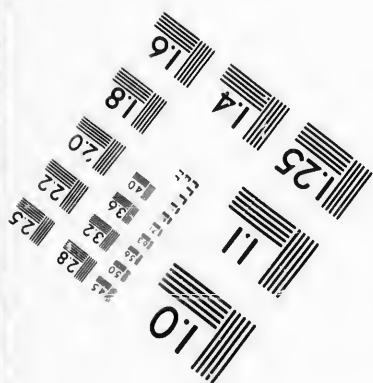
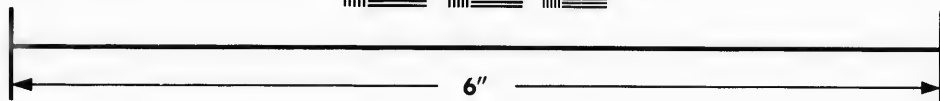
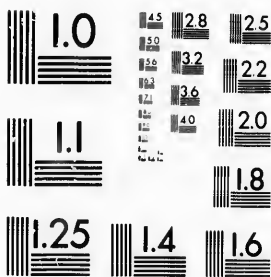


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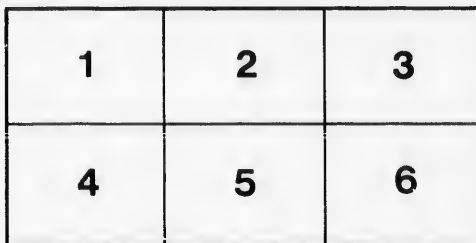
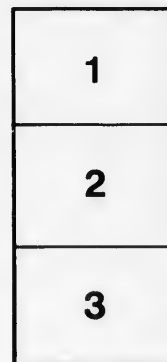
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PREFACE.

· THIS little Manual, the Author selected and composed some years ago, with a design to furnish his own mind with a profitable spiritual exercise, during the period of dispensation of the divine ordinance of our Lord's Supper. And having now for years, found it serviceable in filling up the vacancy which then occurs—excluding irrelevant thoughts, and securing devotional ones;—he is desirous of extending the help to all Christians, who may consent to avail themselves of it. On the principle of the English Liturgy,—and particularly its admirable communion Service, which derives its manifold virtue and beauty from the living Oracles: he has looked to the same source for materials and authority for its composition; and seeing that our Lord's Prayer, is by no means a solitary form in the sacred page, he deems it a sufficient apology for the adoption of a form of sound words, when our imperfection in the solemn duties of the Lord's House requires it. And as it will be deemed unbecoming, in the solemn hour when the most exalted intercourse between

earth and heaven—the church militant with her divine head, is transacting,—for a christian communicant to be disengaged, or engaged merely as a spectator;—it will on the other hand appear proper, and even indispensable, that we frame an employment with all that spirituality and sacredness which befits the occasion:—and with it our position as humble worshippers of the Most High. The author with this object in view, and in hope that it will be blest to others as it has sometime been to himself, that the tear of penitence will at times drop on its page,—that the conflict between conscious unworthiness, and gratitude to Him who loved us, and washed us from from our sins in his own blood; may be led to issue in his ardent and unequivocal aspiration of praise : that the lip of truth now touched with a live coal from the altar, may here utter its unbending purpose—its sacred vow, to be henceforth the Lord's; remembering that we are not our own but bought with a price,—even the inestimable blood of CHRIST, as of a lamb without spot or blemish:—And that on the solemn appointed times—the Sabbath, and the new moon, succeeding each other as time flies, and life transpires, acceptable devotion may ascend to the presence of the Holiest; and his blessings return on the heads of the righteous, growing together in meetness for their heavenly rest, and urging their way to the worship of the Church Triumphant, is his fervent desire and prayer:—and this ac-

complished, to God the Almighty and merciful, of whose only gift it cometh, that his faithful people do unto him true and laudable service; be praise and glory and worship--ascribed for ever and ever.

Halifax, August 27, 1837.

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CHAPTER I.

CHRIST'S POWER AND GOODNESS MANIFESTED TO HIS CHURCH.

PART FIRST.

Sacramental Exercises;—for the Ante-Communion.

WHAT shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.^a I will worship towards thy holy temple, and praise thy name, for thy loving kindness; and for thy truth; for thou hast magnified thy love above all thy name.^b Thou, even thou, art Lord above; thou hast made heaven, the heavens of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein; the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all, and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.^c Give unto the Lord ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength, give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering and come before him, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.^d Lord thou art my hiding place, and my shield, I hope in thy word.^e O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.^f Jehovah liveth, and blessed be my rock,

a Psalm cxvi.—b Psalm cxxxviii.—c Nehem. ix.—d 1 Chron. xvi.—e Ps. cxix.—f Ps. xxxiv.

and let the God of my Salvation be exalted.^g O taste and prove that the Lord is good, blessed is the man that trusteth in him.^h The Lord is the portion of my inheritance, and of my cup, thou maintainest my lot.ⁱ O satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.^j O that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat.^k Lord I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.^l Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Thou art my portion O Lord, I have said I would keep thy word. I hate vain thoughts, but thy law do I love.^m O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.ⁿ For we have not received the spirit of bondage, again to fear, but the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba—Father. The spirit himself beareth witness with our spirits, that we are the children of God. Likewise the Spirit helpeth our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for—as we ought, but the spirit himself maketh intercession for us, with groanings that cannot be uttered.^o He shall glorify thee O Lord; for he shall take of thine, and shew it unto us.^p

^g Psalm xviii.—^h Psalm xxxiv.—ⁱ Psalm xvi.—^j Psalm xc.
^k Job xxiii.—^l Psalm xxvi.—^m Psalm cxix.—ⁿ Psalm cvii.
^o Rom. viii.—^p John xvi.

CHAPTER II.

THE CHURCH'S EXERCISE OF GRATITUDE TO
HER REDEEMER.

Behold! what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us; that we should be called the sons of God. Therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew not him. Behold now are we the sons of God: and it doth not appear what we shall be, but we are assured that when Christ shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him, as he is. And every man that hath this hope in Christ purifieth himself, even as he is pure. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. Hereby we perceive the love of Christ; because he laid down his life for us: and hereby we know that he abideth in us by the spirit which he hath given to us.⁴ Wherefore holy brethren—partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus,^r who himself bore our sins in his own body on the tree; that we being dead to sin, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes we are healed. For we were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the shepherd and bishop of our souls.⁵ Behold! he taketh away the former covenant, that he may establish the present; by which good will

q 1 John iii.—r Heb. iii.—s 1 Peter ii. •

expiation is made for us, through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all.^t For both he who expiateth, and they for whom expiation is made, are all of one nature. For which cause Christ is not ashamed to call them brethren: saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren—in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee; for by one offering, he hath perfected for ever those for whom this expiation is made.

CHAPTER III.

THE CHURCH ENCOURAGING HERSELF TO THE PERFORMANCE OF DEVOTION.

Having, therefore, confidence to enter into the holiest place by the blood of Jesus,—by a new and living way which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, viz. his incarnation,—and having an High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near—with a true heart—in full assurance of faith—having our bodies baptized with pure water—and our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience; let us maintain the profession of our faith without wavering, for the Author of the promise is faithful,—and let us incite one another to consideration, to love, and to good-works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of

^t Heb. x.

Christians, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as we see the day approaching; for yet a little while, and he that shall come, will *indeed* come, and will not delay his coming.^u

CHAPTER IV.

THE CHURCH EXULTING IN HER NEW-COVENANT BLESSINGS AND PRIVILEGES.

For we are not come unto the mount Sinai, which was palpable, and which burned with fire, nor unto darkness, storm and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and of God's words; which sound, they that heard intreated that the words should not be spoken to them any longer:—but we are come unto mount Sion—and unto the city of the living God—the heavenly Jerusalem—and to an innumerable company of Angels—to the General Assembly of the church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven—and to God the Judge of all—and to the spirits of just men, made perfect—and to Jesus, the mediator of the New Covenant—and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better than the blood of Abel. Wherefore; we, receiving an immoveable kingdom, let us possess grace whereby we may serve our God acceptably; with reverence, and the fear of God, for he is a consuming fire:^v

^u Heb. x.—^v Heb. xii.

neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight ; but all things are naked and opened to the eyes of him with whom we have to do.^w Seeing then, that we have a great high-priest, who is ascended into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us maintain our profession ; for we have not an high-priest that cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet sinless, let us therefore come with confidence to the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in our time of need. For we know, that we are redeemed, not with corruptible things, as gold and silver, but with the precious blood of Christ ; as a Lamb, without spot or blemish ;^x who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and consecrate us unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.^y Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it, by the baptism of water, and the word,—that he might consecrate it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and unblemished.^z Ye are washed—ye are sanctified—ye are justified, in the name of our Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God.^a Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus, were baptized into his death ; therefore we are buried with him, that like as Christ was raised

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from the dead by *himself* the glory of the Father, even so we also, *as raised by him*, should walk in newness of life.^b

CHAPTER V.

CHRIST THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE TO THE BELIEVER.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth in me hath everlasting life. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the life-giving bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. Labour not only for the food which perisheth, but for that food which endureth to everlasting life, which the Son of Man shall give to you: for him hath God the Father sealed. What shall we do that we may work the works of God? This is the work of God that we believe in him whom he hath sent. My father giveth the true bread from heaven, for the bread of God is that which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life to the world. Lord, evermore give us this bread. Thou art the bread of life: he that cometh to thee shall not suffer hunger,—he that believeth in thee shall no

^b Rom. vi.

more thirst. How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then said Jesus, Verily, verily, I say to you, unless ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you; *But*, whosoever eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath everlasting life, and him will I raise up at the last day. For my flesh and blood, is the genuine meat and drink. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, abideth in me, and I in him. As the Eternal Father hath sent me, and I live—by the Father; so likewise he that feedeth on me shall live—by me. Here is the genuine bread that came down from heaven. The fathers ate manna, and are dead,—not so is he who eateth of this bread,—for he shall live forever.^c Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son, to be a propitiation for our sins: and we have known and believed the love that God hath for us,—God is Love,—and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him. We love him, because he first loved us. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. And we know that the Son of God has come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ;—who is the true God,—and eternal life.^d Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

^c St. John vi.—^d 1 John v.

Nay: in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor elevation, nor depression, nor any other thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Jesus Christ our Lord.^e By him, therefore, a High Priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedeck, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually: which is the fruit of our lips, giving praise to his name.^f Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Jehovah, my strength and my Redeemer.^g

CHAPTER VI.

THE VICTORIOUS REDEEMER.

Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozra; this person glorious in his apparel, travelling in the magnificence of his power? I, that speak in righteousness: almighty to save. Wherefore is thine apparel so red, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine-press? I have trodden the wine-press alone: and of the multitude there was none with me, and I wondered that there was no one to help or uphold; there-

e Rom. viii.—f Heb. xiii.—g Psalm xix.

fore mine own arm wrought Salvation for me; and mine indignation itself sustained me.

CHAPTER VII.

THE CHURCH'S ADMIRATION AND LOVE FOR HER REDEEMER.

So he was our Saviour, in all our distresses; in all our affliction he was afflicted; and the Angel of the presence saved us. In his love, and in his pity he redeemed us; he bore us and carried us through all the days of old.ⁿ—Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth; for thy love is more pleasant than wine. Like the odour of thine own excellent perfumes is thy name—a perfume poured forth: for this reason do the virgins love thee. Draw me—we would still follow thee; the king hath led me to his apartments. We will exult and rejoice in thee; we will celebrate thy love more than wine; thou art most justly beloved. Tell me O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest thy flock; where thou makest it to rest at noon. For why should I be as a wanderer among the flocks of thy companions? If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go forth in the footsteps of the flock, and let thy kids feed beside the shepherd's tent. While the king sitteth at his banquet, my spikenard ex-

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haleth its fragrance. A cluster of cypress flowers is my beloved, from the vineyards of En-gedi. As the citron-tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among men; under his shade I desire to sit down, for his fruit is refreshing to my taste. O bring me to the banquetting house! Spread over me thy banner of love! Sustain me with cordials; support me with citrons; for still I languish with love.

It was the voice of my beloved! Behold, he came leaping over the mountains, and bounding over the hills. My beloved was like a roe, or a young hart. Behold, he stood behind our wall; he looked in through the windows; he showed himself through the lattice. My beloved spake and said to me, arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over, and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; and the time of bird-singing hath come. And the turtle-dove's voice is heard in our land. The fig-tree matureth her green figs, and the vine-blossoms yield their perfume. Arise my love, my fair one, and come away. O my dove through the clefts of the rocks, from the hiding places of the precipices, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance lovely. My beloved is mine, and I am his; he feedeth among the lilies. Until the day break, and the shades flee away, return unto me, O my love. Go forth, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, and behold the

Prince of peace, with the crown with which his mother crowned him, on the day of our espousals, on the day of the rejoicings of our heart.

How delightful is thy love, my spouse, how much sweeter is thy love than wine, and the odour of thy perfumes than all spices! Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honey-comb; honey and milk are under thy tongue, and the odour of thy garments is like that of Lebanon. Awake, O north wind! and come thou south! Blow on my garden, that its fragrance may exhale; that my beloved may enter into his garden, and eat its most pleasant fruit. I am come into my garden, my spouse; I gather my sweet smelling gums; I eat my honey from my honey-comb; I drink my wine, and my milk. Eat, O my friends, O drink! Yea, drink abundantly, O my beloved!ⁱ Ho! every one that thirsteth, come to the waters! Ye that have no money, come, buy and eat! Yea, come, buy ye without silver, and without gold, wine and milk. Attend diligently to me, and eat what is good, and your soul shall feast on the best things.^j

I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, If you find my beloved—that ye tell him I languish with love. My beloved is white and ruddy, the chief among ten thousand. His head is as the finest gold, curling are his locks, and black as a raven; his eyes are those of doves, washed with milk, sitting

ⁱ Canticles.—^j Isaiah lv.

at rest by the cascades of water ; his cheeks are
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 dropping liquid amber ; his hands rings of gold,
 set with the topaz ; his body polished ivory, veined
 with sapphires, his legs are columns of marble
 founded on bases of the finest gold ; his counte-
 nance is majestic, as the Cedars of Lebanon ; his
 voice is sweet harmony, altogether lovely is he !
 Such is my friend—such is my beloved, O daugh-
 ters of Jerusalem ! I am my beloved's, and my
 beloved is mine : who feedeth among the lilies. I
 am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine ; and to
 him I yield obedience. Set me as a seal upon thine
 arms, as a seal upon thine heart ! For love is
 powerful as death, and jealousy destructive as the
 grave : its kindlings are a consuming fire, and as
 the lightnings of the heavens. Make haste, O my
 beloved, and come thou like to a roe, or nimble
 hart, upon the fragrant mountains.^k

CHAPTER VIII.

THE CHURCH GLORYING IN THE PRIVILEGES OF REDEMPTION.

O Lord, thou art my God : I will extol thee, I
 will praise thy name, for thou hast done wonderful

^k Canticles.

things ; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a defence to the needy in his distress ; a refuge from the storm, and a shadow from the heat. In this mountain shall the Lord of Hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things ; a feast of old wines, of fat things—full of marrow, of old wines, well refined. He will swallow up death in victory : and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off their faces, Lo ! this is our God, we have waited for him ; and he will save us. This is Jehovah, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.¹ Yea, in the way of thy counsels, O Lord, have we waited for thee: the desire of our souls is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee. Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us. O Lord our God, other Lord's beside thee had dominion over us, but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. They are dead, they shall no more live ; they are deceased, they shall not arise ; thou hast visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.^m Jehovah is our judge,—Jehovah is our lawgiver, Jehovah is our King, he will save us.ⁿ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her all ye that love her ; rejoice for joy with her, all ye

¹ Isaiah xxv.—^m Is. xxvi.—ⁿ Is. xxxiii.

that mourne for her ; that ye may suck and be satisfied, with the breasts of her consolations: that ye may milk out and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. For thus saith Jehovah, behold I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then shall ye suck, ye shall be carried up on her sides, and nursed upon her lap, as one whom his mother comforteth. Thus will I comfort you: and ye shall be comforteth in Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass—from one sabbath to another—and from one new-moon to another, that all mankind shall come, to worship me, saith Jehovah.^o Wherefore do ye spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which satisfieth not? Incline your ear, and come unto me, hear and your soul shall live:—and I will make with you an everlasting covenant ; even the sure mercies of David.^p Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.^q And the spirit and the bride say come, and let him that is athirst come, and whosoever is willing, let him come, and take the water of life freely. He which testifieth these things, saith, surely I come quickly. Amen: Come Lord Jesus.^r The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.

Amen.^s Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word.^t

COLLECTS.

For Godly Sincerity.

O thou divine searcher of hearts, grant us we beseech thee truth and sincerity of our inward parts. O may we not wear the semblance of religion, to please the eye of man ; but may we in reality experience all the changes and privileges of the new-birth, that we may not at the last take our portion with the hypocrites ; but studying now to have our consciences approved in thy sight, may we ever be found in the number of thy faithful children, who worship thee in simplicity, and godly sincerity: be this O Lord our portion, world without end, Amen.

For Spiritual Mindedness.

Lift up our hearts, O heavenly Father we beseech thee ; from worldly cares, and the thoughts of earthly things, to meditate on thy celestial joys; that we may direct all our thoughts, words and deeds, to serve and glorify thee: so that this life being ended, we may enjoy thee forever in thy heavenly kingdom; through our blessed Lord, and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

s 2 Cron.—t Luke i.

For the Blessing of the Holy Trinity.

O that the God of all goodness may delight in us while we assemble before him ; speaking peace to all our hearts, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ; animating and assisting us in our humble attempts to do his will, speak his praise, and delight ourselves in his favour ; by the love of God ; and pouring such abundant grace into all our hearts that we may be cleansed from all sin, conducted into all truth, and confirmed evermore in all sanctity, and heavenly wisdom by the communion of the Holy Spirit ; that the one true God, may receive the worship of all creatures, for ever, and ever. Amen.

For the Redeemer's Aid.

O thou true Paschal Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world ; hear our prayers, sprinkle thy blood upon our hearts, save us from the destroyer, and cause us with gratitude and admiration to rejoice in thy salvation : now and for ever more, Amen.

For Vital Christianity.

O thou by whose holy name we are called, be thou formed in our hearts the hope of glory ; sow the seed of eternal life within us, create us after thine own image in righteousness and true holiness, and

make us one with thee, as thou art with the Father in glory everlasting. Amen.

For Communion with the Saviour.

O ever blessed Jesus, give unto us, meat to eat, which the world knoweth not of; and peace which it cannot take away; that we may be privileged and supported, as thy disciples of old, and evermore enjoy thy favour and consolations, as thy faithful people; for thine infinite compassion's sake. Amen.

For Actual Communion.

Almighty and most merciful Father, who hast given us the true bread of life, which came down from heaven, grant unto us thy grace, that we partaking thereof spiritually and indeed, may be nourished and strengthened, in all holiness, and goodness; and made meat for the perfect enjoyment of thee, with thy glorified church in heaven; through our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

For Increase of Grace.

O God, heavenly Father, who hast given for us thy beloved Son; give unto us, we beseech thee, whilst partaking of these emblems of his body and blood, to eat of the hidden manna,—vouchsafe to feed our souls with the bread of life, that we may be kept by thy power, through faith unto salvation;

Christ being formed in us the hope of glory, through his inestimable love, and perfect sacrifice. Amen.

For Protecting and Delivering Grace.

Here, thou true Paschal Lamb, we celebrate thy love,—thy meritorious death, and resurrection ; do thou deign to acknowledge us thine own, and let the destroying Angel ever pass over us ; and do thou plead for us in heaven, and thither bring us, for thy name sake, O Lord ; to whom be glory and honour, and praise and thanksgiving, world without end. Amen.

For Christian Purity.

O Son of God, Saviour of man, hear us mercifully in this our day of grace, and save us from all sin, that the purchase of thy blood may live, and ever glorify the passion of thy redeeming sacrifice. Amen.

For Persistent Union with Christ.

Blessed Jesus, hear we beseech thee, the voice of thy spouse, and by thy precious blood which was shed for us, cleanse us from all sin, and be thou our very life and head, that we may be faithful unto the end, and truly drink of the fruit of the vine with thee in thy kingdom ; and unto thee, with God the Father, and the Holy Spirit, give glory for ever and ever. Amen.

PART SECOND.

- SACRAMENTAL EXERCISES FOR THE POST-COMMUNION.

Praise for Increased Mercies.

Thou God of love, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift ; accept we beseech thee our fervent thanks for these and all thy many mercies ; and be thou the strength of our hearts and our portion for ever. For the sake of our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A Eucharistic Exercise.

Glory to God in the highest: The one eternal, infinite, and incomprehensible ; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit ; by angels, principalities and powers ; by princes, ministers and saints ; by all mankind, and every creature, in heaven, in earth, in all the universe ; wherever aught of his great works exists, but chiefly where his greater name is known. To him almighty omnipresent love, all praise, all power, all glory be ascribed. As it for ever was, and is, and shall for ever, and for ever be, unceasing, undiminished, ascending ; from us, and all his power created, world without end. Amen.

An Exercise of Self-Devotion.

By the grace and strength of God, in hopeful expectation of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and by the influence of the Holy

Spirit ; I humbly desire to renew my earnest covenant with God ; that he may be my God, and I his servant for ever.

Remembering that by divine grace, I am a Christian, I again take up my cross, with a sincere purpose and resolution, if the Lord spare me, to spend my time in the fear of God.

To avoid the least appearance of evil, especially of that which most easily besets me, and to offer prayer to God for spiritual victory over it.

To reflect on my former sins, only with penitence and detestation : and to shun all things likely to tempt me to repeat them.

To prefer obedience to the will of God, before any carnal convenience, sinful pleasure, or earthly gain. To engage or persevere in no action or conversation, connexion or acquirement, but which appears to be for the glory of God.

To adorn my profession, and honour its precepts by a cheerful seriousness, and edifying conversation ; to call earnestly on the Lord for assistance, in all dangers and temptations : and endeavour to learn from them, the evil of sin, and watchfulness against it ; with greater affection for holiness, and strivings after it.

To labour more and more, for the destruction of my pride, and the attainment of christian humility.

Furthermore, I purpose and resolve, by the divine help, to advance some steps in self denial, and christian perfection, beyond my former attain-

ments, by remembering, O God my Father, that I am thy child, and that thy vows are upon me: by meditating on the spotless example of my Lord Jesus Christ: by acting on the least suggestion of the Holy Spirit of revelation: by reflecting on my obligations to infinite love: by attending, on all opportunities, the table of the Lord: by mortifying all sinful propensities, by a ready performance of my primary duties: by preferring others before myself: by self-examination on these articles: by a thankful attention to reproof, and acceptance of occurrent vexations: and by striving to be more than ever contented with the appointments of divine providence.

To fight against the world, the flesh, and the devil, by prayer, and the oracles of God.

To read and learn Holy Scripture, and to govern my life and family by its dictates.

To labour to owe no man any thing but love; and to do unto all creatures, as I would they, in the same relation, should do unto me.

To be punctual and serious in my private, and family, as well as public devotions.

Finally, I propose, and resolve, never to retract any of these solemn obligations, but rather to strengthen them as my sanctification may appear to require; and to reflect on them when overtaken with temptation, or in doubt of the lawfulness of any particular act.

I thus engage, God giving me help to keep his

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commandments, and to live as for eternity: trusting for salvation, not in this, or any work of mine; but in the exceeding merits of Christ's redeeming sacrifice.

O God assist me by thy mighty power, forgive my frequent omissions, and offences; cleanse me from my secret faults, and endow me with sufficient grace, to serve thee perfectly for the passing time. Amen.

Observe, It is not intended, that every person should bind himself, by each and all of these determinations, but only so far, as upon examination, he shall discreetly and voluntarily undertake them; in the fear and love of God. They will then be found of unspeakable advantage.

For a Consecration to God's Service.

Lord grant unto us, and thy whole church, to be strengthened by the might of thy Spirit, with all the graces of the inner man, that our hearts may be made the throne and temple of the Lord Jesus; and that in the daily exercise of faith, we may realize his gracious presence, experience his sanctifying consolations, and become more entirely devoted to his service, for thy boundless compassion's sake. Amen.

For the Fruits of our Saviour's Passion.

O Lord Almighty, teach us perpetually to remember that great love of Christ, wherewith he

loved the church, and gave himself for it ; and may the great end of his coming be accomplished in us, that we being sanctified and cleansed with the washing of water by the word, may be presented in his glorious body, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing. May we now be made holy, and preserved without blemish for ever. Amen.

For Refreshment in our Christian course.

O thou God of all comfort, shed abroad, we beseech thee, in all our hearts, the balmy influences of thy peace and consolation. And may we ever enjoy a gracious sense of thy covenant favour and love ; that our armour may in such wise be girded on, that we may fight thy battles successfully, and finally be refreshed with the new wine of thy beatific presence, from which we shall go out no more for ever ; but continually ascribe worship and salvation, to the most holy and ever blessed Trinity : one only God, world without end. Amen.

For a Blessing on the Universal Church.

Almighty God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do render unto thee a true and laudable service; Be pleased to own, bless, and increase all works of piety and charity in thy church; and to pour, according to thy gracious promise, a ten-fold reward into the bosoms of those who exercise themselves in performing them. Plentifully bestow thy precious gifts and talents, with a willing

mind to improve them each to thy honour and glory; and the fruition and happiness of all thy family: of which as the creator, redeemer, and sanctifier, thou alone art worthy to be praised and worshipped, world without end. Amen.

For Growth in Grace.

Grant unto us O Lord, at all times the light of thy divine truth; and grant that it may shine upon our souls more and more unto the perfect day. And may its sanctifying influences be in continual operation over us, that we may grow in knowledge, grace, and holiness, day by day. Guide us, we pray thee, by thy spirit into all truth; replenish us with all virtues, and let us constantly endeavour that our light may so shine before men, that they seeing our good works, may be led to praise thee who hast wrought them in us; and so follow us, as we follow Christ to the glory and honour of his great name. Amen.

For Christian Perfection.

O Lord, we pray thee, give us grace to be followers of them, who through faith and patience, inherit the promises. Teach us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Christ in the narrow way of holiness. To employ every talent, and moment of time to thy glory. Pardon we pray thee our past remissness; and sanctify us wholly in spirit soul and body. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Heavenly Consolation.

Blessed Lord, look down we pray thee, on every feeble and dejected soul ; be pleased to remove the causes of such griefs as they suffer, arm them for every conflict, and bid the Sun of Righteousness arise upon them, with healing in his wings ; for the sake of our great Redeemer. Amen.

For the Purification of the Church.

O Holy Spirit ; fountain of grace and blessedness ; who has promised to write thy laws upon the hearts of thy people ; look down on, and visit, we humbly beseech thee, all who profess and call themselves christians, that they having thy preventing and assisting grace, may steadfastly resist all temptations, and follow after righteousness ; that they may glorify thee, and magnify thy righteous kingdom ; both now and ever. Amen.

For Sustaining Grace.

O most gracious God, who feedest the young ravens when they cry, and sustainest all nature with thy word, be pleased to grant to us, the work of thy hands, such of thy favours as thou in infinite wisdom seest to be necessary, good, and sufficient for us, during our pilgrimage through this world ; that being safely kept under the shadow of thy wings, and delivered from all deserved calamities, and preserved to the end by thy grace, we may live for ever in thy favour ; and to thy glory,

in the kingdom of our blessed Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the Conversion of the World.

Almighty and Eternal God, who hast founded a church in verity, upon thy Blessed Son, and replenished it by thy Holy Spirit; in thy great goodness visit and defend the same, make her secure in faith, powerful in unity, and fruitful in love; and so establish her a praise in the whole earth, that error and wickedness may be vanquished, and all souls may be saved, to the praise of thy glorious grace, manifested in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

For Enduring Privileges.

O Almighty King of Saints; grant us evermore to rejoice in thy most holy comfort, and to enjoy a part in the communion of thy faithful in the bosom of thy holy church: both in the life that now is, and in that which is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Christian Perseverance.

O God, who didst send thy only beloved Son into the world to free us from sin, and to redeem us from our iniquity, grant us grace, that on our sincere endeavour we may be kept from all presumptuous sins lest they get the dominion over us, and cause

us to fall from thee. And do thou conquer all our corrupt affections, and possess us of those graces which are necessary for our salvation: that in the constant exercise thereof for the time to come, we may grow strong in thy strength, and never let go our holy profession, but proceed from strength to strength, that so an abundant entrance may be ministered to us, into thine everlasting and glorious kingdom: O Lord our only Saviour and redeemer, For thy name sake. Amen.

For Final Justification.

Lord grant us our humble petitions, that we may ever be of the happy number of thy redeemed; and that when the Archangel's trumpet shall summon assembled worlds to judgment, we may rise from the dark night of the grave, to the glorious light of everlasting day; through thy merits and intercession, O Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHAPTER IX.

THE CHURCH EXULTING IN HER VIEWS OF
REDEMPTION.

Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace for mine eyes have seen thy salvation: which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light

to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of thy *spiritual* Israel.—Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people. My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.^u O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.^v O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall showforth thy praise.^w Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord hath comforted his people;—he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.^x For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but my kindness to thee shall not depart, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed; saith Jehovah that hath mercy on thee.^y

CHAPTER X.

THE CHURCH'S SECURITY IN GOD.

Jehovah is my Shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He renovateth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I should walk

^u Luke i.—^v Psalm xxiv.—^w Psalm li.—^x Isaiah lii.—^y Isaiah liv.

through the valley of death-shade, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff they support me. Thou preparest a table before me against mine enemies: mine head thou anointest with oil; my cup overfloweth. Surely goodness and mercy shall attend me through the days of my life: and I shall dwell in thy temple, O Jehovah, for ever.^z Although the fig-tree should not blossom,—neither should fruit be on the vines ; the produce of the olive should fail,—and the fields should yield no grain ;—the flocks should be cut off from the folds,—and there should be no herd in the stalls ; yet I would rejoice in Jehovah, I would joy in the God of my salvation. God Jehovah is my strength, and he will make my feet like the nimble hind's ; and he will elevate my footsteps upon his high places.^a For they who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up, as eagles on their wings ; they shall run, and not be weary ; and they shall walk, and not faint.^b

CHAPTER XI.

THE CHURCH'S JOY IN HER HOPE OF SALVATION.

Blessed be God, and the Father of Jesus Christ, our Lord which according to his abundant mercy,
 Psalm xxxii.—^a Hebrews iii.—^b Isaiah xxxv.

hath regenerated us to a lively hope ; by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance, which is unfading, undefiled, and incorruptible ; reserved in heaven for you, that are kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation: ready to be manifested in the last time. Wherein we do greatly rejoice: though now for a season, it may be we are in heaviness through manifold temptations; because that being proved, our faith (being much more precious than gold, which though it be tried with fire, is perishable;) might be found unto the praise and glory of Jesus Christ, at his appearing: Whom having not seen we love. And though now we see him not, yet believing in him we rejoice with a glorious and inexpressible joy, realizing the object of our faith in the salvation of our souls.^e O Lord I will praise thee, for though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away and thou comfortest me. Behold, God is my salvation ; I will trust and not be afraid, the Lord Jehovah is my strength, and my song, he is also become my salvation. Praise Jehovah, call upon his name, declare his works among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto Jehovah, for he hath performed excellent things, be it known in all the earth. Shout and exclaim, thou inhabitant of Zion, for great in thy midst is the Holy one of Israel.^d

^e 1 Peter i.—^d Isaiah xii.

CHAPTER XII.

THE CANTICLE OF THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they exist, and were created.^e Worthy is the Lamb that was slain: to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honour, glory and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever, Amen.^f Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of Saints; who will not fear thee O Lord, and glorify thy name, for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee, for thy counsels are revealed.^g Allelujah, salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto Jehovah our God. Praise our God, all ye our servants, and ye that fear him both lowly and great.^h Salvation to our God who sitteth upon the throne; and to the Lamb: blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving. Amen: and Amen.

CHAPTER XIII.

EUCCHARISTIC AND CONFSSIONAL EXERCISES.

O the happiness of the man, whose delight is in
 e Revelations iv.—f Rev. v.—g Rev. xv.—h Rev. xix.

the law of Jehovah ; and who on his law meditateth day and night. Truly he is like a tree planted by water streams, that yieldeth its fruit in its proper season, and whose foliage never fadeth.ⁱ Thou Jehovah art a shield around me ; my glory, and the lifter up of my head. From Jehovah cometh salvation : thy blessing is upon thine own people.^j When I call hear me, Jehovah my justifier ; in distress thou hast relieved me : now be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. Offer sacrifices of righteousness ; and put your trust in Jehovah. Lift up the sight of thy countenance upon us ! Thou hast given gladness to my heart.^k Through thine abounding mercy, I shall again come to thine house, and with fear, worship at thy holy temple. Lead me Jehovah in thy righteousness ; because of my foes, make plain my way before me. Let all those who trust in thee rejoice, let them ever sing for joy, for thou defendest them. Let all who love thy name exult in thee ; because thou Jehovah, blessest the just, and surroundest him with thy favour as a shield.^l Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity ; for Jehovah hath heard the voice of my weeping ; he hath heard my supplication, Jehovah hath received my prayer.^m God is a shield to protect me ; he who saveth the upright in heart. God is a righteous judge : I will then praise him for his justice ; and sing to the name of Jehovah,

ⁱ Psalm i.—^j Psalm iii.—^k Psalm iv.—^l Psalm v.—^m Ps. vi.

Most High.ⁿ O Jehovah, our God! How excellent is thy name through all the earth; who hast placed thy glory above the heavens! From the mouths of babes and sucklings thou ordainest strength against thine opponents, so as to put to silence the enemy and avenger. What is man that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man that thou regardest him? For thou madest him a little lower than the angels, and crownedst him with glory and honour!^o I will praise Jehovah with my whole heart; I will declare all thy wonderful deeds. I will rejoice and exult in thee; I will sing praise to thy name O Most-high. For thou supportedst my right and my cause; thou satest on the throne judging righteously. Jehovah remaineth for evermore; he hath prepared his throne for judgment; in righteousness he will judge the world. For Jehovah is a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of distress. They that know thy name, will trust in thee; for those who seek thee, thou Jehovah, forsakest not. Sing praise to Jehovah, who dwelleth in Zion; declare among the people his doings; for avenging blood he hath remembered them; he hath not forgotten the cry of the afflicted. To me Jehovah hath been gracious, seeing my affliction, against those who hated me; and lifting me up from the gates of death; that I might rehearse all thy praises in the gates of

ⁿ Psalm vii.—^o Psalm viii.

the daughter of Zion, and might exult in thy salvation. For the poor shall not be forgotten; nor the hope of the afflicted perish forever.^p I put my trust in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation; I will sing to Jehovah who dealeth kindly with me; I will praise the name of Jehovah Most-high.^q Preserve me O God for in thee do I trust. To Jehovah I say, Thou art my Lord, no good have I but from thee. As to the saints who are in the earth, they are the excellent in whom is all my delight. Jehovah the portion of my heritage, and my cup, thou art he, who hast appointed my lot. The lines have fallen to me on pleasant places; yea, the inheritance is delightful to me. I will bless Jehovah who hath consulted for me, I set him always before me; since he is at my right hand I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hades, nor suffer thine holy one to see corruption. Thou wilt make known to me the path of life; the fulness of joy that there is in thy presence; the pleasures that are at thy right hand for evermore.^r By the words of thy lips, I have kept from the ways of the destroyer. Support thou my steps in thine own paths, that my feet may not slip. Display thy wonderful loving-kindness, thou who savest those that trust in thee, from such as rise up

p Psalm ix.—q Psalm xiii.—r Psalm xvi.

against thy power. Guard me as the tender apple of the eye ; hide me under the shadow of thy wings, from the wicked who would destroy me, from my mortal foes who compass me about. As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness ; I shall be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness.^s I love thee, O Jehovah my strength ! Jehovah, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I trust ; my shield, my safe retreat, and my high tower ! I called on Jehovah, worthy to be praised, and from mine enemies I was saved. And to my God I cried aloud : from his temple, he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ear. He sent from on high—he laid hold on me ; he drew me up out of many waters. He delivered me from my powerful enemies ; and from those that hated me, because they were stronger than I. Truly, it is thou Jehovah, who lightest my lamp : my God who enlightenest my darkness. With thy saving shield thou protectest me ; and thy condescension maketh me great. Thou makest ample room for my steps, that the soles of my feet may not slip. Jehovah liveth ! And blessed be my rock ! and exalted be the God of my salvation !^t

His own errors who can discern ? Oh, cleanse thou me from my unknown sins ; and from presumptuous sins keep back thy servant ; let not such ever have dominion over me ; then shall I be up-

^s Psalm xxvii.—^t Psalm xviii.

right and clear of great transgression ; and the words of my mouth shall be acceptable, and the meditations of my heart, before thee, O Jehovah, my rock and my redeemer!^u We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God.^v Arise O Jehovah, in thine own might, that we may praise and sing of thy power!^w My praise shall be of thee in the great assembly ; my vows I will pay before those who fear thee. The needy shall eat and be satisfied ; those who seek Jehovah shall praise him ; for their hearts shall ever be revived. All the far distant inhabitants of the earth shall remember and return to Jehovah, and all the families of Jehovah worship him. For Jehovah's is the kingdom ; and he is the ruler among the nations. All the rich of the earth shall eat and worship ; all going down to the dust shall bow before him, of whom not one can keep himself alive. A seed shall serve him,— shall celebrate Jehovah : a generation shall come, and declare his righteousness to a people that shall be born :—what deeds he hath done.^x

My Shepherd: and my kind Provider,
Is the everlasting Lord,
He vouchsafes to be my guide,
As I lean upon his word.

In sweet pastures he will feed me,
Where each cheering promise grows—

^u Psalm xix.—^v Psalm xx.—^w Psalm xxi.—^x Ps. xxii.

He, by living streams shall lead me,
Where his full salvation flows.

And my erring soul recover
To his way of life and peace,
For my souls eternal lover,
Vests me with his righteousness.
Though death's gloom my path were shading
Love should dissipate my fears,
For thy love, that pass pervading
Lights our eyes, our spirits cheers.

Thou, a banquet hast appointed
Me,—before my envious foes ;—
Hast with oil my head anointed,
While with joy my cup o'erflows.
Surely, mercy, like a river
Through my life shall be supplied ;
Thus sustained, will I for ever,
In thy sacred courts abide!

Joy of God—delight supernal,
Fills my heart—dispels my fears ;
While I seek the Great Eternal :—
Though I tread the vale of tears.

Mercy,—dissipates my sadness—
 Goodness,—all I want supplies !
 Thee I'll worship ! crowned with gladness ;
 While the day eternal flies!^o

Who shall ascend the mountain of Jehovah? and who shall stand in his holy place? He who hath clean hands and a pure heart; who nameth not his soul in a falsehood, nor sweareth with intent to deceive. He shall receive a blessing from Jehovah, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such are the people who seek him; who seek thy presence, O God of Jacob.^y To thee O Jehovah, do I raise my soul: make known to me thy ways, and teach me to follow thy paths. Direct me by thy truth and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation. And in thee do I hope daily; because of thy goodness, O Jehovah. All the paths of Jehovah are mercy and truth, to those who keep his covenant and his precepts. The counsel of Jehovah is with those who fear him; and to them he maketh known his covenant.^z I trust in Jehovah, I shall not slide. Examine and prove me, O Jehovah; try my reins, and my heart: for thy kindness hath been before mine eyes, and according to thy truth have I walked, I will wash mine hands in innocence, and so compass thine Altar, O Jehovah! to publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and to

y Psalm xxiv.—z Psalm xxv.

recount all thy wonderful works, I love Jehovah, the mansion of thy house, and the dwelling-place of thy glory. I will walk in mine integrity ; O redeem me, and be gracious unto me. My foot standeth in an even place ; in the assemblies I will bless Jehovah.^a

Jehovah is my light and my salvation: whom then shall I fear? Jehovah is the guardian of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? One thing do I desire of Jehovah, and this I earnestly request ; that I may dwell in the house of Jehovah all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of Jehovah, and to make enquiry in his temple. That I may offer sacrifices of joy at his tabernacle, and may sing and give praise unto Jehovah. Attend O Jehovah to my voice, when I call be gracious and answer me. When Jehovah saith, Seek ye my face, my heart replies, Thy face will I seek: hide not thy face from me.^b Blessed be Jehovah ; for he hath heard the voice of my supplication. Jehovah is my strength, and my shield: in him my heart trusted, and I am helped: hence my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with a song will I praise him. Jehovah is the strength of his people, and he is the saving strength of his anointed. Save thy people, and bless thine heritage ; feed them also, and exalt them for ever.^c

Give to Jehovah, O ye sons of the mighty. Give

a Psalm xxi.—b Psalm xxvii.—c Psalm xxviii.

to Jehovah, glory and power: give to Jehovah the glory due to his name. Worship him with holy reverence. The voice of Jehovah is full of power: The voice of Jehovah is full of majesty: And in his palace every thing proclaimeth his glory. Jehovah sitteth upon the flood; yea, Jehovah sitteth king for ever. Jehovah will give strength to his people; Jehovah will bless his people with peace.^d Sing to Jehovah, O ye his saints commemorate with praise, his holiness. For his anger endureth only for a moment, but his favour continueth through life: weeping may be a guest in the evening; but joy cometh in the morning. Hear O Jehovah, and be gracious unto me; Jehovah, become thou my helper. Thou didst turn my mourning into mirth; thou strippedst of my sackcloth, and didst clothe me with a robe of joy. Therefore, I will praise thee, my glory, nor will I ever be silent; Jehovah, my God, thee will I ever praise.^e

In thee Jehovah do I put my trust; for my rock, and my fortress thou hast been. For thy name's sake lead and guide me; for thou Jehovah art my strength. Into thy hands I commit my spirit; for thou hast redeemed me, Jehovah, God of truth. In Jehovah do I trust. I will exult and rejoice in thy mercy, when thou hast considered my trouble and hast known my soul in adversities, nor given me into the hand of the enemy, but hast set my

^d Psalm xxix.—^e Psalm xxx.

feet in a wider place. I trust in thee Jehovah: I say, thou art my God! my times are in thy hands. Let thy face shine upon thy servant; for thy mercy's sake, save me, O Jehovah! How great, O Jehovah, are thy good things which thou hast laid up for such as fear thee! and hast prepared for those who trust in thee, and honour thee before the children of men! In the covert of thy presence thou wilt hide them: thou wilt seclude them in thy tabernacle. Blessed be Jehovah, who hath displayed wonderful kindness to me, as in a strong city! Thou didst hear my supplicating voice, when I cried unto thee. O love Jehovah! ye his saints: for he preserveth the faithful. Be firm, and he will strengthen your hearts, all ye who trust in Jehovah^f

Happy he! whose transgression is pardoned, and whose sin is covered! Happy the man to whom Jehovah imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guilt. I said I will confess to Jehovah my transgressions; and thou forgavest the guilt of my sins. For this shall every penitent pray to thee, in a time when favour may be found. Compass me with songs of victory! He who trusteth in Jehovah, mercy shall compass him about. In Jehovah be glad and rejoice, ye righteous; and shout for joy, all ye upright in heart.^g Rejoice, ye righteous, in Jehovah: for praise becometh the upright.

^f Psalm xxxi.—^g Psalm xxii.

Praise Jehovah with the harp; sing to him with the ten-stringed psaltery, sing to him a new song; play with skill a joyful melody. For right is the word of Jehovah, and all his works are faithfulness. He loveth justice and judgment. The earth is full of Jehovah's goodness. By the word of Jehovah the heavens were made; and all their hosts by the energy of his mouth. Let all the earth fear Jehovah, let the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spoke—and it was made! He commanded—and it was done! Happy the nation, whose God is Jehovah; the people he hath chosen for his heritage. Lo! the eye of Jehovah is on them that fear him; on them who place their hope in his mercy: to deliver them from death, and keep them alive in famine. We place our trust in Jehovah: he is our help and our shield. In him indeed our heart rejoiceth; for in his holy name we trust. Let thy mercy, Jehovah, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.^h

I will bless Jehovah at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. In Jehovah my soul shall boast; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Look to him and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed. For Jehovah redeemeth the souls of his servants; and none who trust in him shall be desolate. The angels of Jehovah pitch their camps around those who fear him, and rescue them. O

^h Psalm xxxiii.

fear Jehovah all ye his saints! for there is no want to those who fear him. The rich become poor, and suffer hunger; but they who seek Jehovah shall want nothing that is good. Who is the man that desireth life, that wisheth to see days of prosperity? The eyes of Jehovah are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry. The righteous cry and Jehovah heareth, and from all their troubles delivereth them. Jehovah is nigh to the broken hearted and the contrite spirit he saveth. Many are the afflictions of the righteous one; yet from all of them Jehovah delivereth him. Jehovah keepeth all his bones; and not one of them shall be broken.ⁱ O Jehovah, say to my soul, I am thy salvation.

And my soul shall exult in Jehovah, and shall rejoice in his salvation: my whole frame shall say, Jehovah who is like thee? delivering the afflicted from one stronger than he; the afflicted and needy from the spoiler. Then will I thank thee in the great assembly; before a numerous people I will praise thee. Saying, Jehovah be magnified; who delighteth in the prosperity of his servant. Then shall my tongue talk of thy justice, and continually resound thy praise.^k Thy kindness, Jehovah, is unto the heavens: thy faithfulness reacheth to the skies. Thy justice is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a vast abyss! Man and beast thou pre-

ⁱ Psalm xxxiv.—^k Psalm xxxv.

servest O Jehovah! How excellent is thy kindness, O God! hence men trust under the shadow of thy wings. With the rich food of thy house they shall be satisfied, and shall drink of the stream of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life,—and by thy light we are enlightened. O continue thy loving kindness to those who know thee, and thy righteousness to the upright of heart.^l I said I will take heed to my ways, that I may not sin with my tongue. Now, O Jehovah, what should I hope for? My whole expectation is in thee. O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence—and be no more.^m Jehovah hath put in my mouth a new song; a song of praise to our God. Many shall see, and fear and trust in Jehovah. Happy the man, who putteth his trust in Jehovah! O Jehovah my God! very many are the wonderful works that thou hast done. I delight to do thy will O my God; for thy law is within my heart. Thy faithfulness, and thy salvation do I proclaim. I conceal not thy loving kindness and thy truth amid the great assembly. All those who seek thee shall rejoice and be glad in thee; those who love thy salvation shall say, be Jehovah continually magnified.ⁿ By this I know that thou favourest me, thou supportest me in my integrity, and wilt set me in thy presence for ever. Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel; from eternity to eternity, Amen,

^l Psalm xxxvi.—^m Psalm xxxix.—ⁿ Psalm xl.

and Amen^o As the heart panteth for the streams of water, so panteth my soul for thee O God. My soul thirsteth for God,—the living God. I went with the multitude,—with them approached the house of God, amidst the sound of joy and praise;—with the multitude keeping the solemn feast. By day Jehovah commanded his kindness, and by night his song was with me. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? Why art thou disquieted within me? Hope in God; for yet I shall praise him, as my salvation, and my God. Display thy light and thy truth; let them guide me, and bring me to thy holy mount and tabernacles. There will I approach the altar of God, the source of my joy and exultation: on the harp I will praise thee Jehovah my God.^p

My heart teemeth with excellent matter; I will utter what I have composed for the King. Thou art fairest among the Sons of men; grace is diffused on thy lips; wherefore God ever blesseth thee. Gird thy sword on thy thigh, thou mighty one, display thy glory and thy majesty; and in them ride prosperously on, in thy course of truth, meekness, and righteousness. Thy throne O God is for ever, and ever: a sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness; hence hath Jehovah thy God anointed thee with the oil of gladness

^o Psalm xli.—^p Psalm xlii-iii.

above thy fellows: Myrah, Cassia, and Calamus, perfume thy robes of rejoicing from the ivory palaces. Princesses, are among thy beloved-ones ; at thy right hand, standeth the Queen, arrayed in robes of the gold of Ophir " He is indeed thy Lord, and worship thou him." All glorious in the queen in her apartment ; her robe is embroidered with gold. To the king she shall be brought in rich attire, the virgin companions follow her ;—to thee shall they be conducted ; they shall be brought with joy and exultation, and shall enter the palace of the King. Thy name shall be remembered O Jehovah for ever and ever: so that peoples shall praise thee throughout all generations.^q We have a river whose gentle streams shall make glad the city of God—the holy abode of Jehovah Most High. God is in her midst, she shall not be moved ; for God will speedily afford help to her. Jehovah, God of Hosts, is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.^r O all ye people clap your hands: shout to God with the voice of triumph: For Jehovah, the Most High, is to be feared, as the great over all the earth. He hath chosen our inheritance for us, the excellent lot of Jacob whom he loved. God ascendeth with shouting ; Jehovah, with the sound of trumpets! Sing praises to God, sing praises ; sing praises to our king, sing praises for God is king over all the earth: To him sing melodious

q Psalm xlv.—r Psalm xlvi.

praise. God reigneth over all the earth; God sitteth on his holy throne. There are assembled the princes of the people, the people of the God of Abraham: for to God, who is highly exalted, belong the princes of the land!^s

Great is Jehovah, and highly to be praised, in the city of our God, on his holy mountain. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole land is mount Zion; on the north side is the city of the great king: in his palaces God is known for a refuge. As we have heard so have we now seen, concerning the city of Jehovah Sabbaoth, concerning the city of our God,—that God will establish it forever. We, O God, have thought on thy kindness, in the midst of thine own temple: as thy name, so thy praise shall resound to the extremities of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness. Let mount Zion rejoice, the cities of Judah exult, because of thy judgments, O Jehovah. Go round about Zion—number its towers, mark well its bulwarks, count its palaces: that ye may tell it to the next generation; for Jehovah is our God for ever, and ever; he will ever guide and defend us.^t The mighty God, Jehovah, speaketh; and calleth the inhabitants of the earth, from the rising to the setting sun, from Zion the perfection of beauty, God shineth forth with splendour. Let his saints be gathered unto him, who have made a covenant

^s Psalm xlvii.—^t Psalm xlviii.

with him by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; for God himself is the judge. Hear my people, and I will speak; O Israel! and I will testify to thee, for God, thine own God, am I. Offer to God the sacrifice of praise, and perform thy vows to the Most High. Then call on me in the day of trouble, I will deliver thee, and glorify thou me. He who offereth praise glorifieth me. And to him, who walks in the right way, I will show the salvation of God. I shall be as the green olive, in the house of God; for in the kindness of God do I ever trust. I will ever praise thee for what thou doest; and I will hope in thy name, O God; for thou art good towards thy saints.^v Behold God is my helper—Jehovah is the supporter of my life. I will freely sacrifice unto thee; I will praise thy name, Jehovah, for it is good.^w Thou hast numbered my wanderings; my tears thou hast put into thy phial: are not they also in thy record? This I know, that God is on my side. In Jehovah I will glory on account of his word! In God I will trust, and not fear what man can do unto me. I have made vows unto thee O God, and to thee with praises will I pay them. For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt thou not prevent my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?^x

Be gracious to me, Jehovah, be gracious: for my

^v Psalm lii.—^w Psalm liv.—^x Psalm lvi.

soul trusteth in thee: in the shadows of thy wing I will take refuge, until these calamities shall have passed over. I will cry to God the Most High; to God, who performeth all things for me. He will send from the Heavens and save me. God will send forth his mercy and his truth. Exalt thyself, O God, above the Heavens; display thy glory over all the earth. My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is determined; I will sing and give praise unto thee. Awake my glory; awake, lyre and harp! I myself will awake at the early morn! I will praise thee Jehovah among the peoples; I will sing to thee among the nations. For great unto the heavens is thy mercy; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the skies.^y God ruleth in Jacob, I will sing of thy power; I will sing aloud every morning of thy mercy; because to me thou art a defence, a refuge in the day of my trouble. My strength, to thee will I sing; For God, the God of my mercy, is my defence.^z Give thou a banner to those who fear thee; that it may be displayed because of thy truth. That thy beloved may be delivered, hear, and save us by thy right hand.^a

Hear, O God, my supplication, and be attentive to my prayer. When my heart faileth with grief, raise thou me up and direct me. For thou art wont to be my refuge: a strong tower from the enemy. I shall yet long sojourn in thy tabernacle,

y Psalm lvii.—z Psalm lix.—a Psalm lx.

and be secure under the covert of thy wings. For thou, O God, hast heard my vows; thou hast given me for an inheritance the people who fear thy name. He shall ever abide before God, thy mercy and truth shall preserve him: so will I ever sing praise to thy name; and from day to day perform my vows.^b Verily, my soul waiteth upon God: for from him cometh my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation; my defence, I shall not be greatly moved. My soul wait thou only upon God; for from him is my expectation. From God is my salvation and my glory; my strong rock and my refuge is God. Trust in him, at all times, ye people! pour out your hearts before him; God alone is a refuge for us. Once hath God spoken; yea, twice; this have I heard, that power belongeth unto God! To thee also, Jehovah, belongeth mercy.^c O God, my God art thou; early will I seek thee; my soul thirsteth: my flesh longeth for thee, like a dry, thirsty, and waterless land. So long I, to see thee in thy sanctuary, to behold thy power and thy glory: for better is thy kindness than life; therefore shall my lips praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live; in thy name I will lift up my hands. As with fat or marrow, my soul shall be satisfied, and with joyful lips my mouth shall praise thee; when I remember thee on my bed, and meditate on thee at every watch hour. For thou art wont to be my help, hence in the shadow of thy

b Ps. lxi.—c Ps. lxii.

wings I will rejoice. My soul cleaveth fast unto thee; thy right hand upholdeth me.^d In Jehovah the righteous shall be glad, and trust, and all the upright in heart shall glory in him.^e Praise waiteth on thee O God in Zion! and to thee shall the vow be performed. Hearer of prayer—to thee shall all flesh come. Our iniquities have superabounded; yet our trespasses thou hast covered. Happy is he whom thou chooseth, and admitted to dwell in thy courts! We shall be satisfied with the good things of thy house—even of thy holy temple. The God of our salvation, hast answered us; than, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and those afar off upon the seas. Whatever cometh forth with the morn, or the evening, thou maketh to rejoice. Thou visitest and waterest the earth; thou enrichest it abundantly with plenteous rain from the heavens. And thou blessest all its produce. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and distillest on all thy ways fertility; even the pastures of the desert, and the hills on every side rejoice. The pastures are covered with flocks—the vallies are clothed with corn-grass—they shout, yea, they sing for joy.^f

Shout with joy to God, all ye lands: sing forth the glory of his name: make his glory the theme of thy praise. Say to God, How awful are thy works! All the earth shall worship thee; shall sing to thee

^d Psalm lxiii —^e Ps. lxiv.—^f Ps. lxxv.

—shall sing to thy name. Bless our God, O ye people! and make the sound of his praise heard. It is he who preservest our lives, and sufferest not our feet to be moved. Thou hast brought us to a rich land. I will enter thy house with offerings; I will perform unto thee my vows, which my lips pronounced, and my mouth spoke in my trouble. Come, hear, all ye who fear God; and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. I cried to him with my mouth, and exalted him with my tongue; but if in my heart I regarded iniquity, Jehovah would not heard me. Verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to my supplication. Blessed be God, who rejected not my prayer, nor withdrew his mercy from me.^g Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us, and cause thy face to shine upon us. Let the peoples praise thee, O God, let all the peoples praise thee together. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, our own God, will bless us! God will continue to bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.^h Let the righteous be made glad, and exult in the presence of God, yea let them exceedingly rejoice. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; extol him—exult in his holy habitation. Blessed be Jehovah from day to day.ⁱ When oppressed this God is our Saviour; this God to us is the God of Salvation. Command O God thy strength; confirm what thou hast done for

g Psalm lxvi.—h Ps. lxvii.—i Ps. lxviii.

us. Sing praises unto Jehovah; to him who anciently rode, on the sublimest heavens! Lo! he thundered with a mighty voice! His Majesty and his strength appear in the skies. Awful is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel: he giveth strength and might to his people: Blessed be God!^k

I address my prayer to thee, Jehovah; to thee, O God, in an acceptable time: according to thy great mercy, hear me; according to thy truth, grant me thy salvation. Hear me, Jehovah, for excellent is thy kindness, according to thy great compassion regard me. Hide not thy face from thy servant; draw near to my soul and redeem it. Thy salvation, O God, shall raise me on high! I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving; for this will be more acceptable to Jehovah, than a full-horned and a full-hoofed steer. The afflicted shall see and rejoice; and their hearts who seek God shall be revived. For Jehovah listeneth to the poor. The heavens and the earth shall praise him; the seas, and all that moveth in them. For God will still save Zion, and they who love thy name shall dwell therein.^l All those who seek thee Jehovah, shall rejoice and be glad in thee: those, who delight in thy salvation, shall say, Be Jehovah ever magnified.^m

Thou art my hope O Lord; my trust, O Jehovah, from my youth. On thee have I depended

^k Psalm lxi.---^l Ps. lxx---^m Ps. lxxi.

from the womb: from my birth thou hast supported me; and my praise shall be continually of thee. Thou art my strong refuge, my mouth shall be filled with thy praise, and with thy glory all the day long. In thee will I continually hope, and will praise thee yet more and more. My mouth shall declare thy righteousness's, and thy salvation all the day long: though I know not how to recount them. I will go on through thy strength, O Jehovah! I will mention thy righteousness, thine only. Thou, O God, has taught me from my youth; and till now I have declared thy wondrous deeds. When I also am become old and grey-headed, O God, forsake me not,—until I have shewed thy power to this race; to every one who shall come, thy might. For thy righteousness, O God, is very high; O God, who doest wonders, who is like thee? Thou wilt comfort me on every side. I will praise thy truth on the psaltery; I will sing to thee my God on the harp, O thou, the Holy One of Israel. My lips shall rejoice when I sing to thee, and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.^a His name shall endure for ever! His name shall continue like the sun! All the tribes of the earth shall be blessed in him, and all nations shall call him blessed. Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, who alone doeth wonderful deeds; blessed be his

glorious name forever; be the whole earth filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.^o

Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure of heart. As yet have I ever been with thee; thy right hand hath held me up. By thy counsel thou wilt still guide me, and at last wilt receive me to glory. Whom have I in the heavens but thee? Nor is there one on earth that I desire before thee. Although my flesh and my heart were to fail, yet my portion, and the support of my heart, shall God be for ever. It is good for me to draw near to God: In Jehovah have I put my trust, that I may yet declare all his doings in the gates of the [daughter of Zion. For God is known in Judah; great is his name in Israel. In Salem is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion. Thou Zion, art more glorions and excellent than the mountains stored with prey. Vow and perform to Jehovah your God; let all that are round about him bring presents to him that ought to be feared.^p I will call to mind the works of Jehovah: yea, I will call to mind thy wonders of old. On all thy works I will meditate, and I will talk of all thy doings. Thy way O God is in holiness; who so great a God as our God? Thou art a God who dost wonders! Thou hast showed thy power among the nations, with thine arm thou redeemedst thy people.^q I will utter the memorable events of ancient days: which we have

o Psalm lxxii.---p Ps. lxxiii. ---q Psalm lxxvi.

heard and known, and our fathers have related to us. These we will not hide from their children, but rehearse to the next generation, the praises of Jehovah and his power; and the wonderful work which he hath done. For he established a testimony for Jacob, and appointed a law for Israel; which he commanded our fathers to make known to their children; that the next generation should know them; the children who should be born and rise up; that they should relate them to their children; that in God they might place their hope, and not forget his works, but keep his commands.^r

In blessings rich, in glory bright,
 Illumined with unshaded light,
 O Lord of Hosts, is thine abode.
 My soul disdains the haunts of men,
 And faints with longing to be seen
 Within thy dwellings, O my God.

The sparrows fly with nimble wing
 Up to the altar of my king,
 And there the swallow builds her nest,
 Oh happy they, who dwell so nigh
 Where I—had I their wings would fly;
 And enter on my sacred rest!

r Ps. lxxvii.

Fain would I emulate their ways
 Whose only business is thy praise,
 Who blessing thee—are trebly blest.
 Who in *thy* service bear their part,
 Whose strength, and sure support, thou art:
 Thou fountain of eternal rest!

Regarded in whose heart of love
 They are, who onward ever move
 From stage to stage,—from strength to strength.
 The rain of thine inheritance
 Refreshing, as they more advance.
 Till all reach Zion's courts at length.

True pleasure in thy presence dwells;
 That every human joy excels,
 How great its teeming source may be.
 Each day with thee, I count more bright
 Than thousands spent in vain delight:
 Vain all delights, apart from thee!

I'd rather keep thy temple gate,—
 Or at its sacred thresholds wait,
 Than dwell in camps where sins abound
 Yea rather with those birds abide
 That nestle near thine altar's side.
 And still about thy courts are found.

Thou art my sun—my fount of light,
My shield and banner—help and might.

Thy grace my soul to glory leads:
Blest is that soul whose confidence
Is based on thine omnipotence!

Which saves, who thy tried mercy pleads. **¶**

Now restore us O God of our salvation, wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee. Shew us O Jehovah thy mercy, and grant us thy salvation. I will hear what God Jehovah will speak. Truly he speaketh peace to his people—his saints. Surely his salvation is nigh to such as fear him; he will make his glory to dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have embraced! Truth hath sprung up from the earth, and righteousness looked down from the heavens! Yea Jehovah shall provide what is good, and our land shall yield its increase.

Righteousness shall walk before him, and direct in the way of his steps.^t Save, my God, thy servant who trusteth in thee. Be gracious unto me O Jehovah; for on thee do I daily call. Make glad the soul of thy servant; for to thee, Lord, do I lift up my soul. For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all who call on

¶ Psalm lxxxiv.—^t Psalm lxxxv.

thee, because thou art wont to answer me. Among the Gods there is none like thee Jehovah, nor are there any works like thy works. All the nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, Jehovah, and shall ascribe glory to thy name. For great thou art and doest wonders! Thou art the only true God. Teach me Jehovah thy way, that I may walk by thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. I will praise thee, my God, with all my heart; I will glorify thy name for evermore. For great hath been thy mercy towards me; and thou hast rescued me from the lowest hades! Thou Lord, art a God merciful and gracious, long-suffering, abundant in mercy and truth. O regard me, and be gracious unto me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thy handmaid. Shew me a token for good.^u

The foundations of Zion are on holy mountains! Jehovah loveth the gates of Zion more than any of the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, city of God. Yea, concerning Zion it shall be said, this and that man was born in her! For the Most-High himself shall establish her. In the record of peoples Jehovah shall relate "This man was born there." As those leading the dance they shall sing, "All my springs are in thee."^v Of thy mercy, Jehovah, will I ever sing; with my mouth

^u Psalm lxxxvi.—^v Psalm lxxxvii.

I will make known thy truth, from generation to generation. For I said thy mercy shall ever endure; in the very heavens thou hast established thy truth. Let the heavens praise thy wonders, Jehovah; the assembly of thy holy ones thy truth. For who in the heavens is equal to Jehovah? Who like Jehovah among the sons of God? A God most awful in the assembly of holy ones, and to be feared by all who are round about him. Jehovah, God of Hosts, who is like unto thee? Mighty art thou, O Jehovah, and thy faithfulness is round about thee? The heavens are thine—thine also is the earth; the world with its fulness thou madest. The north and the south thou didst create! Tabor and Hermon sing aloud to thy name! Mercy and truth precede thy face. Happy the people who know the joyful sound. In the light of thy countenance, Jehovah, they walk; in thy name they exult all the day long, and by thy righteousness they are exalted. For thou wast the glory of our strength, and by thy favour he was exalted. Verily Jehovah was our protector, and the Holy-One of Israel our King. My father art thou; my God, and the rock of my salvation. My kindness I will not take from him, nor will I suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant I will not violate, nor alter what hath gone out of my lips. Blessed for ever be Jehovah. Amen and Amen.^w

^w Psalm lxxxix.

O Lord! who art our hiding place,
 At present as in ancient days
 Unchanged, from age to age the same
 Thou art:---eternal is thy name.
 Long ere the mountains were brought forth---
 Or thou hadst formed this changing earth---
 Supreme, before whose throne we bow
 Thrice holy, changeless, same, wast thou !

Us, Sovereign, with thy mercy bless;
 So we thy mercy will confess:
 So will we lift our hands with joy,
 And our glad tongues in praise employ.
 According to our griefs extent
 Lord, let it please thee to relent,
 In kind reward for sorrows past
 Give joy that shall for ever last.

As thou once turned from us away
 So now, thy glorious face display,
 Thy spirit shed like evening dews;
 Then death itself its sting shall lose,
 Oh! let thy work of grace appear
 Unto us while we sojourn here,

Oh let our children in thy sight
Survive, and see thy glorious light.

And let thy beauty be bestowed
On all thy sons, with grace endowed,
That they may in thy likeness shine;
Partakers of the gift divine.
Stamp on us Lord th' impress of love,
Seal us thine own, nor let us rove,
Till all our works thy glory shew,
Till we in heaven thy glory know.

He who can live, and move, and rest,
As in thy sight is ever blest.
Thy sheltering wings of love o'erspread
Shall cover and secure his head.
I have believed, and will confess,
My sole dependence is thy grace;
In every strait, thy love and power,
Are my safe dwelling place and tower.

On thee O Lord I cast my care !
Thou wilt defend from every snare:
Wilt from all evil thine defend:
No plague can smite whilst thou befriend.

x Psalm xc.

Beyond the gathering clouds are spread
Thy awful wings extended shade,
And clouds and storms may come and go,
Whilst I thy sure protection know.

Thy constant word of truth endures,
And held by faith, my soul secures:
Terrors by night shall not dismay;
Nor Satan's fiery darts by day.
Since I've refused to place my trust
In creature comforts—worms and dust,
And thee Most High my fortress made,
Why should I be of ill afraid?

I shall be kept from evil free—
Nor plague, nor famine shall I see—
For thou wilt guard thine own elect;
Thine angels shall their feet protect.
They in their guardian hands shall bear
The objects of thy tender care;
Secure, in thine appointed ways
The chosen vessels of thy grace.

The subtil serpent I shall tread
Beneath my foot, and bruise his head.

The fiercest lions rage shall quell;
 And brave the mighty gates of hell.
 Love, shall thy loving kindness prove!
 The heights and depths of boundless love!
 Exalted through thy wondrous name,
 To share the honours of the Lamb!

In trouble thou my voice shalt hear;
 And shew me my salvation nea,
 Nor shall despair this heart assail,
 Whose hope lies deep beyoud the veil.
 Satan, shall know thy power to save
 To crush his strength and foil the grave.
 Long life, salvation, peace, thy word
 Makes mine:—Hosanna! Praise the Lord! y

Happy the souls who join to sing
 The praises of our Zion's King!
 Chanting his praise, with opening dawn,
 Telling his love, from night till morn,
 On harps, with hymns, in sweet accord
 Sing Hallelujahs, to our God.

How joyant is the good man's lot,
 God in his works forgets him not!

y Psalm xci

But gives him bread, and sure defence,
 In his unerring providence.
 Fools know not this, nor understand
 How all things move at God's command.

My shepherd! thou mine horn shalt raise:
 And shed the joy of oil and praise
 Upon my head: then who shall charge
 With guilt, the soul thou dost enlarge?
 Though briars and thorns against them strive,
 The trees of righteousness shall thrive.

These pleaded in thy courts below,
 Flourishing and persistent grow.
 In thee they cannot cease to excell
 Or barren prove where thou dost dwell:
 Nor fail those grateful proofs to give
 That thine they are, whose life they live. z

Jehovah reigneth, clothed with majesty; holiness
 becometh thine house, O Jehovah, to the remotest
 ages.^a Happy is the man whom thou instructest,
 and whom thou teachest out of thy law. For Jeho-
 vah will not forsake his people, nor desert his own

z Psalm xcii.--- a Psalm xciii.

inheritance.^b O come, let us sing unto Jehovah! sing aloud to the rock of our salvation! Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and in psalms sing aloud unto him. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Jehovah, our Maker; for he is our God, and we the flock of his pasture, the people his own hand *conducteth*.^c Sing unto Jehovah a new song; sing unto Jehovah, all the earth, sing unto Jehovah, bless his name; publish daily his salvation. Declare his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wonderful deeds! For great is Jehovah, and highly to be praised. Honour and majesty attend his presence; power and beauty are in his sanctuary. Give to Jehovah, glory and power; to Jehovah give the glory due to his name: bring a present when ye enter his courts. Worship Jehovah with holy reverence; tremble before him all the earth, let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice; let the sea with all its fulness roar: let the fields, with all that is therein, exult; let all the trees of the forest sing aloud before Jehovah.^d Jehovah reigneth! let the earth exult: let its numerous regions be glad! The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples behold his glory. Worship him, all ye his angels. Zion heard and is glad; the cities of Judah exult, because of thy sentences Jehovah. He loveth those who hate evil; he preserveth the

^b Psalm xciv.—^c Psalm xcvi.—^d Psalm xcvi.

souls of his saints; from the hand of the wicked he delivereth them. Light is scattered abroad for the righteous, and gladness for the upright of heart. Rejoice, ye righteous, in Jehovah, and celebrate, with praise, his holiness.^e Sing to Jehovah anew song: for wonderful things he hath done: his own right hand, and his holy arm, have obtained for him the victory. Jehovah hath proclaimed his salvation; in the sight of the nations hath displayed righteousness. His mercy and truth towards the house of Israel, he hath remembered: and the remotest parts of the earth have seen the Salvation of our God. Resound the praise of Jehovah all the earth; burst forth into joy and shout and sing praise. Sing praise to Jehovah with the harp; with the harp accompanied with the voice: with clarions and the sound of trumpet, resound the praises of Jehovah the King. Let the sea and its fulness resound--the world and its inhabitants. Let the rivers clap their hands; and let the mountains shout together, before Jehovah who cometh to judge the earth. With righteousness he will judge the world, and the peoples with uprightness.^f Great is Jehovah in Zion! and high is he above all peoples. Let them praise thy great and awful name; for holy and powerful it is. Exalt Jehovah, our God, and worship at his footstool, for he is holy. Exalt Jehovah

^e Psalm xcvi. — ^f Psalm xcvi

our God, and worship at his holy mountain: for
 Jehovah our God is holy.^g

Attend O Earth! with loud acclaim
 Worship JEHOVAH's holy name!
 JEHOVAH, know, is God alone:
 Come, with glad songs approach his THRONE!

He made us, and his own we are,
 As folded sheep we claim his care.
 Enter his gates with holy song;
 With songs of praise his altars throng.

To him be thankful;—bless his NAME,
 Round the wide world his love proclaim,
 Adore our everlasting friend,
 Whose truth and grace can never end. h

Of Mercy and Justice I will sing; unto thee, Je-
 hovah, will I sing praise.ⁱ Thou wilt yet arise,
 and have mercy on Zion: for the appointed time to
 favour her is come. Then shall nations fear thy
 name Jehovah, and all the kings of the earth, thy
 glory. Let this be written for a future generation,
 that a people to be born may praise Jehovah: be-
 cause he looked from his high sanctuary! from the

g Psalm xcix.—h Psalm c.—i Ps. ci.

heavens Jehovah beheld the earth! To attend to the groaning of prisoners; to release those who were doomed to death; that Jehovah's name might be declared in Zion, and his praise again resounded in Jerusalem; when peoples shall be assembled together, and the king loms to serve Jehovah. Of old, thou, Jehovah, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands. These may perish, but thou shalt remain: they all may be worn out like a garment, and as a vesture thou mayest change them, yet though they be changed, thou art the same, and thy years shall not have an end. O may the children of thy servants be established, and their posterity be continued before thee forever.)

Praise Jehovah! O my soul:

'Tis his word that makes thee whole.

All my powers his love proclaim:

Praise, Oh praise, his holy name!

Praise Jehovah! O my soul!

'Tis his word that makes thee whole.

Contemplate his acts of love,

They his loving-kindness prove;

He doth all thy sins forgive:

He procures the blest reprieve

j Psalm cii.

From thy sin, thy doubt, and care,
He doth all thy sickness bear.

Truth and Mercy ne'er will part,
Saved and justly saved, thou art.
Endless kindness crown thy days,
Let thy lips shew forth his praise.
As the eagle, glad arise,
Filled with praise to pierce the skies!

Mount thou as on eagles' wings
'Youd all sublinar y things,
Strength thou hast, that strength divine
Glory,—Glory,---Lord is thine!
Praise eternal is thy due:
Lord, thy servants might---renew.

Truth and justice Lord are thine!
Mercy's arms with both entwine.
Those who own thee not their God
Smart beneath thy dreadful rod:
But for saints thou dost provide;
And the meek in judgment guide.

Moses saw thy glorious day,
When thou wrought thy wondrous way!

Ocean's power, could not withstand
 The dread impression of thy hand.
 We sing the wonders thou hast shewn;
 Mighty acts,—to Israel known!

Love and goodness thou dost shew,
 Thy compassions overflow,
 Thy severity is brief,
 Soon thy mercy brings relief ;
 Turns the threatened stroke away,
 Thou dost not our crimes repay!

Oh how wicked have we been,
 Taking our delight in sin;
 Yet our kind and gracious Lord
 Doth not our misdeeds reward,—
 Love—doth still thine anger stay;
 And turn th' uplifted hand away.

Boundless thy compassions rise!
 Like the vast incessant skies.—
 Mercy's length and breadth and height—
 All conception's powers invite
 As the east removes the west
 Thou our sins, to make us blest!

Blest with pardon,—and the grace
 To perceive a *father's* face,
 Us transgressors thou dost take,
 Thine adopted sons to make:
 Pitying our every grief,
 Sending ever sweet relief.

Well thou knowest all our frame,---
 All our sinfulness and shame,
 Thou rememberest how curst
 We of earth, were doomed to dust:---
 Doomed to vanish in an hour
 Like a frail and blighted flower.

Who the feeble flow'ret knows,
 Erst the tempest o'er it blows?
 But should ruin wide prevail,
 Lord thy mercy cannot fail.
 Children and their heirs will find
 Thou art ever true and kind.

Such as serve the only Lord
 True and faithful find his word.
 High in th' heavens Jehovah reigns;
 And his providence maintains,—

O'er each creature reigns supreme,
Creatures all his glory beam.

Ye who hearken to his word
Men and Angels---praise the Lord!
Ye who manifest his power,
Prostrate fall, and Him adore:
Your obedience swiftly prove;
Hear his voice---obey---and love!

Praise Jehovah! Ye his hosts!
Of his triumphs make your boast!
Long as love our cup supplies
Waft his glory through the skies!
Where his countless gifts extend
Praise,---Oh praise him, without end! k

Bless Jehovah, O my soul! Jehovah, my God,
thou art very great! Arraying thyself with light as
a garment, stretching out the heavens like a cur-
tain, flooring thy chambers with waters! using the
clouds as thy chariot! walking on the wings of the
wind! making the winds as thy angels, and flam-
ing fire as thy ministers! Out of the earth thou

k Psalm ciii.

bringest forth food, wine and oil, and bread, which strengthenest man's heart, and maketh his face to shine, and gladdeneth the heart of man. How manifold, Jehovah, are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all! All wait as dependents on thee, that they may have their food in due season. What thou givest them they gather; openest thou thine hand? they are filled with good; sendest thou forth thy Spirit? they are created! and thou renewest the face of the earth! The glory of Jehovah endureth for ever; he rejoiceth in his own works. While I live, I will sing unto Jehovah, while I exist, I will sing praises to my God. My meditation on him shall be pleasant; in Jehovah I will rejoice. Bless Jehovah, O my soul! Praise Jehovah!¹

O give thanks to Jehovah! call on his name; make known among the people his deeds. Sing to him—to him sing praises; and rehearse all his wonderful works. Glory, in his holy name; be joyful your hearts who seek Jehovah, seek him, and his strength; seek continually, his presence. Commemorate his marvellous works; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth. He is our God; his sentences are known through all the earth: that they might keep his statutes, and observe his laws.—Praise Jehovah.^m Give thanks to Jehovah; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever, Who

¹ Ps. civ.—^m Ps. cv.

can express the mighty acts of Jehovah? Who can shew forth all his praise? Remember me O Jehovah with the favour which thou bearest to thine own people, and visit me with thy salvation; that I may see the prosperity of thy chosen; that I may rejoice with the joy of thy people, and may glory with thine inheritance, give thanks to thine holy name, and glory in praising thee. Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, from eternity to eternity: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise Jehovah." Give thanks to Jehovah; for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever. Thus should the redeemed of Jehovah say, whom he hath redeemed from the oppressor, and gathered from distant lands; from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. Let these praise Jehovah for his mercy, and for his wonderful works to the sons of men: for he hath satisfied the thirsty soul; and the hungry soul he hath filled with good. He brought them out of darkness and death-shade, and broke their bonds asunder. Let these praise Jehovah for his mercy, and for his wonderful works to the sons of men! He sendeth forth his word, and healeth them, and rescueth them from destruction. Let these praise Jehovah for his mercy, and for his wonderful works to the children of men: let them sacrifice the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and with joy celebrate his wonders. Let them extol him in

the assembly, and praise him in the session of the elders. Whoso is wise, will also observe these things, and understand the loving kindness of Jehovah.^o

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise unto thee. Awake my applause, awake lyre and harp! I myself will awake at the early morn! I will praise, thee, Jehovah, among the people; I will sing unto thee, among the nations, for great unto the heavens is thy mercy; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the skies. Exalt thyself, O God, beyond the heavens; display thy glory over all the earth.^p I will greatly praise Jehovah with my mouth; amid the multitude will I praise him.^q I will praise Jehovah with my whole heart, in the convened assembly of the upright. Great are the works of Jehovah; sought of all those who delight in him. Honourable and glorious is his work and his righteousness endureth for ever. He maketh his wonderful works to be remembered; gracious and compassionate is Jehovah. Food he giveth to those who fear him; of his covenant he is ever mindful. His mighty deeds he hath shewed to his people, by giving them the heritage of nations. The works of his hands are truth and justice; all his statutes are faithful; they are established for ever and ever, because constituted with truth and uprightness. He sent redemp-

^o Psalm cvii.—^p Psalm cviii.—^q Psalm cix.

tion to his people; he appointed his covenant for ever; holy and venerable is his name. His praise shall abide for ever.^r

Praise, ye servants of Jehovah, praise the name of Jehovah. Blessed be the name of Jehovah, for this time forth, and for ever more. From the rising to the setting sun, praised be the name of Jehovah! High over all nations is Jehovah! Transcending the heavens is his glory! Who is like unto Jehovah,—our God?^s Not unto us, O Jehovah, not unto us; but unto thy own name give glory, for thy mercy and truth's sake. May Jehovah remember us, and bless us: may he bless those who fear him, both the small and the great. "May Jehovah heap blessings on you; on yourselves and on your children." Blessed be ye by Jehovah, who made the heavens and the earth." From this time forth and for evermore. Praise Jehovah.^t I love Jehovah, who hath heard my voice and my supplication, because to me he hath inclined his ear, I will call upon him as long as I live. Gracious and righteous is Jehovah; yea our God is full of compassion, Jehovah preserveth the simple; I was brought low, yet he saved me. Return, O my soul to thy rest, for Jehovah hath dealt kindly with thee, Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from slipping. I shall then walk before Jehovah in the land of the living.

r Psalm cxi.—s Psalm cxiii.—t Psalm cxv.

What shall I render to Jehovah for all his favours bestowed on me ? The cup of salvation I will lift up, and call on the name of Jehovah. My vows I will pay unto Jehovah, now, in the presence of all his people. Truly, Jehovah, since I am thy servant—thy servant, and the son of thy handmaid, thou hast now loosed my bonds. To thee I will offer a sacrifice of praise, and I will invoke the name of Jehovah. My vows I will pay unto Jehovah, now in the presence of all his people ; in the courts of the house of Jehovah ; in the midst of thee O Jerusalem. Praise Jehovah.^u

From all who fill the vast profound,

Let endless praise arise.

From all above, beneath, around,

Through seas, and earth, and skies ;

Praise to Jehovah ! Father—Son—

And Spirit :—only God :

Who mighty acts for us hath done :

Oh be his name adorned ! v

Give thanks to Jehovah ; for he is good : for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the house of Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. Let those who fear Jehovah now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. My strength and my song is Jehovah ; for he hath become my salvation. The

^u Psalm cxvi.—v Psalm cxvii.

voice of joy *resounds* in the tabernacles of the just: The right hand of Jehovah doeth valiantly ! The right hand of Jehovah is exalted ! I shall surely live, and shall still rehearse the works of Jehovah. Open for me the gates of righteousness ; I will go into them, *and* praise Jehovah. This is the gate of Jehovah, by which the righteous shall enter ! I will praise thee ; for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected is become the chief corner-stone. By Jehovah hath this been done ! and it is wonderful in our eyes ! This is the day Jehovah hath made ; we will rejoice and be glad thereon. Save now, we beseech thee ; Jehovah now save—we beseech thee, Jehovah, now prosper us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of Jehovah : we bless you from the house of Jehovah. The *true* God is Jehovah, who shineth on us : bind the festive sacrifice with cords unto the horns of the altar ! Thou art my God, and I will praise thee ; thou art my God, and I will extol thee. Praise Jehovah ; for he is good ; for his mercy endureth for ever.^v Blessed art thou O Jehovah ! Teach me thy statutes. In the way of thy testimonies I rejoice, much more than in all riches. I will meditate on thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself with thy statutes ; never will I forget thy word. Thy testimonies are my delight—

and *thy statutes* my counsellors. Still teach me thy statutes, make me understand the way of thy precepts, that I may talk of thy wondrous works. According to thy righteousness revive me. Let thy mercy come to me, O Jehovah; thy salvation, according to thy word: because in thy word do I trust. I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I most ardently love. Remember thy promise to thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to rely. Thy statutes have been my songs, in the house of my pilgrimage. Thou art my portion, O Jehovah. I am the companion of those who fear thee; of those who observe thy precepts. Thou doest good to thy servant, O Jehovah, according to thy word. Thou, Jehovah, art good, and doest good: teach me thy statutes. It is good for me that I was afflicted, because I learned thy statutes. Better to me is the law of thy mouth, than thousands of gold and silver. Let now thy mercy be my consolation, according to thy word to thy servant. Let thy mercies come to me that I may revive; for thy law is all my delight. Let my heart be sincere in thy statutes, that I may never be ashamed. Thou existest for ever, O Jehovah! Thy word is established in the heavens. Thy faithfulness is throughout all generations. How sweet are thy words to my taste! yea sweeter than honey to my mouth. Truly I love thy commandments more than gold—than fine gold. O regard me and be gracious to me, as thou are won

to be to such as love thy name. Direct my steps according to thy word, and let no iniquity rule over me. Make thy face to shine on thy servant, and teach thou me thy statutes. Righteous art thou, O Jehovah. Thy word is exceedingly pure ; hence thy servant loveth it. Thy righteousness is everlasting, and thy law is truth itself. Numerous are thy mercies, O Jehovah. Consider how I love thy precepts ; according to thy mercy revive me, O Jehovah. From the beginning thy word is truth, and all thy judgments are eternal. I rejoice as much in thy word, as one that findeth great spoil. Seven times on a day I praise thee, on account of thy righteous sentences. Great peace have they who love thy law. I have waited for thy salvation, O Jehovah. My lips shall utter praise, for thou hast taught me thy statutes. My tongue shall resound thy word. I long for thy salvation, O Jehovah, and thy law is my delight. Let my soul live that it may praise thee, and let thy sentences help me.^x I rejoiced with those who said to me, let us go up to the house of Jehovah. Our feet are now standing within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem ; they shall prosper who love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces ! For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee, Because of the house of Jehovah our God, I will ever seek thy prosperity.^y

x Psalm cxix.—y Psalm cxxii.

Our help is in the name of Jehovah, who made the heavens and the earth.^z They who trust in Jehovah shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so Jehovah is round about his people, from this time forth, even for ever.^a Jehovah hath done great things for us; and hence we are glad.^b Behold! thus shall the man be blessed; the man who feareth Jehovah! Jehovah shall bless thee from Zion; and thou shalt see Jerusalem's prosperity all the days of thy life; yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.^c The blessing of Jehovah be upon you; we bless you in the name of Jehovah.^d Let Israel hope in Jehovah; for with Jehovah there is mercy, and with him plenteous redemption. Truly he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.^e Let us go into his tabernacle; let us worship at his footstool. Arise, Jehovah, and enter into thy rest; thou and the ark of thy strength. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and thy saints shout aloud for joy. For Jehovah hath chosen Zion, he hath desired it for his habitation. This, said he, is my rest for ever; here I will dwell for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provisions: I will satisfy her poor with bread, I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall sing aloud for joy.^f

^z Ps. cxxiv.—^a Ps. cxxv.—^b Ps. cxxvi.—^c Ps. cxxviii.—
^d Ps. cxxix.—^e Ps. cxxx.—^f Ps. cxxxii.

Behold ! descending from above,
 Brotherly-kindness—perfect love,
 As each with each entwine ;
 The sister pair reflect their grace ;
 Transcendent fair, as face to face
 They shed the ray divine.

Like choice perfume, whose odours fill
 The ambient air—and sweets distil,
 Refreshing all anew.

Or like the sacred stream, that fed
 By Moses' hand, its unction shed—
 A consecrating dew.

Rich in his priesly vestments drest,
 A brother, by a brother blest ;
 This grace pervading all.
 Just so does there on Hermon's height—
 Unnumbered drops, as chrystal bright—
 A constant blessing fall.

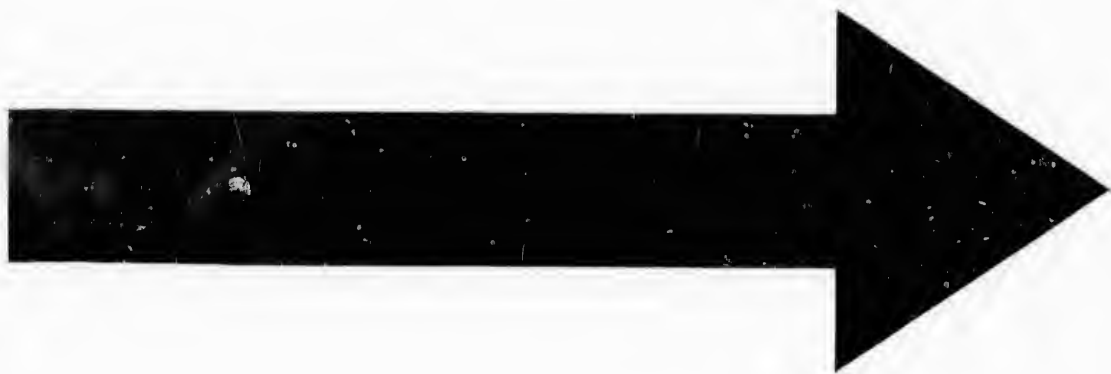
In every gift this love we taste,
 Delighting, strengthening every guest :
 It makes each spirit whole.
 Where'er it comes, the blessing moves
 Of him, whose blessing ever proves
 The unction of the soul. g

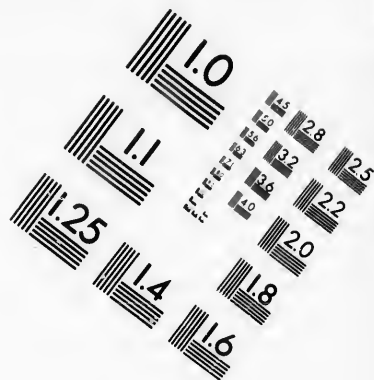
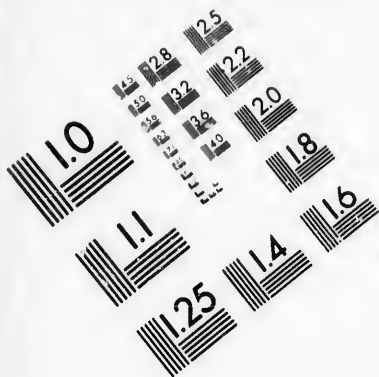
g Psalm cxxxiv.

Praise the name of Jehovah ; ye servants of Jehovah, praise him ; ye who stand in the house of Jehovah, in the courts of the house of our God. Praise Jehovah, for he is good ;^h sing praise to his name, for it is pleasant. For Jehovah hath chosen Jacob for himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure. Truly I know that great is Jehovah, and that our Lord is above all gods. Thy name, O Jehovah, is eternal ; thy memorial, through all generations. Bless Jehovah, O house of Israel ; O ye who fear him bless Jehovah. From Zion be Jehovah blessed ! even he who dwelleth in Jerusalem ! Praise Jehovah. Give thanks to Jehovah, for he is good : for his mercy endureth for ever. Give thanks to the God of gods. Give thanks to the Lord of lords ; for his mercy endureth for ever. In our low estate he remembered us : and rescued us from our enemies. Give thanks to the God of the heavens : for his mercy endureth for ever.ⁱ

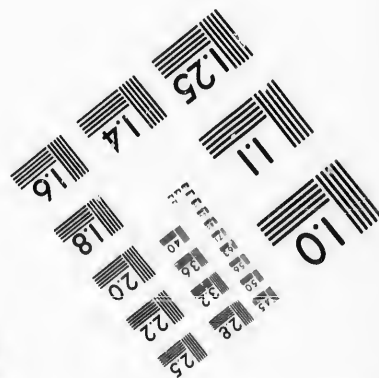
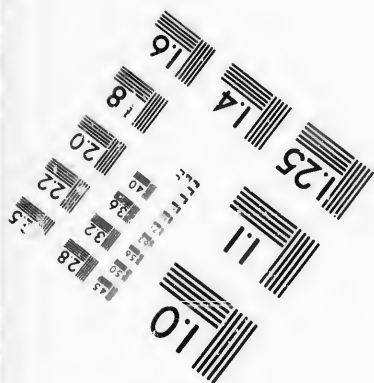
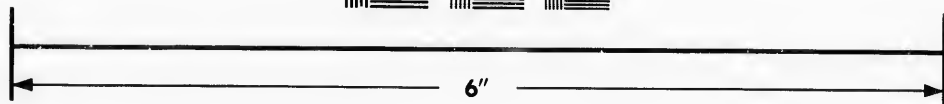
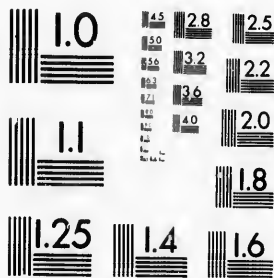
I will praise thee Jehovah, with all my heart ; before the angels I will sing praise to thee. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and I will praise thy name. On account of thy mercy and thy truth ; for thou hast magnified by thy promise, thy name above every name. In the day when I called thou answeredst me, and didst impart strength to my soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, Jehovah, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

^h Psalm cxxxv.---ⁱ Psalm cxxxvi.



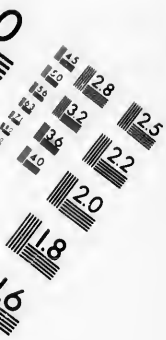


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They shall sing in the ways of Jehovah; for great is the glory of Jehovah! Though Jehovah be high, yet he regardeth the lowly. When I walk amidst trouble, thou wilt revive me, and thine own right hand shall save me. Jehovah will perform this for me : thy mercy Jehovah endureth for ever ; forsake not the work of thy hands.} O Lord Jehovah, my most powerful Saviour, I know that thou wilt support the cause of the poor—the right of the needy. Surely the righteous shall praise thy name ; the upright shall dwell in thy presence.^k Let my prayer be directed as incense before thee, the uplifting of my hands as the evening sacrifice.^l I call to mind the day of old ; I meditate on all thy *glorious* deeds : I muse on the work of thy hands. I stretch forth my hand unto thee : my soul as a parched land thirsteth for thee. Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God ; let thy good Spirit guide me in a plain path ; for thy servant I am.^m O Jehovah, what is man that thou carest for him ? The son of man that thou so regardest him ? O Jehovah, bow the heavens and descend. I will sing a new song to thee O God ; on the ten stringed lute I will praise thee. Let our sons become in their youth like vigorously growing plants ;—our daughters like corner columns, wrought after the form of those of a palace. Happy that people who are in

j Psalm cxxxviii.---k Ps. cxl.---l Ps. cxli.---m Ps. cxliv.

such in a state ! Happy that people whose God is
Jehovah!^a

I will extol thee, God, my king; and ever bless thy name.
Thy praises daily I will sing ; who ever art the same.
Good art thou Lord, deserving praise, thy greatness is pro-
found ;

All men shall strive new hymns to raise, and ceaseless
songs to sound.

Of thy Almighty acts to speak—and glory, and renown.
Thy glory through each cloud shall break; and every age
shall crown.

Of thine awe-striking acts to tell, thy greatness to rehearse,
The pealing anthem they shall swell; and frame the glow-
ing verse.

They shall memorialize thy grace, thy righteousness ap-
plaud :

Whose anger moves at slowest pace ;—who gracious art,
the Lord!

Thy pious sons thy name shall bless ; whose grace to all
abounds :

Whose acts beneficence express ; whose love conception
drowns.

Talk of thy mighty deeds they will—the glories of thy
reign,

Whose empire shall all nature fill, and while she lasts
remain.

Faithful in all his words is God—merciful all his deeds ;
He saves the falling by his rod---his feeblest creature
heeds.

Creation lifts to thee her eyes, thou openest thine hand,
And all her craving want supplies, throughout the sea
and land.

Righteous art thou in all thy ways, and kind whate'er
thou dost ;

To such as magnify thy praise, thou art a bannered host.
Thou wilt their pure desire fulfil, and from oppression
save,

Who love thee, wilt deliver still; and grant the good they
crave

While rebels melt beneath thy frown, the just shall sound
thy praise.

My lips shall publish thy renown: now and through endless
days. o

Praise Jehovah, O my soul. I will praise Jeho-
vah, while I live ; I will sing to my God, while I
exist. Happy he whose help is in the God of Jacob ;
whose hope is in Jehovah, his God ! Who keep-
eth *his* truth for ever ; and who giveth food to the
hungry. Jehovah releaseth the prisoners ; Jeho-

vah openeth the eyes of the blind ; Jehovah raiseth those who are bowed down ; Jehovah loveth the righteous, Jehovah preserveth the strangers ; the orphan and widow he supporteth. Jehovah shall reign for ever and ever ; thy God, O Zion, through all generations. Praise Jehovah! Praise Jehovah, for he is good, sing praise to our God, for it is pleasant ; Praise becometh the upright. Jehovah rebuildeth Jerusalem ; he assembleth the outcasts of Israel, he healeth the broken of heart, and bindeth up their wounds. Jehovah supporteth the humble. Sing responsively with thanks to Jehovah ; sing praise with the harp to our God ; who hath pleasure in those who fear him, to those who hope in his mercy. Praise Jehovah, O Jerusalem ; praise thy God, O Zion, for he strengtheneth the bars of thy gates, and blesseth thy children within thee. He maketh peace in thy borders ; with the best wheat he satisfieth thee. Praise Jehovah! Praise Jehovah from the heavens : Praise him all ye that dwell on high. Praise him all ye his angels : praise him all ye his hosts. Praise him all ye luminaries : praise him ye heavens of heavens. Let these praise the name of Jehovah. Praise Jehovah from the earth, kings of the earth and all people ; princes, and all the judges of the earth ; young men, and maidens ; old men and children : let these praise the name of Jehovah ; for his name

alone ought to be extolled : his glory transcends the earth, or the heavens. Since he hath exalted the might of his people, he is the praise of his pious servants ; of the sons of Israel, his favoured people. Praise Jehovah.^r Sing to Jehovah a new song ; his praise, in the assembly of the saints. Let Israel rejoice in his Maker ; let the sons of Zion exult in their king. Let them praise his name with the lute ; let them sing to him with the tabrel and harp. For Jehovah taketh pleasure in his people ; the humble he adorneth with salvation. Let the saints gloriously exult ; let them sing aloud on their places ; let the high praises of God be *continually* in their mouths. This honour *awaiteth* all saints. Praise Jehovah.^s

Praise him for his own glorious holiness ;
 Praise him, th' expanse of his great power express.
 Praise him Almighty, for his deeds so wrought ;
 Praise him for greatness far transcending thought.
 Praise him, and let the trumpet wake the ground ;
 Praise him with harp and psaltery's sacred sound.
 Praise him and dance with tabor and with lute :
 Praise him and tune anew the pipe and flute.
 Praise him with all the soft-toned cymbal's song ;
 Praise him with cymbals loud ; *their voice prolong* :
 Praise him, whoever breathes, Jehovah praise.
 Praise him, to Father Son and Spirit ; your ceaseless An-
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THE EUCHARIST.

O our exalted Saviour, thy mighty grace we sing ;
 Exulting in thy favour, our prophet priest and king,
 Thy love dispels our sadness, brings ever new relief,
 Pervades our hearts with gladness, and banishes our grief.

We meet around thy Table, to share the hallowed food,
 And praise as we are able, Thee, only great and good.
 Under thy benediction we eat, we drink,—we live,
 All life and joy is fiction, save this, which thou dost give.

Whilst thus we bow before thee, and feel thee near to
 bless ;

We pray, that in thy glory thou wilt our names confess.
 We feel our hearts dilating, with joys thou doest inspire—
 Believe thine angels waiting t'assist our humble choir.

Blessing, and thanks, and honour, be paid thee without
 end :

Our spiritual donor, our everlasting friend ;
 Beneficent provider, of this our pleasant bread,
 Our wisdom, and our guider, our glory, and our head.

We wait and hope, Lord Jesus, in expectation sweet ;
 For when thou wilt release us from flesh with thee to
 meet.

Our life in thee is hidden, Oh when wilt thou appear ?
 We'll fly when we are bidden, and at thy feet appear.

We shall appear in glory, when thou our life dost come
 To summon us before thee, to welcome us all home.
 Thy buds and spices blossom, thy fruits of love appear,
 To take us to thy bosom, soon dearest Lord draw near.

POINTS OF SELF EXAMINATION TO BE USED
 SOMETIME BEFORE RECEIVING THE
 COMMUNION.

Let a man examine himself ; and so let him eat
 of that bread, and drink of that cup.

O my soul,—dost thou in the presence of God,
 thy holy and heavenly father, feel truly sorry—and
 grieved, for all thy many offences, against him com-
 mitted, by thought, word, and deed ?—Art thou
 willing, heartily and unreservedly, to confess be-
 fore him all thy evil deeds, and sinful omissions ?

Have I a well grounded hope in the Lord Jesus
 Christ, of my Pardon, and peace with God ?

Have I a sincere desire and design—through his
 grace, to love and obey him for ever hereafter ?

Have I a faith or confidence in God, that he will
 have mercy on my soul,—pardon my sins,—deliver
 me from them,—and grant me grace, whereby my
 imperfect services may be rendered acceptable to

him ; through his Beloved Son, and the renewing operations of his Holy Spirit ?

Do I thankfully accept all the Word of God, as the true and infallible revelation of Himself ; and of his will in Christ Jesus concerning me :—and as the invariable rule of my belief and practice ?

Do I believe, that I cannot be saved out of Christ :—and that in him I cannot be lost ?

Do I prove my faith to be genuine—by good works ; through which alone, an unfeigned faith, and a living union with Christ is manifested ?

Do I above all things desire my union with Christ to be strengthened, and perfected :—and to put my whole trust in his righteousness for ever ?

Have I verily, a thankful remembrance of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our Lord :—whereby alone we obtain the remission of sins ; and are made partakers of the kingdom of heaven ?

Do I acknowledge that all light, and truth,—all holy desires, and conduct pleasing to God, is the work of his Holy Spirit and can only dwell in me by his influence ?

Do I fervently pray for his heavenly teaching, and gifts ; such as faith—hope—charity—delight in God,—and conformity to the image and likeness of Christ ?

I am commanded, O my soul, to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with my God.

Then, do I shew justice to all, by rightly performing my relative duties?

Am I dutiful to my superiors—loving to my equals—and conscientious to my inferiors:—and an instructor, and good example to those about me?

And setting aside malice, and the besetting sins of calumny, detraction, and all evil speaking; envy, and covetousness, do I show to all living, benevolence, self-denial, and charity?

Do I in justice to God—stand in awe of him at all times, trust in him in all circumstances, thank him for all his goodness, particularly the saving gift of his beloved Son, love him with all my heart, and serve him in all my life, and conversation?

Have I kept in fidelity to all my former resolutions, and purposes of serving him: especially my baptismal vow: and do I willingly renew and strengthen these determinations?

Do I in justice to myself, prefer the favour of God, before all things else, and live in religion, and chastity; in industry, frugality, and temperance, remembering the account which I must hereafter give of my stewardship?

Do I love mercy,—as the attribute and action of Jehovah, the fountain of the promise, the warrant of my faith, the spring of my hope, the motive of my charity, and the pattern of my conduct towards my fellow creatures?

Am I hereby moved, as I value the forgiveness of God, and the salvation of my soul, to forgive, and pray for, every one, who, in any matter or manner, has injured, or offended me?

Have I discharged as I ought, my duty to Christ's poor?

Whereunto have I attained, in reference to the subjugation of my pride, and the acquisition of christian humility, and meekness?

What are the particular graces, and blessings, I especially need to pray for?

Am I ready and willing, to depart hence, and be with Christ; whenever it be my Heavenly Father's will to call me?

FINIS.

NOTE. The christian Communicant scarcely need be reminded that Our Lord Jesus, [JEHOVAH-JESHUA,] is identical with EL-SHADDAI of the Old Testament—the ELOHIM-JEHOVAH, the God of Revelation: from its dawn to its accomplishment. Therefore, that the ascriptions of adoration and praise, contained in this Manual, are to be offered, with devout confidence to the Immortal THEANTHROPOS.—Our Exalted SAVIOUR,—God the SON: of whom it is said in his epiphany: “Let all the angels of God worship Him.”* Let then, the happy members, unite, in honouring their highly exalted Head: let every knee bow, and every tongue confess, that Christ is JEHOVAH; to the glory of God the FATHER.—Even so: saith the SPIRIT. Amen.

* See Notes to the Rev. G. Townsend's *Historical and Chronological Arrangement of the Old and New Testaments*.—And the particular versions of Blayney, Boothroyd, Horne, Holden, and Newcome; to whom I am principally indebted, for the emended readings introduced.

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