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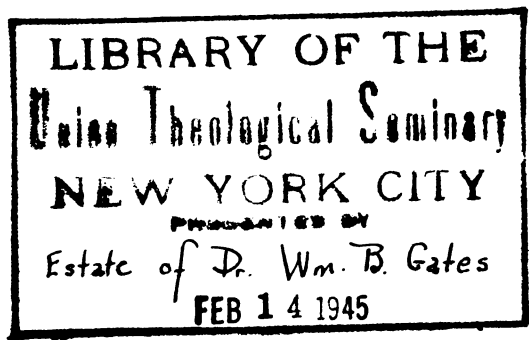
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## PREFACE

It is well known to every student of Church history that the founders of the various branches of the Reformed Church made use of formularies in public worship. In our day, however, forms of worship have come into use more and more, so that now many ministers find them, not simply a convenience, but almost a necessity.

Many excellent manuals have been in use for years, but there is room for another based upon the American Standard Bible, which, on account of its exact and fine scholarship, has grown rapidly in public favor and is now widely used.

This book is so arranged that all the various and important acts of the Christian life are brought before the eye of the minister at a glance, and the volume contains a complete index of Scripture references.

It only remains to express thanks to the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work for permission to use the "Prayer at the Dedication of a Church," from the "Book of Common Worship"; to the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society for the "Act of Dedication," from the "Pilgrim Pastor's Manual"; and to the Reformed Episcopal Publication Society for the form of Solemnization of Matrimony.

It is with the hope that this manual may be found of service to many ministers of the Church of Christ that it is now given to the public.

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# PART I. SELECTIONS FOR USE IN PUBLIC WORSHIP

## I. THE MORNING SERVICE

*After the singing of the Doxology, the minister may read one or more of the following selections as a call to worship.*

O Jehovah, in the morning shalt thou hear my voice;

In the morning will I order *my prayer* unto thee,  
and will keep watch. — Ps. 5:3.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:  
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt  
not despise. — Ps. 51:17.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us,  
*And* cause his face to shine upon us. — Ps. 67:1.

O come, let us sing unto Jehovah;  
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our  
salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanks-  
giving;

Let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.  
For Jehovah is a great God,  
And a great King above all gods. — Ps. 95:1-3.

Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all ye lands.  
Serve Jehovah with gladness:

Come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that Jehovah, he is God,

It is he that hath made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

## 2 SELECTIONS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,  
And into his courts with praise :  
Give thanks unto him, and bless his name.  
For Jehovah is good ; his lovingkindness *endureth*  
for ever,  
And his faithfulness unto all generations. — Ps. 100.

Our help is in the name of Jehovah,  
Who made heaven and earth. — Ps. 124 : 8.

Jehovah is nigh unto all them that call upon him,  
To all that call upon him in truth.  
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him ;  
He also will hear their cry, and will save them.  
— Ps. 145 : 18-19.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness ; for we have rebelled against him ; neither have we obeyed the voice of Jehovah our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. — Dan. 9 : 9-10.

Jehovah is in his holy temple : let all the earth keep silence before him. — Hab. 2 : 20.

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name *shall be* great among the Gentiles ; and in every place incense *shall be* offered unto my name, and a pure offering : for my name *shall be* great among the Gentiles, saith Jehovah of hosts. — Mal. 1 : 11.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me ; for I am meek and lowly in heart : and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. — Matt. 11 : 28-30.

God is a Spirit : and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth. — John 4 : 24.



Having then a great high priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help *us* in time of need. — Heb. 4 : 14-16.

*Then shall follow an appropriate invocation, or prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.*

## II. THE EVENING SERVICE

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High

Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of Jehovah, He is my refuge and my fortress;

My God, in whom I trust. — Ps. 91 : 1-2.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto Jehovah,

And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High;

To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning,  
And thy faithfulness every night. — Ps. 92 : 1-2.

Oh sing unto Jehovah a new song :

Sing unto Jehovah, all the earth.

Sing unto Jehovah, bless his name ;

Show forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

His marvellous works among all the peoples.

For great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised :

He is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols ;

But Jehovah made the heavens.

#### 4 SELECTIONS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Honor and majesty are before him :  
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.  
Ascribe unto Jehovah, ye kindreds of the peoples,  
Ascribe unto Jehovah glory and strength.  
Ascribe unto Jehovah the glory due unto his  
name :  
Bring an offering, and come into his courts.

— Ps. 96 : 1-8.

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. — Is. 57 : 15.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto Jehovah your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, and repenteth him of the evil. — Joel 2 : 13.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. — Matt. 7 : 7-8.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely. — Rev. 22 : 17.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. — I. Cor. 1 : 3.

## PART II. SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR USE IN THE WORSHIP OF GOD BY OFFERINGS

*The giving of money, either for the purpose of sending the gospel to distant lands, or for church support, is an act of worship. It is therefore proper for the minister to read, or to repeat from memory, appropriate passages of holy Scripture, and to accompany the gift with prayer:—*

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, that he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.—Acts 20:35.

And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they take for me an offering: of every man whose heart maketh him willing ye shall take my offering.—Ex. 25:1-2.

And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and brought Jehovah's offering, for the work of the tent of meeting, and for all the service thereof, and for the holy garments.—Ex. 35:20-21.

And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. For

the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much. — Ex. 36 : 6-7.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal : but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal : for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also. — Matt. 6 : 19-21.

Give, and it shall be given unto you ; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give into your bosom. For with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again. — Luke 6 : 38.

Know ye not that they that minister about sacred things eat *of* the things of the temple, *and* they that wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar ? Even so did the Lord ordain that they that proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel. — I. Cor. 9 : 13-14.

But this *I say*, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly ; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. *Let each man do* according as he hath purposed in his heart : not grudgingly, or of necessity : for God loveth a cheerful giver. — II. Cor. 9 : 6-7.

But let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived ; God is not mocked : for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. — Gal. 6 : 6-7.

So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially

toward them that are of the household of the faith.  
— Gal. 6 : 10.

Charge them that are rich in this present world, that they be not highminded, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy ; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate ; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on the life which is *life* indeed. — I. Tim. 6 : 17-19.

But to do good and to communicate forget not : for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. — Heb. 13 : 16.

## PART III. HOLY BAPTISM

### I. OF INFANTS

*While the choir chants a suitable selection, or the congregation sings an appropriate hymn, such as "This Child We Dedicate to Thee," the parents shall bring forward their child to the font and stand before the minister, who shall read one or more of the following passages: —*

Hear, O Israel: Jehovah our God is one Jehovah: and thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. — Deut. 6: 4-7.

The lovingkindness of Jehovah is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,  
And his righteousness unto children's children;  
To such as keep his covenant,  
And to those that remember his precepts to do them.  
— Ps. 103: 17-18.

And he called to him a little child, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall re-

ceive one such little child in my name receiveth me : but whoso shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and *that* he should be sunk in the depth of the sea. — Matt. 18 : 2-6.

And they were bringing unto him also their babes, that he should touch them : but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, saying, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not : for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. — Luke 18 : 15-17.

To you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. — Acts 2 : 39.

*Then the minister shall say, Let us pray : —*

Most merciful God, we thank Thee that Thou dost encourage Christian parents to bring their children to Thee that they may consecrate them to Thy service in holy baptism. Let Thy gracious benediction rest upon these parents and this child, and grant that they may ever be led and guided by Thy Holy Spirit and safely reach their heavenly home at last. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

*Then the minister shall address the parents, saying : —*

Christian parents : In presenting your child for holy baptism, you enter into a solemn relationship with God who keepeth covenant to a thousand generations.

Baptism signifies that children have inherited a sinful nature and need the cleansing of the Holy Spirit, of which water is a spiritual emblem.

Do you now solemnly confess that it is your purpose to consecrate this child to the service of God? Will you pray with and for him; instruct him faithfully in the doctrines of the Christian religion; teach him to read the word of God, to pray, and to lead a holy life; set before him an example of godly piety; and do all that in you lies to bring him to the knowledge and faith of Jesus Christ?

*The minister, receiving the name of the child from the parent, and dipping his hand in water, and then placing it on the child's head, shall say:—*

—, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The minister shall then pray in these or words of similar import:—*

Most gracious God, our Father, we thank Thee for the covenant relationship. We rejoice that Thou art interested in us and in our children. We bless Thee for the sweet and gracious words of our Redeemer, Suffer the little children to come unto Me.

Lord Jesus, Thou great and good Shepherd, we desire to commend to Thee the lambs of the flock, beseeching Thee to guide, protect, and bless them. Forbid that they should ever stray from the right path. Remove from their souls every stain of sin, fill them with Thy Spirit, and make them children of God and heirs of eternal life. And grant, blessed Saviour, that when their work on earth is done they may be found in the unbroken circle of the redeemed in the Father's house on



high. And the praise and honor of our salvation shall be given to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee :

Jehovah make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee :

Jehovah lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. — Num. 6 : 24-26.

## II. OF ADULTS

*The minister shall say : —*

The parting command of our Lord Jesus to his disciples was to preach the gospel and to baptize those who repented of their sins. Thus, from the beginning, baptism was the sign of a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ as the only Redeemer from sin.

You, having witnessed a good profession, by the acceptance of Jesus Christ as your Lord and Master, now come forward to receive holy baptism ; and it is appropriate that you give your assent, in the presence of this Christian Congregation, to the ancient statement of Christian belief.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth ?

*Answer :* I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried ; who on the third day rose again from the dead ; who ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead ?

*Answer :* I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

*Answer:* I do.

Is it your desire to be baptized in the Christian faith?

*Answer:* It is.

Do you promise faithfully to obey the commandments of God, as found in the holy scriptures, and to walk in the same all the days of your life?

*Answer:* I do.

Is it your purpose to be guided by the Holy Spirit and to obey and serve Christ Jesus, as your Lord and Master, so long as you shall live?

*Answer:* It is.

*The minister shall then offer the following or other appropriate prayer:—*

O God of our fathers, Thou art our God forevermore, blessed be Thy holy name! We thank Thee for the precious gift of Thy Son, for redemption through Him, and for the commission to the apostles and ministers of all ages to teach the nations and to baptize those repenting of their sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Let Thy favor, O God of the covenant, rest upon Thy servant who comes forward to receive Christian baptism. We thank Thee for his faith in Jesus Christ, whom he accepts as his Lord and Master, and for his willingness to be guided by the Holy Spirit. Remove from him every stain of sin. Put upon him the whole armor of God; make him a good soldier and a faithful servant; and help him so to live and labor that he may

stand at last in the great throng of the redeemed who surround Thy throne. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*The candidate shall then kneel before the minister, who shall say: —*

—, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

*The choir may then chant an appropriate passage of Scripture, concluding with the Gloria Patri.*

*The minister shall then address the newly baptized Christian, as follows: —*

My dear brother (or sister) :

Since you have this day publicly professed your faith in Jesus Christ, taken Him as your divine Master, and received the sacramental seal of holy baptism, this should be an hour never to be forgotten.

I now commend you to God and to the love and confidence of your Christian brethren; and I exhort you to be a faithful follower of Christ, walking worthy of your high calling.

Yea, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in *your* virtue knowledge; and in *your* knowledge self-control; and in *your* self-control patience; and in *your* patience godliness; and in *your* godliness brotherly kindness; and in *your* brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. — II. Peter 1: 5-8; 11.

*Then shall the minister say: —*

We receive this Person into the congregation of Christ's Flock, and pray that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but manfully fight under His banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end. Amen.

*Then shall the minister say, Let us pray: —*

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil *one*. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

## PART IV. RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF MEMBERS TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

### I. WELCOME TO THOSE BAPTIZED IN INFANCY

*Such persons standing before the pulpit, the minister shall say: —*

Children of the covenant :

In your early life, on the faith of your parents, you received Christian baptism, and throughout the years you have been under the watch-care of the Church. You now come forward to confirm, publicly, the vows made, on your behalf, by your godly parents and to obey the commandment of Christ by confessing him before the world. Will you now make answer to the following questions?

Do you now publicly ratify and confirm the vows made by your parents?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you confess Christ as your divine Lord and Saviour?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you sincerely promise to be true to God, your Heavenly Father; to be loyal to Jesus Christ, your Redeemer; to submit to the guidance of the Holy Spirit; to use diligently the means of grace; and to study the peace and purity of the Church?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you desire now to commemorate the atoning

death of Christ by receiving the sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

*Answer:* I do.

*Then shall the minister say:—*

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Most heartily do we rejoice that you are this day showing your obedience to our common Master, who said to His disciples, This do in remembrance of me. We now welcome you to the Lord's table and unitedly pray that you may be worthy of the profession you have made, and that, in all things, you may adorn the doctrine of God, our Saviour.

*Then shall follow this or some other appropriate prayer:—*

Most merciful God, we give Thee hearty thanks for the faith of Christian parents who solemnly dedicated these Thy servants to Thee in holy baptism. We bless Thee for the loving care that Thou hast had for them and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit that has led them to ratify and confirm the act of their parents and to confess the name of Christ before men. Let Thy rich blessing rest upon them at Thy holy table and let Thy banner over them be love. Defend us by Thine almighty power and bring us all in thine own time, an unbroken family, into the home prepared for us; and the praise and honor shall be given to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

May grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you forever, Amen.

**II. WELCOME TO PERSONS MAKING A PRO-  
FESSION OF THEIR FAITH IN THE LORD  
JESUS CHRIST**

You who stand before the pulpit, having given proof of your knowledge of the scriptures and faith in Christ Jesus, are now to make public confession and thereupon to receive Christian baptism.

*Then shall the minister say: —*

What shall I render unto Jehovah  
For all his benefits toward me?  
I will take the cup of salvation,  
And call upon the name of Jehovah.  
I will pay my vows unto Jehovah,  
Yea, in the presence of all his people.

— Ps. 116: 12-14.

Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven. — Matt. 10: 32-33.

Dearly beloved, called of God to be his children through Jesus Christ, we give hearty thanks to God, who, by His Spirit, has opened your eyes to see, and your hearts to receive Jesus as Lord, and who has inclined you to present yourselves at this time to make confession of Him.

With us and with the Church throughout the world you are now to confess the common faith, saying (*the congregation joining*), —

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;

[He descended into hell;] the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. \*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thus confessing with us and with all saints your Christian faith, before the Lord Jesus, and in the presence of His people, you devote yourselves to the love, obedience, and service of Jesus Christ; to walk in all His ways now known, or hereafter to be made known to you, whatever it may cost you, according to your best endeavor, the Lord assisting you.

*Here baptism shall be administered in these words:—*

“I Baptize Thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Beloved in the Lord, having now entered into solemn covenant with God, confessed your faith in Christ, and received Christian baptism, you are to unite heartily in the work and worship of this Church of Christ; and, guided by the holy Spirit, are to walk in love, faithfulness, and holiness, all the days of your life.

### III. WELCOME TO PERSONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER CHURCHES

*Dearly Beloved:* We give you hearty welcome and rejoice that you have come to cast in your lot with us and that together we are to be fellow-workers with the Lord Jesus Christ. Having confessed your faith in another place, you now come to be united with us. I trust you will be



good soldiers and faithful servants of the divine Master in your new relationship. We unitedly wish for you the rich and abiding blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*At his discretion, the minister may give the right hand of fellowship to all who have been received into the communion of the Church; and, at the same time, may repeat an appropriate verse of Scripture which shall serve as a watchword or motto for guidance in the Christian life.*

#### WATCHWORDS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. — Matt. 5:5.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. — Matt. 5:6.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. — Matt. 5:7.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. — Matt. 5:8.

Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. — Matt. 5:16.

But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. — Matt. 6:33.

Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven. — Matt. 10:32.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. — Matt. 11:28.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for

I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. — Matt. 11 : 29.

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father who is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother. — Matt. 12 : 50.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. — Luke 12 : 34.

Let your loins be girded about, and your lamps burning; and be ye yourselves like unto men looking for their lord, when he shall return from the marriage feast; that, when he cometh and knocketh, they may straightway open unto him. — Luke 12 : 35-36.

Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and shall come and serve them. — Luke 12 : 37.

But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, *even* to them that believe on his name. — John 1 : 12.

Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall not hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. — John 6 : 35.

If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. — John 8 : 36.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my word, he shall never see death. — John 8 : 51.

I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me. — John 10 : 14.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal

life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. — John 10: 27-28.

While ye have the light, believe on the light, that ye may become sons of light: — John 12: 36.

Ye call me, Teacher, and, Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. — John 13: 13.

For I have given you an example, that ye also should do as I have done to you. — John 13: 15.

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. — John 13: 34.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me. — John 14: 6.

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; how sayest thou, Show us the Father? — John 14: 9.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. — John 14: 13.

If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments. — John 14: 15.

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him. — John 14: 21.

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. — John 14: 23.

But the Comforter, *even* the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you. — John 14 : 26.

Peace I leave with you ; my peace I give unto you : not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful. — John 14 : 27.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you. — John 15 : 7.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit ; and *so* shall ye be my disciples. — John 15 : 8.

Even as the Father hath loved me, I also have loved you : abide ye in my love. — John 15 : 9.

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love ; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. — John 15 : 10.

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you. — John 15 : 12.

Ye are my friends, if ye do the things which I command you. — John 15 : 14.

And ye therefore now have sorrow : but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one taketh away from you. — John 16 : 22.

#### IV. WELCOME BY THE PASTOR AND THE CHURCH

*Here the members of the Church shall rise to welcome all who have presented themselves and the minister shall say:—*

We, the officers and members of this Church, cordially welcome you to our fellowship to be laborers with us in the service of our divine Lord.

Membership in the Church of the living God is a heritage highly to be prized. Having enrolled yourselves in the army of Christ, be faithful soldiers. "Fight the good fight of the faith, lay hold on the life eternal."

Be loyal friends of Jesus. Use well the talents God has given you. Let your love be constant. "Set your mind on the things that are above."

As a Church we unite in the prayer that you may be filled with the spirit of Christ and labor diligently in the Master's vineyard until your day's work is done and the evening shadows fall, and thus be prepared to receive the welcome and the crown.

*Then may be sung these stanzas: —*

Blest be the tie that binds  
 Our hearts in Christian love :  
 The fellowship of kindred minds  
 Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne  
 We pour our ardent prayers ;  
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one,  
 Our comforts and our cares.

Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee :  
 Jehovah make his face to shine upon thee, and  
 be gracious unto thee :

Jehovah lift up his countenance upon thee, and  
 give thee peace. — Numbers 6 : 24-26.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord : And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## PART V. ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*"It is proper that public notice should be given to the congregation, at least the Lord's Day before the administration of the ordinance, and that, either then, or on some day of the week, the people be instructed in its nature, and a due preparation for it; that all may come in a suitable manner to this holy feast."*

*After the sermon or address and while the choir and congregation are singing a sacramental psalm or hymn, the minister shall leave the pulpit, and taking his place at the communion table, shall read the words of the institution of the Holy Supper as recorded in I. Cor. 11 : 23-26 : —*

For I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it and said, This is my body, which is for you: this do in remembrance of me. In like manner also the cup, after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood: this do, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come.

*The minister shall then offer the following or some other suitable prayer: —*

Most merciful God, we rejoice that once more we are in Thy banqueting chamber. May Thy banner over us be love. Grant that we may have sweet fellowship and communion with Thee in

this holy ordinance. Cleanse us by Thy Spirit and give us the peace which passeth all understanding.

We thank Thee for the institution of the holy supper and that through the ages Thy people have been loyal to the last wish of our gracious Redeemer when He said, Do this in remembrance of Me. We desire to join the communion of saints in this holy ordinance and earnestly beseech thee so to prepare our hearts and minds that we may eat and drink spiritually to the strengthening of our Christian faith.

We thank Thee, O God of our fathers, for Thy goodness to us since we last met at the communion table. Thou hast graciously preserved our lives and kept us from falling. Give us grace at this time so to partake of the holy supper that it may be a source of joy and blessing to each of us.

O God, hear our prayer for those who are coming to Thy table for the first time. Be tender and gracious to them and reveal thyself as their Lord and Saviour. Bless the aged and be their staff and stay. Comfort those who mourn and give Thy blessing to the heavy-hearted, the discouraged, the despondent, and the absent; that they may receive a rich blessing from Thee, the God of our salvation.

O Holy Spirit, sanctify and bless so much of the elements of bread and wine as shall be used at this supper and set them apart from a common to a sacred and sacramental use. Grant that all communicants may partake spiritually of the rich provisions of this holy feast and receive strength for days to come. Breathe a blessing upon us now, and help us, O God, to open our hearts so that the King of Glory may come in.

And to Thy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shall be the honor and the praise, world without end. Amen.

*The minister shall then give the following or similar invitation:—*

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, maker of this feast, I now cordially invite all who, having repented of their sins, purpose to lead a holy life, love our Lord and Saviour in sincerity, are in charity with their neighbors, and members of this or other Christian Churches, to draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to their comfort.

*The bread and wine having been set apart by prayer, the minister shall take the bread and break it in the presence of the people saying:—*

“The Lord Jesus Christ in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and said, This is my body, which is for you: This do in remembrance of me.” Following His example, and ministering in His name, I give you this bread, saying, as He said [*here the bread is to be distributed*]: “This is My body which is for you: This do in remembrance of Me.”

*While the bread is being distributed, the communicants may be left to silent meditation, or, the minister may read slowly and reverently the following passages of Scripture:—*

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else. — Is. 45: 22.

Who hath believed our message? and to whom hath the arm of Jehovah been revealed? For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a



root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised, and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and as one from whom men hide their face he was despised; and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he opened not his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.

By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who *among them* considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke *was due*? And they made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death; although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it pleased Jehovah to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by the knowledge of himself shall my righteous servant justify many; and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the

great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors: yet he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. — Is. 53.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. — Matt. 11 : 28.

For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost. — Luke 19 : 10.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3 : 16.

He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. — Rev. 3 : 5.

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they that are bidden to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are true words of God. — Rev. 19 : 9.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE WINE

*The minister shall say: —*

After the same manner, the Lord Jesus took the cup, and having given thanks, as has been done in His name, gave it to his disciples. Following His example, and ministering in His name, I give you this cup, saying, as He said [*here the wine is to be distributed*]: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood: this do, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often

as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come."

*While the communicants are partaking of the cup, the minister, if he so desire, may read the following passages of Scripture: —*

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing. — John 15:5.

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth; who is he that condemneth? It is Christ Jesus that died, yea rather, that was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Even as it is written,  
For thy sake we are killed all the day long;  
We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. — Rom. 8:33-39.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne. He that

hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. — Rev. 3 : 20–22.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more ; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat : for the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life : and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. — Rev. 7 : 16–17.

He who testifieth these things saith, Yea : I come quickly. Amen : come, Lord Jesus. — Rev. 22 : 20.

*After the celebration of the Supper and while the communicants are sitting with bowed heads, the choir may chant softly the Lord's Prayer. The service shall then close with a Prayer of Thanksgiving, a hymn, and one of the following benedictions : —*

Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ ; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. — Heb. 13 : 20–21.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord : and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## PART VI. THE SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE

*Ministers should observe with great care the laws of the various States in which marriages are solemnized.*

*The persons to be married standing together, the man on the right hand, the woman on the left, the minister shall say:—*

### I. FIRST FORM

May grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you for ever. Amen.

*Dearly Beloved:* We are gathered together in the sight of God and in the presence of this company, to join together this man and this woman in holy marriage. This is an honorable estate, instituted by God in the time of man's innocency, confirmed by the teaching and hallowed by the presence of our blessed Lord, and likened by St. Paul to the holy union that exists between Christ and his Church, and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly, and in the fear of God.

Into this holy estate, these two persons are come to be joined. If any one can show any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

I require and charge of you both, as ye shall answer on the judgment day, that if either of you know any reason why you may not lawfully be

joined together in marriage you do now make it known: for be ye well assured that if any persons are joined together otherwise than God's word allow, their marriage is not blessed of God.

*The man and woman joining their right hands, the minister shall say: —*

Wilt thou, —, have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in sickness and in health, be true and loyal unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

*The man shall answer, I will.*

*Then the minister shall say: —*

Wilt thou, —, have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health, and be true and loyal to him so long as ye both shall live?

*The woman shall answer, I will.*

*who giveth this woman to be married to this man*

*When a ring is to be used, the man shall hand the same to the minister, who shall say: —*

Dost thou, —, give this ring in pledge that thou wilt keep this covenant and perform these vows?

*The man shall say, I do.*

*Addressing the woman, the minister shall say: —*

Dost thou, —, receive this ring in pledge that thou wilt keep this covenant and perform these vows?

*The woman shall say, I do.*

*The man shall then place the ring on the third finger of the woman's left hand, and holding it there, shall repeat after the minister: —*

With this ring, I thee wed, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then the minister shall say: —*

Forasmuch as you, —, and you, —, have consented together in holy wedlock, and have plighted your faith to each other in the presence of God and this company, and have confirmed the same by giving and receiving a ring and by joining hands, now, therefore, by the authority conferred upon me by the laws of this commonwealth and by the Church of God I pronounce you husband and wife, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Whom therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

*Let us pray: —*

Almighty and most merciful God, by whom marriage was ordained in the beginning, O Lord Jesus, who wast present at the marriage supper at Cana of Galilee, O Holy Spirit, author of all true concord and happiness, let Thy rich blessing rest upon these Thy servants who are now to begin together the journey of this mortal life. Grant that the vows that have been made may never be broken and the love that has been plighted may never grow cold. Sanctify to them all the experiences of life. Be with them in joy and sorrow, in sunshine and shadow, in prosperity and adversity, in sickness and in health, and by Thy grace enable them and all of us so to live that in the world to come we may attain to life everlasting.

ing, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer, who has taught us to pray, saying:—

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil *one*.

Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee :

Jehovah make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee :

Jehovah lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

## II. ANCIENT FORM, SLIGHTLY MODIFIED

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy matrimony; which is commended of St. Paul to be honorable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

*Then speaking unto the persons who are to be married, he shall say:—*

I require and charge you both (as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment, when the secrets



of all hearts shall be disclosed), that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not blessed of God.

*If no impediment be alleged, then shall the minister say to the man:—*

—, wilt thou have this Woman to thy wedded Wife, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

*Answer: I will.*

*Then shall the minister say unto the woman:—*

—, wilt thou have this Man to thy wedded Husband, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love, honor, and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

*Answer: I will.*

*Then shall the minister say:—*

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

*Then shall they give their Troth to each other in this manner: The minister, receiving the woman at her father's or friend's hands, shall cause the man with his right hand to take the woman by her right hand, and to say after him:—*

I, —, take thee, —, to my wedded Wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my Troth.

*Then shall they loose their hands; and the woman with her right hand taking the man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the minister: —*

I, —, take thee, — to my wedded Husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my Troth.

*Then shall the man place upon the third finger of the woman's left hand a Ring, and holding it there, repeat after the minister: —*

With this Ring I thee wed: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Let us pray.*

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life; Send Thy blessing upon these Thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in Thy Name; that they may surely perform

and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made (whereof this Ring given and received is a token and pledge), and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to Thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then shall the minister join their right hands together, and say:—*

Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

*Then shall the minister say:—*

Forasmuch as — and — have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth each to the other, and have declared the same (by giving and receiving a Ring, and) by joining hands; I pronounce, that they are Husband and Wife; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Then the minister shall add this blessing:—*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you; The Lord mercifully with His favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. Amen.

## PART VII. FORMS FOR FUNERAL SERVICES

*The hour of service having come, the minister shall meet the body at the door of the church and going before it, shall read one or more of the following selections: —*

### I. GENERAL

Man, that is born of a woman,  
Is of few days, and full of trouble.  
He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down:  
He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.  
— Job 14 : 1-2.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
And at last he will stand up upon the earth:  
And after my skin, *even this body*, is destroyed,  
Then without my flesh shall I see God ;  
Whom I, even I, shall see, on my side,  
And mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.  
— Job 19 : 25-27.

Jehovah, make me to know mine end,  
And the measure of my days, what it is ;  
Let me know how frail I am.  
Behold, thou hast made my days as hand-  
breadths ;  
And my life-time is as nothing before thee :  
Surely every man at his best estate is altogether  
vanity.  
— Ps. 39 : 4-5.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life : he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live ; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. Believest thou this ? — John 11 : 25-26.

Let not your heart be troubled : believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions ; if it were not so, I would have told you ; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself ; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. — John 14 : 1-3.

*A hymn or anthem may then be sung and the minister may use the following or some other appropriate prayer : —*

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered ; make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life ; and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives : That, when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience ; in the communion of Thy Church ; in the confidence of a certain faith ; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope ; in favor with Thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The minister may then read one or more of these Scripture selections : —*

Jehovah is my shepherd ; I shall not want.  
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ;  
 He leadeth me beside still waters.  
 He restoreth my soul :  
 He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for  
 his name's sake.  
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
 shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;  
 Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
 of mine enemies:  
 Thou hast anointed my head with oil;  
 My cup runneth over.  
 Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow  
 me all the days of my life;  
 And I shall dwell in the house of Jehovah for ever.  
 — Ps. 23.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place  
 In all generations.  
 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
 Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the  
 world,  
 Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art  
 God.  
 Thou turnest man to destruction,  
 And sayest, Return, ye children of men.  
 For a thousand years in thy sight  
 Are but as yesterday when it is past,  
 And as a watch in the night.  
 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they  
 are as a sleep:  
 In the morning they are like grass which groweth  
 up.  
 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;  
 In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.  
 For we are consumed in thine anger,  
 And in thy wrath are we troubled.  
 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee,  
 Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.  
 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath:  
 We bring our years to an end as a sigh.  
 The days of our years are threescore years and  
 ten,  
 Or even by reason of strength fourscore years;

Yet is their pride but labor and sorrow ;  
 For it is soon gone, and we fly away.  
 Who knoweth the power of thine anger,  
 And thy wrath according to the fear that is due  
 unto thee ?

So teach us to number our days,  
 That we may get us a heart of wisdom.  
 Return, O Jehovah ; how long ?  
 And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.  
 Oh satisfy us in the morning with thy loving-  
 kindness,  
 That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou  
 hast afflicted us,  
 And the years wherein we have seen evil.  
 Let thy work appear unto thy servants,  
 And thy glory upon their children.  
 And let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us ;  
 And establish thou the work of our hands upon us ;  
 Yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

— Ps. 90.

But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of them that are asleep. For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order : Christ the first-fruits ; then they that are Christ's, at his coming. Then *cometh* the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father ; when he shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be abolished is death. — I. Cor. 15 : 20–26.

But some one will say, How are the dead raised ? and with what manner of body do they come ?

Thou foolish one, that which thou thyself sowest is not quickened except it die : and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be, but a bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other kind ; but God giveth it a body even as it pleased him, and to each seed a body of its own. All flesh is not the same flesh : but there is one *flesh* of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fishes.

There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial : but the glory of the celestial is one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars ; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption ; it is raised in incorruption : it is sown in dishonor ; it is raised in glory : it is sown in weakness ; it is raised in power : it is sown a natural body ; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*. So also it is written, The first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit. Howbeit that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural ; then that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy : the second man is of heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy : and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God ; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery : We all shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump : for the trumpet shall



sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: but thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord. — I. Cor. 15 : 35–38.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, *and be their God*; and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away. — Rev. 21 : 1–4.

*If desired a brief address may follow.*

*Then the minister shall say: —*

Man, that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up,

and is cut down, like a flower ; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death : of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased ?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts ; shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayers ; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to lose our confidence in Thee.

*Then the minister may say : —*

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother, we therefore commit his body to the ground ; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust ; awaiting the general Resurrection in the last day, and the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead ; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in Him shall be changed, and made like unto His own glorious body according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth : yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors ; for their works follow with them. — Rev. 14 : 13.

But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep ; that ye sorrow

not, even as the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words. — I. Thess. 4: 13–18.

*The minister may then offer the following prayer: —*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in Thy perfect wisdom and mercy hast ended for Thy servant departed, the voyage of this troublous life; Grant, we beseech Thee, that we, who are still to continue our course, amidst earthly dangers, temptations, and troubles, may evermore be protected by Thy mercy, and finally come to the haven of eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

## II. SERVICE FOR A CHILD

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead; for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake

unto him, and he hearkened not unto our voice : how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead ! But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead ; and David said unto his servants, Is the child dead ? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel ; and he came into the house of Jehovah, and worshipped : then he came to his own house ; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done ? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive ; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept : for I said, Who knoweth whether Jehovah will not be gracious to me, that the child may live ? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast ? can I bring him back again ? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me. — II. Sam. 12 : 18–23.

Jehovah, make me to know mine end,  
 And the measure of my days, what it is ;  
 Let me know how frail I am.  
 Behold, thou hast made my days *as* hand-  
 breadths ;  
 And my lifetime is as nothing before thee :  
 Surely every man at his best estate is altogether  
 vanity. — Ps. 39 : 4–5.

*Here may follow a prayer.*

Like as a father pitieth his children,  
 So Jehovah pitieth them that fear him.  
 For he knoweth our frame ;  
 He remembereth that we are dust.

— Ps. 103 : 13–14. ,

He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, *and* will gently lead those that have their young. — Is. 40 : 11.

While he yet spake, they come from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Teacher any further? But Jesus, not heeding the word spoken, saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Fear not, only believe. And he suffered no man to follow with him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. And they come to the house of the ruler of the synagogue; and he beholdeth a tumult, and *many* weeping and wailing greatly. And when he was entered in, he saith unto them, Why make ye a tumult, and weep? the child is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But he, having put them all forth, taketh the father of the child and her mother and them that were with him, and goeth in where the child was. And taking the child by the hand, he saith unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, Arise. And straightway the damsel rose up, and walked; for she was twelve years old. And they were amazed straightway with a great amazement. — Mark 5 : 35-42.

And they were bringing unto him also their babes, that he should touch them: but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, saying, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. — Luke 18 : 15-17.

*Here an appropriate hymn may be sung.*

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. Believest thou this? — John 11 : 25-26.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat. — Rev. 7 : 16.

And he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away. — Rev. 21 : 4.

*This service may close with the Committal, if desired, and the Benediction.*

### III. SERVICE FOR THE AGED

Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years, and was gathered to his people. — Gen. 25 : 8.

And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty years: few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. — Gen. 47 : 9.

Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age,  
Like as a shock of grain cometh in its season.  
— Job 5 : 26.

But as for me I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
And at last he will stand up upon the earth:  
And after my skin, *even this body*, is destroyed,  
Then without my flesh shall I see God.

— Job 19 : 25-26.

Jehovah is my shepherd ; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ;  
He leadeth me beside still waters.  
He restoreth my soul :  
He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for  
his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil ; for thou art with me ;  
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies :  
Thou hast anointed my head with oil ;  
My cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow  
me all the days of my life ;  
And I shall dwell in the house of Jehovah for ever.  
— Ps. 23.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place  
In all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,  
Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art  
God.  
Thou turnest man to destruction,  
And sayest, Return, ye children of men.  
For a thousand years in thy sight  
Are but as yesterday when it is past,  
And as a watch in the night.  
Thou carriest them away as with a flood ; they  
are as a sleep :  
In the morning they are like grass which groweth  
up.  
In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up ;  
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.  
For we are consumed in thine anger,





The hoary head is a crown of glory ;  
It shall be found in the way of righteousness.

— Prov. 16 : 31.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life : he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live. — John 11 : 25.

We brought nothing into the world, for neither can we carry anything out. — I. Tim. 6 : 7.

*The reading of these passages of Scripture may be followed by a hymn, anthem, or brief address.*

Now lettest thou thy servant depart, Lord,  
According to thy word, in peace ;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all  
peoples. — Luke 2 : 29–31.

But some one will say, How are the dead raised ? and with what manner of body do they come ? Thou foolish one, that which thou thyself sowest is not quickened except it die : and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be, but a bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other kind ; but God giveth it a body even as it pleased him, and to each seed a body of its own. All flesh is not the same flesh : but there is one *flesh* of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fishes. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial : but the glory of the celestial is one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars ; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption ; it is raised in incorruption : it is sown in dishonor ; it is raised in glory : it is sown in weakness ;

it is raised in power : it is sown a natural body ; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*. So also it is written, The first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit. Howbeit that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural ; then that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy : the second man is of heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy : and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God ; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery : We all shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump : for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory ? O death, where is thy sting ? The sting of death is sin ; and the power of sin is the law : but thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord. — I. Cor. 15 : 35-58.

*Here may follow an appropriate prayer.*

For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure is come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith : henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day ; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing. — II. Tim. 4 : 6-8.

And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve *manner of* fruits, yielding its fruit every month : and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no curse any more : and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein : and his servants shall serve him ; and they shall see his face ; and his name *shall be* on their foreheads. And there shall be night no more ; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun ; for the Lord God shall give them light : and they shall reign for ever and ever.

And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true : and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly come to pass. And behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book. — Rev. 22 : 1-7.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth : yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors ; for their works follow with them. — Rev. 14 : 13.

*The Committal may follow and the service be closed with prayer, and the Benediction.*

## IV. A SERVICE FOR A MINISTER

*The appointed hour of service having arrived, the minister in charge shall meet the body at the door of the church and read one or more of the following verses of Scripture: —*

Man, that is born of a woman,  
Is of few days, and full of trouble.  
He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down :  
He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.  
— Job 14 : 1-2.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and at last he will stand up upon the earth : and after my skin, *even this body*, is destroyed, then without my flesh, shall I see God ; whom I, even I, shall see on my side, and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger. My heart is consumed within me.  
— Job 19 : 25-27.

As for man, his days are as grass ;  
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.  
For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone ;  
And the place thereof shall know it no more.  
But the lovingkindness of Jehovah is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,  
And his righteousness unto children's children ;  
to such as keep his covenant  
And to those that remember his precepts to do them. — Ps. 103 : 15-18.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life : he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live ; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. Believest thou this ? — John 11 : 25-26.

I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present,

nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. — Rom. 8 : 38–39.

*Then ascending the pulpit and meeting the other ministers who are to assist in the service, a hymn or anthem may be sung.*

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I am taken from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless*, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, which parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof!

And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of the Jordan. And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is Jehovah, the God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they were divided hither and thither; and Elisha went over.

And when the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho over against him saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. — II. Kings 2 : 9–15.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation, that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! The voice of thy watchmen! they lift up the voice, together do they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when Jehovah returneth to Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for Jehovah hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. — Is. 52: 7-9.

The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah is upon me; because Jehovah hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of *the prison* to them that are bound; to proclaim the year of Jehovah's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah, that he may be glorified. — Is. 61: 1-3.

But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. — Acts 7: 55.

And I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle cometh swiftly, even as our Lord Jesus Christ signified unto me. Yea, I will give diligence that at every time ye may be able after

my decease to call these things to remembrance. — II. Peter 1 : 13–15.

*Here may follow an address and prayer.*

But this I say, brethren, the time is shortened, that henceforth both those that have wives may be as though they had none; and those that weep, as though they wept not; and those that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and those that buy, as though they possessed not; and those that use the world, as not using it to the full: for the fashion of this world passeth away. — I. Cor. 7 : 29–31.

But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of them that are asleep. For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; then they that are Christ's, at his coming. Then *cometh* the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be abolished is death. — I. Cor. 15 : 20–26.

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pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: but thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord. — I. Cor. 15: 35-58.

For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. For verily in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For indeed we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but that we would be clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up of life. Now he that wrought us for this very thing is God, who gave unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord (for we walk by faith, not by sight); we are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord. Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him. For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad. — II. Cor. 5: 1-10.

But concerning the times and the seasons,

brethren, ye have no need that aught be written unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. When they are saying, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall in no wise escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief: for ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that are drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, since we are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God appointed us not unto wrath, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore exhort one another, and build each other up, even as also ye do. — I. Thess. 5 : 1-11.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God: and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away. — Rev. 21 : 1-4.

And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve *manner of* fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* on their foreheads. And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly come to pass. — Rev. 22: 1-6.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother, we therefore commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; awaiting the general Resurrection in the last day, and the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in Him shall be changed, and made like unto His own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto Himself.

*Here may follow an appropriate prayer.*

*The service shall be concluded with one or more of the following benedictions: —*

Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, *even* our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* the glory for ever and ever. Amen. — Heb. 13 : 20-21.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. — II. Cor. 13 : 14.

#### HYMNS APPROPRIATE FOR A FUNERAL SERVICE

- “Asleep in Jesus ! blessed sleep.”  
 “At evening time let there be light.”  
 “Brief life is here our portion.”  
 “For all thy saints.”  
 “Hark ! hark, my soul ! Angelic songs are swelling.”  
 “I know that my Redeemer lives.”  
 “Jesus, lover of my soul.”  
 “My Jesus, as Thou wilt.”  
 “Now the laborer’s task is o’er.”  
 “O Love that will not let me go.”  
 “O Paradise, O Paradise.”  
 “One sweetly solemn thought.”  
 “Rock of ages, cleft for me.”  
 “Sunset and evening Star.”  
 “Ten thousand times ten thousand.”  
 “There is an hour of peaceful rest.”  
 “The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want.”  
 “The sands of time are sinking.”  
 “When our heads are bowed with woe.”

## PART VIII. LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF A CHURCH

*The people having assembled and the hour for the laying of the corner-stone having come, the minister may read the following sentences, the people rising.*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains :  
From whence shall my help come ?  
My help *cometh* from Jehovah,  
Who made heaven and earth. — Ps. 121 : 1-2.

Except Jehovah build the house,  
They labor in vain that build it :  
Except Jehovah keep the city,  
The watchman waketh but in vain. — Ps. 127 : 1.

Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious *corner-stone* of sure foundation : he that believeth shall not be in haste. — Is. 28 : 16.

*Then may be read responsively, by the minister and people, one or both of the following selections : —*

O give thanks unto Jehovah, call upon his name ;  
Make known his doings among the peoples.  
Sing unto him, sing praises unto him ;  
Talk ye of all his marvellous works.  
Glory ye in his holy name ;  
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek Jehovah.  
Seek ye Jehovah and his strength ;  
Seek his face evermore.

Remember his marvellous works that he hath  
done,  
His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth,  
O ye seed of Israel his servant,  
Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.  
He is Jehovah our God ;  
His judgments are in all the earth.  
Remember his covenant for ever,  
The word which he commanded to a thousand  
generations,  
*The covenant* which he made with Abraham,  
And his oath unto Isaac,  
And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute,  
To Israel for an everlasting covenant,  
Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,  
The lot of your inheritance ;  
When we were but a few men in number,  
Yea, very few, and sojourners in it ;  
And they went about from nation to nation,  
And from one kingdom to another people.  
He suffered no man to do them wrong ;  
Yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes,  
*Saying*, Touch not mine anointed ones,  
And do my prophets no harm.  
Sing unto Jehovah, all the earth ;  
Show forth his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
His marvellous works among all the peoples.  
For great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised :  
He also is to be feared above all gods.  
For all the gods of the peoples are idols :  
But Jehovah made the heavens.  
Honor and majesty are before him :  
Strength and gladness are in his place.  
Ascribe unto Jehovah, ye kindreds of the peoples,  
Ascribe unto Jehovah glory and strength ;  
Ascribe unto Jehovah the glory due unto his name :

Bring an offering, and come before him ;  
 Worship Jehovah in holy array.  
 Tremble before him, all the earth :  
 The world also is established that it cannot be  
 moved.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice ;  
 And let them say among the nations, Jehovah  
 reigneth.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof ;  
 Let the field exult, and all that is therein ;  
 Then shall the trees of the wood sing for joy  
 before Jehovah ;

For he cometh to judge the earth.

O give thanks unto Jehovah ; for he is good ;  
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.

And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation,  
 And gather us together and deliver us from the  
 nations,

To give thanks unto thy holy name,  
 And to triumph in thy praise.

Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel,  
 From everlasting even to everlasting.

And all the people said, Amen, and praised Jeho-  
 vah. — I. Chron. 16 : 8-36.

The earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness thereof ;  
 The world, and they that dwell therein.  
 For he hath founded it upon the seas,  
 And established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of Jehovah ?  
 And who shall stand in his holy place ?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart ;  
 Who hath not lifted up his soul unto falsehood,  
 And hath not sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive a blessing from Jehovah,  
 And righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
 This is the generation of them that seek after him,

That seek thy face, *even* Jacob.  
 Lift up your heads, O ye gates ;  
 And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors :  
 And the King of glory will come in.  
 Who is the King of glory ?  
 Jehovah strong and mighty,  
 Jehovah mighty in battle.  
 Lift up your heads, O ye gates ;  
 Yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors :  
 And the King of glory will come in.  
 Who is this King of glory ?  
 Jehovah of hosts,  
 He is the King of glory.                      — Ps. 24.

*This or some other suitable prayer may follow: —*

Almighty, most merciful, and Eternal God, we Thy servants give Thee grateful thanks that Thou hast been pleased to prosper, thus far, our efforts to build a house where Thy name is to be worshipped. Grant us Thy blessing as we lay this corner-stone in Thy name. May all be done under Thy guidance and for the honor and glory of Thee, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*An appropriate hymn, such as "Christ is our Corner-stone," may then be sung, after which the minister and people may repeat together the Apostles' Creed: —*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth :

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord ;  
 Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary ; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried ; [He descended into hell ;] The third day he rose from the dead ; He ascended into Heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.



I believe in the Holy Ghost ; The Holy Catholic Church ; The Communion of Saints ; The Forgiveness of sins ; The Resurrection of the body ; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*Continuing, the minister may read one or more of the following Scripture selections:—*

Jehovah remember for David  
 All his affliction ;  
 How he sware unto Jehovah,  
 And vowed unto the Mighty One of Jacob :  
 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my  
 house,  
 Nor go up into my bed ;  
 I will not give sleep to mine eyes,  
 Or slumber to mine eyelids ;  
 Until I find out a place for Jehovah,  
 A tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.  
 Lo, we heard of it in Ephrathah :  
 We found it in the field of the wood.  
 We will go into his tabernacles ;  
 We will worship at his footstool.  
 Arise, O Jehovah, into thy resting-place ;  
 Thou, and the ark of thy strength.  
 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness  
 And let thy saints shout for joy.  
 For thy servant David's sake  
 Turn not away the face of thine anointed.  
 Jehovah hath sworn unto David in truth ;  
 He will not turn from it :  
 Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.  
 If thy children will keep my covenant  
 And my testimony that I shall teach them.  
 Their children also shall sit upon thy throne for  
 evermore.  
 For Jehovah hath chosen Zion ;  
 He hath desired it for his habitation.

This is my resting-place for ever :  
 Here will I dwell ; for I have desired it.  
 I will abundantly bless her provision :  
 I will satisfy her poor with bread.  
 Her priests also will I clothe with salvation ;  
 And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

— Ps. 132 : 1-16.

According to the grace of God which was given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder I laid a foundation; and another buildeth thereon. But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereon. For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. But if any man buildeth on the foundation gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, stubble; each man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire itself shall prove each man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work shall abide which he built thereon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as through fire.

Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man destroyeth the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and such are ye.

Let no man deceive himself. If any man thinketh that he is wise among you in this world, let him become a fool, that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He that taketh the wise in their craftiness: and again, The Lord knoweth the reasonings of the wise, that they are vain. Wherefore let no one glory in men. For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas,

or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's. — I. Cor. 3 : 10–23.

So then ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but ye are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner-stone; in whom each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God in the Spirit. — Eph. 2 : 19–22.

*Here may follow an address and prayer.*

*A statement of the contents of the box may then be read and the box deposited in the cavity of the corner-stone. The corner-stone shall then be put in its place by the builder, and the minister shall say: —*

In the name of the blessed and adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we lay this corner-stone in an edifice to be erected to the glory of the one, true God and the proclamation of the good tidings of forgiveness of sin and salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A hymn or anthem may then be sung, and the people dismissed with this benediction: —*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMNS APPROPRIATE FOR THE LAYING OF A  
CORNER-STONE

“Christ is our Corner Stone.”

“Christ is made the Sure Foundation.”

“Founded on Thee, our only Lord.”

“An Earthly Temple here we raise.”

## PART IX. THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH BUILDING

*After the conclusion of the church service, the dedication of the building may continue as follows: —*

One thing have I asked of Jehovah, that will I  
seek after :

That I may dwell in the house of Jehovah all the  
days of my life,

To behold the beauty of Jehovah,  
And to inquire in his temple. — Ps. 27 : 4.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her ;

Number the towers thereof ;

Mark ye well her bulwarks ;

Consider her palaces :

That ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is our God for ever and ever :

He will be our guide *even* unto death.

— Ps. 48 : 12–14.

How amiable are thy tabernacles,

O Jehovah of hosts !

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts  
of Jehovah ;

My heart and my flesh cry out unto the living  
God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,

And the swallow a nest for herself, where she  
may lay her young,

Even thine altars, O Jehovah of hosts,

My King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house :

They will be still praising thee.

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For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.  
I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my  
God,

Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For Jehovah God is a sun and a shield :

Jehovah will give grace and glory ;

No good thing will he withhold from them that  
walk uprightly.

O Jehovah of hosts,

Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

— Ps. 84 : 1-4 ; 10-12.

I was glad when they said unto me,  
Let us go unto the house of Jehovah.

Our feet are standing

Within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem :

They shall prosper that 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.

For the sake of the house of Jehovah our God

I will seek thy good. — Ps. 122 : 1-2 ; 6-9.

And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of Jehovah, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, that Jehovah appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon. And Jehovah said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me : I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever ; and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually. And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do

according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and mine ordinances; then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom over Israel for ever, according as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel. But if ye shall turn away from following me, ye or your children, and not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. And though this house is so high, yet shall every one that passeth by it be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath Jehovah done thus unto this land, and to this house? 9 and they shall answer, Because they forsook Jehovah their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath Jehovah brought all this evil upon them. — I. Kings 9: 1-9.

*Then may be read by the minister, or sung by the choir and congregation, the "Te Deum":—*

We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting. To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein; To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim; continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of Thy glory. The glorious company of the Apostles: praise Thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise Thee. The noble

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army of Martyrs : praise Thee. The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge Thee ; The Father : of an infinite Majesty ; Thine adorable, true : and only Son ; Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father. When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man : Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father. We believe that Thou shalt come : to be our Judge. We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants : whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints : in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people : and bless Thine heritage. Govern them : and lift them up forever. Day by day : we magnify Thee ; and we worship Thy name : ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us : as our trust is in Thee. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

*Then may be read by the minister the following selections : —*

And Solomon stood before the altar of Jehovah in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven ; and he said, O Jehovah, the God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath ; who keepest covenant and lovingkindness with thy servants, that walk before thee with all their heart ; who hast kept with thy servant David my



father that which thou didst promise him: yea, thou spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thy hand, as it is this day. Now therefore, O Jehovah, the God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if only thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me as thou hast walked before me. Now therefore, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

But will God in very deed dwell on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded! Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Jehovah my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee this day; that thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place whereof thou hast said, My name shall be there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall pray toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: yea, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place; and when thou hearest, forgive. — I. Kings 8: 22-30.

The earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness thereof;  
 The world, and they dwell therein.  
 For he hath founded it upon the seas,  
 And established it upon the floods.  
 Who shall ascend into the hill of Jehovah?  
 And who shall stand in his holy place?  
 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;

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Who hath not lifted up his soul unto falsehood,  
And hath not sworn deceitfully.  
He shall receive a blessing from Jehovah,  
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
This is the generation of them that seek after him,  
That seek thy face, *even* Jacob. — Ps. 24.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains :  
From whence shall my help come ?  
My help *cometh* from Jehovah,  
Who made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :  
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
Behold, he that keepeth Israel  
Will neither slumber nor sleep.  
Jehovah is thy keeper :  
Jehovah is thy shade upon thy right hand.  
The sun shall not smite thee by day,  
Nor the moon by night.  
Jehovah will keep thee from all evil ;  
He will keep thy soul.  
Jehovah will keep thy going out and thy coming in  
From this time forth and for evermore.  
— Ps. 121.

*A suitable prayer may follow, concluding with the Lord's Prayer : —*

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil *one*.

*Then the minister shall read : —*

And Jehovah appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of

sacrifice. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent, unto the prayer that is made in this place. For now have I chosen and hallowed this house, that my name may be there for ever; and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually. — II. Chron. 7:12; 15-16.

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

*Pastor.* — To the glory of God, our Father, by whose favor we have built this house;

To the honor of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord and Saviour;

To the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of life and light;

*Congregation.* — We dedicate this house.

*Pastor.* — For worship in prayer and song;

For the ministry of the Word;

For the celebration of the holy sacraments;

*Congregation.* — We dedicate this house.

*Pastor.* — For comfort to those who mourn,

For strength to those who are tempted,

For help in right living;

*Congregation.* — We dedicate this house.

*Pastor.* — For the sanctification of the family,

For the guidance of childhood,

For the salvation of men;

*Congregation.* — We dedicate this house.

*Pastor.* — For the fostering of patriotism,

For the training of conscience,

For aggression against evil;

*Congregation.* — We dedicate this house.

*Pastor.* — For the help of the needy,

For the promotion of brotherhood,

For bringing in the Kingdom of God;

*Congregation.* — We dedicate this house.

*Pastor.* — As a tribute of gratitude and love, a freewill offering of thanksgiving and praise, from

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those who have tasted the cup of thy salvation, and experienced the riches of Thy grace;

*Congregation.* — We, the people of this Church and congregation, now consecrating ourselves anew, dedicate this entire building in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Choir and Congregation.* — Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Then shall the minister say: —*

Arise, O Jehovah, into Thy resting-place;  
Thou, and the ark of thy strength.  
Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;  
And let thy saints shout for joy.

*Then the congregation shall follow reverently the prayer of dedication: —*

O Almighty and everlasting God, Thou dwellest not in temples made with hands, neither art Thou worshipped with men's hands, as though Thou neededst anything, seeing that Thou givest to all life and breath and all things; when we bring Thee our best, we serve Thee only with what is Thine own; and when we have done all, we are but unprofitable servants. Yet do Thou, O Lord, who delightest Thyself in the praises of the Sanctuary, accept the offering of this house which Thy people have builded to the glory of Thy holy name. We consecrate it to Thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to be henceforth the house of God, and a gate of heaven; we set it apart from all common and worldly uses, for a temple and a sanctuary, where Thy holy Gospel shall be preached; where the prayers of the

Church shall be made unto Thee without ceasing ; where Thy high praises shall be devoutly sung ; where the ordinances of Thy word shall be duly administered ; to which Thy people shall throng with cheerful steps. How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts ! I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

When Thy holy Word is preached in this place may it be spoken in the demonstration of the Spirit and with power ; speak Thou comfortably to Thy people, O Lord, through the lips of Thine ambassadors, and let Thy word be as the fire, and as the hammer to hardened hearts. When Thy holy sacraments are here administered, may those spiritual graces which the outward signs do represent and signify, flow into the hearts of Thy servants ; so that receiving the seal of Baptism they shall indeed receive the renewing of the Holy Ghost ; and partaking of the Lord's Table, they shall indeed feed by faith on the Body and Blood of Christ. Here let God be worshipped in spirit and in truth, and let not our Father's house be made a place of merchandise. Here when Thy people come to offer their gifts upon Thine altar, let them consider Him, who though He was rich for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. Let the glory of the Lord fill this house, and the Spirit of God descend and dwell in His Church. Amen.

*Then shall be sung a hymn such as "Oh, where are Kings and Empires now?" or "Our God our Help in Ages Past."*

*Benediction:—*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. — II. Cor. 13 : 14.

## PART X. SELECTIONS OF SCRIPTURE FOR USE ON IMPORTANT OCCASIONS

### I. IN DEALING WITH THE IMPENITENT

Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. — Is. 1 : 18.

Seek ye Jehovah while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jehovah, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. — Is. 55 : 6-7.

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth over the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in lovingkindness.

He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. — Micah 7 : 18-19.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness:  
According to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,  
And cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions ;  
 And my sin is ever before me.  
 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,  
 And done that which is evil in thy sight ;  
 That thou mayest be justified when thou speakest,  
 And be clear when thou judgest.  
 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity ;  
 And in sin did my mother conceive me.  
 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts ;  
 And in the hidden part thou wilt make me to  
 know wisdom.  
 Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean :  
 Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
 Make me to hear joy and gladness,  
 That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.  
 Hide thy face from my sins,  
 And blot out all mine iniquities.  
 Create in me a clean heart, O God ;  
 And renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from thy presence ;  
 And take not thy holy Spirit from me.  
 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation ;  
 And uphold me with a willing spirit.

— Ps. 51 : 1–12.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me ; for I am meek and lowly in heart : and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. — Matt. 11 : 28–30.

And he said, A certain man had two sons : and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of *thy* substance that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country ;

and there he wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that country; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. But when he came to himself he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight: I am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But while he was yet afar off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight: I am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring the fatted calf, *and* kill it, and let us eat, and make merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. — Luke 15: 11-24.

But the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, be thou merciful to me a sinner. I say unto you, This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalted himself shall be humbled; but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. — Luke 18: 13-14.



On the morrow he seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world! — John 1 : 29.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him. — John 3 : 16–17.

Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. — Acts 3 : 19.

For while we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for peradventure for the good man some one would even dare to die.

But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. — Romans 5 : 6–8.

Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. — I. Tim. 1 : 15.

Faithful is the saying: For if we died with him, we shall also live with him: if we endure, we shall also reign with him: if we shall deny him, he also will deny us: if we are faithless, he abideth faithful; for he cannot deny himself. — II. Tim. 2 : 11–13.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely. — Rev. 22 : 17.

## II. IN TIME OF TROUBLE

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth :  
Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the  
Almighty.

For he maketh sore, and bindeth up ;  
He woundeth, and his hands make whole.  
He will deliver thee in six troubles ;  
Yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.  
In famine he will redeem thee from death ;  
And in war from the power of the sword.  
Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the  
tongue ;  
Neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it  
cometh.

At destruction and dearth thou shalt laugh ;  
Neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the  
earth.

For thou shalt be in league with the stones of  
the field ;  
And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with  
thee. — Job 5 : 17-23.

Jehovah is my light and my salvation ;  
Whom shall I fear ?  
Jehovah is the strength of my life ;  
Of whom shall I be afraid ?  
When evil-doers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
*Even* mine adversaries and my foes, they stum-  
bled and fell.

Though a host should encamp against me,  
My heart shall not fear :  
Though war should rise against me,  
Even then will I be confident.  
One thing have I asked of Jehovah, that will I  
seek after :

That I may dwell in the house of Jehovah all  
the days of my life,

To behold the beauty of Jehovah,  
 And to inquire in his temple.  
 For in the day of trouble he will keep me secretly  
 in his pavilion :  
 In the covert of his tabernacle will he hide me ;  
 He will lift me up upon a rock.  
 And now shall my head be lifted up above mine  
 enemies round about me ;  
 And I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of  
 joy ;  
 I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto Jehovah.  
 — Ps. 27 : 1-6.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked ;  
 But he that trusteth in Jehovah, lovingkindness  
 shall compass him about.  
 Be glad in Jehovah, and rejoice, ye righteous ;  
 And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in  
 heart.  
 — Ps. 32 : 10-11.

God is our refuge and strength,  
 A very present help in trouble.  
 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do  
 change,  
 And though the mountains be shaken into the  
 heart of the seas ;  
 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,  
 Though the mountains tremble with the swelling  
 thereof.  
 — Ps. 46 : 1-3.

Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving ;  
 And pay thy vows unto the Most High ;  
 And call upon me in the day of trouble :  
 I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.  
 — Ps. 50 : 14-15.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most  
 High  
 Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of Jehovah, He is my refuge and my  
fortress;

My God, in whom I trust.

For he will deliver thee from the snare of the  
fowler,

And from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover thee with his pinions,

And under his wings shalt thou take refuge :

His truth is a shield and a buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,

Nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness,

Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side,

And ten thousand at thy right hand ;

*But* it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold,

And see the reward of the wicked.

For thou, O Jehovah, art my refuge !

Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation ;

There shall no evil befall thee,

Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.

For he will give his angels charge over thee,

To keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands,

Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

— Ps. 91 : 1-12.

Like as a father pitieth his children,

So Jehovah pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame ;

He remembereth that we are dust.

— Ps. 103 : 13-14.

But now thus saith Jehovah that created thee,  
O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel :  
Fear not, for I have redeemed thee ; I have called  
thee by thy name, thou art mine. When thou

paskest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. — Is. 43: 1-2.

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for Jehovah hath comforted his people, and will have compassion upon his afflicted. — Is. 49: 13.

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In overflowing wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting lovingkindness will I have mercy on thee, saith Jehovah thy Redeemer. For the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed; but my lovingkindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall my covenant of peace be removed, saith Jehovah that hath mercy on thee.

O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will set thy stones in fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make thy pinnacles of rubies, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy border of precious stones. — Is. 54: 7-8; 10-12.

Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. — John 14: 1-3.

And not only so, but we also rejoice in our tribulations: knowing that tribulation worketh stedfastness; and stedfastness, approvedness;

and approvedness, hope : and hope putteth not to shame ; because the love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us. — Romans 5 : 3-5.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward. For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only so, but ourselves also, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for *our* adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body. For in hope were we saved : but hope that is seen is not hope : for who hopeth for that which he seeth ? But if we hope for that which we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for it.

And in like manner the Spirit also helpeth our infirmity : for we know not how to pray as we ought ; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for *us* with groanings which cannot be uttered ; and he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, *even* to them that are called according to *his* purpose. — Romans 8 : 18-28.

For all things *are* for your sakes, that the

grace, being multiplied through the many, may cause the thanksgiving to abound unto the glory of God.

Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. — II. Cor. 4: 15–18.

Having then a great high priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help *us* in time of need. — Heb. 4: 14–16.

That the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold that perisheth though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ: whom not having seen ye love; on whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice greatly with joy unspeakable and full of glory. — I. Pet. 1: 7–8.

### III. IN THE SICK ROOM

Know therefore that Jehovah thy God, he is God, the faithful God, who keepeth covenant and lovingkindness with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations. — Deut. 7: 9.

I will bless Jehovah at all times :  
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul shall make her boast in Jehovah :  
The meek shall hear thereof, and be glad.  
Oh magnify Jehovah with me,  
And let us exalt his name together.  
I sought Jehovah, and he answered me,  
And delivered me from all my fears.  
They looked unto him, and were radiant ;  
And their faces shall never be confounded.  
This poor man cried, and Jehovah heard him,  
And saved him out of all his troubles.  
The angel of Jehovah encampeth round about  
    them that fear him,  
And delivereth them.  
Oh taste and see that Jehovah is good :  
Blessed is the man that taketh refuge in him.  
Oh fear Jehovah, ye his saints ;  
For there is no want to them that fear him.  
*The righteous* cried, and Jehovah heard,  
And delivered them out of all their troubles.  
Jehovah is nigh unto them that are of a broken  
    heart,  
And saveth such as are of a contrite spirit.  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous ;  
But Jehovah delivereth him out of them all.  
— Ps. 34 : 1-9 ; 17-19.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor :  
Jehovah will deliver him in the day of evil.  
Jehovah will preserve him, and keep him alive,  
And he shall be blessed upon the earth ;  
And deliver not thou him unto the will of his  
    enemies.  
Jehovah will support him upon the couch of  
    languishing :  
Thou makest all his bed in his sickness.

— Ps. 41 : 1-3.



As the hart panteth after the water brooks,  
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.  
My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God :  
When shall I come and appear before God ?  
My tears have been my food day and night.  
While they continually say unto me, Where is  
thy God ?  
These things I remember, and pour out my soul  
within me,  
How I went with the throng, and led them to the  
house of God,  
With the voice of joy and praise, a multitude  
keeping holyday.  
Why art thou cast down, O my soul ?  
And *why* art thou disquieted within me ?  
Hope thou in God ; for I shall yet praise him  
*For* the help of his countenance.  
O my God, my soul is cast down within me :  
Therefore do I remember thee from the land of  
the Jordan,  
And the Hermons, from the hill Mizar.  
Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water-  
falls :  
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.  
*Yet* Jehovah will command his lovingkindness in  
the daytime ;  
And in the night his song shall be with me,  
*Even* a prayer unto the God of my life.  
I will say unto God my rock,  
Why hast thou forgotten me ?  
Why go I mourning because of the oppression of  
the enemy ?  
As with a sword in my bones, mine adversaries re-  
proach me,  
While they continually say unto me, Where is thy  
God ?  
Why art thou cast down, O my soul ?

And why art thou disquieted within me ?  
 Hope thou in God ; for I shall yet praise him,  
*Who is the help of my countenance, and my God.*  
 — Ps. 42.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins,  
 Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.  
 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
 So great is his lovingkindness toward them that  
 fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,  
 So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.  
 Like as a father pitieth his children,  
 So Jehovah pitieth them that fear him.  
 For he knoweth our frame ;  
 He remembereth that we are dust.  
 As for man, his days are as grass ;  
 As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.  
 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone ;  
 And the place thereof shall know it no more.  
 But the lovingkindness of Jehovah is from ever-  
 lasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,  
 And his righteousness unto children's children ;  
 To such as keep his covenant,  
 And to those that remember his precepts to do  
 them. — Ps. 103 : 10-18.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains :  
 From whence shall my help come ?  
 My help *cometh* from Jehovah,  
 Who made heaven and earth.  
 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :  
 He that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
 Behold, he that keepeth Israel  
 Will neither slumber nor sleep.  
 Jehovah is thy keeper :  
 Jehovah is thy shade upon thy right hand.  
 The sun shall not smite thee by day,

Nor the moon by night.  
Jehovah will keep thee from all evil ;  
He will keep thy soul.  
Jehovah will keep thy going out and thy coming  
in  
From this time forth and for evermore.  
— Ps. 121.

He was despised, and rejected of men ; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief : and as one from whom men hide their face he was despised ; and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows ; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities ; the chastisement of our peace was upon him ; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray ; we have turned every one to his own way ; and Jehovah hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he opened not his mouth ; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away ; and as for his generation, who *among them* considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke *was due* ? And they made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death ; although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it pleased Jehovah to bruise him ; he hath put him to grief : when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his seed*, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Jehovah shall

prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by the knowledge of himself shall my righteous servant justify many; and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors: yet he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. — Is. 53: 3–12.

And he hath said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for *my* power is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Wherefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. — II. Cor. 12: 9–10.

And ye have forgotten the exhortation which reasoneth with you as with sons,

My son, regard not lightly the chastening of the Lord,

Nor faint when thou art reprov'd of him;

For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,

And scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

It is for chastening that ye endure; God deal-eth with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father chasteneth not? But if ye are without chastening, whereof all have been made partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed good to them; but he for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of

his holiness. All chastening seemeth for the present to be not joyous but grievous; yet afterward it yieldeth peaceable fruit unto them that have been exercised thereby, *even the fruit of righteousness*. Wherefore lift up the hands that hang down, and the palsied knees; and make straight paths for your feet, that that which is lame be not turned out of the way, but rather be healed. — Heb. 12: 5-13.

Be patient therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until it receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Murmur not, brethren, one against another, that ye be not judged: behold, the judge standeth before the doors. Take, brethren, for an example of suffering and of patience, the prophets who spake in the name of the Lord. Behold, we call them blessed that endured: ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord, how that the Lord is full of pity, and merciful. — James 5: 7-11.

#### IV. IN THE TIME OF RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.

For he maketh sore, and bindeth up;  
He woundeth, and his hands make whole.  
He will deliver thee in six troubles;  
Yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

— Job 5: 17-19.

I will extol thee, O Jehovah ; for thou hast raised  
me up,  
And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.  
O Jehovah my God,  
I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.  
O Jehovah, thou hast brought up my soul from  
Sheol ;  
Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go  
down to the pit.  
Sing praise unto Jehovah, O ye saints of his,  
And give thanks to his holy memorial *name*.  
For his anger is but for a moment ;  
His favor is for a life-time :  
Weeping may tarry for the night,  
But joy *cometh* in the morning.  
As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
I shall never be moved.  
Thou, Jehovah, of thy favor hadst made my  
mountain to stand strong :  
Thou didst hide thy face ; I was troubled.  
I cried to thee, O Jehovah ;  
And unto Jehovah I made supplication :  
What profit is there in my blood, when I go  
down to the pit ?  
Shall the dust praise thee ? shall it declare thy  
truth ?  
Hear, O Jehovah, and have mercy upon me :  
Jehovah, be thou my helper.  
Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing ;  
Thou hast loosed my sackcloth, and girded me  
with gladness ;  
To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to  
thee, and not be silent.  
O Jehovah my God, I will give thanks unto thee  
for ever.

— Ps. 30.

Bless Jehovah, O my soul ;  
And all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.

Bless Jehovah, O my soul,  
 And forget not all his benefits :  
 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities ;  
 Who healeth all thy diseases ;  
 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction ;  
 Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and ten-  
 der mercies ;  
 Who satisfieth thy desire with good things,  
*So that* thy youth is renewed like the eagle.  
 Jehovah executeth righteous acts,  
 And judgments for all that are oppressed.  
 He made known his ways unto Moses,  
 His doings unto the children of Israel.  
 Jehovah is merciful and gracious,  
 Slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness.  
 He will not always chide ;  
 Neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.  
 Jehovah hath established his throne in the  
 heavens ;  
 And his kingdom ruleth over all.  
 Bless Jehovah, ye his angels,  
 That are mighty in strength, that fulfil his word,  
 Harkening unto the voice of his word.  
 Bless Jehovah, all ye his hosts,  
 Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.  
 Bless Jehovah, all ye his works,  
 In all places of his dominion :  
 Bless Jehovah, O my soul. — Ps. 103: 1–9; 19–22.

I love Jehovah, because he heareth  
 My voice and my supplications.  
 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,  
 Therefore will I call *upon him* as long as I live.  
 The cords of death compassed me,  
 And the pains of Sheol gat hold upon me :  
 I found trouble and sorrow.  
 Then called I upon the name of Jehovah :

O Jehovah, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.  
Gracious is Jehovah, and righteous ;  
Yea, our God is merciful,  
Jehovah preserveth the simple :  
I was brought low, and he saved me.  
Return unto thy rest, O my soul ;  
For Jehovah hath dealt bountifully with thee.  
For thou hast delivered my soul from death,  
Mine eyes from tears,  
And my feet from falling.  
I will take the cup of salvation,  
And call upon the name of Jehovah.  
I will pay my vows unto Jehovah,  
Yea, in the presence of all his people.  
O Jehovah, truly I am thy servant :  
I am thy servant, the son of thy handmaid ;  
Thou hast loosed my bonds.  
I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
And will call upon the name of Jehovah.  
I will pay my vows unto Jehovah.  
Yea, in the presence of all his people,  
In the courts of Jehovah's house,  
In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.  
Praise ye Jehovah. — Ps. 116 : 1-8 ; 13-14 ; 16-19.

Before I was afflicted I went astray ;  
But now I observe thy word.  
It is good for me that I have been afflicted ;  
That I may learn thy statutes.  
The law of thy mouth is better unto me  
Than thousands of gold and silver.  
— Ps. 119 : 67, 71, 72.

He healeth the broken in heart,  
And bindeth up their wounds. — Ps. 147 : 3.

Hast thou not known ? hast thou not heard ?  
The everlasting God, Jehovah, the Creator of the



ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary ; there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint ; and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall : but they that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength ; they shall mount up with wings as eagles ; they shall run, and not be weary ; they shall walk, and not faint. — Is. 40 : 28-31.

Sing, O heavens ; and be joyful, O earth ; and break forth into singing, O mountains : for Jehovah hath comforted his people, and will have compassion upon his afflicted. — Is. 49 : 13.

And he suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go to thy house unto thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and how he had mercy on thee. — Mark 5 : 19.

## V. IN THE CLOSING HOURS OF LIFE

Jehovah is my shepherd ; I shall not want.  
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ;  
 He leadeth me beside still waters.  
 He restoreth my soul :  
 He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
 I will fear no evil ; for thou art with me ;  
 Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies :  
 Thou hast anointed my head with oil ;  
 My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me all the days of my life ;

And I shall dwell in the house of Jehovah for ever. — Ps. 23.

Now lettest thou thy servant depart, Lord, According to thy word, in peace. — Luke 2 : 29.

And Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit : and having said this, he gave up the ghost. — Luke 23 : 46.

Peace I leave with you ; my peace I give unto you : not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful. — John 14 : 27.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword ? Even as it is written,

For thy sake we are killed all the day long ;

We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. — Romans 8 : 35-39.

For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. For verily in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven : if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For indeed we that are in this

tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but that we would be clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up of life. Now he that wrought us for this very thing is God, who gave unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord (for we walk by faith, not by sight); we are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord.— II. Cor. 5:1-8.

For which cause I suffer also these things: yet I am not ashamed; for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day.— II. Tim. 1:12.

For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure is come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing.— II. Tim. 4:6-8.

And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God: and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away.— Rev. 21:3-4.

## VI. IN THE HOUSE OF MOURNING

Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee :  
 Jehovah make his face to shine upon thee, and be  
 gracious unto thee :  
 Jehovah lift up his countenance upon thee, and  
 give thee peace. — Num. 6 : 24-26.

Jehovah gave, and Jehovah hath taken away ;  
 blessed be the name of Jehovah. — Job 1 : 21.

In famine he will redeem thee from death ;  
 And in war from the power of the sword.  
 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue ;  
 Neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it  
 cometh.

At destruction and dearth thou shalt laugh ;  
 Neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the  
 earth.

For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the  
 field ;  
 And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with  
 thee.

And thou shalt know that thy tent is in peace ;  
 And thou shalt visit thy fold, and shalt miss  
 nothing.

Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great,  
 And thine offspring as the grass of the earth.  
 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age.  
 — Job 5 : 20-26.

Cast thy burden upon Jehovah, and he will sus-  
 tain thee :  
 He will never suffer the righteous to be moved.  
 — Ps. 55 : 22.

And we know that to them that love God all  
 things work together for good, *even* to them that  
 are called according to *his* purpose. For whom

he foreknew, he also foreordained *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren: and whom he foreordained, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth; who is he that condemneth? It is Christ Jesus that died, yea rather, that was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Even as it is written,

For thy sake we are killed all the day long;

We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. — Romans 8: 28–39.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These that are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and whence came they? And I say unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they that come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are

they before the throne of God ; and they serve him day and night in his temple ; and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more ; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat : for the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life : and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. — Rev. 7 : 13-17.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. — II. Cor. 13 : 14.

## PART XI. COMMON HERITAGE OF CHRISTIANS

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

And God spake all these words, saying,  
I am Jehovah thy God, who brought thee out  
of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.  
Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image,  
nor any likeness of *any thing* that is in heaven  
above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that  
is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not  
bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them; for  
I Jehovah thy God am a jealous God, visiting the  
iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the  
third and upon the fourth generation of them  
that hate me, and showing lovingkindness unto  
thousands of them that love me and keep my  
commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy  
God in vain; for Jehovah will not hold him guilt-  
less that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.  
Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work;  
but the seventh day is a sabbath unto Jehovah thy  
God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor  
thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor  
thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger  
that is within thy gates: for in six days Jehovah  
made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in  
them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore  
Jehovah blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's. — Ex. 20.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Amen. — Matt. 6 : 9-13.

### THE BEATITUDES

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain : and when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him : and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek : for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness : for they shall be filled.



Blessed are the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers : for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when *men* shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. — Matt. 5 : 1-11.

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth : and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary ; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried ; (He descended into hell ; ) the third day He rose again from the dead ; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible ; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom

all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### THE TE DEUM

We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world :  
doth acknowledge Thee ;

The Father : of an infinite Majesty ;

Thine adorable, true : and only Son ;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver  
man : Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of  
a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of  
death : Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven  
to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the  
glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come : to be our  
Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants :  
whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious  
blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints :  
in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people : and bless Thine  
heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify Thee ;

And we worship Thy Name : ever, world with-  
out end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day with-  
out sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon  
us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us : as our trust  
is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted : let me never  
be confounded.

## THE GLORIA

Glory be to God on high : and on earth peace,  
good will towards men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship  
Thee : we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee  
for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King : God the Father  
Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ :  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sins of the world : have  
mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world :  
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the  
Father : have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy : Thou only art the  
Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost : art  
most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## PRAYERS

## A MORNING PRAYER

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and  
everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to  
the beginning of this day ; Defend us in the same  
with thy mighty power ; and grant that this  
day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind  
of danger ; but that all our doings, being ordered  
by thy governance, may be righteous in thy  
sight ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## AN EVENING PRAYER

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O  
heavenly Father, and by Thy great mercy defend

us from all perils and dangers, for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### BEFORE THE SERMON

Cleanse the heart and the lips of Thy servant, O Almighty God, as Thou didst cleanse the lips of Thy prophet with a burning coal from Thine altar, and vouchsafe, by Thy gracious Spirit, so to purify him, that he may worthily and faithfully proclaim Thy Holy Gospel: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### AFTER THE SERMON

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through Thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### A GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful

Father, for His sake ; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

#### A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives ; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### A GENERAL SUPPLICATION

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men ; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for Thy holy Church universal ; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we

commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate [and especially those for whom our prayers are asked at this time]; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

#### AT THE CLOSE OF SERVICE

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

#### FOR PASTORS AND MINISTERS

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Pastors, and other Ministers, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of Thy grace; and, that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHERS IN AUTHORITY

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from Thy

throne behold all the dwellers upon earth ; Most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favor to behold and bless Thy servant THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and all others in authority ; and so replenish them with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to Thy will, and walk in Thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts ; grant them in health and prosperity long to live ; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### FOR THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

Most gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, as for the people of these United States in general, so especially for their Senate and Representatives in Congress assembled ; That thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, the safety, honor, and welfare of Thy people ; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities, for them, for us, and Thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord : And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.



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