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### *Scriptural selection*

#### 1. I Kings 17:1, 8–16

- <sup>1</sup> And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.
- <sup>8</sup> ¶ And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,
- <sup>9</sup> Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.
- <sup>10</sup> So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.
- <sup>11</sup> And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.
- <sup>12</sup> And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.
- <sup>13</sup> And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.
- <sup>14</sup> For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.
- <sup>15</sup> And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.
- <sup>16</sup> And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.

### *Benediction*

#### 2. Mal. 3:10

- <sup>10</sup> Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

### *Hymns*

#### 1. Hymn. 224:1-3

O Lord, I would delight in Thee, And on Thy care depend; To Thee in every trouble flee, My best,  
my ever Friend. When all material streams are dried, Thy fullness is the same; May I with this be

satisfied, And glory in Thy name.

All good, where'er it may be found, Its source doth find in Thee; I must have all things and abound, While God is God to me. O that I had a stronger faith, To look within the veil, To credit what my Saviour saith, Whose word can never fail.

He that has made my heaven secure, Will here all good provide; While Christ is rich, can I be poor? What can I want beside? O God, I cast my care on Thee; I triumph and adore; Henceforth my great concern shall be To love and praise Thee more.

2. Hymn. 330:1-4

The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack, for I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever.

3. Hymn. 82:1-3

God is working His purpose out As year succeeds to year, God is working His purpose out And the time is drawing near; Nearer and nearer draws the time, The time that shall surely be, When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God As the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work, To prosper and increase The brotherhood of all mankind, The reign of the Prince of Peace? What can we do to hasten the time, The time that shall surely be, When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God As the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God With the banner of Christ unfurled, That the light of the glorious Gospel of truth May shine throughout the world; Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, To set their captives free, That the earth may be filled with the glory of God As the waters cover the sea.

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