

2019-12-08 God the only Cause and Creator



First Hymn

1. Hymn. 123

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who to God for your refuge have fled:

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand;

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.



Scriptural selection

1. Isa. 40:9, 12, 26, 28–31

- 9 ¶ O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
- 12 ¶ Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?
- 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.
- 28 ¶ Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.
- 29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.
- 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:
- 31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with

wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.



Second and Third Hymn

2. Hymn. 246

O Thou who spreadest the heaven like a tent,
He who depends on Thee, ne'er is forspent,
Still for his might on Thee he ever counteth,
On wings of eagles he, unwearied, mounteth.

REFRAIN

Have ye not heard, have ye not known
The everlasting God
Creator is of heaven and earth,
And He alone is Lord.

So shall the glory of God be revealed,
All flesh shall see it and all shall be healed;
In word and deed declare Him and adore Him.
God's will is done, and all is plain before Him.

REFRAIN

3. Hymn. 469

Eternal God, the Cause of all creation,
Your goodness shines through all eternity.
From age to age Your name has been exalted,
Your glory fills the earth, the sky, and sea.
Almighty One, creative Mind, our Maker,
Which was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Dear God of love, eternal Father-Mother,
Supply our need, our every need each day;
Teach us to love the way You love Your children,
Purge us from sin and self, with trust we pray:
"Thy kingdom come," in all earth as in heaven,
You are our light, our guide, our hope, our stay.

Your Word of truth is ever our companion;
We are assured Your healing love is here.
Help us to prove, as Jesus proved before us,
Truth casts out sin, disease, and death, and fear.
And may Your Word abide with us forever,
O Lord of life, of truth, and love, most dear.



Benediction

Ps. 80:17–19

- 17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.
- 18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.
- 19 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

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