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First Hymn

1. Hymn. 565

Rise up and walk, take up your bed. With these few words the sickness fled. Stretch forth your hand. Receive your sight. Jesus' commands reveal God's might. You are God's purpose, His great design. Beautiful, blameless, His child divine. Holding your thought to the good and the true, Spirit will form you anew.

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Rise up and walk! God made you free, Born of His liberty. Carefree and strong, you are His song, Perfect for all to see. Mountains and seas, great rising trees, Echo the joyous song: Heaven is here, harmony's bliss To everyone belongs.

Cleanse the lepers, heal the sick. Cast out demons. Raise the dead. Truth is revealed in every place, Throughout all time, throughout all space. Right in this moment, doing God's will "These works shall you do, and greater still." Standing triumphant upon holy ground, Songs of the angels resound.

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Scriptural selection

1. Ps. 43:5

⁵ Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

2. Ps. 27:1, 8

- ¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- ⁸ When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

3. Ps. 36:5–9

- ⁵ Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.
- ⁶ Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.
- ⁷ How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.
- ⁸ They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.
- ⁹ For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

4. II Tim. 1:7 God, 9, 10, 13, 14

- 7 ... God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
- ⁹ Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,
- ¹⁰ But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:
- ¹³ Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.
- ¹⁴ That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

Second and Third Hymn

2. Hymn. 450

Blest Christmas morn, though murky clouds Pursue thy way, Thy light was born where storm enshrouds Nor dawn nor day!

Dear Christ, forever here and near, No cradle song, No natal hour and mother's tear, To thee belong.

Thou God-idea, Life-encrowned, The Bethlehem babe — Beloved, replete, by flesh embound — Was but thy shade!

Thou gentle beam of living Love, And deathless Life! Truth infinite, — so far above All mortal strife,

Or cruel creed, or earth-born taint: Fill us today With all thou art — be thou our saint, Our stay, alway. God created us in His own image, All the universe is His creation too; He created us as His reflection, Filling us with wisdom, bold and true.

Life is made for living to the fullest, Spirit made us knowing who we truly are, Knowing how to see reality, Pure and innocent and free, Made in the likeness of our God.

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This clear view of man is perfect, Seen in all the radiance of light; Here we find our nature revealed, Spiritual and whole in God's sight.

Everything our Master Jesus taught us Showed the way to love each other dearly, When he healed the sick and freed the sinner, Seeing them in God's own light so clearly.

As we gain the perfect understanding That eternal Mind is the All-in-all, We shall come to see reality, Pure and innocent and free, Made in the likeness of our God.

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Benediction

II Cor 3:18, New International Version: "And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

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