

## **First Hymn**

### **1. Hymn. 406**

O Love, our Mother, ever near,  
To Thee we turn from doubt and fear!  
In perfect peace our thoughts abide;  
Our hearts now in this truth confide:  
Man is the child of God.

O Light, in Thy light we can see  
That man is ever one with Thee.  
In love our lives Thou dost enfold,  
And now our waiting hopes behold  
That man is God's own child.

O joy that ever will remain,  
Midst seeming sorrow, hate, and pain,  
Our hearts to fill with this glad song  
That soars above the mists of wrong:  
Man is the loved of Love.

## **Scriptural selection**

### **1. Ps. 22:1, 9 thou, 10, 19 be, 22–24, 26–28**

- 1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?
- 9 ... thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.
- 10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.
- 19 ... be not thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste thee to help me.
- 22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
- 23 Ye that fear the Lord, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.
- 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.
- 26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
- 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the governor among the nations.

### **2. Isa. 49:13, 15–17**

- 13 ¶ Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.
- 15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb?

yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

17 Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.



## Second and Third Hymn

### 2. Hymn. 76

God is known in loving-kindness,  
God, the true, eternal good;  
Zion, ne'er will He forsake thee,  
Trust His Father-Motherhood.  
Can a mother leave her children?  
Can unchanging Love forget?  
Though all earthly friends betray thee,  
Lo, His arm enfolds thee yet.

Every prayer to Him is answered,  
Prayer confiding in His will;  
Blessedness and joy are near thee,  
Hear His gentle Peace, be still.  
Hear His voice above the tempest:  
I have not forsaken thee;  
In My hand thy name is graven,  
I will save both thine and thee.

### 3. Hymn. 374

We thank Thee and we bless Thee,  
O Father of us all,  
That e'en before we ask Thee  
Thou hear'st Thy children's call.  
We praise Thee for Thy goodness  
And tender, constant care,  
We thank Thee, Father-Mother,  
That Thou hast heard our prayer.

We thank Thee and we bless Thee,  
O Lord of all above,  
That now Thy children know Thee  
As everlasting Love.  
And Love is not the author  
Of discord, pain and fear;  
O Love divine, we thank Thee  
That good alone is here.

We thank Thee, Father-Mother,  
For blessings, light and grace  
Which bid mankind to waken  
And see Thee face to face.  
We thank Thee, when in anguish  
We turn from sense to Soul,

That we may hear Thee calling:  
Rejoice, for thou art whole.



## **Benediction**

**Ps. 115:14, 15**

- 14 The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.
- 15 Ye are blessed of the Lord which made heaven and earth.

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