

24 – Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear

1. Lord, open Thou my heart to hear
And through Thy Word to me draw near;
Let me Thy Word e'er pure retain;
Let me Thy child and heir remain.
2. Thy Word doth deeply move the heart,
Thy Word doth perfect health impart,
Thy Word my soul with joy doth bless,
Thy Word brings peace and happiness.
3. To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.

511 – Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

1. Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide;
Nor let Thy Word, that heav'nly light,
For us be ever veiled in night.
2. In these last days of sore distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That pure we keep, till life is spent,
Thy holy Word and Sacrament.
3. Lord, Jesus, help, Thy Church uphold,
We are so sluggish, thoughtless, cold,
O prosper well Thy Word of grace
And spread its truth in ev'ry place!
4. O keep us in Thy Word, we pray;
The guile and rage of Satan stay!
O may Thy mercy never cease!
Give concord, patience, courage, peace.
5. O God, how sin's dread works abound!
Throughout the earth no rest is found,
And falsehood's spirit wide has spread,
And error boldly rears its head.

6. And ever is there something new
Devised to change Thy doctrines true;
Lord Jesus! As Thou still dost reign,
Those vain presumptuous minds restrain;

7. And as the cause and glory, Lord,
Are Thine, not ours, to us afford
Thy help and strength and constancy,
And keep us ever true to Thee.

8. Thy Word shall fortify us hence,
It is Thy Church's sure defense;
O let us in its pow'r confide,
That we may seek no other guide.

9. O grant that in Thy holy Word
We here may live and die, dear Lord;
And when our journey endeth here,
Receive us into glory there.

328 – Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

1. Soul, adorn thyself with gladness,
Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor;
There with joy thy praises render
Unto Him whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous Supper founded.
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth,
Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

2. Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'rence greet Him,
For with words of life immortal
Now He knocketh at thy portal.
Haste to ope the gates before Him,
Saying, while thou dost adore Him:
Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee,
And I nevermore will leave Thee.

3. He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us hath freely given.

Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for thee riven,
And His blood, for thee once given.

4. Ah, how hungers all my spirit
For the love I do not merit!
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging,
Thought upon this food with longing,
In the battle well-nigh worsted,
For this cup of life have thirsted.
For the Friend who here invites us
And to God Himself unites us.

6. Human reason, though it ponder,
Cannot fathom this great wonder,
That Christ's body e'er remaineth
Though it countless souls sustaineth,
And that He His blood is giving
With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded
Are by God alone expounded.

341 – Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

6. Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er He passeth through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's dark thrall;
I follow Him through all.

7. To halls of heav'nly splendor
With Him I penetrate;
And trouble ne'er may hinder
Nor make me hesitate.
Let tempests rage at will,
My Savior shields me still;
He grants abiding peace
And bids all tumult cease.

8. He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross hath shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me hath died
Shall here be glorified."

579 – Abide in Grace, Lord Jesus

1. Abide in grace, Lord Jesus,
Among us constantly,
Lest Satan's art deceive us
And gain the victory.

2. Abide, Lord, with the story
Of Thy redeeming love:
May we the Gospel's glory
And saving virtue prove.

3. Abide, our pathway brighten
With Thy celestial ray;
Blest Light, our souls enlighten,
Show us the truth, the way.

4. Abide with us in blessing,
Lord of the earth and sky;
Rich grace and strength possessing,
Do Thou our need supply!

5. Abide, our only safety,
Thy people's sure defense;
No power can withstand Thee
Divine Omnipotence!

6. Abide among us ever,
Lord, with Thy faithfulness;
Jesus, forsake us never,
Help us in all distress!