

18 – God the Father, Be Our Stay

4. Triune God, be Thou our stay;
O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,
And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one;
Uphold our faith most holy;
Grant us to trust Thee solely
With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on,
With all true Christians running
Our heavenly race and shunning
The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen! This be done;
So sing we, Alleluia!

517 – If God Himself Be for Me

Sing after Old Testament Lesson:

1. If God Himself be for me,
I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me
My foes confounded fly.
If Christ, the Head, befriend me,
If God be my support,
The mischief they intend me
Shall quickly come to naught.

2. This I believe, yea, rather,
In this I make my boast,
That God is my dear Father,
The Friend who loves me most;
And that, whate'er betide me,
My Savior is at hand
Though stormy seas to guide me
And bring me safe to land.

5. He canceled my offenses,
And saved my soul from death;
'Tis He who ever cleanses
Me from my sins through faith.
In Him I can be cheerful,
Bold, and undaunted aye.

In Him I am not fearful
Of God's great Judgment Day.

Sing After Epistle Lesson

6. Naught, naught can e'er condemn me,
Nor set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me,
Its fury I deride.
No sentence e'er reproves me,
No ill destroys my peace,
For Christ, my Savior, loves me
And shields me with His grace.

11. Who clings with resolution
To Him whom Satan hates
Must look for persecution
Which never here abates;
Reproaches, griefs, and losses
Rain fast upon his head,
A thousand plagues and crosses
Become his daily bread.

12. All this I am prepared for,
Yet am I not afraid;
By Thee shall all be cared for,
To whom my vows were paid.
Though life and limb it cost me,
And all the earthly store
Which once so much engrossed me,
I love Thee all the more.

518 – Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

1. Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,
O Christians, lest the Foe destroy you;
For Satan has designed your fall.
Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious;
Against each foe you'll be victorious.
Our God will set you o'er them all.
Is Satan strong and fell?
Here is Emmanuel.
Sing hosanna!
The strong ones yield,

With Christ our Shield,
And we as conqu'rors hold the field.

2. Cast afar this world's vain pleasures,
Aye, boldly fight for heav'nly treasures,
And steadfast be in Jesus' might.
He will help, whate'er betide you,
And naught will harm with Christ beside you;
By faith you'll conquer in the fight.
Then shame, thou weary soul!
Look forward to the goal:
There joy waits thee.
The race, then, run;
The combat done,
Thy crown of glory will be won.

3. Wisely fight, for time is fleeting;
The hours of grace are fast retreating;
Short, short, is this our earthly way.
When the trump the dead is waking
And sinners all with fear are quaking,
With joy the saints will greet that Day.
Bless God, our triumph's sure,
Though long we did endure
Scorn and trial.
Thou, Son of God,
To Thine abode
Wilt lead the way Thyself hast trod.

42 – God, We Praise You

1. God, we praise You! God, we bless You!
God we name You sov'reign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father, by Your Church adored:
All creation shows Your glory;
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne,
Singing, "Holy, holy, holy,
Lord of hosts and God alone!"

2. True apostles, faithful prophets,
Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,

Join one growing song of praise,
While Your Church on earth confesses
One majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God, our hope eternally.

3. Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Everlasting Son of God,
Humble was Your Virgin Mother,
Hard the lonely path You trod:
By Your cross is sin defeated,
Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers,
Sinners justified by grace.

4. Christ, at God's right hand victorious,
You will judge the world You made;
Lord, in mercy help Your servants
For whose freedom You have paid:
Raise us up from dust to glory;
Guard us from all sin today.
King enthroned above all praises,
Save Your people, God, we pray.

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