

## **1 – Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word**

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We are gathered all to hear Thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear Thee,  
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till Thy Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded.  
Thou alone to God canst win us;  
Thou must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, Thyself impart,  
Light of Light, from God proceeding;  
Open Thou our ears and heart,  
Help us by Thy Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry Thy people raises,  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Praise to Thee and adoration!  
Grant that we Thy Word may trust,  
And obtain true consolation  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing Thy praises yonder.

## **448 – I Will Sing My Maker's Praises**

1. I will sing my Maker's praises  
And in Him most joyful be,  
For in all things I see traces  
Of His tender love to me.  
Nothing else than love could move Him  
With such sweet and tender care  
Evermore to raise and bear  
All who try to serve and love Him.

Refrain:

All things else have but their day,  
God's great love abides for aye.

2. Yea, so dear did He esteem me  
That His Son He loved so well  
He hath given to redeem me  
From the quenchless flames of hell.  
O Thou Spring of boundless blessing,  
How could e'er my feeble mind  
Of Thy depth the bottom find  
Though my efforts were unceasing?  
(Refrain)

3. All that for my soul is needful  
He with loving care provides,  
Nor of that is He unheedful  
Which my body needs besides.  
When my strength cannot avail me,  
When my pow'rs can do no more,  
Doth my God His strength outpour;  
In my need He doth not fail me.  
(Refrain)

4. When I sleep, He still is near me,  
O'er me rests His guardian eye;  
And new gifts and blessings cheer me  
When the morning streaks the sky.  
Were it not for God's protection,  
Had His countenance not been  
Here my Guide, I had not seen  
E'er the end of my affliction.  
(Refrain)

5. As a father never turneth  
Wholly from a wayward child,  
For the prodigal still yearneth,  
Longing to be reconciled,  
So my many sins and errors  
Find a tender, pard'ning God,  
Chast'ning frailty with His rod,  
Not in vengeance, with His terrors.  
(Refrain)

6. Since, then, neither change nor coldness  
In my Father's love can be,  
Lo! I lift my hands with boldness,  
As Thy child I come to Thee.  
Grant me grace, O God, I pray Thee,  
That I may with all my might,  
All my lifetime, day and night,  
Love and trust Thee and obey Thee  
And, when this brief life is o'er,  
Praise and love Thee evermore.

### **327 – O Lord, We Praise Thee**

1. O Lord, we praise Thee,  
Bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish.  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!

2. Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love that this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made.  
O Lord, have mercy!

3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
To please Him with our behavior  
And live as brethren here in love and union  
Nor repent this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

### **588 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing**

1. Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration  
For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
May Thy presence, may Thy presence,  
With us evermore be found.

3. So that when Thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away,  
Fear of death shall not appall us,  
Glad Thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with Thee in endless day.