1 CHRONICLES 16:23-24
Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
The words of Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh recorded in Exodus 5:1–3 are striking. Standing before the king of Egypt, they asked him to release the Israelites, but their release was not only so that they could enjoy freedom. As true as it is that God wants His people to be free, that is not the chief reason He sent Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh.

God’s servants asked for the Israelites to be freed from slavery so that they could hold a feast in the wilderness and sacrifice to the Lord. Moses and Aaron asked for freedom for the purpose of worshiping the one, true God as He has commanded.

Worship is the highest goal for believers. The Lord saves us so that we will worship Him, and we realize our greatest purpose as we worship God in truth, beauty, and holiness.
As the first question of the Westminster Shorter Catechism says, “The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.”

We glorify and enjoy the Lord most fully in worshiping Him. Our God, who is the standard of truth, goodness, and beauty, deserves the truest, best, and most beautiful worship we can offer. And as we offer such worship, we are shaped more fully into His image.

Jeff Lippencott and I have produced this second collection of hymns and sacred music with the goal of helping the church offer worship that is true, good, and beautiful. We pray that these songs will bring glory to our Creator and lead His people into a greater love for Him.
From Abel’s favored offering
To Jesus’ holy cross
The church of God’s own choosing
Has triumphed over loss.

By faith our fathers labored long
In faith, they lived and died.
From Abraham to David
Faith stood when it was tried.

Then come, O saints of Zion come
In sweet communion wed
The bride awaits her Glory
Lord Jesus Christ, her Head.

The covenant of grace divine
By Christ’s own blood was bought
The promises of blessing
Shall never come to nought.

Then come, O saints of Zion come
In sweet communion wed
The bride awaits her Glory
Lord Jesus Christ, her Head.

By martyrs’ death the holy seed
Was sown in grief and pain
That holy seed will flourish
Till Christ shall come again.
Then come, O saints of Zion come
In sweet communion wed
The bride awaits her Glory
Lord Jesus Christ, her Head.

The church of God triumphant
Shall in that final day
Have all her sons and daughters
Home from the well fought fray.

Then come, O saints of Zion come.

Then come, O saints of Zion come
In sweet communion wed
The bride awaits her Glory
Lord Jesus Christ, her Head.


Amen!
Create, O God, a pure, clean heart
And make my spirit new.
Please let Your wrath from me depart
Remove my sin from view.

Create, O God, a pure, clean heart
And make my spirit new.
Now broken and contrite my soul
But these You won’t despise.
You alone can make my spirit whole
Now let Your servant rise.

Create, O God, a pure, clean heart
And make my spirit new.

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While dead in sin and Satan’s pow’r
God’s own Spirit made alive.
In evil’s course we then were mired
No zeal in us for God to strive.

Grace of God, O Grace of God
All our sin in Christ atoned.
Grace of God, sweet Grace of God
In mercy lead us home.

By nature filled with flesh and lust
We the children of His wrath.
Yet God made us in Christ to trust
And brings us safely home at last.

Grace of God, O Grace of God
All our sin in Christ atoned.
Grace of God, sweet Grace of God
In mercy lead us home.

By grace through grace gave heaven’s Gift,
Not by any human nod.
No will we used ourselves to lift
His grace will bring us to our God.

Grace of God, O Grace of God
All our sin in Christ atoned.
Grace of God, sweet Grace of God
In mercy lead us home.

His workmanship made us for good
No one dare could ever boast.
The Lord ordained that all we could
e’en by His Gift the Holy Ghost.

Grace of God, O Grace of God
All our sin in Christ atoned.
Grace of God, sweet Grace of God
In mercy lead us home.
The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want.
He maketh me lie in green pastures.
He leadeth me.
Beside the still water
There's rest for my soul.
Restoreth my soul
And in righteousness lead.

He leadeth me on
In the paths of His righteousness
For His name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley
Of shadow and death.
No evil I fear for Thou art with me.
Thy rod and Thy staff they
Comfort me. Lord, comfort me.

Thou preparst a table before me
In the presence of my enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil
My cup runneth over.

Surely Thy goodness and Thy loving
Kindness shall follow me
All the days of my life.

Surely the goodness and Thy loving
Kindness shall follow me
All the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of
The Lord
I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
Yea I shall dwell in the house of
The Lord.
Surely Thy goodness and Thy loving Kindness shall follow me All the days of my life. Surely Thy goodness and Thy loving Kindness shall follow me All the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of The Lord. I shall dwell in the house of the Lord Yea, I shall dwell in the house of The Lord, Forever, forever, and ever Amen!
Veni Domine

LUKE 2

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Descend, O Christ from heav’n on high
Thy glory set aside.
Save us from death and darkness grim
And with Your seed abide.

The cradle crude all filled with straw
Awaits Thy visit here
While shepherds gaze at glory’s light
Enrapt by awe and fear.

The virgin heeds Thy angels call
She’s made the journey long
As Joseph tends the holy maid
He hears the angels’ call.

Veni, veni Domine
Your glory will be seen.
Veni, veni Domine.
Thy people to redeem.

Veni, veni Domine
Your glory will be seen.
Veni, veni Domine.
Thy people to redeem.

Glory in the highest realm
The time of birth has come
We all arise to follow Him
That He might bring us home
That He might bring us home.

Veni, veni Domine
Your glory will be seen.
Veni, veni Domine.
Thy people to redeem.

Veni, veni Domine
Your glory will be seen.
Veni, veni Domine.
Thy people to redeem.
The angel sent from heav’n above  The hungry fills He with good things.
To one dear lovely maid.            Empty go the rich their way.
As Gabriel told of ether love     For Israel certain help He brings
Young Mary was afraid.            His promises will stay.

Fear not sweet lass the angel cried Magnificat, magnificat.
Our God has noticed you.           Joy He doth impart
Though lowly but to glory tied     Magnificat, magnificat.
A great work He will do.            Glory fills my heart.

Magnificat, magnificat.            All generations call her blessed
Joy He doth impart                His covenant to keep.
Magnificat, magnificat.            No longer is her comfort stressed
Glory fills my heart.              Her soul and spirit leap.

The proud He scatters with His arm Magnificat, magnificat.
The mighty He pulls down.          Joy He doth impart
For you He saves from ev’ry harm   Magnificat, magnificat.
And for your seed a crown.         Glory fills my heart.
                                    His glory fills my heart.
How Beautiful
Your Songs of Praise

Music & Lyrics by Jeff Lippencott

In the stillness of my heart
I will wait for You.
In the silence of my soul
I will speak Your name
With my voice I will proclaim.

How beautiful Your songs of praise
How true and steadfast are Your ways
Let all that is within me rise and sing.
How beautiful Your holy name.
How marvelous Your saving grace
That You would call me as Your own
How beautiful.

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In the movement of a breeze
I can hear You speak.
In the works Your hands have made
Sun and moon and stars
I see ev’rything You are.

How beautiful, how beautiful
“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Acts 1:8–11
We confess the mystery and wonder
Of God made flesh.
And rejoice in our great salvation
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For us, He kept the law
Atoned for sin, and satisfied God’s wrath.
He took our filthy rags
And gave us His righteous robe.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit
The Son created all things
Sustains all things
And makes all things new.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King
Building His church
Interceding for us
And reigning over all things.

Truly God, He became truly man
Two natures in one person.
He was born of the Virgin Mary
And lived among us.

Jesus Christ is Lord
We praise His holy Name
Forever, forever
Amen!

Crucified, dead, and buried
He rose on the third day.
Ascended to heaven, and will come
Again, in glory and judgement.

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Ways of the Righteous

PSALM 1

Music by Jeff Lippencott • Lyrics by R.C. Sproul

The man is blessed who flees from sin
And heeds false counsel not.
Stands far from those enticed by wrong
Nor follows scorner's lot.

For the Lord watches o'er
the ways of the righteous.
Yes, the Lord watches o'er
The ways of His own.

In law he finds his soul's delight
And loves God's sacred Word.
In it he ponders day and night
To seek his precious Lord.

Ungodly men will prosper not
Like chaff are eas'ly dri'vn.
They fall a sure and certain lot
No peace for them is giv'n.

For the Lord watches o'er
The ways of the righteous.
Yes, the Lord watches o'er
The ways of His own.

Near waters calm there stands a tree
In season fruit doth come.
A with'ring leaf he'll never see
For God will bless this one.
Yes, God will bless this one.

For the Lord watches o'er
The ways of the righteous.
Yes, the Lord watches o'er
The ways of His own.
Hear me, Lord
Hear me, Lord
And have mercy upon me.

O Lord
Be Thou my helper
My helper, O Lord
O Lord, O Lord.

So that my spirit, my spirit
May sing to thee, may sing.
My spirit sings to thee, to thee.
And I shall never be silent.

Lord, O Lord
Be Thou my helper
Be Thou my helper
Be Thou, be my helper.

O my Lord, and my God
I shall thank Thee forever.

O hear me, Lord
O hear me
And have mercy upon me.

I shall thank Thee forever
Forever, forever, forever.
He Works His Will

EBPHESIANS 1

Music by Jeff Lippencott • Lyrics by R.C. Sproul

Bless’ed is God, our precious Lord
In His most heav’nly place.
In Him He chose us by His Word
To gain His saving grace.

He works His Will, His counsel true
Salvation we obtain.
He soon will make all things anew
For our eternal gain.

From long ago elected those
As daughters and as sons.
Predestined by His pleasure chose
These most blessed ones.

Making known His hidden will
Proposed by Him alone.
The riches of His mercy still
For all our sins atone.

He works His Will, His counsel true
Salvation we obtain.
He soon will make all things anew
For our eternal gain.

Through the Spirit we are sealed
Our God we soon shall see.
From sin and death we’re surely healed
With Him we’ll ever be.

He works His Will, His counsel true
Salvation we obtain.
He soon will make all things anew
For our eternal gain.

For our eternal gain.
Amen!
Where He is Now

JOHN 14

Music by Jeff Lippencott • Lyrics by R.C. Sproul

No place is there for troubled hearts
Believe in God, also in Him.
All fear of death from us departs
Doubts removed remain so dim.

The Father’s house has ample room
He’d tell us if it were not true.
His bride hears from her sacred groom
Truth that stands for me and you.

Where He is now, we will be
Called away from earthly strife.
His legacy is one of peace
Salvation is the final gift.

Gone away to prepare a place
Our spirits still in silence groan.
The promise certain by His grace
Soon we’ll see our heav’nly home.

His glory we shall surely see
Through His gift, eternal life.
All troubled hearts will surely cease
Souls at once will soon uplift.

Where He is now, we will be
Called away from earthly strife.
His glory we shall surely see
Through His gift, eternal life!
The New Jerusalem

No raging sea, no falling tear. No death or sorrow is ever there.
Gone all pain and no more fear. No suff’ring we must bear.
The Alpha and Omega reigns
From the beginning to the end.
The fount flows free that we might gain
A Savior and a Friend.

No more sin and no more pain.
The curse is gone we bear no strife.

The new Jerusalem shall come
With heav’n and earth in view.
The saints will sing a glorious song
When Christ doth come anew.

The river pure, the spring of life.
Flows crystal clear from whence it came.

With streets of gold and pearls for gates.
A city now that stands four square.
His glory there will n’er abate
Beneath His tender care.

The new Jerusalem shall come
With heav’n and earth in view.
The saints will sing a glorious song
When Christ doth come anew.

The new Jerusalem shall come
With heav’n and earth in view.
The new Jerusalem shall come
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The new Jerusalem shall come
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The saints will sing a glorious song.
When Christ doth come
When Christ doth come
When Christ doth come anew!
The word *alleluia* or *hallelujah* is a transliteration of the Hebrew phrase יְהַלְלוּ יָה and means “praise Yah,” “Yah” being a short form of “Yahweh,” the covenant name of the God of Israel and Creator of all. The phrase appears frequently in the book of Psalms, where in English Bibles it is often translated as “Praise the Lord!” In some liturgical traditions, *alleluia* can also refer to a chant that combines the term with other biblical verses for use in worship.

Praise expresses deep appreciation and is a response of gratefulness for goodness and mercy. As God is the fount of all goodness and mercy, He deserves our highest and most unreserved praise. To proclaim “Alleluia” is to acknowledge that the Lord has done good to His people and is deserving of all the honor we can give Him.
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