

Isaiah 51: 1-6 Everlasting Salvation for Zion

51 “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD:

Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn;

² look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth.

When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many.

³ The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD.

Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

⁴ “Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation:

Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations.

⁵ My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations.

The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies.

But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

1 Peter 1: 17-23

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. ²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. [\[a\]](#) ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24: 13-35 On the Road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles [\[a\]](#) from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹ “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” ²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” ³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a-gain: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
 Let prais-es fill the sky: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be-fore his throne re-joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con-de-scend;
 On heav-en's bliss-ful shore his good-ness we'll a-dore,

praise is his gra-cious choice: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
 his love shall nev-er end: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
 sing-ing for-ev-er-more: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

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 MUSIC: Spanish folk melody; arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. David Evans, 1927
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In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) F (Em) Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o-dy;
 3 In our end is our be-gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i-ty;

(A7) (D) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter-flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be-liev-ing; in our life, e-ter-ni-ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
 F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter-y,
 In our death, a res-ur-rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to-ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
 Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning." Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

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260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al-le-lu-ia! Sing to Je-sus; his the scep-ter, his the
 2 Al-le-lu-ia! Not as or-phans are we left in sor-row
 3 Al-le-lu-ia! Bread of an-gels, here on earth our food, our
 4 Al-le-lu-ia! King e-ter-nal, Lord om-nip-o-tent we

throne; Al-le-lu-ia! his the tri-umph, his the vic-to-
 now; Al-le-lu-ia! he is near us; faith be-lieves nor
 stay; Al-le-lu-ia! here the sin-ful flee to you from
 own; Al-le-lu-ia! born of Mar-y, earth your foot-stool,

ry a-lone! Hark! The songs of peace-ful Zi-on
 ques-tions how. Though the cloud from sight re-ceived him,
 day to day. In-ter-ces-sor, friend of sin-ners,
 heaven your throne. As with-in the veil you en-tered,

thun-der like a might-y flood: "Je-sus out of
 when the for-ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for-
 earth's re-deem-er, hear our plea where the songs of
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev-ery na-tion has re-deemed us by his blood."
 get his prom-ise: "I am with you ev-er-more?"
 all the sin-less sweep a-cross the crys-tal sea.
 priest and vic-tim in the eu-cha-ris-tic feast.