

### **Hymn No. 663 – “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”**

1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
your daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay your morning sacrifice.

3 Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
all I design or do or say,  
that all my powers, with all their might,  
in your sole glory may unite.

2 Lord, I my vows to you renew.  
Disperse my sins as morning dew;  
guard my first springs of thought and will,  
and with yourself my spirit fill.

### **“As Each New Horizon Beckons”**

As each new horizon beckons,  
May it challenge them anew,  
Children of creative purpose,  
Helping others love the Lord.  
May their dreams prove rich with promise,  
Each endeavor well begun.  
Great creator, give them guidance,  
Till their lives and yours are one.

### **Hymn No. 343 “Where Cross the Crowded Way of Life”**

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

4 The cup of water given for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view  
the sweet compassion of your face.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.

5 O Master, from the mountainside,  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide;  
O tread the city's streets again;

3 From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from human grief and burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
your heart has never known recoil.

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heaven above  
shall come the city of our God.

### **Hymn No. 609 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### Hymn No. 319 “Rise Up Men of Faith and Sing”

1 Men of faith, rise up and sing  
of the great and glorious King.  
You are strong when you feel weak;  
in your brokenness, complete.

2 Rise up, women of the truth.  
Stand and sing to broken hearts  
who can know the healing power  
of our awesome King of love.

3 Rise up, church, with broken wings;  
fill this place with songs again  
of our God who reigns on high;  
by God’s grace again we’ll fly.

Chorus:  
Shout to the north and the south;  
sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all,  
Lord of heaven and earth.

Bridge:  
We’ve been through fire;  
we’ve been through rain;  
we’ve been refined by the power of your name.  
We’ve fallen deeper in love with you.  
You’ve burned this truth on our lips.

### Colossians 2:2-23

I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God’s mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I am saying this so that no one may deceive you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations, ‘Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch’? All these regulations refer to things that perish with use; they are simply human commands and teachings. These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-imposed piety, humility, and severe treatment of the body, but they are of no value in checking self-indulgence.

### **Matthew 9:9-13**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'