

Hymn No. 452 – “Open The Eyes of My Heart”

1 Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you;

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Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you;

I want to see you;

to see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love
as we sing “Holy, holy, holy.”

Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy,

I want to see you.

Hymn No. 487, verse 2 “These Treasured Children”

2 Our ancient story we shall tell,

till these our children know it well

within their souls and minds and hearts,

for this is where their journey starts.

Hymn No. 686 “God of Our Life”

1 God of our life, through all the circling years,
we trust in thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
thy hand we see.

With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand.

With us abide.

Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land.

Be thou our guide.

With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

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.

3 God of the coming years, through paths
unknown

we follow thee.

When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.

Our refuge be.

Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have
sped.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Hymn “Here is Bread, Here is Wine”

Here is bread, here is wine
Christ is with us, he is with us
Break the bread, drink the wine
Christ is with us here

In this bread there is healing
In this cup there’s life forever
In this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here

Here is grace, here is peace
Christ is with us, he is with us
Know his grace, find his peace
Feast on Jesus here

Here we are, joined in one
Christ is with us, he is with us
We’ll proclaim, till he comes
Jesus crucified

Hymn No.748 “Go with Us, Lord”

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.’ Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.’ And the Lord said, ‘Take a heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.” Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do;

and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.