

**Hymn No. 31 – “Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”**

1 Let us with a gladsome mind  
praise the Lord who is so kind:  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

2 God, with all-commanding might,  
filled the new-made world with light:  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

**Hymn No. 108 – “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”**

1 Of the Father's love begotten,  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega;  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!

2 By his Word was all created;  
he commanded; it was done:  
heaven and earth and depths of ocean,  
universe of three in one,  
all that sees the moon's soft shining,  
all that breathes beneath the sun,  
evermore and evermore!

3 O, that birth forever blessed  
when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bore the Savior of our race,  
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore!

**Hymn No. 609 “Praise to God the Father”**

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!

3 All things living God does feed;  
with full measure, meets their need:  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

4 Let us with a gladsome mind  
praise the Lord who is so kind:  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

4 This is he whom seers in old time  
chanted of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word.  
Now he shines, the long-expected.  
Let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore!

5 O ye heights of heaven, adore him.  
Angel hosts, his praises sing.  
Powers, dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent;  
every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore!

6 Christ, to thee with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
and unwearied praises be.  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
and eternal victory,

## Hymn No. 71 “Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”

Refrain:

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and God will be my Savior.

1 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing

from the springs of salvation

and on that day you shall say,

“Give thanks to the Lord

and call upon God’s name.”

(Refrain)

2 Make God’s deeds known among the peoples;

see that they remember that the Lord is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord,

for God has done great things

and this is known in all the world.

(Refrain)

3 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion;

ring out your joy,

for the great one in the midst of you

is the Holy One of Israel.

(Refrain)

### Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, ‘In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?’ And Moses said, ‘When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.’

Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.”’ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.”’

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.’

### Matthew 20:1-16

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You

also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’