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"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts
with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name."



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PREFACE.

The desire of the Publishing House has been to combine in PRAISE AND THANKS, convenience in size, reasonableness in price, and a sufficient number and variety of hymns to make a book available and satisfactory for our YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHRISTIAN UNION. This desire we feel has been met in the book now issued. If, in years to come, there should be an emphatic call for another volume, similar in plan and purpose, the Publishing House would consider the publication of PRAISE AND THANKS, number two.

We count ourselves happy in this opportunity of publicly expressing our thanks to the following friends for assistance cheerfully and generously rendered: to Mr. Leo R. Lewis, to whose supervision has been submitted all contributions of original music; to Mr. Flint M. Bissell for information as to authorship of hymns; to Rev. Messrs. E. J. Felt, C. R. Tenney, L. E. Pease and L. Weston Attwood, for introductory services and prayers; for cordial permission accorded us by Rev. Drs. Edwin P. Parker and J. E. Rankin and Rev. Theodore C. Williams, for use of their compositions. We appreciate also the interest of our young people evidenced in their preparation and contribution of music and words for the completion of the book.

That these hymns may sing themselves into the hearts of our young people, and that the sentiments therein expressed may be manifested in nobler and more truly Christian lives is the sincere wish of the Editor,

GRACE F. WHITE.

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PRAISE AND THANKS.

OPENING SERVICE.

Singing *of several hymns.*

Responsive Reading.

ALL.—Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the heavens. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained, what is man, that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases: who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

LEADER.—I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Then one of them asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Singing.

(The regular service following.)

CLOSING SERVICE.

Singing.

Responsive Reading.

ALL.—And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship, and their father, and followed him.

LEADER.—Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly.

The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.

CONSECRATION SERVICE.

Singing *of several hymns.*

Responsive Reading.

LEADER.—Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

ALL.—How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy day.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one: as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us.

Reading of Scripture lesson *by the Leader.*

Prayer *by the Leader.*

Singing.