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O be joyful in the Lord. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with a song.—PSALM C.

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PREFACE TO BOOK OF SERVICES.

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THESE services have been prepared at the request of the Young People's Religious Unions for their use, and that of churches. In large part they have been compiled from existing sources too numerous to specify. Acknowledgments are, however, due to Revs. William C. Gannett, R. Crompton Jones, F. L. Hosmer, C. F. Dole, W. H. Pulsford, and Thomas Van Ness for valuable suggestions and helps.

As in many of the Young People's Religious Societies the liturgical readings constitute in large part the exercises at their devotional meetings, the services have been purposely made of considerable length. They may, however, be easily briefened by omitting one or more sections of the order given. In a few instances a service has been arranged to cover more than one topic and use; e.g., "Character and Conduct," "Purity and Temperance," "Nationality and Humanity."

It is hoped that these services may be freely selected from rather than too closely followed, and that they may be supplemented with other liturgical material chosen from Scripture, literature, and song. Thus monotony will be avoided, and fresh life imparted to the worship.

The selections in poetry and prose from great writers will, it is hoped, lend additional interest to the service, and furnish seed-germs for thought and discussion at the meetings. The credos and covenant introduced will be to many, we are confident, a desirable feature. Their use is, of course, entirely optional.

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FIRST SERVICE.—WORSHIP.

I. HYMN.

II. INVITATION TO WORSHIP.

[Leader reads one or more of the following or other selections.]

Oh, be joyful in the Lord. Serve him with gladness. Come before his presence with a song. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is from everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Lo! God is here, let us adore And humbly bow before his face. Let all within us feel his power, Let all within us seek his grace.

It is good to pray unto God, for his sorrowing children

Turns he ne'er from the door; but he heals and helps and consoles them.

It is good to pray when all things are prospering with us;

For do ye know one blessing that comes not from Heaven? Tegner.

Oh! sweeter than the marriage feast,

Oh! sweeter than the marriage fe 'Tis sweeter far to me, To walk together to the church With a goodly company!

To walk together to the church, And all together pray, While each to his great Father bends, Old men and babes, and loving friends, And youths and maidens gay.

S. T. Coleridge.

The Christian congregation, the most beneficent of human institutions, the best guardian of the sanctities of life, and the asylum of its sweetest affections.

Come into this place with worship of the soul, to elevate the spirit to God.

Come to worship in spirit and in truth, offering an enlightened homage such as is due to the Fountain of intelligence and truth.

Come to worship with the heart as well as with the intellect, with life, with fervor, with zeal.

Come to worship with strong conviction, with living faith in a higher presence than meets the eye, with a feeling of God's presence not only around you, but in the depths of your souls.

Come to worship with a filial spirit, with humble, cheerful, boundless trust, with overflowing gratitude, with a love, willing and earnest to do and suffer whatever may approve your devotion to God.

Dr. W. E. Channing.

III. Address.

[Leader reads; all standing.]

The heavenly Father, in whose presence we now stand, is always more ready to hear than we to pray; nor does anything hide him from us but the veil of our imperfect and earthly mind. And since the better hopes of every willing heart are from him, let us inwardly pray for the grace of a humble and holy spirit, that for a little while we may be alone with him; and, as Jesus, his beloved son, went up into the mountain to pray, so we may