

## **A Selection of Canticles**

### **1. Song of Christ's Glory**

- 1 Christ Jesus was in the form of God, ♦  
but he did not cling to equality with God.
- 2 He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, ♦  
and was born in our human likeness.
- 3 Being found in human form he humbled himself, ♦  
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
- 4 Therefore God has highly exalted him, ♦  
and bestowed on him the name above every name,
- 5 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, ♦  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;
- 6 And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is  
Lord, ♦  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Philippians 2.5–11*

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

### **2. Great and Wonderful**

- 1 Great and wonderful are your deeds, ♦  
Lord God the Almighty.
- 2 Just and true are your ways, ♦  
O ruler of the nations.
- 3 Who shall not revere and praise your name, O  
Lord? ♦  
for you alone are holy.
- 4 All nations shall come and worship in your  
presence: ♦  
for your just dealings have been revealed.

*Revelation 15.3, 4*

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦  
be blessing and honour and glory and might,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **3. Bless the Lord**

- 1 Blessed are you, the God of our ancestors, ♦  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 2 Blessed is your holy and glorious name, ♦  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 3 Blessed are you, in your holy and glorious temple, ♦  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 4 Blessed are you who look into the depths, ♦  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 5 Blessed are you, enthroned on the cherubim, ♦  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 6 Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, ♦  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

7 Blessed are you in the heights of heaven, ♦  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

*The Song of the Three 29–34*

Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

#### **4. Saviour of the World**

1 Jesus, Saviour of the world,  
come to us in your mercy: ♦

we look to you to save and help us.

2 By your cross and your life laid down,  
you set your people free: ♦

we look to you to save and help us.

3 When they were ready to perish, you saved your  
disciples: ♦

we look to you to come to our help.

4 In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our  
chains, ♦

forgive the sins of all your people.

5 Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty  
deliverer; ♦

save and help us that we may praise you.

6 Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus: ♦  
hear our prayer and be with us always.

7 And when you come in your glory: ♦  
make us to be one with you

and to share the life of your kingdom.

## **5. Venite (Prayer Book version)**

1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord :

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :  
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God :  
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth :  
and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it :  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship, and fall down :  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God :  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of  
his hand.

[8 Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts  
:

as in the provocation,

and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

9 When your fathers tempted me :  
proved me, and saw my works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation,  
and said :

It is a people that do err in their hearts,  
for they have not known my ways.

11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath :  
that they should not enter into my rest.]

*Psalm 95*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

## **6. A Song of Humility**

- 1 Come, let us return to the Lord ♦  
who has torn us and will heal us.
- 2 God has stricken us ♦  
and will bind up our wounds.
- 3 After two days, he will revive us, ♦  
and on the third day will raise us up,  
that we may live in his presence.
- 4 Let us strive to know the Lord; ♦  
his appearing is as sure as the sunrise.
- 5 He will come to us like the showers, ♦  
like the spring rains that water the earth.
- 6 'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you? ♦  
How shall I deal with you, O Judah?
- 7 'Your love for me is like the morning mist, ♦  
like the dew that goes early away.
- 8 'Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets, ♦  
and my judgement goes forth as the light.
- 9 'For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice, ♦  
and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.'

*Hosea 6.1–6*

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and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.