

Hymn Cycle, November 23, 2024

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! SDA Hymnal #27, st. 1-2 (Marion)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King

Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days

Repeat chorus

The Lord Is My Light, #515, st. 1-2 (Bischoff)

The Lord is my light; then why should I fear?
By day and by night His presence is near
He is my salvation from sorrow and sin
This blessed persuasion the Spirit brings in

Chorus: The Lord is my light, my joy, and my song
By day and by night He leads me along
The Lord is my light, my joy, and my song
By day and by night He leads me along

The Lord is my light; though clouds may arise
Faith, stronger than sight, looks up to the skies
Where Jesus forever in glory doth reign
Then how can I ever in darkness remain?

Repeat chorus

For the Beauty of the Earth, #565, st. 1, 3 (Dix)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our grateful song of praise

For the gift of Thy dear Son, For the hope of heaven at last
For the Spirit's victory won, For the crown when life is past
Lord of all, to Thee we raise Songs of gratitude and praise

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, #524, st. 1, 3 (Kirkpatrick)

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord"

Chorus: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him; How I've proved Him
O'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life, and rest, and joy, and peace

Repeat chorus

To God Be the Glory, SDA Hymnal #341, st. 1, 3 (Doane)

To God be the glory, great things He hath done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

Chorus 1: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the So
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see

Repeat chorus

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712

1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,

to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live,
to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.

so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God's own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.

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