

## **SONG OF BENEDICTION**

The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.  
Shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom.

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## **YOU STRENGTHEN ME**

Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens;  
You have done great things, O God, who is like you?  
You have shown me troubles,  
But you will restore my life  
And raise me up again  
From the depths of the earth.

CHORUS:

You strengthen me  
More and more;  
You enfold and strengthen me;  
You strengthen me.

Therefore I will praise you on the lyre  
For your faithfulness, O God.  
I will sing to you on the harp, O Holy One of Israel.  
My lips will sing with joy  
When I play to you  
And so will my soul  
Which you have redeemed.

CHORUS

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**HOW GREAT IS YOUR GOODNESS, O LORD!**

CHORUS:

How great is your goodness, O Lord!  
Which you have laid up for those who fear you,  
Which you have done in the sight of all  
For those who put their trust in you.

Blessed be the Lord!  
For he has shown, he has shown me  
The wonders of his love  
In a besieged city.

CHORUS

Interlude I

O love the Lord,  
All you who worship him;  
The Lord protects the faithful  
O love the Lord.

CHORUS

Interlude II

Be strong and let your heart,  
Let your heart take courage.  
All you who wait for the Lord,  
All who wait for the Lord.

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**THEREFORE MY HEART IS GLAD**

I said to the Lord, "Thou art my Lord;  
I have no good beside Thee."  
As for the saints who are in the earth,  
They are the ones in whom I delight.

CHORUS:

Therefore my heart is glad  
Therefore my heart is glad  
And my glory rejoices;  
My flesh will dwell securely  
My flesh will dwell securely  
Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices.

I have set the Lord continually before me  
Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.

CHORUS

Thou wilt make known to me the pathway of life;  
And in Thy presence  
Is fulness of joy and pleasures forevermore,  
Forevermore.

CHORUS

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**BECAUSE HE KNOWS MY NAME**

CHORUS:

Because he is bound to me in love,  
Because he is bound to me in love,  
Therefore will I deliver him;  
Therefore will I protect him,  
Because he knows my Name.

He shall call upon me;  
I will answer him;  
I am with him in trouble,  
Because he knows my Name.

CHORUS

I will rescue him;  
I will bring him to honor.  
I will satisfy him,  
Because he knows my Name.

CHORUS

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**FEAR NOT, FOR I AM WITH YOU**

Fear not, for I am with you,  
Be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you,  
I will help you.

I am the Lord, I have called you  
In righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand  
And kept you.  
Fear not, for I've redeemed you;  
I have called you by name,  
You are mine.  
I will be with you.

I, I am He  
Who blots out your transgressions  
For my own sake,  
I won't remember your sins.

Fear not, nor be afraid;  
Have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
Is there a God besides me?  
I know not any.

Fear not, for I am with you,  
Be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you,  
I will help you.

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## **TASTE AND SEE**

*for Kathy and Eden*

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
Happy are they who trust in him!  
Fear the Lord you that are his saints,  
For those who fear him lack nothing.

### CHORUS:

Come, children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Come, children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you.  
The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,  
And his ears are open to their cry.  
The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them

And delivers them from all their troubles.

## CHORUS

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
And will save those whose spirits are crushed.  
The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,  
And none will be punished who trust in him.

## CHORUS

Taste and see, taste and see, taste and see the Lord.  
Happy are we, happy are we, happy are we  
Who trust in the Lord.

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## **HE REMEMBERS**

*we are but dust*

As a father cares for his children,  
So does the Lord care for us.  
For he himself knows  
Whereof we are made;  
He remembers  
We are but dust.

## CHORUS:

He remembers we are but dust  
He remembers we are but dust  
He remembers we are but dust  
Bless the Lord.

The merciful goodness of the Lord  
Endures forever on those who fear him.  
Goodness on those who keep his covenant  
And obey his commands.

## CHORUS

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O how our Father cares for us!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O how his mercy ever endures.

## CHORUS

### Interlude

All you angels, bless the Lord.  
All you hosts, bless the Lord.  
All you works, bless the Lord,  
O my soul.

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## **MY MERCIFUL GOD**

My eyes are fixed on you, O my Strength, on you;  
For you, O God, are my stronghold, my God.

### CHORUS:

My merciful God comes to meet me;  
God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.  
I will sing of your strength;  
I will celebrate your love in the morning.

For you have become my stronghold, O God,  
O, a refuge in the day of my trouble, O God.

## CHORUS

To you, O my Strength, will I sing, to you;  
For you, O God, are my stronghold and my merciful God.

## CHORUS

In the morning,  
In the morning.

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## PRAYER FOR HEALING

*(Triune Healer)*

May God the Father bless you,  
God the Son heal you,  
God the Holy Spirit give you strength.  
May God the Holy and undivided Trinity  
guard your body, save your soul,  
bring you safely to his home in heaven;  
where he lives, lives and reigns  
forever and ever. Amen. Amen.

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## LONG MAY HE LIVE!

For he shall deliver the poor who cry out in distress,  
And he shall have pity on the lowly, the poor and needy.

CHORUS:

Long may he live!

Long may he live!

And may we bless him all the day long.



And may his name forever remain.  
And may we bless him all the day long.

Yes, he shall defend the needy among the people,  
And he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

CHORUS:

Long may he live! (*my Redeemer!*)  
Long may he live! (*my Deliverer!*)  
*Etc.*

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
He shall come like showers, like showers that water the earth.

CHORUS

Redeemer,  
Deliverer,  
my Jesus.

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## **SONG OF INCARNATION**

We give thanks to you, O God,  
for the goodness and love  
which you have made known  
to us in creation;  
in the calling of Israel  
to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word

CHORUS:

Word made flesh, Jesus,  
Word made flesh, Jesus,  
Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days  
you sent him to be  
incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

CHORUS

In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand,  
to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

CHORUS

Jesus, your Son.

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**CREATE IN ME**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,  
Take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me  
The joy of your salvation.  
Restore unto me  
Your joy unto me

And renew a right spirit within me.

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## **GOD GIVE YOU PEACE**

*for John*

God give you peace, overflowing peace  
Give Him your fear, He'll give you sweet release.  
God give you peace, unfailing peace  
Peace in your heart, from the start, today.

God give you grace, amazing grace!  
Grace in the night, grace in the day, always.  
God give you grace, unfailing grace  
Strength-giving grace, whatever you face, today.

God give you hope, beautiful hope!  
Hope in the night, hope in the day, always.  
God give you hope, life-giving hope  
Hope that sets free to live courageously.

God give you life, abundant life  
Life in His Son, the Holy One, the Christ.  
God give you life, eternal life  
Turn to Him now, surrender your sin and strife

And He'll give you peace, overflowing peace  
Just like a flood, through the blood of Jesus.  
God give you peace, unfailing peace  
Peace in your heart, from the start, today.

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## **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

God bless you, God bless you, God bless you. Amen.

Give you grace . . .

Give you strength . . .

Restore your hope . . .

Keep you safe . . .

Hear our prayer . . .

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