

191. Easter 3, Misericordias Domini – I

Lord Jesus, let us be found among Your people. Amen.

John 10:11–16 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But he who is a hireling and not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.”

Certainly He laid down His life for us. We certainly belonged to Him before, but we had sold ourselves to the devil. So He wanted to buy us back with His life and blood, the precious Lord and Savior, so that we are now His own, as a dearly-bought and special possession. But who are His sheep? He gave His life for *all* as a ransom price, so it follows that all could be His sheep. But are they? O, many do not want to and do not gather into His fold. In our Gospel He names two things which show who are His. The one is that they *know* Him, the second that they *hear His voice*.

1) If you do not know Him, then you are not His sheep. There is an intimate knowledge between Him and them, just as between the Father and Him. Isn't this extremely important and extremely glorious? “I know My own,” He says: “and am known by My own, just as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father.” What friendship, what fellowship! He knows them by name, knows their condition and trouble, their sorrow and love and pain, knows each of them as if they were His only one, and He understands them better than they understand themselves. And the sheep know the Lord in faith. They do not see Him, but they know Him. They know Him better than any other for they experience in their heart that He is love, mercy, and life itself, holy and just, great and mighty, patient and faithful with all that their hearts need. They do not know the whole depth of His nature and they do not know the full greatness of His grace, nor do they all know Him equally well, but all of them know Him as their Lord and God and entrusting themselves to Him and depending on Him completely. It is not an outward fleeting friendship, but a daily, continual, intimate association, a fellowship of life and heart in spirit and in truth. O they do not come far, before they have tested His kindheartedness, His faithfulness, and patience so often that they indeed can say they know Him, and in truth they must say that He surpasses all knowledge.

2) The second is that they *hear His voice* and *are gathered by Him*. The sheep follow the Shepherd and obey Him: Jesus' sheep come to Him and let themselves be counseled by Him, be admonished and comforted and instructed by Him and they gather together where His Word is. If you do not rejoice in Jesus' Word, then surely you are not His sheep. If you are not concerned about following Him and doing His pleasure, then you are not His sheep. If you do not have joy in those who have their joy in Him, then you are not His sheep. — But come, He calls to you and wants to receive you.

Lord Jesus, great Shepherd of the soul, You alone can save us from the wolf and from death. Let us be Yours, and do not deliver us over to our foolishness. Call us to Yourself and keep us on Your path. Amen.

You found a flock so wild and stray,
In doubt and danger weeping,
And of Your grace You built for aye
A sheep-fold for our keeping.

Thereto You called us, one and all,
And would us soon deliver
From Satan, sin, and death's dark call,
And from God's wrath forever.

I saw with joy, when thus I came,
Your Word's most precious center:
That You, God's sinless, spotless Lamb
Were the true door to enter.

The Holy Spirit keeps the door
For poor and rich together,
And, willing, opens wide the door
For those the Lord will gather.

*Kingo: O Sjøle Hyrde Gud og Mand L 372:6-9 tr. DeGarmeaux; tune: Jeg ved et evigt Himmerig (LHy 523);
alternate hymn: Jesus shall reign ELH 193*

192. Easter 3, Misericordias Domini – II

Lord, lead us into Your sufferings. Amen.

1 Peter 2:21–25 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: “Who committed no sin, nor was guile found in His mouth;” who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

You who are converted to the Lord, are called to *suffer*. He left us the example of suffering, in which we should walk, and not elsewhere. It is hard for the flesh, but what is hard for the flesh is exactly what is good for the spirit. — Really there are two kinds of suffering. Jesus suffered *patiently and quietly*. Only in this way is His suffering holy. But if we are to be able to do it, above all we must know and believe *the grace in Christ's suffering*. He suffered for our sins, not for His own, yet He murmured not. How much more should we, who have deserved suffering, endure it and be still! His *example* is striking, but that alone does not give us the strength. There is something else with His suffering which gives us strength to follow Him in it. “He bore our sins in His own body on the tree,” He took away our guilt since He suffered our punishment. Therefore our suffering, when we believe on Him, is not the suffering of punishment under the scourge of judgment, but the suffering of chastisement by the Father's rod. Understand this: it is bitterness that especially tempts us to be impatient. Away with it! And instead let there be a spiritual sweetness in suffering. But He also took away the power of sin, He offered Himself with our sin on Himself, His pure fire of holy love which consumed Him burned up our sin so that in Christ you are dead to sin, and alive in righteousness. His wounds are your healing. Faith knows this mystery and possesses this grace.

Such Christians can demonstrate the power of Christ's suffering. But most who call themselves Christians are such in name only and do not want to and cannot suffer as Christians. — It is *you* who shall suffer, you believers, who are converted to the Shepherd of your souls. You are called to suffer here. You shall suffer patiently and praise God and thereby show the genuineness of your Christianity!

God, grant us grace to suffer and give thanks for it. Amen.

Upon the cross Thou offrest Him,
Nails, spear, deep wounds bestowing;
Thou slaught'rest Him e'en as a lamb,
His soul and veins are flowing;
From veins it is the crimson flood
Of His most holy, precious blood,
From soul His mighty sighing,
O dearest Lamb, what shall I do
To show Thee my devotion true
For such great good supplying?

Of death I am no more afraid,
New life from Thee is flowing;
Thy cross affords me cooling shade
When day's hot sun is glowing.
When by my grief I am oppressed,
On Thee my weary soul shall rest
And o'er grief's ills so conquer.
And when beneath life's stormy woe
My ship is driven to and fro,
So art Thou then my Anchor.

Gerhardt: A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth L 305:4.9 ELH 331:4.9 tune: An Wasserflüssen Babylon

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193. Easter 3, Misericordias Domini – Monday

God, bless Your Word in our hearts. Amen.

Psalm 23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

It was in one of the happy times of his life that David wrote this psalm. The child of God has many dark hours, but the light always breaks through again for the upright. The heart's strings are stretched so that it seems they will break, but it is done so that the songs of joy afterward may sound pure and clear. Here the Holy Spirit plays a glorious song of praise on the psalmist's heart-strings.

The Lord, strong and faithful, is Israel's Shepherd. If you truly believe, then you are included here. He cares for you with every good so that you shall not want: He *feeds you, restores you, leads you, comforts you, defends you*. He can and He will do it. You are His *dearly-bought* sheep.

1) By the Gospel and the forgiveness of sins He feeds and nourishes your soul, and with the blessing of bread He sustains your body. His Word and grace are the beautiful pastures. 2) When it is necessary and good for you, He will give you great happiness and let you taste some of heaven's joy. You receive quiet hours during the struggle, and physical balm in the heat of the strife at the waters under Elim's palms (Exodus 15:27). These are the still waters. 3) He continually draws you back when you want to go astray into sin and unbelief. He keeps you in fear and chastity, guides you, reminds and comforts and instructs you with His Spirit, so that you never walk alone. You would soon run into misfortune, but He limits it for you with tribulations and leads you on the paths of righteousness. It is certain, according to the name He has made for Himself by eternal revealing His nature in His

works until this day (Isaiah 63:12). 4) The path goes through the valley of the cross. Each of God's people will taste pain and need. Much weakness they have to bear, and many temptations rush in against them. They would soon give up if He did not comfort them with His rod and staff. But when they can say: "You are with me," then they pass through the darkness without despairing; evil can never overtake them. 5) What may the mightiest foes do against *Jesus'* sheep? Their Shepherd is a wall of fire around them, within which they are safe from all danger. There they sit, eating and drinking from a cup that overflows, their heads anointed with the oil of gladness. "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength" [*Isa 30:15*]. Happy are *Jesus'* sheep! Pure goodness follows you. You are an heir of life in the house of the Lord forever.

Lord Jesus, let me be one of Your sheep. I am one! Alleluia! Amen. You bought me and baptized me and drew my heart to You.

Thou art my host; for me, Thy guest,
A table Thou providest.
Though foes be near, I am at rest;
Thou still with me abidest.
With oil anointest Thou my head;
On me Thy blessing rich is shed,
My cup with bliss o'erfloweth.

Thy goodness and Thy mercy, Lord,
Shall follow me, attending
The days Thou dost to me afford,
Until they reach their ending:
Thereafter shall I in Thy love
Dwell in Thy house in heaven above
Forever and forever.

Arrebo: The Lord my faithful Shepherd is L 374:5-6 ELH 368:5-6 tr. C. Døving; tune: Es ist gewisslich

194. Easter 3, Misericordias Domini – Tuesday

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock! [Psa 80:1]

Ezekiel 34:11–16 For thus says the Lord God: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord God. "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."

Everywhere we hear that the Lord has mercy on the poor, but confounds the proud, and His whole life in His humiliation shows us the same thing. Hear this, you poor sinners, who are scattered and chased by the devil. *Jesus* Himself stands in the midst and says: "I, yes, I will search for My sheep and seek them out." The places to which you are scattered are prisons of sin: Zacchaeus let himself be drawn and carried away into greed, the woman of Sychar into unchastity, Saul into self-righteousness, the prodigal son into high living, Onesimus into false freedom. Proud and earthly shepherds really help as

servants of the devil, the Pharisees in Israel and the worldly priests of all ages. Woe to them, for the Lord will demand His sheep from their hand.

Jesus *Himself* looks for you, you poor confused soul! You are His possession. The devil has no right to you, even if you deliver yourself to him. For Jesus has redeemed you with His blood, you are His. He looks for each individual, for every single one with the Savior's longing love. You, He is searching for you to draw you to Himself in the good sheep-fold. He cares for you as one who is lost, leads the scattered back, binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. Not a single one, not the least one does He forget. When you feel unrest in your conscience because of your sin and fear of death and judgment, it is the Shepherd's voice, which calls for you and draws you. Answer Him, *turn your heart to Him, and pray to Him for grace for true repentance*. But come, O come, you straying soul!

“Gather, Jesus, gather Your sheep, those who go scattered here and there. O gather them, each and every one, into the real sheep-fold. Feed them in fair pastures. And set them free from the wolf!” Amen.

I must lament that oft of late
From Eden's perfect gladness
I wander in bewildered state
Into the narrow darkness.

There Satan subtly lies in wait
With deadly poisoned arrow;
There sin and ev'ry evil trait
No rest will let me borrow.

My Jesus never me deceives,
But teaches me most duly;
Into His Church He me receives
And is Himself the doorway.

There freely I go out and in
And find my soul's refreshment;
There heav'nly feasting shall begin
And sin give no enjoyment.

*Kingo: Nu ved jeg Vei til Himmerig L 373:3-6 tr. DeGarmeaux; tune: Jeg ved et evigt Himmerig (LHy 523);
alternate hymn: O Lord, who in Thy love divine ELH 505:1.4*

195. Easter 3, *Misericordias Domini* – Wednesday

*O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine,
And we shall be saved! Amen. [Psa 80:7]*

John 10:23–30 And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, “How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one.”

Just as all who have child-like faith are enlightened to know the Lord, so we who are converted can say that all who are enlightened to know Jesus also believe in Him. We have a Savior who is Truth and Love itself. If you see Him with the eye of the spirit and hear His voice with the heart, then He wins you, and you entrust yourself into His hand with confidence and love for Him. When people do not believe in Jesus, it is because

they do not know Him and do not hear His voice. He is irresistible to our heart when the darkness of unbelief does not hide Him from us. O that all would open their eyes and see the Lord, listen with their ears and hear His voice, open their heart and receive the precious Savior! Then they would experience that He is the gentle Giver of life, the eternal God, one with the Father, great in power, mighty to save us. But you who believe in Him, you His sheep, listen! Hear His voice, and follow Him! When the devil entices you with evil lusts and worldly seduction, then heed the Shepherd's admonishing voice. Remember His life and words in His humility, and do not let yourselves be enticed, but deny and reject the devil. Your soul still remains restless with temptations to sin and unbelief, but with the Word and Sacrament He gives you comfort and peace and powerfully exhorts you to love and good works. Every voice of comfort in your heart, every encouragement within you, every desire and power to do good is His voice. It is there in the external Word, which the Spirit takes and causes to sound in your ear. Nothing holy in you is of the flesh. Your new life is created by His Word and lives and moves in and from that Word. Thus you follow Him, thus He saves you. *"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."* How He wants to make our hope of salvation strong and alive! But this is still not enough for our poor, wavering hearts, so He adds: *"My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one."* Then shouldn't Jesus' sheep be *fully assured* of inheriting eternal life?

Lord, almighty and faithful God, let us be found among Your sheep. Draw us after You and confirm our hearts in faith in You until the end. Bless Your sheep, good Shepherd! We pray You earnestly, draw us after You, and never let us go. Amen.

And if I ever go astray,
My wayward soul He turneth,
To save the lost, to guide the way,
For this He ever yearneth;
He leadeth me, my soul to bless
In His own path of righteousness
For His name's sake and glory.

Why should I ever fear, O Lord,
Whilst Thee I have beside me?
Thou by Thy Spirit and Thy Word
Dost comfort and dost guide me.
In death's dark vale I'll fear no ill,
For Thou, O Lord, art with me still,
Thy rod and staff shall stay me.

Arrebo: The Lord my faithful Shepherd is L 374: 3-4 ELH 368:3-4 tr. C. Døving; tune: Es ist gewisslich

196. Easter 3, Misericordias Domini – Thursday

"God the Holy Spirit, send down love burning in our hearts." Amen.

1 Peter 5:1–5 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by constraint but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Those whom God established as elders and overseers in the congregations, namely bishops and pastors and tested laymen, shall “shepherd the flock of God.” This pastoral call is glorious, but filled with great responsibility, for they will give account to the Lord for the souls, to Him who bought them with His blood. Love is the great Prince to whom everyone and everything belongs, and love alone is the real Shepherd of souls. Hirelings do not have hearts for the sheep. When God made us overseers of the flock and gave us love for His sheep, then these are our heart’s own. Then we willingly have supervision with them and tend them with joy and gladness as Jesus Christ’s beloved and dearly-bought souls. If in faith we know His suffering, and in hope His glory, then we love Him and we love the souls He redeemed with His blood and entrusted to our care. But how rare they are, such elders, who do not look for gain, but only for what is best for the flock and with self-denial gladly offer everything for the eternal well-being of the Church! They are their leaders, but not their lords. They are God’s servants, they have their office from Him, but they serve the congregation and are consumed with its edification. They go ahead of the people in every good work and lead them in the fight against deceit and sin, but they consider themselves the least and set a good example of meekness for all. God grant us such shepherds of souls! But let the congregations not put themselves in the judgment seat over the pastors we have! Let them submit to the elders, for they are in God’s stead.

Note God’s Word: “*Submit yourselves to your elders,*” and “*be clothed with humility!*” Pray heartily about this for one another! We have grace for this in God’s Word and promises. Make use of this grace. Each day become less in your own eyes! O how this is needed in our time! Pride and lust for power now rush in on us as never before. *All of you, be submissive to one another, all of you, and be clothed with humility, adorn yourselves with humility!* Let this be done! Let it be done for Jesus’ sake! Only in this way can we come to wear the imperishable crown of glory.

Give us Your Holy Spirit for this, merciful God. Pour out Christ’s love in our hearts and give us His gentle attitude. Amen.

Come, ye Christians, brave the weather,
Courage take from God above,
Like a phalanx stand together,
Being one in faith and love.
Keep ye Jesus ever near
And His holy name revere,
Help and strengthen one another
Ev’ry selfish thought to smother.

It is time we should be starting,
Death is swiftly drawing nigh;
Time, that we should be departing
For a place with Christ on high.
Take His cross and start today,
All who dare not risk delay;
Come while yet the chance is given,
Who will join the throng to heaven?

*Brorson: Hvo vil med til Himmerige L 461:8-9 HCH 174:4-5 tr. P. C. Paulsen;
tune: Freu dich sehr (ELH 593 or use HCH 174); alternate hymn: I know that my Redeemer ELH 373*

197. Easter 3, Misericordias Domini – Friday

Isaiah 40:9–11 O Zion, you who bring good tidings, get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, you who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not

afraid; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.

God wants this to be shouted aloud in the world: “Behold your God!” so that people should wake up and take note of the Lord’s work. For their sleep is deep; Satan has anesthetized their souls. But God’s Word is powerful to wake them. Lift up your voice, you who bring good tidings to Zion, you servants of the Lord, climb up high, and cry out over the cities. Don’t be afraid, for the message you bring is good, better than Jonah’s in Nineveh.¹ You have to proclaim the victory of the Stronger over the strong [*Luk 11:22*] and the salvation of souls by His mighty arm. Jesus has conquered the devil, and behold, here He is with the reward He won: life and salvation for us lost souls. Wake up, people, and see Him. He leads death and hell captive in His triumph and goes forth to extend His kingdom over all the earth. Wake up, He has already brought the work of life to your heart, the miracle of regeneration and sanctification.

The people He won and owns, He tends to with great care. He feeds, heals, leads, and carries them with a faithful shepherd’s love. The weak lambs He gathers in His arm and carries them in His bosom. Do you hear it, poor sinners? In the Lord’s arm and bosom, your place is by Jesus’ heart. That’s where you should be, — not under the devil’s feet! But those who serve Him in the Church by feeding and tending His lambs, can especially count on His leadership, for it says in particular: “He shall lead those who are with young.” — Gloriously and well He does it for His own. He uses His great power in the service of His eternal love for their salvation. Their names are inscribed on His hands with the nails of the cross [*Isa 49:16*]. O how zealous He is for their salvation! Lift up your voice with strength, and let your good message be heard in all the world! Do not be afraid and do not be ashamed, but by God’s power suffer evil for the sake of the Gospel.

Lord Jesus, make Your witnesses brave and zealous, and give them power to lift up their voice over the cities of Judah, so that those who sleep are wakened, and the faithful are strengthened. We thank You for Your heavenly Shepherd’s care for us unworthy souls, and we know that according to Your promise You will defend us and sustain us. Praised be Your name! Amen.

Shepherd of souls, true God and Man,
Who can Your love e’er fathom,
Which must be praised in ev’ry land,
By faithful and by heathen?

You had the rule of heaven fair
As heritage and treasure;
How can the whole world e’er compare
To glory without measure?

You were Your Father’s joy for aye
And now become our Savior;
You came to earth a while to stay,
And Satan’s pow’r must waver.

¹ Jonah’s message to Nineveh: “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown” (Jon 3:4).

The greatest joy You ever took
In leading us to freedom
From sin and Satan's heavy yoke
Into Your blessed kingdom.

Our flesh and blood You did put on,
A Servant's form then wearing,
Both pain and death You've undergone,
With us Your glory sharing.

I know the way to heaven's cheer
From which I ne'er must wander,
You are the Way, sweet Jesus, dear,
I follow You with wonder.

*Kingo: O Sjæle Hyrde Gud og Mand L 372:1-5; Nu ved jeg Vei til Himmerig 373:1 tr. DeGarmeaux;
tune: Jeg ved et evigt Himmerig (LHy 523); alternate hymn: Jesus, I my cross have taken ELH 424:2*

198. Easter 3, Misericordias Domini – Saturday

Psalm 100 Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

Here three things are named which should make us a people of thanksgiving and songs of praise. 1) The Lord our God is *the true God*; besides Him there is no God. He is the One we should fear, love, and trust from our whole heart. He is Lord over all creation; the gods of the heathen are nothing. Shouldn't we who know Him make a joyful noise to Him and let the voice of joy be heard in all the world? Isn't it great joy to know the only true God and to have Him as the God of our heart? 2) This great joy we have *only by His grace*. "He made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture." We would wander in a strange land as servants, and feed ourselves with scraps like swine [Luk 15:16], if He had not lifted us out and led us into His courts, the Holy Christian Church. Against our own will He brought us out of lust's satanic, bewitching land, and led us onto the living pasture of His mercy. 3) And this His mercy is *everlasting*. Every moment we enjoy it. Unceasingly we live by His love, and this shall never end. As little as we can go without air for our physical life, so little can we go without His mercy for either our spiritual or physical life. We live and move and have our being in God's love [Act 17:28], and we can rest assured that this will last forever! When we no longer enjoy it in faith, then we will enjoy it at the Church's heavenly wedding feast. "Up then, you believers, the chosen of the Lord, know the Father's loving mind, in your heart confidently calling Him Abba [Father (Rom 8:15)]. Draw Him closer in your arms, thank Him for the immeasurable honor of being His sons and daughters!"

Shout aloud in all the world, with the voice of joy and gladness, that the Lord is God, the source of goodness and life, so that it resounds all around, so that all people may thank Him and bless His name!

Grant us grace, our God, that we may praise You "here in time and hereafter in eternity."² Loose our tongues to give You thanks, and let Your great and gracious name be known and praised in all the world. Amen.

² The phrase "here in time and hereafter in eternity" comes from Luther's *Small Catechism* on the Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer.

Now praise the Lord's great name
And give the honor due Him;
Peoples of ev'ry name,
You Gentile hosts, come to Him!
Great is His gracious hand,
By mercy we are blest;
His truth shall ever stand,
In this world and the next.

Alleluia to Him
The whole world now is singing;
All nations come to Him,
Their praise and Amen bringing.
Alleluia for peace
And our salvation free!
His kingdom grants release
Now and eternally!

*Landstad: Nu lover Herrens Navn L 545 [Psa 117] tr. DeGarmeaux; tune: Nun danket alle Gott (ELH 63);
alternate hymn: Ye lands, to the Lord ELH 56*