

It is God that girded me with strength and made my way plain.

Thou gavest me the shield of Thy protection, Thy right hand held me up, and Thy goodness made me great.

Thou hast delivered me from the assaults of nations ; Thou hast saved me from the violence of men.

Thou hast delivered me from my enemies, yea, Thou hast lifted me up above my adversaries.

The Lord is the living God ; blessed be my rock ; exalted be the God of my salvation !

Therefore will I give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to Thy name.

Great deliverance giveth He to His people, and showeth mercy to His anointed, to Israel His servant for ever, Hallelujah !

## THANKSGIVING.

### *LIV. Thanksgiving for Liberty.*

#### PSALM 107.

*M.* O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good ; for His mercy endureth for ever !

*C.* Let the redeemed of the Lord say it, whom He hath redeemed from the hands of the enemy ;

Whom He hath gathered from the lands, from the east, the west, the north and the south.

They were wandering in the wilderness, in a desert, they found no way to a city to dwell in.

They were hungry and thirsty, and their souls  
fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and  
He delivered them out of their distress.

He led them in a straight way, till they came to a  
city where they might dwell.

O let them praise the Lord for His goodness, for  
His wonderful works to the children of men !

For He satisfieth the thirsty, and the hungry He  
filleth with good.

They dwelt in darkness and the shadow of death,  
being bound in affliction and iron ;

Because they disobeyed the commands of God, and  
contemned the will of the Most High ;

Their hearts he brought down by hardship ; they  
fell down and there was none to help.

But they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He  
saved them out of their distresses ;

He brought them out of darkness and the shadow  
of death, and brake their bands asunder.

O let them praise the Lord for His goodness, for  
His wonderful works to the children of men !

For He hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the  
bars of iron asunder.

Let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and  
declare His works with joy !

Whoso is wise, let him observe this, and have re-  
gard to the lovingkindness of the Lord !

*L V. The God of Salvation.*

## PSALM 68.

- M.* Let God arise, and His enemies are scattered, and they who hate Him flee before Him !
- C.* But the righteous are glad and rejoice in His presence, yea, they exult exceedingly.
- Sing unto God ; sing praises to His name ! prepare a way for Him ; be joyful in His presence !
- The Father of the fatherless, and the protector of the widow, is God in His holy habitation.
- God causeth the forsaken to dwell in security ; He leadeth forth to prosperity them that are bound.
- O God ! when Thou didst go before Thy people, when Thou didst march through the wilderness, The earth quaked, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God.
- Yon Sinai trembled at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- Thou, O God ! didst send a plentiful rain ; Thou didst strengthen Thy wearied inheritance.
- Thy people established themselves in the land ; Thou, O God ! in Thy goodness, didst prepare it for the needy !
- Praised be the Lord daily ! when we are heavy-laden, the Mighty One is our help.
- Our God is a God of salvation ; from the Lord, our God, cometh deliverance of death.
- Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, scatter Thou the nations that delight in war !
- Ye kingdoms of the earth, sing unto God ; sing praise to the Lord ;

Give glory to God, whose majesty is in Israel, and  
 whose might is above the clouds !  
 Powerful art Thou, O God ! from Thy sanctuary !  
 the God of Israel giveth strength and power to  
 His people.  
 Praised be God !

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*LVI. The Joy of Harvest.*

PSALMS 65 and 67.

- M.* To Thee belongeth trust, to Thee praise, O God in  
 Zion ! and to Thee shall the vow be performed !
- C.* O Thou that hearest prayer ! to Thee shall all flesh  
 come and worship !  
 Happy is he whom Thou choosest, and bringest  
 near Thee, to dwell in Thy courts !  
 May we be satisfied with the blessings of Thy house,  
 Thy holy temple !  
 By wonderful deeds dost Thou answer us in Thy  
 goodness, O God, our salvation !  
 Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth  
 and of the most distant seas !  
 Thou makest fast the mountains by Thy power,  
 being girded with strength !  
 Thou stillest the roar of the sea, the roar of its waves,  
 and the tumult of the nations.  
 They who dwell in the ends of the earth are awed  
 by Thy signs ;  
 Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and of  
 the evening to rejoice !  
 Thou visitest the earth and waterest it ; Thou en-  
 richest it exceedingly ; the river of God is full  
 of water.

Thou suppliest the earth with corn, when Thou  
hast thus prepared it.

Thou waterest its furrows, and breakest down its  
ridges; Thou makest it soft with showers,  
and blessest its increase.

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness; Thy  
footsteps drop fruitfulness;

They drop it upon the pastures of the plains, and  
the hills are girded with gladness.

The pastures are clothed with flocks, and the valleys  
are covered with corn; they shout, yea, they  
sing for joy.

O God! be merciful to us, and bless us, and cause  
Thy face to shine upon us!

That Thy doings may be known on earth, and Thy  
saving power to all the nations.

Let the nations praise Thee, O God! yea, let all  
the nations praise Thee!

For the earth has yielded her increase, and God,  
our Lord hath blessed us.

May God continue to bless us, and may all the ends  
of the earth fear Him!

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*LVII. Hymn of Thanksgiving.*

PSALM 136.

*M.* O give thanks to the Lord! for He is kind; for His  
goodness endureth for ever!

*C.* O give thanks to the God of heaven; for His good-  
ness endureth for ever!

O give thanks to the Lord of lords; for His good-  
ness endureth for ever!

- To Him that alone doeth great wonders ; for His  
goodness endureth for ever !
- To Him that made the heavens with wisdom ; for  
His goodness endureth for ever !
- To Him that spread out the earth upon the waters ;  
for His goodness endureth for ever !
- To Him that made the great lights ; for His good-  
ness endureth for ever !
- The sun to rule the day ; for His goodness endureth  
for ever !
- The moon and stars to rule the night ; for His  
goodness endureth for ever !
- To Him that smote the Egyptians ! for His good-  
ness endureth for ever !
- And brought Israel from the midst of them ; for  
His goodness endureth for ever !
- With a strong hand and an outstretched arm , for  
His goodness endureth for ever !
- To Him who led His people through the wilder-  
ness ; for His goodness endureth for ever !
- Who remembered us in our low estate ; for His  
goodness endureth for ever !
- And redeemed us from our enemies ; for His good-  
ness endureth for ever !
- Who giveth food unto all ; for His goodness endur-  
eth for ever !
- O give thanks to the God of heaven ; for His  
goodness endureth for ever !