
Ode 13: Sing Halleluiah

composed by N. Perkins & L. Thomson

1 Look! The Lord is our mirror,
Open your eyes and see them in him.
2 Learn the manner of your faces,
And announce to his Spirit, praises.
Wipe the dirt from your faces.
Love the Lord's holiness and put it on.
3 Then you will not, at any time, be
blemished in front of him.
Halleluiah

Ode 14: Teach Me the Songs of Your Truth

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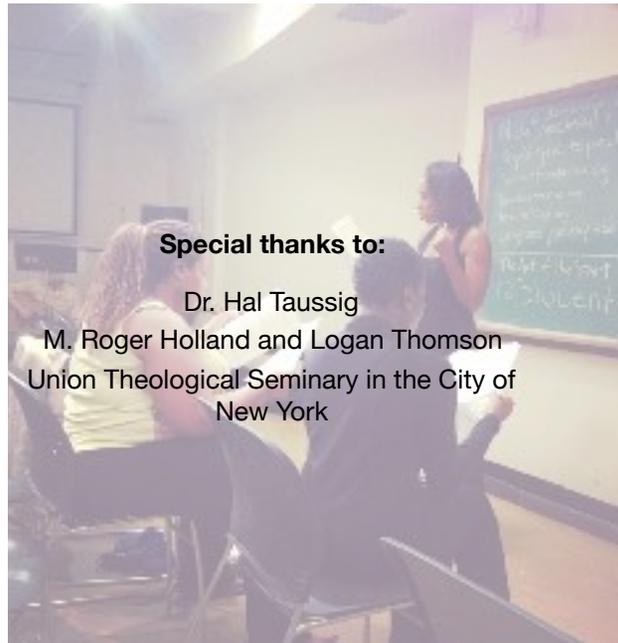
1 As the eyes of a child upon its father,
So are my eyes, Lord, toward you at all times,
2 Because my breasts and my pleasure are with
you.
3 Lord, do not withdraw your mercies from me,
And do not snatch away your sweetness from
me.
4 My Lord, extend your Right Hand to me
always,
And be a caretaker for me until the end,
according to your desire.
5 Let me be beautiful before you, because I have
praised you;
Because of your name, let me be freed from
the Evil One.
7 And Lord, let your serenity remain with me,
Along with the fruits of your love.
8 Teach me the songs of your truth,
So that I may produce fruits in you.
And open the lyre of your holy Spirit to
me,

So that I may proclaim you in every
note.
9 So according to the multitude of your mercies,
Grant such to me, and hurry to grant
our requests.
10 For you are able to do all things that
we need.
Halleluiah

Ode 27: Open Your Hearts

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1 I stretched out my hands
And sanctified my Lord,
2 Because the extension of my hands
Is his sign
3 And my stretching
Is the cross that is raised up.
Halleluiah



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Ode 5

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- 1 Lord, I profess you
Because I love you
- 2 Most High, do not abandon me,
Because you are my hope.
- 3 I have freely received your kindness,
May I be kept alive by it.
- 4 My tormentors will come; do not let
them see me.
- 5 Let a cloud of darkness fall over their
eyes,
And a vapor of dark mist eclipse
them.
- 6 And let there be no light for them, by
which they might see
So that they will not seize me.
- 7 Let their mind become swollen,
And let whatever they have devised
return upon their heads.
- 8 Truly they have devised a judgment,
But it was not for them [to do].
- 9 They prepared themselves wickedly,
And they were found empty.
- 10 Indeed my hope is upon the Lord,
I will not fear
- 11 And because the Lord is my
redemption,
I will not fear,
- 12 And his is as a crown upon my head,
I will not be moved.
- 13 And even if everything else should be
shaken,
I will stand.
- 14 If whatever is visible should perish,
I will not die,
- 15 Because the Lord is with me,
And I am with him.

Ode 6: Happy Are the Ministers

composed by N. Perkins & L. Thomson

- 1 As the wind passes through the lyre,
The strings speak,
- 2 So also the spirit of the Lord speaks through my
members,
And I speak through his love.
- 3 For he ruins whatever is rejected,
Yet everything is of the Lord.
- 4 Indeed it was so from the beginning,
And [will be] until the end.
- 5 So that nothing will be hostile,
And nothing will rise up against him.
- 6 The Lord increased his knowledge
He was eager that those things which have been
given to us through his kindness be known.
- 7 And he gave his glory to us, on account of his
name.
Our spirits praise his holy Spirit.
8. For a stream went out, and became river, great
and broad.
Truly it flooded everything, broke it up, and
brought it to the Temple.
- 9 Neither were the impediments of humanity able to
dam it,
Nor the skills of those who usually restrain
waters.
- 10 For it came over the whole far of the earth,
And filled everything.
- 11 All of the thirsty ones upon the earth drank,
And the thirst was diminished and quenched.
- 12 The drink was given from the Most High
- 13 Therefore, **happy are the ministers of that
drink**
Those who have been trusted with his
waters.
- 14 They revived dry lips,
And raised the broken will.
- 15 And the lives that were near passing
away,
They held back from death.

- 16 And the members that have fallen,
They have set right and sustained.
- 17 They gave strength to their coming,
And light for their eyes,
- 18 Because everyone recognized them in
the Lord,
And they lived in the living water of eternity.
Halleluiah

Ode 8: Open Your Hearts

composed by N. Perkins, R. Holland, & G. Gordon

- 1 Open; open your hearts to the dancing joy
of the Lord
And let your love abound from heart to lips:
- 2 In order to bring forth fruits for the Lord, a
holy life,
And to speak with attention in his light.
- 3 Stand and be restored,
All you who were once flattened.
- 4 Speak, you who were silent,
Because your mouth has been opened.
- 5 From now on be lifted up, you who were
destroyed
Since your justice has been raised.
- 6 For the Right Hand of the Lord is with you
all,
And she will be a help for you.
- 7 Peace was prepared for you,
Before what may be your war.
[Christ speaks]