

# CONFESSING THE FAITH



## Chapter 1: Of the Holy Scriptures

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# CONFERENCE VISION & PURPOSE

We aim to improve our understanding of the historical context and theological content of the Westminster, Savoy, Second London, and Belgic Confessions of Faith, which we believe to be an accurate summary statement of the chief doctrines of the Christian religion.

The purpose is to:

1. Support reformed pastors and elders in orthodox understanding of our confession;
2. Give an opportunity for church leaders and congregants to access in-person advanced learning and take a deep dive into confessional theologies;
3. Promote unity among our local reformed congregations by fostering collegial relations



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Day 1: 26 April	Session Time (PST)	Title	Presenter
	1 - 2 PM	Registration	
	<b>2:00 PM Welcome and Key Information for the Conference</b>		
	2:15 PM	Confessing our Faith: An Engaging Overview of the Second London Confession of Faith	Jim Renihan
	<b>3:00 PM BREAK #1</b>		
	3:15 PM	Unveiling the Heart of the Bible: Jesus Christ as the Scope of Scripture	Richard Barcellos
	<b>4:00 PM BREAK #2</b>		
	4:15 PM	Upholding the Truth: A Robust Defense of the Scriptures	Jim Renihan
	<b>5:00 PM DINNER - FRC &amp; FGBC</b>		
	7:00 PM	Fostering Brotherhood: The Uniting Power of our Reformed Confessions	Jim Renihan
Day 2: 27 April	Session Time (PST)	Title	Presenter
	8:30 AM	Investigating the Inspired Word: Confessional Guidelines for Scripture Interpretation	Richard Barcellos
	<b>9:15 AM BREAK #1</b>		
	9:30 AM	Interpreting the Sacred Text: Further Explorations in Scripture Interpretation	Richard Barcellos
	<b>10:15 AM BREAK #2</b>		
	10:30 AM	Q&A and Panel Discussion	
	12:00 PM	End of Conference	



# HYMN 403. GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

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1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove;  
who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring,  
showing that the Lord is near;  
thus deriving from their banner  
light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which he gives them when they pray.

4 Savior, if of Zion's city  
I, thro' grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name;  
fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know. AMEN

**TUNE: AUSTRIAN HYMN**

# SPEAKERS

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# FULL CONFESSIONS



SECOND LONDON BAPTIST CONFESSION (1689)



WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH (WCF)



BELGIC CONFESSION OF FAITH (BCF)



WCF/1689/BELGIC SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON



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# Confession Comparison

- 1689 London Baptist Confession (2LBC)
- 1646 Westminster Confession (WCF)
- 1561 Belgic Confession (BCF)



Side by side comparison provided by James N. Anderson

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## 1646 Westminster Confession

1. Chapter I Of the Holy Scripture
2. Chapter II Of God, and of the Holy Trinity
3. Chapter III Of Gods Eternal Decree
4. Chapter IV Of Creation
5. Chapter V Of Providence
6. Chapter VI Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, and the Punishment thereof
7. Chapter VII Of Gods Covenant with Man
8. Chapter VIII Of Christ the Mediator
9. Chapter IX Of Free Will
10. Chapter X Of Effectual Calling
11. Chapter XI Of Justification
12. Chapter XII Of Adoption
13. Chapter XIII Of Sanctification
14. Chapter XIV Of Saving Faith
15. Chapter XV Of Repentance unto Life
16. Chapter XVI Of Good Works
17. Chapter XVII Of the Perseverance Of the Saints
18. Chapter XVIII Of Assurance Of Grace and Salvation
19. Chapter XIX Of the Law Of God
20. Chapter XX Of Christian Liberty, and Liberty Of Conscience
21. Chapter XXI Of Religious Worship, and the Sabbath Day
22. Chapter XXII Of Lawful Oaths and Vows
23. Chapter XXIII Of the Civil Magistrate
24. Chapter XXIV Of Marriage and Divorce

## 1561 Belgic Confession

- Article 1: The Only God
- Article 2: The Means by Which We Know God
- Article 3: The Written Word of God
- Article 4: The Canonical Books
- Article 5: The **Authority** of Scripture
- Article 6: The Difference Between Canonical and Apocryphal Books
- Article 7: The Sufficiency of Scripture
- Article 8: The Trinity
- Article 9: The Scriptural Witness on the Trinity
- Article 10: The Deity of Christ
- Article 11: The Deity of the Holy Spirit
- Article 12: The Creation of All Things
- Article 13: The Doctrine of God's Providence
- Article 14: The Creation and Fall of Man
- Article 15: The Doctrine of Original Sin
- Article 16: The Doctrine of Election
- Article 17: The Recovery of Fallen Man
- Article 18: The Incarnation
- Article 19: The Two Natures of Christ
- Article 20: The Justice and Mercy of God in Christ
- Article 21: The Atonement
- Article 22: The Righteousness of Faith
- Article 23: The Justification of Sinners
- Article 24: The Sanctification of Sinners
- Article 25: The Fulfillment of the Law
- Article 26: The Intercession of Christ



- 25. Chapter XXV Of the Church
- 26. Chapter XXVI Of the Communion Of Saints
- 27. Chapter XXVII Of the Sacraments
- 28. Chapter XXVIII Of Baptism
- 29. Chapter XXIX Of the Lord's Supper
- 30. Chapter XXX Of Church Censures
- 31. Chapter XXXI Of Synods and Councils
- 32. Chapter XXXII Of the State Of Men after Death, and Of the Resurrection Of the Dead
- 33. Chapter XXXIII Of the Last Judgment

- Article 27: The Holy Catholic Church
- Article 28: The Obligations of Church Members
- Article 29: The Marks of the True Church
- Article 30: The Government of the Church
- Article 31: The Officers of the Church
- Article 32: The Order and Discipline of the Church
- Article 33: The Sacraments
- Article 34: The Sacrament of Baptism
- Article 35: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- Article 36: The Civil Government
- Article 37: The Last Judgment

### LBCF - Chapter 1: Of the Holy Scriptures

1. The Holy Scripture is the only sufficient, certain, and infallible rule of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience, although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God and his will which is necessary unto salvation. Therefore it pleased the Lord at sundry times and in divers manners to reveal himself, and to declare that his will unto his church; and afterward for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the church against the corruption of the flesh, and for the church against the corruption of the flesh, and

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### BCF - Article 2: The Means by Which We Know God

We know him by two means:

First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe, since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book in which all creatures, great and small, are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God: his eternal power and his divinity, as the apostle Paul says in Romans 1:20. All these things are enough to convict men and to leave them without excuse. Second, he makes himself known to us more openly by his holy and divine Word, as much as we need in this life, for his glory and for the salvation of his own.

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**2.** Under the name of Holy Scripture, or the Word of God written, are now contained all the books of the Old and New Testaments, which are these:

**OF THE OLD TESTAMENT:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I Samuel, II Samuel, I Kings, II Kings, I Chronicles, II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, The Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

**OF THE NEW TESTAMENT:** Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, The Acts of the Apostles, Paul's Epistle to the Romans, I Corinthians, II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians, I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, The Epistle to the Hebrews, The Epistle of James, The First and Second Epistles of Peter, The First, Second, and Third Epistles of John, The Epistle of Jude, The Revelation

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**OF THE NEW TESTAMENT:** The Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, The Acts of the Apostles, Paul's Epistles to the Romans, I Corinthians, II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians, I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, The Epistle to the Hebrews, The Epistle of James, The First and Second Epistles of Peter, The First, Second, and Third Epistles of John, The Epistle

#### **Article 4: The Canonical Books**

We include in the Holy Scripture the two volumes of the Old and New Testaments. They are canonical books with which there can be no quarrel at all.

In the church of God the list is as follows: In the Old Testament, the five books of Moses-- Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy; the books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth; the two books of Samuel, and two of Kings; the two books of Chronicles, called Paralipomenon; the first book of Ezra; Nehemiah, Esther, Job; the Psalms of David; the three books of Solomon-- Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song; the four major prophets-- Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel; and then the other twelve minor prophets-- Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.

In the New Testament, the four gospels-- Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; the Acts of the Apostles;

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the fourteen letters of Paul-- to the Romans; the two letters to the Corinthians; to the Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians; the two letters to the Thessalonians; the two letters to Timothy, to Titus, Philemon, and to the Hebrews; the seven letters of the other apostles-- one of James; two of Peter; three of John; one of Jude; and the Revelation of the apostle John.

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### Article 6: The Difference Between Canonical and Apocryphal Books

We distinguish between these holy books and the apocryphal ones, which are the third and fourth books of Esdras; the books of Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Jesus Sirach, Baruch; what was added to the Story of Esther; the Song of the Three Children in the Furnace; the Story of Susannah; the Story of Bell and the Dragon; the Prayer of Manasseh; and the two books of Maccabees.

The church may certainly read these books and learn from them as far as they agree with the canonical books. But they do not have such power and virtue that one could confirm from their testimony any point of faith or of the Christian religion. Much less can they detract from the authority of the other holy books.

4. The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed, dependeth not upon the testimony of any man or church, but wholly upon God (who is truth itself), the **author** thereof; therefore it is to be received because it is the Word of God.

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### Article 3: The Written Word of God

We confess that this Word of God was not sent nor delivered by the will of men, but that holy men of God spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit, as Peter says,<sup>1</sup>

Afterwards our God-- because of the special care he has for us and our salvation-- commanded his servants, the prophets and apostles, to commit this revealed Word to writing. He himself wrote with his own finger the two tables of the law.

Therefore we call such writings holy and divine Scriptures. <sup>1</sup>1 2 Pet. 1:21

5. We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the church of **God** to an high and reverent esteem of the Holy Scriptures; and the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, **and** the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of the only way of man's salvation, and many other incomparable excellencies, and entire perfections thereof, are arguments whereby it doth abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God; yet notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth, and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.

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### Article 5: The Authority of Scripture

We receive all these books and these only as holy and canonical, for the regulating, founding, and establishing of our faith.

And we believe without a doubt all things contained in them-- not so much because the church receives and approves them as such but above all because the Holy Spirit testifies in our hearts that they are from God, and also because they prove themselves to be from God.

For even the blind themselves are able to see that the things predicted in them do happen.



6. The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down or necessarily contained in the Holy Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelation of the Spirit, or traditions of men. Nevertheless, we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word, and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.

6. The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men. Nevertheless we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word; and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and the government of the Church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.

7. All things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all; yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed and observed for salvation, are so clearly propounded and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of ordinary means, may attain to a sufficient understanding of them.

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### Article 7: The Sufficiency of Scripture

We believe that this Holy Scripture contains the will of God completely and that everything one must believe to be saved is sufficiently taught in it. For since the entire manner of service which God requires of us is described in it at great length, no one-- even an apostle or an angel from heaven, as Paul says--<sup>2</sup> ought to teach other than what the Holy Scriptures have already taught us. For since it is forbidden to add to or subtract from the Word of God,<sup>3</sup> this plainly demonstrates that the teaching is perfect and complete in all respects.

Therefore we must not consider human writings-- no matter how holy their authors may have been-- equal to the divine writings; nor may we put custom, nor the majority, nor age, nor the passage of time or persons, nor councils, decrees, or official decisions above the truth of God, for truth is above everything else.

For all human beings are liars by nature and more vain than vanity itself.

Therefore we reject with all our hearts everything that does not agree with this infallible rule, as we are taught to do by the apostles when they say, "Test the spirits to see if they are of God;"<sup>4</sup> and also,

8. The Old Testament in Hebrew (which was the native language of the people of God of old), and the New Testament in Greek (which at the time of the writing of it was most generally known to the nations), being immediately inspired by God, and by his singular care and providence kept pure in all ages, are therefore **authentic**; so as in all controversies of religion, the church is finally to appeal to them. But because these original tongues are not known to all the people of God, who have a right unto, and interest in the Scriptures, and are commanded in the fear of God to read and search them, therefore they are to be translated into the **vulgar** language of every nation unto which they come, that the Word of God dwelling plentifully in all, they may worship him in an acceptable manner, and through patience and comfort of the Scriptures may have hope.

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"If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house."<sup>^5 ^2 Gal. 18 ^3 Deut. 12:32; Rev. 22:18-19 ^41 John 4:1 ^5 2 John 10</sup>

**10.** The supreme judge, by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but **the Holy Scripture delivered by the Spirit, into which Scripture so delivered, our faith is finally resolved.**

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# PSALM 148B. HALLELUJAH, PRAISE JEHOVAH

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1 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
from the heavens praise his name;  
praise Jehovah in the highest,  
all his angels, praise proclaim.  
All his hosts, together praise him,  
sun and moon and stars on high;  
praise him, O you heav'ns of heavens,  
and you floods above the sky.

Refrain:

Let them praises give Jehovah,  
for his name alone is high,  
and his glory is exalted,  
and his glory is exalted,  
and his glory is exalted  
far above the earth and sky.

2 Let them praises give Jehovah,  
they were made at his command;  
them forever he established,  
his decree shall ever stand.  
From the earth O praise Jehovah,  
all you seas, you monsters all,  
fire and hail and snow and vapors,  
stormy winds that hear his call. [Refrain]

3 All you fruitful trees and cedars,  
all you hills and mountains high,  
creeping things and beasts and cattle,  
birds that in the heavens fly,  
kings of earth and all you people,  
princes great, earth's judges all,  
praise his name, young men and maidens,  
aged men and children small. [Refrain] AMEN.

**TUNE: PRAISE JEHOVAH**



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# HYMN 447 - CHRIST, OF ALL MY HOPES THE GROUND

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1 Christ, of all my hopes the ground,  
Christ, the spring of all my joy,  
still in you may I be found,  
still for you my pow'rs employ,  
still for you my pow'rs employ.

2 Let your love my heart inflame;  
keep your fear before my sight;  
be your praise my highest aim;  
be your smile my chief delight,  
be your smile my chief delight.

3 Fountain of o'erflowing grace,  
freely from your fullness give;  
'til I close my earthly race,  
may I prove it "Christ to live,"  
may I prove it "Christ to live."

4 Firmly trusting in your blood,  
nothing shall my heart confound;  
safely I shall pass the flood,  
safely reach Immanuel's ground,  
safely reach Immanuel's ground.

5 Thus, O thus, an entrance give  
to the land of cloudless sky;  
having known it "Christ to live,"  
let me know it "gain to die,"  
let me know it "gain to die." AMEN

**TUNE: HENDON**





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# HYMN 244 - A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

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1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing;  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

4 That Word above all earthly pow'rs,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever. AMEN

**TUNE: HENDON**



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# HYMN 243 - HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

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1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove  
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake." AMEN

**TUNE: FOUNDATION**

# HYMN 405 - I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD

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1 I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
the house of thine abode,  
the church our blest Redeemer saved  
with his own precious blood.

2 I love thy church, O God:  
her walls before thee stand,  
dear as the apple of thine eye  
and graven on thy hand.

3 For her my tears shall fall,  
for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be giv'n,  
'til toils and cares shall end.

4 Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heav'nly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
her hymns of love and praise.

5 Jesus, thou Friend divine,  
our Savior and our King,  
thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe  
shall great deliv'rance bring.

6 Sure as thy truth shall last,  
to Zion shall be giv'n  
the brightest glories earth can yield,  
and brighter bliss of heav'n. AMEN

**TUNE: ST. THOMAS**





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# PSALM 134 - COME, BLESS THE LORD WITH ONE ACCORD

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1 Come, bless the LORD with one accord,  
you faithful servants of the LORD,  
who in his house do stand by night,  
and praise him there with all your might.

2 Lift up your hands, in prayer draw nigh  
unto his sanctuary high;  
O bless the LORD, kneel at his feet,  
and worship him with rev'rence meet.

3 The LORD now bless you from above,  
from Zion in his boundless love;  
our God, who heav'n and earth did frame,  
blest be his great and holy name. AMEN

**TUNE: GENEVAN 134 (OLD HUNDREDTH)**

# PSALM 138B - WITH GRATEFUL HEART MY THANKS I BRING

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1 With grateful heart my thanks I bring,  
before the great your praise I sing;  
I worship in your holy place  
and praise you for your truth and grace;  
for truth and grace together shine  
in your most holy word divine,  
in your most holy word divine.

2 I cried to you, and you did save;  
your word of grace new courage gave;  
the kings of earth shall thank you, Lord,  
for they have heard your wondrous word;  
yea, they shall come with songs of praise,  
for great and glorious are your ways,  
for great and glorious are your ways.

3 O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,  
you reign above in heav'nly height;  
the proud in vain your favor seek  
but you have mercy for the meek;  
through trouble though my pathway be,  
you will revive and strengthen me,  
you will revive and strengthen me.

4 You will stretch forth your mighty arm  
to save me when my foes alarm;  
the work you have for me begun  
shall by your grace be fully done;  
your mercy shall forever be;  
O Lord, my Maker, think on me,  
O Lord, my Maker think on me. AMEN

**TUNE: SOLID ROCK**





# HYMN 431 - AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

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1 And can it be that I should gain  
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2 'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:  
who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]

3 He left his Father's throne above  
(so free, so infinite his grace!),  
humbled himself (so great his love!)  
and bled for all his chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee. [Refrain]

5 No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. [Refrain] AMEN

**TUNE: SAGINA**



# PSALM 99B - THE LORD GOD REIGNS IN MAJESTY

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1 The LORD God reigns in majesty;  
let all the nations quake.  
He dwells between the cherubim;  
let earth's foundations shake.  
Supreme in Zion is the LORD,  
exalted gloriously.  
All nations, praise his name with awe:  
the Holy One is he.

2 The mighty King loves justice well,  
and equity ordains;  
he rules his people righteously  
and faithfulness maintains.  
O magnify the LORD our God,  
let him exalted be;  
in worship at his footstool bow:  
the Holy One is he.

3 When priests and prophets called on God,  
he their petitions heard.  
His cloudy pillar led them on,  
and they obeyed his word.  
Tho' sending judgments for their sins,  
he pardoned graciously.  
Exalt the LORD and worship him:  
the Holy One is he. AMEN

TUNE: ELLACOMBE



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# HYMN 570 - DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below:  
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia! AMEN

**TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

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