

## God, We Praise You for the Morning

- 1 God, we praise you for the morning;  
hope springs forth with each new day,  
new beginning, prayer, and promise,  
joy in work and in play.
- 2 God, we praise you for creation,  
mountains, seas, and prairie land.  
Waking souls find joy and healing  
in your bountiful hand.
- 3 God, we praise you for compassion,  
all the loving that you show;  
human touching, tears, and laughter,  
help your children to grow.
- 4 God, we praise you for your Spirit,  
Comforter and daily friend,  
restless searcher, gentle teacher,  
strength and courage you send.
- 5 God, we praise you for the Saviour,  
come that we may know your ways.  
In his loving, dying, rising,  
Christ is Lord of our days.
- 6 Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
hallelujah, hallelujah!  
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Christ is Lord of our days!

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## Psalm 65

*Refrain:*  
*Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion.*

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Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be performed.

**You give heed to prayer; to you all mortals shall  
come.**

The burden of our sins is too great for us,  
**but you will purge them away. R**

Blessed are the people you choose  
and bring to dwell in your courts.

**We shall be filled with the blessings of your house,  
your holy temple.**

With awesome deeds you answer our prayers for  
deliverance,

O God our saviour -

**you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the far-off seas.**

By your strength you make fast the mountains,

**and gird yourself round with power.**

You still the raging of the seas,

**and the roaring of the waves, the tumult of the  
peoples.**

Those who dwell at earth's farthest bounds are awed  
by your wonders;

**the gateways of both morning and evening  
shout for joy. R**

You visit the earth and water it,  
**you make it very fruitful.**  
The waters of heaven brim over their banks,  
**providing us with grain,**  
**for so you have prepared the land,**  
drenching its furrows, settling its ridges,  
**softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**  
You crown the year with goodness,  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**  
The pastures of the wilderness abound with grass,  
**and the hills are girded with joy.**  
The fields are clothed with sheep;  
**the valleys are decked with wheat,**  
**so that they shout and sing for joy. R**

## **Touch the Earth Lightly**

- 1 Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
- 2 We who endanger, who create hunger,  
agents of death for all creatures that live,  
we who would foster clouds of disaster,  
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
- 3 Let there be greening, birth from the burning,  
water that blesses and air that is sweet,  
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete.
- 4 God of all living, God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,  
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,  
using us gently and making us one.

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