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psalms, concerning Me, must be fulfilled.*

Jesus Christ

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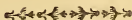
To the READER.

IT is acknowledged by the best judges of the sacred text, that the Book of Psalms, in its original dress, is a collection of the most elevated and sublime Compositions that are to be found in any language; and it has been often lamented, that so much of the piety, dignity, and poetic excellence of the original has been lost in all the attempts that have been yet made, to give us a literal translation of it in English verse. Many Christians have also wished to see the substance of this excellent Collection clothed in language more adapted to the brighter discoveries of the Gospel, and the state of the Christian worship; that they may be sung with understanding and devotion, and thereby contribute to the elevation and improvement of the Christian temper.— This has been happily executed by the learned and pious Dr. Watts, and the Psalms which he omitted have been supplied by Mr. Barlow, nearly in the same spirit and style, and all local references, which were found in Dr. Watts's Imitation, have been carefully altered, so as to render the Composition better adapted to the circumstances of Christians in every country.

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IMITATED IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE
NEW TESTAMENT.

P S A L M I. Common Metré.

The way and end of the righteous and the wicked.

- 1 **B**LESS'D is the man who shuns the place
Where sinners love to meet ;
Who fears to tread their wicked ways,
And hates the scoffer's seat ;
- 2 But in the statutes of the Lord
Has plac'd his chief delight ;
By day he reads or hears the word,
And meditates by night.
- [3 He, like a plant of generous kind
By living waters set,
Safe from the storms and blasting wind,
Enjoys a peaceful state.]
- 4 Green as the leaf, and ever fair,
Shall his profession shine ;
While fruits of holiness appear
Like clusters on the vine.
- 5 Not so th' impious and unjust ;
What vain designs they form !
Their hopes are blown away like dust,
Or chaff, before the storm.
- 6 Sinners in judgment shall not stand
Among the sons of grace,
When Christ, the judge, at his right hand
Appoints his saints a place.

- 7 His eye beholds the path they tread,
 His heart approves it well ;
 But crooked ways of finners lead
 Down to the gates of hell.

P S A L M I. Short Metre.

The saint happy, the sinner miserable.

- 1 **T**HE man is ever bless'd
 Who shuns the sinner's ways,
 Among their councils never stands,
 Nor takes the scorner's place ;
- 2 But makes the law of God
 His study and delight,
 Amidst the labours of the day,
 And watches of the night.
- 3 He like a tree shall thrive,
 With waters near the root :
 Fresh as the leaf his name shall live,
 His works are heav'nly fruit.
- 4 Not so th' ungodly race,
 They no such blessings find :
 Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff
 Before the driving wind.
- 5 How will they bear to stand
 Before that judgment-seat,
 Where all the saints at Christ's right hand
 In full assembly meet ?
- 6 He knows, and he approves,
 The way the righteous go ;
 But sinners, and their works, shall meet
 A dreadful overthrow.

P S A L M I. Long Metre.

The difference between the righteous and the wicked.

- 1 **H**APPY the man, whose cautious feet
 Shun the broad way that sinners go,
 Who hates the place where Atheists meet,
 And fears to talk as scoffers do.

- 2 He loves t' employ his morning-light
 Amongst the statutes of the Lord ;
 And spends the wakeful hours of night
 With pleasure, pond'ring o'er the word.
- 3 He, like a plant by gentle streams,
 Shall flourish in immortal green ;
 And Heav'n will shine with kindest beams
 On ev'ry work his hands begin.
- 4 But sinners find their councils cross'd ;
 As chaff before the tempest flies,
 So shall their hopes be blown and lost,
 When the last trumpet shakes the skies.
- 5 In vain the rebel seeks to stand
 In judgment with the pious race ;
 The dreadful judge, with stern command,
 Divides him to a diff'rent place.
- 6 " Strait is the way my saints have trode,
 " I bless'd the path, and drew it plain,
 " But you would chuse the crooked road,
 " And down it leads to endless pain."

P S A L M II. Short Metre.

Translated according to the divine pattern,
 Acts iv. 24, &c.

Christ dying, rising, interceding, and reigning.

[1 **M**AKER and sov'reign Lord
 Of heav'n, and earth, and seas,
 Thy providence confirms thy word,
 And answers thy decrees.

2 The things so long foretold
 By David, are fulfill'd ;
 When Jews and Gentiles join to slay
 Jesus, thine holy child.]

3 Why did the Gentiles rage,
 And Jews, with one accord,
 Bend all their counsels to destroy
 Th' Anointed of the Lord ?

- 4 Rulers and kings agree
 To form a vain design ;
 Against the Lord their pow'rs unite,
 Against his Christ they join.
- 5 The Lord derides their rage,
 And will support his throne ;
 He that hath rais'd him from the dead
 Hath own'd him for his Son.

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- 6 Now he's ascended high,
 To rule the subject earth ;
 The merit of his blood he pleads,
 And pleads his heav'nly birth.
- 7 Beneath his sov'reign sway
 The Gentile nations bend ;
 Far as the world's remotest bounds
 His kingdom shall extend.
- 8 The nations that rebel
 Must feel his iron rod ;
 He'll vindicate those honours well
 Which he receiv'd from God.
- [9 Be wise, ye rulers, now,
 And worship at his throne ;
 With trembling joy, ye people, bow
 To God's exalted Son.
- 10 If once his wrath arise,
 Ye perish on the place :
 Then blessed is the soul that flies
 For refuge to his grace.

P S A L M II. Common Metre.

- 1 **W**HY did the nations join to slay
 The Lord's anointed Son ?
 Why did they cast his laws away,
 And tread his gospel down ?

- 2 The Lord, that fits above the skies,
Derides their rage below,
He speaks with vengeance in his eyes,
And strikes their spirits through.
- 3 " I call him my eternal Son,
" And raise him from the dead ;
" I make my holy hill his throne,
" And wide his kingdom spread.
- 4 " Ask me, my Son, and then enjoy
" The outmost heathen lands :
" Thy rod of iron shall destroy
" The rebel that withstands."
- 5 Be wise, ye rulers of the earth,
Obey th' anointed Lord :
Adore the King of heav'nly birth,
And tremble at his word.
- 6 With humble love address his throne,
For if he frown ye die ;
Those are secure, and those alone,
Who on his grace rely.

P S A L M II. Long Metre.

Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension.

- 1 **W**H Y did the Jews proclaim their rage ?
The Romans why their swords employ
Against the Lord ? their powers engage
His dear Anointed to destroy ?
- 2 " Come, let us break his bands, they say :
" This man shall never give us laws :"
And thus they cast his yoke away,
And nail'd the monarch to the cross.
- 3 But God, who high in glory reigns,
Laughs at their pride, their rage controuls ;
He'll smite their heart with inward pains,
And speak in thunder to their souls.

- 4 " I will maintain the King I made
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 " My hand shall bring him from the dead,
 " And he shall stand your Sov'reign still."
- [5 His wondrous rising from the earth
 Makes his eternal Godhead known ;
 The Lord declares his heav'nly birth :
 " This day have I begot my Son.
- 6 " Ascend, my Son, to my right hand,
 " There thou shalt ask, and I bestow,
 " The utmost bounds of heathen lands ;
 " To thee their suppliant tribes shall bow."]
- 7 But nations that resist his grace
 Shall fall beneath his lifted rod ;
 His arm shall crush th' impious race
 That dare provoke th' avenging God.

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- 8 Now, ye that sit on earthly thrones,
 Be wise, and serve the Lord, the Lamb ;
 Now to his feet submit your crowns,
 Rejoice and tremble at his name.
- 9 With humble love address the Son,
 Lest he grow angry, and ye die :
 His wrath will burn to worlds unknown,
 His love gives life above the sky.
- 10 His storms shall quell the stubborn foe,
 And sink his honours in the dust ;
 Happy the souls their God that know,
 And make his grace their only trust.

P S A L M III. Common Metre.

*Doubts and fears suppressed ; or, God our defence from
 sin and Satan.*

- 1 **M**Y God, how many are my fears !
 How fast my foes increase !
 Conspiring my eternal death,
 They break my present peace.

- 2 The lying tempter would persuade
 There's no relief in Heav'n,
 And all my growing sins appear
 Too great to be forgiv'n.
- 3 But thou, my glory, and my strength,
 Shalt on the tempter tread,
 Shalt silence all my threat'ning guilt,
 And raise my drooping head.
- [4 I cry'd, and from his holy hill
 He bow'd a list'ning ear ;
 I call'd my Father, and my God,
 And he subdu'd my fear.
- 5 He shed soft slumbers on mine eyes,
 In spite of all my foes ;
 I 'woke, and wonder'd at the grace
 That guarded my repose.]
- 6 What though the hosts of death and hell,
 All arm'd, against me stood ;
 Terrors no more shall shake my soul ;
 My refuge is my God.
- 7 Arise, O Lord, fulfil thy grace,
 While I thy glory sing :
 My God has broke the serpent's teeth,
 And death has lost his sting.
- 8 Salvation to the Lord belongs,
 His arm alone can save :
 Blessings attend thy people here,
 And reach beyond the grave.

P S A L M III. ver. 1,—5, 8. Long Metre.

A morning psalm.

- 1 **O** LORD, how many are my foes,
 In this weak state of flesh and blood !
 My peace they daily discompose,
 But my defence and hope is God.

- 2 Tir'd with the burdens of the day,
 To thee I rais'd an ev'ning cry ;
 Thou heard'st when I began to pray,
 And thine almighty help was nigh.
- 3 Supported by thine heav'nly aid,
 I laid me down, and slept secure ;
 Not death should make my heart afraid,
 Tho' I should wake and rise no more.
- 4 But God sustain'd me all the night ;
 Salvation doth to God belong :
 He rais'd my head to see the light,
 And makes his praise my morning song.

PSALM IV. ver. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7. Long Metre.

*Hearing of prayer ; or, God our portion, and Christ
 our hope.*

- 1 **O** GOD of grace and righteousness,
 Hear and attend when I complain ;
 Thou hast enlarg'd me in distress,
 Bow down a gracious ear again.
- 2 Ye sons of men, in vain ye try
 To turn my glory into shame ;
 How long will scoffers love to lie,
 And dare reproach my Saviour's name ?
- 3 Know that the Lord divides his saints
 From all the tribes of men beside :
 He hears and pities their complaints,
 For the dear sake of Christ that died.
- 4 When our obedient hands have done
 A thousand works of righteousness,
 We put our trust in God alone,
 And glory in his pard'ning grace.
- 5 Let the unthinking many say,
 " Who will bestow some earthly good ?"
 But, Lord, thy light and love we pray ;
 Our souls desire this heav'nly food.

- 6 Then shall my cheerful pow'rs rejoice
 At grace divine, and love so great,
 Nor will I change my happy choice
 For all their wealth and boasted state.

PSALM IV. ver. 3, 4, 5, 8. Common Metre.

An evening psalm.

- 1 **L**ORD, thou wilt hear me when I pray ;
 I am for ever thine ;
 I fear before thee all the day,
 Nor would I dare to sin.
- 2 And while I rest my weary head,
 From cares and bus'ness free,
 'Tis sweet conversing on my bed
 With my own heart and thee.
- 3 I pay this ev'ning sacrifice ;
 And, when my work is done,
 Great God, my faith and hope relies
 Upon thy grace alone.
- 4 Thus, with my thoughts compos'd to peace,
 I'll give mine eyes to sleep ;
 Thy hand in safety keeps my days,
 And will my slumbers keep.

P S A L M V. Common Metre.

For the Lord's day morning.

- 1 **L**ORD, in the morning thou shalt hear
 My voice ascending high ;
 To thee will I direct my pray'r,
 To thee lift up mine eye.
- 2 Up to the hills where Christ is gone
 To plead for all his saints,
 Presenting at his Father's throne
 Our songs and our complaints.
- 3 Thou art a God, before whose sight
 The wicked shall not stand ;
 Sinners shall ne'er be thy delight,
 Nor dwell at thy right hand.

- 4 But to thy house will I resort,
 To taste thy mercies there ;
 I will frequent thy holy court,
 And worship in thy fear.
- 5 O may thy Spirit guide my feet
 In ways of righteousness !
 Make ev'ry path of duty straight,
 And plain before my face.

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- 6 My watchful enemies combine
 To tempt my feet astray ;
 They flatter, with a base delign,
 To make my soul their prey.
- 7 Lord, crush the serpent in the dust,
 And all his plots destroy ;
 While those that in thy mercy trust,
 For ever shout for joy.
- 8 The men that love and fear thy name,
 Shall see their hopes fulfill'd :
 The mighty God will compass them
 With favour as a shield.

P S A L M VI. Common Metre.

Complaint in sickness; or, Diseases healed.

- 1 **I**N anger, Lord, do not chastise,
 Withdraw the dreadful storm,
 Nor let thine awful wrath arise
 Against a feeble worm.
- 2 My soul bow'd down with heavy cares,
 My flesh with pain oppress'd,
 My couch is witness to my tears,
 My tears forbid my rest.
- 3 Sorrow and grief wear out my days :
 I waste the night with cries,
 And count the minutes as they pass,
 'Till the slow morning rise.

- 4 Shall I be still tormented more?
 My eyes consum'd with grief?
 How long, my God, how long, before
 Thine hand affords relief?
- 5 He hears his mourning children speak,
 He pities all our groans,
 He saves us for his mercy's sake,
 And heals our broken bones.
- 6 The virtue of his sov'reign word
 Restores our fainting breath;
 For silent graves praise not the Lord,
 Nor is he known in death.

- P S A L M VI. Long Metre.

Temptations in sickness overcome.

- 1 **L**ORD, I can suffer thy rebukes,
 When thou with kindness dost chastise;
 But thy fierce wrath I cannot bear,
 O let it not against me rise!
- 2 Pity my languishing estate,
 And ease the sorrows that I feel;
 The wounds thine heavy hand hath made,
 O let thy gentler touches heal!
- 3 See how in sighs I pass my days,
 And waste in groans the weary night:
 My bed is water'd with my tears;
 My grief consumes and dims my sight.
- 4 Look how the pow'rs of nature mourn!
 How long, almighty God, how long?
 When shall thine hour of grace return?
 When shall I make thy grace my song?
- 5 I feel my flesh so near the grave,
 My thoughts are tempted to despair;
 But graves can never praise the Lord,
 For all is dust and silence there.

- 6 Depart, ye tempters, from my soul,
 And all despairing thoughts depart ;
 My God, who hears my humble moan,
 Will ease my flesh, and cheer my heart.

P S A L M VII. Common Metre.

God's care of his people, and punishment of persecutors.

- 1 **M**Y trust is in my heav'nly friend,
 My hope in thee, my God :
 Rise, and my helpless life defend
 From those that seek my blood.
- 2 With insolence and fury they
 My soul in pieces tear,
 As hungry lions rend the prey
 When no deliv'rer's near.
- 3 If e'er my pride provok'd them first,
 Or once abus'd my foe,
 Then let them tread my life to dust,
 And lay my honour low.
- 4 If there be malice found in me,
 I know thy piercing eyes ;
 I should not dare appeal to thee,
 Nor ask my God to rise.
- 5 Arise, my God, lift up thy hand,
 Their pride and power controul ;
 Awake to judgment, and command
 Deliv'rance for my soul.

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- [6 Let sinners, and their wicked rage,
 Be humbled to the dust ;
 Shall not the God of truth engage
 To vindicate the just ?
- 7 He knows the heart, he tries the reins,
 He will defend th' upright :
 His sharpest arrows he ordains
 Against the sons of spite.

- 8 Tho', leagu'd in guile, their malice spread
 A snare before my way,
 Their mischiefs on their impious heads
 His vengeance shall repay.]
- 9 That cruel persecuting race
 Must feel his dreadful sword:
 Awake, my soul, and praise the grace
 And justice of the Lord.

P S A L M VIII. Short Metre.

*God's sovereignty and goodness, and man's dominion over
 the creatures.*

- 1 **O** LORD, our heav'nly king,
 Thy name is all divine;
 Thy glories round the earth are spread,
 And o'er the heav'ns they shine.
- 2 When to thy works on high
 I raise my wond'ring eyes,
 And see the moon, complete in light,
 Adorn the darksome skies:
- 3 When I survey the stars,
 And all their shining forms,
 Lord, what is man, that worthless thing,
 A-kin to dust and worms?
- 4 Lord, what is worthless man,
 That thou should'st love him so?
 Next to thine angels is he plac'd,
 And lord of all below.
- 5 Thine honours crown his head,
 While beasts, like slaves, obey,
 And birds that cut the air with wings,
 And fish that cleave the sea.
- 6 How rich thy bounties are!
 And wond'rous are thy ways:
 Of dust and worms thy pow'r can frame
 A monument of praise.

- [7 From mouths of feeble babes
 And sucklings, thou canst draw
 Surprising honours to thy name,
 And strike the world with awe.
- 8 O Lord, our heav'nly king,
 Thy name is all divine;
 Thy glories round the earth are spread,
 And o'er the heav'ns they shine.

P S A L M VIII. Common Metre.

Christ's condescension and glorification; or, God made man.

- 1 **O** LORD, our Lord, how wond'rous great
 Is thine exalted name?
 The glories of thy heav'nly state
 Let men and babes proclaim.
- 2 When I behold thy works on high,
 The moon that rules the night,
 And shining stars that grace the sky,
 Those moving worlds of light—
- 3 Lord, what is man, or all his race,
 Who dwells so far below,
 That thou should'st visit him with grace,
 And love his nature so?
- 4 That thine eternal Son should bear
 To take a mortal form,
 Made lower than his angels are,
 To save a dying worm.
- [5 Yet while he liv'd on earth unknown,
 And men would not adore,
 Behold obedient nature own
 His godhead and his pow'r.
- 6 The waves lay spread beneath his feet,
 And fish, at his command,
 Bring their large shoals to Peter's net,
 Bring tribute to his hand.

- 7 These lesser glories of the Son
 Shone thro' the fleshly cloud ;
 Now we behold him on his throne,
 And men confess him God.]
- 8 Let him with majesty be crown'd,
 Who bow'd his head to death ;
 And his eternal honours found
 From all things that have breath.
- 9 Jesus, our Lord, how wond'rous great
 Is thine exalted name !
 The glories of thy heav'nly state
 Let the whole earth proclaim.

P S A L M VIII. ver. 1, 2. paraphrased.
 First part. Long Metre.

The hosanna of the children ; or, Infants praising God.

- 1 **A**LMIGHTY ruler of the skies,
 Thro' the wide earth thy name is spread,
 And thine eternal glories rise
 O'er all the heav'ns thy hands have made.
- 2 To thee the voices of the young
 Their founding notes of honour raise ;
 And babes, with uninstructed tongue,
 Declare the wonders of thy praise.
- 3 Thy pow'r assists their tender age
 To bring proud rebels to the ground,
 To still the bold blasphemer's rage,
 And all their policies confound.
- 4 Children amidst thy temple throng
 To see their great Redeemer's face ;
 The Son of David is their song,
 And loud hosannas fill the place.
- 5 The frowning scribes and angry priests
 In vain their impious cavils bring ;
 Revenge sits silent in their breasts,
 While Jewish babes proclaim their king.

P S A L M VIII. ver. 3, &c. paraphrased.
 Second part. Long Metre.

Adam and Christ, Lords of the old and new creation.

- 1 **L**ORD, what was man when made at first,
 Adam, the offspring of the dust,
 That thou should'st set him and his race
 But just below an angel's place.
- 2 That thou should'st raise his nature so,
 And make him lord of all below,
 Make ev'ry beast and bird submit,
 And lay the fishes at his feet.
- 3 But O! what brighter glories wait
 To crown the second Adam's state!
 What honours shall thy son adorn,
 Who condescended to be born?
- 4 See him below his angels made;
 Behold him number'd with the dead,
 To save a ruin'd world from sin:
 But he shall reign with pow'r divine.
- 5 The world to come, redeem'd from all
 The mis'ries that attend the fall,
 New-made, and glorious, shall submit
 At our exalted Saviour's feet.

P S A L M IX. First part. Common Metre.

Wrath and mercy from the judgment-seat.

- 1 **W**ITH my whole heart I'll raise my song,
 Thy wonders I'll proclaim;
 'Thou sov'reign Judge of right and wrong,
 Wilt put thy foes to shame.
- 2 I'll sing thy majesty and grace;
 My God prepares his throne
 To judge the world in righteousness,
 And make his vengeance known.

- 3 Then shall the Lord a refuge prove
 For all the poor oppress'd;
 To save the people of his love,
 And give the weary rest.
- 4 The men that know thy name will trust
 In thy abundant grace:
 For thou hast ne'er forsok the just,
 Who humbly seek thy face.
- 5 Sing praises to the righteous Lord,
 Who dwells on Zion's hill,
 Who executes his threat'ning word,
 Whose works his grace fulfil.

P S A L M IX. ver. 12. Second part.
 Common Metre.

The wisdom and equity of providence.

- 1 **W**HEN the great Judge, supreme and just,
 Shall once enquire for blood,
 The humble souls that mourn in dust
 Shall find a faithful God.
- 2 He from the dreadful gates of death
 Does his own children raise;
 In Zion's gates, with cheerful breath,
 They sing their Father's praise.
- 3 His foes shall fall, with heedless feet,
 Into the pit they made;
 And sinners perish in the net
 That their own hands have spread.
- 4 Thus, by thy judgment, mighty God,
 Are thy deep counsels known;
 When men of mischief are destroy'd
 In snares that were their own.

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- 5 The wicked shall sink down to hell;
 Thy wrath devour the lands,
 That dare forget thee, or rebel
 Against thy known commands.

6 Though faints to fore distress are brought,
 And wait and long complain,
 Their cries shall never be forgot,
 Nor shall their hopes be vain.

[7 Rise, great Redeemer, from thy seat,
 To judge and save the poor ;
 Let nations tremble at thy feet,
 And man prevail no more.

8 Thy thunder shall affright the proud,
 And put their hearts to pain,
 Make them confess that thou art God,
 And they but feeble men.]

P S A L M X. Common Metre.

*Prayer heard, and saints saved ; or, Pride, atheism, and
 oppression punished.*

For a humiliation day.

1 **W**HY doth the Lord depart so far,
 And why conceal his face,
 When great calamities appear,
 And times of deep distress ?

2 Lord, shall the wicked still deride
 Thy justice and thy laws ?
 Shall they advance their heads in pride,
 And slight the righteous cause.

3 They cast thy judgments from their sight,
 And then insult the poor ;
 They boast in their exalted height,
 That they shall fall no more.

4 Arise, O God, lift up thine hand,
 Attend our humble cry ;
 No enemy shall dare to stand
 When God ascends on high.

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- 5 Why do the men of malice rage,
 And say, with foolish pride,
 " The God of heav'n will ne'er engage
 " To fight on Zion's side."
- 6 But thou forever art our Lord,
 And pow'rful is thine hand,
 As when the heathens felt thy sword,
 And perish'd from thy land.
- 7 Thou wilt prepare our hearts to pray,
 And cause thine ear to hear ;
 Accept the vows thy children pay,
 And free thy saints from fear.
- 8 Proud tyrants shall no more oppress,
 No more despise the just ;
 And mighty sinners shall confess
 They are but earth and dust.

P S A L M XI. Long Metre.

God loves the righteous and hates the wicked.

- 1 **M**Y refuge is the God of love,
 Why do my foes insult and cry,
 " Fly like a timorous trembling dove,
 " To distant woods or mountains fly."
- 2 If government be once destroy'd,
 (That firm foundation of our peace)
 And violence make justice void,
 Where shall the righteous seek redress ?
- 3 The Lord in heav'n has fix'd his throne,
 His eye surveys the world below ;
 To him all mortal things are known,
 His eye-lids search our spirits through.
- 4 If he afflicts his saints so far,
 To prove their love, and try their grace,
 What may the bold transgressors fear ?
 His soul abhors their wicked ways.

- 5 On impious wretches he shall rain
 Sulphureous flames of wasting death,
 Such as he kindled on the plain
 Of Sodom, with his angry breath.
- 6 The righteous Lord loves righteous souls,
 Whose thoughts and actions are sincere,
 And with a gracious eye beholds
 The men that his own image bear.

P S A L M XII. Long Metre.

*The saints safety and hope in evil times; or, Sins of the tongue
 complained of, viz. blasphemy, falsehood, &c.*

- 1 **A**LMIGHTY God, appear and save !
 For vice and vanity prevail :
 The godly perish in the grave,
 The just depart, the faithful fail.
- 2 The whole discourse, when crouds are met,
 Is fill'd with trifles loose and vain ;
 Their lips are flatt'ry and deceit,
 And their proud language is profane.
- 3 But lips that with deceit abound
 Shall not maintain their triumph long :
 The God of vengeance will confound
 The flatt'ring and blaspheming tongue.
- 4 " Yet shall our words be free, they cry ;
 " Our tongues shall be controul'd by none :
 " Where is the Lord, will ask us why ?
 " Or say, our lips are not our own ?"
- 5 The Lord, who sees the poor oppress'd,
 And hears th' oppressor's haughty strain,
 Will rise to give his children rest,
 Nor shall they trust his word in vain.
- 6 Thy word, O Lord, though often try'd,
 Void of deceit, shall still appear ;
 Not silver, sev'n times purified
 From dross and mixture, shines so clear.

- 7 Thy grace shall in the darkeſt hour
 Defend from danger and ſurpriſe ;
 Though, when the vileſt men have power,
 On ev'ry ſide oppreſſors riſe.

P S A L M XII. Common Metre.

*Complaint of a general corruption of manners ; or, The
 promiſe and ſigns of Chriſt's coming to judgment.*

- 1 **H**ELP, Lord, for men of virtue fail,
 Religion loſes ground ;
 The ſons of violence prevail,
 And treacheries abound.
- 2 Their oaths and promiſes they break,
 Yet act the flatt'rer's part ;
 With fair deceitful lips they ſpeak,
 And with a double heart.
- 3 If we reprove ſome hateful lie,
 They ſcorn our faithful word :
 " Are not our lips our own, they cry,
 " And who ſhall be our Lord ?"
- 4 Scoffers appear on ev'ry ſide,
 Where a vile race of men
 Is rais'd to ſeats of pow'r and pride,
 And bears the ſword in vain.
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- 5 Lord, when iniquities abound,
 And blaſphemy grows bold,
 When faith is rarely to be found,
 And love is waxing cold ;
- 6 Is not thy chariot haſt'ning on ?
 Haſt thou not given the ſign ?
 May we not truſt and live upon
 A promiſe ſo divine ?
- 7 " Yes, ſaith the Lord, now will I riſe,
 " And make th' oppreſſors flee ;
 " I ſhall appear to their ſurpriſe,
 " And ſet my ſervants free."

- 8 Thy word, like silver sev'n times try'd,
 Thro' ages shall endure ;
 The men that in thy truth confide
 Shall find thy promise sure.

P S A L M XII. Common Metre.

Complaint under the temptation of the devil.

- 1 **H**OW long wilt thou conceal thy face ?
 My God, how long delay ?
 When shall I feel those heav'nly rays,
 That chase my fears away ?
- 2 How long shall my poor lab'ring soul
 Wrestle and toil in vain ?
 Thy word can all my foes controul,
 And ease my raging pain.
- 3 See how the prince of darkness tries
 All his malicious arts,
 He spreads a mist around my eyes,
 And throws his fiery darts.
- 4 Be thou my sun, and thou my shield,
 My soul in safety keep ;
 Make haste, before mine eyes are seal'd
 In death's eternal sleep.
- 5 How would the tempter boast aloud
 Should I become his prey !
 Behold the sons of hell grow proud
 To see thy long delay.
- 6 But they shall fly at thy re'uke,
 And Satan hide his head ;
 He knows the terrors of thy look,
 And hears thy voice with dread.
- 7 Thou wilt display that sov'reign grace
 Whence all my comforts spring ;
 I shall employ my lips in praise,
 And thy salvation sing.

PSALM XIV. First part. Common Metre.

By nature all men are sinners.

- 1 **F**OOLS, in their hearts, believe and say,
 “ That all religion’s vain,
 “ There is no God that reigns on high,
 “ Or minds th’ affairs of men.”
- 2 From thoughts so dreadful and profane
 Corrupt discourse proceeds ;
 And in their impious hands are found
 Abominable deeds.
- 3 The Lord, from his celestial throne,
 Look’d down on things below,
 To find the man that fought his grace,
 Or did his justice know.
- 4 By nature all are gone astray,
 Their practice all the same ;
 There’s none that fears his Maker’s hand,
 There’s none that loves his name.
- 5 Their tongues are us’d to speak deceit,
 Their slanders never cease ;
 How swift to mischief are their feet !
 Nor know the paths of peace.
- 6 Such seeds of sin (that bitter root)
 In ev’ry heart are found ;
 Nor can they bear diviner fruit,-
 ’Till grace refine the ground.

PSALM XIV. Second part. Common Metre.

The folly of persecutors.

- 1 **A**RE sinners now so senseless grown
 That they the saints devour ?
 And never worship at thy throne,
 Nor fear thine awful pow’r !
- 2 Great God, appear to their surprize ;
 Reveal thy dreadful name ;
 Let them no more thy wrath despise,
 Nor turn our hope to shame.

- 3 Dost thou not dwell among the just ?
 And yet our foes deride,
 That we should make thy name our trust—
 Great God ! confound their pride.
- 4 O that the joyful day were come
 To finish our distress !
 When God shall bring his children home,
 Our songs shall never cease.

P S A L M XV. Common Metre.

*Characters of a saint, or a citizen of Zion ; or, The
 qualifications of a Christian.*

- 1 **W**HO shall inhabit in thy hill,
 O God of holiness !
 Whom will the Lord admit to dwell
 So near his throne of grace ?
- 2 The man that walks in pious ways,
 And works with righteous hands :
 That trusts his Maker's promis'd grace,
 And follows his commands.
- 3 He speaks the meaning of his heart,
 Nor slanders with his tongue :
 Will scarce believe an ill report,
 Nor do his neighbour wrong.
- 4 The wealthy sinner he contemns,
 Loves all that fear the Lord ;
 And, though to his own hurt he swears,
 Still he performs his word.
- 5 His hands disdain a golden bribe,
 And never wrong the poor :—
 This man shall dwell with God on earth,
 And find his heav'n secure.

P S A L M XV. Long Metre.

Religion and justice, goodness and truth ; or, duties to God and man ; or, The qualifications of a Christian.

- 1 **W**HO shall ascend thy heav'nly place,
Great God, and dwell before thy face ?
The man that minds religion now,
And humbly walks with God below.
- 2 Whose hands are pure, whose heart is clean,
Whose lips still speak the thing they mean ;
No slanders dwell upon his tongue ;
He hates to do his neighbour wrong.
- [3 Scarce will he trust an ill report,
Or vent it to his neighbour's hurt :
Sinners of state he can despise,
But saints are honour'd in his eyes.]
- [4 Firm to his word he ever stood,
And always makes his promise good :
Nor dares to change the thing he swears,
Whatever pain or loss he bears.]
- [5 He never deals in bribing gold ;
And mourns that justice should be sold :
While others scorn and wrong the poor,
Sweet charity attends his door.]
- 6 He loves his enemies, and prays
For those that curse him to his face ;
And doth to all men still the same
That he would hope or wish from them,
- 7 Yet, when his holiest works are done,
His soul depends on grace alone :
This is the man thy face shall see,
And dwell forever, Lord, with thee.

PSALM XVI. First part. Long Metre.

*Confession of our poverty, and saints the best company ;
-or, Good works profit men, not God.*

- 1 **P**RESERVE me, Lord, in time of need,
For succour to thy throne I flee,
But have no merits there to plead ;
My goodness cannot reach to thee.
- 2 Oft have my heart and tongue confess'd
How empty and how poor I am :
My praise can never make thee blest'd,
Nor add new glories to thy name.
- 3 Yet, Lord, thy saints on earth may reap
Some profit by the good we do ;
These are the company I keep,
These are the choicest friends I know.
- 4 Let others choose the sons of mirth,
To give a relish to their wine,
I love the men of heav'nly birth,
Whose thoughts and language are divine.

PSALM XVI. Second part. Long Metre.

Christ's all-sufficiency.

- 1 **H**OW fast their guilt and sorrows rise,
Who haste to seek some idol-god !
I will not taste their sacrifice,
Their off'rings of forbidden blood.
- 2 My God provides a richer cup,
And nobler food to live upon,
He, for my life, has offer'd up
Jesus, his best-beloved Son.
- 3 His love is my perpetual feast ;
By day his counsels guide me right ;
And, be his name forever blest'd,
Who gives me sweet advice by night.

- 4 I fet him ftill before mine eyes ;
 At my right hand he ftands prepar'd
 To keep my foul from all furprife,
 And be my everlafting guard.

P S A L M XVI. Third part. Long Metre.

Courage in death, and hope of the refurrection.

- 1 **W**HEN God is nigh, my faith is ftong,
 His arm is my almighty prop :
 Be glad, my heart ; rejoice, my tongue,
 My dying flefh fhall reft in hope.
- 2 Though in the duft I lay my head,
 Yet, gracious God, thou wilt not leave
 My foul forever with the dead,
 Nor lofe thy children in the grave.
- 3 My flefh fhall thy firft call obey,
 Shake off the duft, and rife on high ;
 Then fhalt thou lead the wondrous way
 Up to the throne above the fky.
- 4 There ftreams of endless pleafure flow ;
 And full difcoveries of thy grace
 (Which we but tafte here below)
 Spread heav'nly joys thro' all the place.

P S A L M XVI. ver. 1,—8. Firft part.

Common Metre.

Support and counfel from God without merit.

- 1 **S**AVE me, O Lord, from ev'ry foe ;
 In thee my truft I place,
 Though all the good that I can do
 Can ne'er deferve thy grace ;
- 2 Yet if my God prolong my breath,
 The faints may ftill rejoice—
 The faints, the glory of the earth,
 The people of my choice.

- 3 Let heathens to their idols haste,
 And worship wood or stone ;
 But my delightful lot is cast
 Where the true God is known.
- 4 His hand provides my constant food,
 He fills my daily cup :
 Much am I pleas'd with present good,
 But more rejoice in hope.
- 5 God is my portion and my joy ;
 His counsels are my light :
 He gives me sweet advice by day,
 And gentle hints by night.
- 6 My soul would all her thoughts approve
 To his all-seeing eye ;
 Not death nor hell my hope shall move,
 While such a friend is nigh.

PSALM XVI. Second part. Common Metre.

The death and resurrection of Christ.

- 1 “ **I** SET the Lord before my face,
 “ He bears my courage up ;
 “ My heart, my tongue their joys express,
 “ My flesh shall rest in hope.
- 2 “ My spirit, Lord, thou wilt not leave
 “ Where souls departed are ;
 “ Nor quit my body to the grave
 “ To see corruption there.
- 3 “ Thou wilt reveal the path of life,
 “ And raise me to thy throne,
 “ Thy courts immortal pleasure give,
 “ Thy presence joys unknown.”
- [4 Thus, in the name of Christ the Lord,
 The holy David sung,
 And Providence fulfils the word
 Of his prophetic tongue.

- 5 Jesus, whom every faint adores,
Was crucify'd and slain ;
Behold the tomb its prey restores,
Behold he lives again.
- 6 When shall my feet arise and stand
On heav'n's eternal hills ?
There sits the Son, at God's right hand,
And there the Father smiles.]

PSALM XVII. ver. 13, &c. Short Metre.

*Portion of saints and sinners ; or, Hope and despair
in death.*

- 1 **A**RISE, my gracious God,
And make the wicked flee,
They are but thy chastising rod
To drive thy saints to thee.
- 2 Behold the sinner dies,
His haughty words are vain ;
Here in this life his pleasure lies,
And all beyond is pain.
- 3 Then let his pride advance,
And boast of all his store ;
The Lord is my inheritance,
My soul can wish no more.
- 4 I shall behold the face
Of my forgiving God ;
And stand complete in righteousness,
Wash'd in my Saviour's blood.
- 5 There's a new heav'n begun,
When I awake from death,
Drest in the likeness of thy Son,
And draw immortal breath.

P S A L M XVII. Long Metre.

*The sinner's portion and saint's hope ; or, The heaven of
separate souls, and the resurrection.*

1 **L**ORD, I am thine ; but thou wilt prove
My faith, my patience, and my love ;
When men of spite against me join,
They are the sword, the hand is thine.

2 Their hope and portion lie below ;
'Tis all the happiness they know,
'Tis all they seek ; they take their shares ;
And leave the rest among their heirs.

3 What sinners value, I resign ;
Lord, 'tis enough that thou art mine :
I shall behold thy blissful face,
And stand complete in righteousness.

4 This life's a dream, an empty show ;
But the bright world, to which I go,
Hath joys substantial and sincere,
When shall I wake and find me there !

5 O glorious hour ! O blest abode !
I shall be near, and like my God ;
And flesh and sin no more controul
The sacred pleasures of the soul.

6 My flesh shall slumber in the ground,
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound ;
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise,
And in my Saviour's image rise.

P S A L M XVIII. ver. 1,—9, 15,—18.

First part. Long Metre.

Deliverance from despair ; or, Temptation overcome.

1 **T**HREE will I love, O Lord, my strength,
My rock, my tower, my high defence ;
Thy mighty arm shall be my trust,
For I have found salvation thence.

- 2 Death, and the terrors of the grave,
 Stood round me with their dismal shade,
 While floods of high temptation rose,
 And made my sinking soul afraid.
- 3 I saw the op'ning gates of hell
 With endless pains and sorrows there,
 (Which none but they that feel can tell)
 While I was hurry'd to despair.
- 4 In my distress I call'd my God,
 When I could scarce believe him mine;
 He bow'd his ear to my complaint;
 And prov'd his saving grace divine.
- [5 With speed he flew to my relief,
 As on a cherub's wing he rode;
 Awful, and bright as lightning, shone
 The face of my deliv'rer God.
- 6 Temptations fled at his rebuke,
 The blast of his almighty breath:
 He sent salvation from on high,
 And drew me from the deeps of death.]
- 7 Great were my fears, my foes were great,
 Much was their strength, and more their rage;
 But Christ, my Lord, is conqu'ror still
 In all the wars the proud can wage.
- 8 My song forever shall record
 That terrible, that joyful hour;
 And give the glory to the Lord
 Due to his mercy and his power.

P S A L M XVIII. ver. 20;—26. Second part.
 Long Metre.

Sincerity proved and rewarded.

- 1 **L**ORD, thou hast seen my soul sincere,
 Hast made thy truth and love appear;
 Before mine eyes I set thy laws,
 And thou hast own'd my righteous cause.

- 2 Since I have learn'd thy holy ways,
I've walk'd upright before thy face :
Or if my feet did e'er depart,
Thy love reclaim'd my wand'ring heart.
- 3 What fore temptations broke my rest !
What wars and strugglings in my breast !
But through thy grace, that reigns within,
I guard against my darling sin.
- 4 That sin that close besets me still,
That works and strives against my will ;
When shall thy Spirit's sov'reign power
Destroy it, that it rise no more ?
- 5 With an impartial hand, the Lord
Deals out to mortals their reward :
The kind and faithful souls shall find
A God as faithful and as kind.
- 6 And men that love revenge, shall know,
God hath an arm of vengeance too.
The just and pure shall ever say,
Thou art more pure, more just than they.

P S A L M XVIII. ver. 30, 31, 34, 35, 46, &c.

Third part. Long Metre.

Rejoicing in God; or, Salvation and triumph.

- 1 **J**UST are thy ways, and true thy word,
Great Rock of my secure abode :
Who is a God beside the Lord ?
Or where's a refuge like our God ?
- 2 'Tis he that girds me with his might,
Gives me his holy sword to wield ;
And while with sin and hell I fight,
Spreads his salvation for my shield.
- 3 He lives, and blessings crown his reign,
The God of my salvation lives,
The dark designs of hell are vain ;
While heav'nly peace my Father gives.

- 4 Before the scoffers of the age,
 I will exalt my Father's name,
 Nor tremble at their mighty rage,
 But meet reproach, and bear the shame.
- 5 To David and his royal seed
 Thy grace forever shall extend ;
 Thy love to saints, in Christ their head,
 Knows not a limit, nor an end.

P S A L M XVIII. First part. Common Metre.

Victory and triumph over temporal enemies.

- 1 **W**E love thee, Lord, and we adore,
 Now is thine arm reveal'd ;
 Thou art our strength, our heav'nly tow'r,
 Our bulwark, and our shield.
- 2 We fly to our eternal Rock,
 And find a sure defence ;
 His holy name our lips invoke,
 And draw salvation thence.
- 3 When God our leader shines in arms,
 What mortal heart can bear
 The thunder of his loud alarms ?
 The lightning of his spear ?
- 4 He rides upon the winged wind,
 And angels in array,
 In millions, wait to know his mind,
 And, swift as flames, obey.
- 5 He speaks, and at his fierce rebuke
 Whole armies are dismay'd ;
 His voice, his frown, his angry look,
 Strikes all their courage dead.
- 6 He forms our gen'ral for the field,
 With all their dreadful skill ;
 Gives them his awful sword to wield,
 And makes their hearts of steel.

- 7 Oft has the Lord whole nations blest'd,
 For his own church's sake:
 The pow'rs that give his people rest,
 Shall of his care partake.

PSALM XVIII. Second part. Common Metre.

The conqueror's song.

- 1 **T**O thine almighty arm we owe
 The triumphs of the day;
 Thy terrors, Lord, confound the foe,
 And melt their strength away.
- 2 'Tis by thy aid our troops prevail,
 And break united pow'rs;
 Or burn their boasted fleets, or scale
 The proudest of their tow'rs.
- 3 How have we chas'd them through the field,
 And trod them to the ground,
 While thy salvation was our shield,
 But they no shelter found!
- 4 In vain to idol faints they cry,
 And perish in their blood;
 Where is a rock so great, so high,
 So pow'rful as our God?
- 5 The God of Israel ever lives,
 His name be ever blest'd;
 'Tis his own arm the vict'ry gives,
 And gives his people rest.

- PSALM XIX. First part. Short Metre.

The book of Nature and Scripture.

For a Lord's day morning.

- 1 **B**EHOLD the lofty sky
 Declares its maker God,
 - And all the starry works on high
 Proclaim his pow'r abroad.

- 2 The darknes and the light
 Still keep their course the same ;
 While night to day, and day to night,
 Divinely teach his name.
- 3 In ev'ry diff'rent land
 Their general voice is known ;
 They shew the wonders of his hand,
 And orders of his throne.
- 4 Ye Christian lands, rejoice :
 Here he reveals his word :
 We are not left to nature's voice
 To bid us know the Lord.
- 5 His statutes and commands
 Are set before our eyes,
 He puts his gospel in our hands,
 Where our salvation lies.
- 6 His laws are just and pure,
 His truth without deceit,
 His promises forever sure,
 And his rewards are great.
- 7 Not honey to the taste
 Affords so much delight ;
 Nor gold that has the furnace pass'd
 So much allures the sight.
- 8 While of thy works I sing,
 Thy glory to proclaim,
 Accept the praise, my God, my King,
 In my Redeemer's name.

P S A L M XIX. Second part. Short Metre.

God's word most excellent ; or, Sincerity and watchfulness.

For a Lord's day morning.

- 1 **B**EHOLD the morning sun
 Begins his glorious way ;
 His beams through all the nations run,
 And life and light convey.

2 But where the gospel comes,
 It spreads diviner light,
 It calls dead sinners from their tombs,
 And gives the blind their sight.

3 How perfect is thy word !
 And all thy judgments just ;
 For ever sure thy promise, Lord,
 And men securely trust.

4 My gracious God, how plain
 Are thy directions giv'n ?
 O may I never read in vain,
 But find the path to heav'n !

P A U S E.

5 I heard thy word with love,
 And I would fain obey ;
 Send thy good Spirit from above
 To guide me, lest I stray.

6 O who can ever find
 The errors of his ways ?
 Yet, with a bold presumptuous mind,
 I would not dare transgress.

7 Warn me of ev'ry sin,
 Forgive my secret faults,
 And cleanse this guilty soul of mine,
 Whose crimes exceed my thoughts.

8 While, with my heart and tongue,
 I spread thy praise abroad ;
 Accept the worship and the song,
 My Saviour, and my God.

P S A L M XIX. Long Metre.

*The books of nature, and scripture compared; or, The
 glory and success of the gospel.*

1 **T**HE heav'ns declare thy glory, Lord,
 In every star, thy goodness shines ;
 But when our eyes behold thy word,
 We read thy name in fairer lines.

- 2 The rolling sun, the changing light,
And nights and days thy power' confefs ;
But the blest volume thou hast writ,
Reveals thy justice and thy grace.
- 3 Sun, moon and stars convey thy praise
Round the whole earth, and never stand ;
So when thy truth began its race,
It touch'd and glanc'd on every land.
- 4 Nor shall thy spreading gospel rest
Till through the world thy truth has run ;
Till Christ has all the nations blest,
That see the light, or feel the sun.
- 5 Great Sun of righteousness, arise,
Bless the dark world with heav'nly light ;
Thy gospel makes the simple wise,
Thy laws are pure, thy judgments right.
- 6 Thy noblest wonders here we view,
In souls renew'd and sins forgiv'n,
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul renew,
And make thy word my guide to heav'n.

PSALM XIX. To the tune of the 113th Psalm.

The book of nature and scripture.

- 1 **G**REAT God, the heav'ns well order'd frame
Declares the glories of thy name :
There thy rich works of wonders shine,
A thousand starry beauties there,
A thousand radiant marks appear
Of boundless pow'r, and skill divine.
- 2 From night to day, from day to night,
The dawning and the dying light,
Lectures of heav'nly wisdom read ;
With silent eloquence they raise
Our thoughts to our Creator's praise,
And neither sound nor language need.

3 Yet their divine instructions run
 Far as the journeys of the sun,
 And ev'ry nation knows their voice.
 The sun, like some young bridegroom drest,
 Breaks from the chambers of the east,
 Rolls round, and makes the earth rejoice.

4 Where'er he spreads his beams abroad,
 He smiles, and speaks his maker God ;
 All nature joins to shew thy praise ;
 Thus God in ev'ry creature shines ;
 Fair is the book of nature's lines,
 But fairer is the book of grace.

P A U S E.

5 I love the volumes of thy word ;
 What light and joy those leaves afford
 To souls benighted and distressed !
 Thy precepts guide my doubtful way,
 Thy fear forbids my feet to stray,
 Thy promise leads my heart to rest.

6 From the discoveries of thy law
 The perfect rules of life I draw :
 These are my study and delight ;
 Not honey so invites the taste,
 Nor gold that hath the furnace past,
 Appears so pleasing to the sight.

7 Thy threat'nings wake my slumbering eyes,
 And warn me where my danger lies ;
 But 'tis thy blessed gospel, Lord,
 That makes my guilty conscience clean,
 Converts my soul, subdues my sin,
 And gives a free, but large, reward.

8 Who knows the errors of his thoughts ?
 My God, forgive my secret faults,
 And from presumptuous sins restrain ;
 Accept my poor attempts of praise,
 That I have read thy book of grace,
 And book of nature, not in vain.

P S A L M XX. Long Metre.

Prayer, and hope of victory.

For a day of prayer in time of war.

- 1 **N**OW may the God of pow'r and grace
Attend his people's humble cry!
Jehovah hears when Israel prays,
And brings deliv'rance from on high.
- 2 The name of Jacob's God defends,
When bucklers fail, and brazen walls;
He from his sanctuary sends
Succour and strength when Zion calls.
- 3 Well he remembers all our sighs,
His love exceeds our best deserts;
His love accepts the sacrifice
Of humble groans and broken hearts.
- 4 In his salvation is our hope,
And in the name of Israel's God
Our troops shall lift their banners up,
Our navies spread their flags abroad.
- 5 Some trust in horses train'd for war,
And some of chariots make their boasts;
Our surest expectations are
From thee, the Lord of heav'nly hosts.
- 6 [O may the mem'ry of thy name
Inspire our armies for the fight!
Our foes shall fall and die with shame,
Or quit the field with coward flight.]
- 7 Now save us, Lord, from slavish fear,
Now let our hopes be firm and strong,
'Till thy salvation shall appear,
And joy and triumph raise the song.

P S A L M XXI. Common Metre.

National blessings acknowledged.

- 1 **I**N thee, great God, with songs of praise,
 Our favour'd realms rejoice ;
 And, blest'd with thy salvation, raise
 To heav'n their cheerful voice.
- 2 Thy sure defence, through nations round,
 Hath spread our rising name,
 And all our feeble efforts crown'd
 With freedom and with fame.
- 3 In deep distress, our injur'd land
 Implor'd thy power to save :
 For life we pray'd ; thy bounteous hand
 The timely blessing gave.
- 4 Thy mighty arm, eternal Pow'r,
 Oppos'd their deadly aim,
 In mercy swept them from our shore,
 And spread their sails with shame.
- 5 On thee, in woe or pain,
 Our hearts alone rely ;
 Our rights thy mercy will maintain,
 And all our wants supply.
- 6 Thus, Lord, thy wondrous pow'r declare,
 And still exalt thy fame ;
 While we glad songs of praise prepare,
 For thine almighty name.

P S A L M XXI. ver. 1,—9. Long Metre.

Christ exalted to the kingdom.

- 1 **D**AVID rejoic'd in God his strength,
 Rais'd to the throne by special grace,
 But Christ the son appears at length,
 Fulfils the triumph and the praise.
- 2 How great the blest Messiah's joy,
 In the salvation of thy hand !
 Lord, thou hast rais'd his kingdom high,
 And giv'n the world to his command.

3 Thy goodness grants whate'er he will,
 Nor doth the least request withhold ;
 Blessings of love prevent him still,
 And crowns of glory, not of gold.

4 Honour and majesty divine
 Around his sacred temples shine ;
 Bless'd with the favour of thy face,
 And length of everlasting days.

5 Thine hand shall find out all his foes ;
 And, as a fiery oven glows,
 With raging heat, and living coals,
 So shall thy wrath devour their souls.

P S A L M XXII. ver. 1,—16. First part.
 Common Metre.

The sufferings and death of Christ.

1 **W**HY has my God my soul forsook,
 Nor will a smile afford ?
 (Thus David once in anguish spoke,
 And thus our dying Lord.)

2 Though 'tis thy chief delight to dwell
 Among thy praising saints,
 Yet thou canst hear our groan as well,
 And pity our complaints.

3 Our fathers trusted in thy name,
 And great deliv'rance found ;
 But I'm a worm despis'd of men,
 And trodden to the ground.

4 With shaking head they pass me by,
 And laugh my soul to scorn ;
 " In vain he trusts in God," they cry,
 " Neglected and forlorn."

5 But thou art he, who form'd my flesh,
 By thine almighty word ;
 And, since I hung upon the breast,
 My hope is in the Lord.

6 Why will my father hide his face,
 When foes stand threat'ning round,
 In the dark hour of deep distress,
 And not an helper found ?

P A U S E.

7 Behold thy darling left among
 The cruel and the proud,
 By foes encompass'd fierce and strong,
 As lions roaring loud.

8 From earth and hell my sorrows meet,
 To multiply the smart ;
 They nail my hands, they pierce my feet,
 And try to vex my heart.

9 Yet if thy sov'reign hand let loose
 The rage of earth and hell,
 Why will my heav'nly father bruise
 The son he loves so well !

10 My God, if possible it be,
 Withhold this bitter cup ;
 But I resign my will to thee,
 And drink the sorrows up.

11 My heart dissolves with pangs unknown,
 In groans I waste my breath :
 Thy heavy hand has brought me down,
 Low as the dust of death.

12 Father, I give my spirit up,
 And trust it in thy hand ;
 My dying flesh shall rest in hope,
 And rise at thy command.

PSALM XXII. ver. 20, 21, 27,—31. Second part.

Common Metre.

1 “ **N**OW from the roaring lion's rage,
 “ O Lord, protect thy son,
 “ Nor leave thy darling to engage
 “ The pow'rs of hell alone.”

- 2 Thus did our suff'ring Saviour pray,
 With mighty cries and tears,
 GOD heard him in that dreadful day,
 And chas'd away his fears.
- 3 Great was the victory of his death,
 His throne exalted high ;
 And all the kindreds of the earth
 Shall worship, or shall die.
- 4 A numerous offspring must arise
 From his expiring groans ;
 They shall be reckon'd in his eyes
 For daughters and for sons.
- 5 The meek and humble souls shall see
 His table richly spread ;
 And all that seek the Lord shall be
 With joys immortal fed.
- 6 The isles shall know the righteousness
 Of our incarnate God,
 And nations yet unborn profess
 Salvation in his blood.

P S A L M XXII. Long Metre.

Christ's sufferings and exaltation.

- 1 **N**OW let our mournful songs record
 The dying sorrows of our Lord,
 When he complain'd in tears and blood,
 As one forsaken of his God.
- 2 The Jews beheld him thus forlorn,
 And shake their heads, and laugh in scorn ;
 " He rescu'd others from the grave ;
 " Now let him try himself to save.
- 3 " This is the man did once pretend
 " God was his father and his friend ;
 " If God the blessed lov'd him so,
 " Why doth he fail to help him now ?"

- 4 Oh savage people ! cruel priests !
 How they stood round like raging beasts ;
 Like lions gaping to devour,
 When God had left him in their power.
- 5 They wound his head, his hands, his feet,
 'Till streams of blood each other meet ;
 By lot his garments they divide,
 And mock the pangs in which he died.
- 6 But God his father heard his cry ;
 Rais'd from the dead he reigns on high ;
 The nations learn his righteousness,
 And humble sinners taste his grace.

P S A L M XXIII. Long Metre.

God our shepherd.

- 1 **M**Y shepherd is the living Lord ;
 Now shall my wants be well supply'd ;
 His providence and holy word
 Become my safety and my guide.
- 2 In pastures where salvation grows
 He makes me feed, he makes me rest,
 There living water gently flows,
 And all the food divinely blest.
- 3 My wandering feet his ways mistake ;
 But he restores my soul to peace,
 And leads me, for his mercy's sake,
 In the fair paths of righteousness.
- 4 Tho' I walk thro' the gloomy vale,
 Where death and all its terrors are,
 My heart and hope shall never fail,
 For God my shepherd's with me there.
- 5 Amidst the darkness and the deeps,
 Thou art my comfort, thou my stay ;
 Thy staff supports my feeble steps,
 Thy rod directs my doubtful way.

- 6 The fons of earth and fons of hell
 Gaze at thy goodnefs, and repine
 To fee my table fpread fo well
 With living bread and cheerful wine.
- 7 [How I rejoice, when on my head
 Thy fpirit condefcends to reft !
 'Tis a divine anointing fhed,
 Like oil of gladnefs at a feaft.]
- 8 Surely the mercies of the Lord
 Attend his houfhould all their days ;
 There will I dwell to hear his word,
 To feek his face, and fing his praife.]

P S A L M XXIII. Common Metre.

- 1 **M**Y fhepherd will fupply my need,
JEHOVAH is his name ;
 In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
 Beside the living stream.
- 2 He brings my wand'ring fpirit back,
 When I forsake his ways,
 And leads me, for his mercy's fake,
 In paths of truth and grace.
- 3 When I walk thro' the shades of death,
 Thy prefence is my stay ;
 One word of thy supporting breath,
 Drives all my fears away.
- 4 Thy hand, in fight of all my foes,
 Doth still my table fpread ;
 My cup with blessings overflows,
 Thine oil anoints my head.
- 5 The sure provisions of my God
 Attend me all my days ;
 Oh may thy house be mine abode,
 And all my work be praise !

- 6 There would I find a settled rest,
 (While others go and come)
 No more a stranger or a guest,
 But like a child at home.

P S A L M XXIII. Short Metre.

- 1 **T**HE Lord my shepherd is,
 I shall be well supply'd ;
 Since he is mine, and I am his,
 What can I want beside ?
- 2 He leads me to the place
 Where heav'nly pasture grows,
 Where living waters gently pass,
 And full salvation flows.
- 3 If e'er I go astray,
 He doth my soul reclaim,
 And guides me in his own right way,
 For his most holy name.
- 4 While he affords his aid,
 I cannot yield to fear ;
 Tho' I should walk thro' death's dark shade,
 My shepherd's with me there.
- 5 Amid surrounding foes,
 Thou dost my table spread ;
 My cup with blessings overflows,
 And joy exalts my head.
- 6 The bounties of thy love
 Shall crown my following days ;
 Nor from thy house will I remove,
 Nor cease to speak thy praise.

P S A L M XXIV. Common Metre.

Dwelling with God.

- 1 **T**HE earth forever is the Lord's,
 With Adam's numerous race :
 He rais'd its arches o'er the floods,
 And built it on the seas.

- 2 But who among the sons of men
 May visit thine abode ?
 He that has hands from mischief clean,
 Whose heart is right with God.
- 3 This is the man may rise and take
 The blessings of his grace ;
 This is the lot of those that seek
 The God of Jacob's face.
- 4 Now let our soul's immortal pow'rs
 To meet the Lord prepare,
 Lift up their everlasting doors,
 The king of glory's near.
- 5 The king of glory ! who can tell
 The wonders of his might ?
 He rules the nations ; but to dwell
 With saints is his delight.

P S A L M XXIV. Long Metre.

Saints dwell in heaven ; or, Christ's ascension.

- 1 **T**HIS spacious earth is all the Lord's,
 And men, and worms, and beasts and birds ;
 He rais'd the building on the seas,
 And gave it for their dwelling place.
- 2 But there's a brighter world on high,
 Thy palace, Lord, above the sky :
 Who shall ascend that bless'd abode,
 And dwell so near his maker God ?
- 3 He that abhors and fears to sin,
 Whose heart is pure, whose hands are clean,
 Him shall the Lord the Saviour bless,
 And clothe his soul with righteousness.
- 4 These are the men, the pious race,
 That seek the God of Jacob's face ;
 These shall enjoy the blissful sight,
 And dwell in everlasting light.

P A U S E.

- 5 Rejoice, ye shining worlds on high,
Behold the King of glory nigh!
Who can this King of glory be?
The mighty Lord; the Saviour's he.
- 6 Ye heav'nly gates, your leaves display,
To make the Lord, the Saviour, way:
Laden with spoils from earth and hell,
The conqu'ror comes with God to dwell.
- 7 Rais'd from the dead in awful state,
He opens heaven's eternal gate,
To give his saints a bless'd abode
Near their Redeemer and their God.

PSALM XXV. ver. 1,—11. First part. Short Metre.

Waiting for pardon and direction.

- 1 **I** LIFT my soul to God,
My trust is in his name;
Let not my foes that seek my blood
Still triumph in my shame.
- 2 Sin, and the pow'rs of hell,
Persuade me to despair;
Lord, make me know thy cov'nant well,
That I may 'scape the snare.
- 3 From beams of dawning light
'Till ev'ning shades arise,
For thy salvation, Lord, I wait,
With ever longing eyes.
- 4 Remember all thy grace,
And lead me in thy truth;
Forgive the sins of riper days,
And follies of my youth.
- 5 The Lord is just and kind,
The meek shall learn his ways;
And ev'ry humble sinner find
The methods of his grace.

- 6 For his own goodnefs' fake
 He faves my foul from fhame ;
 He pardons (though my guilt be great)
 Through my Redeemer's name.

PSALM XXV. ver. 12, 14, 10, 13. Second part.
 Short Metre.

Divine instruction.

- 1 **W**HERE fhall the man be found
 That fears t'offend his God,
 That loves the gospel's joyful found,
 And trembles at the rod ?
- 2 The Lord fhall make him know
 The fecrets of his heart,
 The wonders of his cov'nant fhew,
 And all his love impart.
- 3 The dealings of his pow'r
 Are truth and mercy ftill,
 With fuch as keep his cov'nant fure,
 And love to do his will.
- 4 Their foul fhall dwell at eafe,
 Before their Maker's face ;
 Their feed fhall tafte the promifes
 In their extenfive grace.

PSALM XXV. ver. 15,—22. Third part.
 Short Metre.

Distrefs of foul ; or, Backfiding and defertion.

- 1 **M**INE eyes and my defire
 Are ever to the Lord ;
 I love to plead his promis'd grace,
 And reft upon his word.
- 2 Turn, turn thee to my foul,
 Bring thy falvation near ;
 When will thy hand affift my feet
 To 'fcape the deadly snare ?

- 3 When shall the sov'reign grace
 Of my forgiving God
 Restore me from those dang'rous ways
 My wand'ring feet have trod!
- 4 The tumult of my thoughts
 Doth but enlarge my woe;
 My spirit languishes, my heart
 Is desolate and low.
- 5 With ev'ry morning light
 My sorrow new begins;
 Look on my anguish and my pain,
 And pardon all my sins.

P A U S E.

- 6 Behold, the hosts of hell,
 How cruel is their hate!
 Against my life they rise and join,
 Their fury with deceit.
- 7 O keep my soul from death,
 Nor put my hope to shame;
 For I have plac'd my only trust
 In my Redeemer's name.
- 8 With humble faith I wait
 To see thy face again;
 Of Israel it shall ne'er be said,
 He sought the Lord in vain.

P S A L M XXVI. Long Metre.

Self examination; or, Evidences of grace.

- 1 **J**UDGE me, O Lord, and prove my ways,
 And try my reins, and try my heart;
 My faith upon thy promise stays,
 Nor from thy law my feet depart.
- 2 I hate to walk, I hate to sit,
 With men of vanity and lies;
 The scoffer and the hypocrite
 Are the abhorrence of mine eyes.

- 3 Amongst thy faints will I appear
 Array'd in robes of innocence ;
 But when I stand before thy bar,
 The blood of Christ is my defence.
- 4 I love thy habitation, Lord,
 The temple where thine honours dwell ;
 There shall I hear thy holy word,
 And there thy works of wonder tell.
- 5 Let not my soul be join'd at last
 With men of treachery and blood,
 Since I my days on earth have pass'd
 Among the faints, and near my God.

P S A L M XXVII. ver. 1,—6. First part.
 Common Metre.

The church is our delight and safety.

- 1 **T**HE Lord of glory is my light,
 And my salvation too ;
 God is my strength ; nor will I fear
 What all my foes can do.
- 2 One privilege my heart desires,
 O grant me mine abode
 Among the churches of thy faints,
 The temples of my God !
- 3 There shall I offer my requests,
 And see thy beauty still :
 Shall hear thy messages of love,
 And there enquire thy will.
- 4 When troubles rise, and storms appear,
 There may his children hide ;
 God has a strong pavilion, where
 He makes my soul abide.
- 5 Now shall my head be lifted high
 Above my foes around,
 And songs of joy and victory
 Within thy temple sound.

P S A L M XXVII. ver. 8, 9, 13, 14.
Second part. Common Metre.

Prayer and hope.

- 1 **S**OON as I heard my father say,
“ Ye children, seek my grace,”
My heart reply'd without delay,
“ I'll seek my father's face.”
- 2 Let not thy face be hid from me,
Nor frown my soul away ;
God of my life, I fly to thee
In a distressing day.
- 3 Should friends and kindred near and dear
Leave me to want or die,
My God would make my life his care,
And all my need supply.
- 4 My fainting flesh had died with grief,
Had not my soul believ'd,
To see thy grace provide relief,
Nor was my hope deceiv'd.
- 5 Wait on the Lord, ye trembling faints,
And keep your courage up ;
He'll raise your spirit when it faints,
And far exceed your hope.

P S A L M XXVIII. Long Metre.

God the refuge of the afflicted.

- 1 **T**O thee, O Lord, I raise my cries ;
My fervent prayer in mercy hear ;
For ruin waits my trembling soul,
If thou refuse a gracious ear.
- 2 When suppliant tow'rd thy holy hill,
I lift my mournful hands to pray,
Afford thy grace, nor drive me still
With impious hypocrites away.

- 3 To fons of falſehood that deſpiſe
 The works and wonders of thy reign,
 Thy vengeance gives the due reward,
 And ſinks their ſouls to endleſs pain.
- 4 But ever bleſſed be the Lord,
 Whoſe mercy hears my mournful voice,
 My heart, that truſted in his word,
 In his ſalvation ſhall rejoice.
- 5 Let ev'ry faint in fore diſtreſs,
 By faith approach his Saviour God;
 Then grant, O Lord, thy pard'ning grace,
 And feed thy church with heav'nly food.

P S A L M XXIX. Long Metre.

Storm and thunder.

- 1 **G**IVE to the Lord, ye fons of fame,
 Give to the Lord renown and power,
 Aſcribe due honours to his name,
 And his eternal might adore.
- 2 The Lord proclaims his power aloud
 Thro' every ocean, every land;
 His voice divides the wat'ry cloud,
 And lightnings blaze at his command.
- 3 He ſpeaks, and tempeſt, hail and wind,
 Lay the wide foreſt bare around;
 The fearful hart and frighted hind
 Leap at the terror of the ſound.
- 4 To Lebanon he turns his voice;
 And lo, the ſtately cedars break:
 The mountains tremble at the noiſe,
 The vallies roar, the deſerts quake.
- 5 The Lord ſits ſov'reign on the flood,
 The thund'rer reigns forever king;
 But makes his church his bleſt abode,
 Where we his awful glories ſing.

- 6 In gentler language, there the Lord
 The counfel of his grace imparts :
 Amidft the raging ftorm his word
 Speaks peace and courage to our hearts.

P S A L M XXX. Firft part. Long Metre.

Sickness healed, and sorrows removed.

- 1 **I** WILL extol thee, Lord, on high,
 At thy command difeafes fly :
 Who but a God can fpeak and fave
 From the dark borders of the grave ?
- 2 Sing to the Lord, ye faints, and prove
 How large his grace ! how kind his love !
 Let all your pow'rs rejoice, and trace
 The wondrous records of his grace.
- 3 His anger but a moment ftays ;
 His love is life and length of days ;
 Though grief and tears the night employ,
 The morning ftar reftores the joy.

PSALM XXX. ver. 6. Second part. Long Metre.

Health, sickness, and recovery.

- 1 **F**IRM was my health, my day was bright,
 And I prefum'd 'twould ne'er be night ;
 Fondly I faid within my heart,
 " Pleafure and peace fhall ne'er depart."
- 2 But I forgot thine arm was ftong,
 Which made my mountain ftand fo long ;
 Soon as thy face began to hide,
 My health was gone, my comforts died.
- 3 I cried aloud to thee, my God ;
 " What canft thou profit by my blood ?
 " Deep in the duft can I declare
 " Thy truth, or fmg thy goodnefs there ?
- 4 " Hear me, O God of grace, I faid,
 " And bring me from among the dead :"
 Thy word rebuk'd the pains I felt,
 Thy pard'ning love remov'd my guilt.

- 5 My groans, and tears, and forms of woe,
Are turn'd to joy and praises now ;
I throw my sackcloth on the ground,
And ease and gladness gird me round.
- 6 My tongue, the glory of my frame,
Shall ne'er be silent of thy name ;
Thy praise shall sound thro' earth and heav'n,
For sickness heal'd, and sins forgiv'n.

PSALM XXXI. v. 5, 13,—19, 22, 23. First part.
Common Metre.

Deliverance from death.

- 1 **T**O thee, O God of truth and love,
My spirit I commit ;
Thou hast redeem'd my soul from death,
And sav'd me from the pit.
- 2 Despair and comfort, hope and fear,
Maintain'd a doubtful strife ;
While sorrow, pain and sin conspir'd
To take away my life.
- 3 " My time is in thy hand," I cried,
" Though I draw near the dust :"
Thou art the refuge where I hide,
The God in whom I trust.
- 4 Oh make thy reconciled face
Upon thy servant shine,
And save me, for thy mercy's sake,
For I'm entirely thine.
- P A U S E.
- 5 'Twas in my haste, my spirit said,
" I must despair and die,
" I am cut off before thine eyes ;"
But thou hast heard my cry.
- 6 Thy goodness, how divinely free !
How sweet thy smiling face,
To those that fear thy majesty,
And trust thy promis'd grace.

- 7 Oh love the Lord, all ye his faints,
 And sing his praises loud ;
 He'll bend his ear to your complaints,
 And recompence the proud.

PSALM XXXI. ver. 7,—33, 11,—21. Second part.
 Common Metre.

Deliverance from slander and reproach.

- 1 **M**Y heart rejoices in thy name,
 My God, my heav'nly trust ;
 Thou hast preserv'd me free from shame,
 Mine honour from the dust.
- 2 “ My life is spent with grief,” I cried,
 “ My years consum'd in groans,
 “ My strength decays, mine eyes are dried,
 “ And sorrow wastes my bones.”
- 3 Among mine enemies my name
 A proverb vile was grown,
 While to my neighbours I became
 Forgotten and unknown.
- 4 Slander and fear on ev'ry side
 Seiz'd and beset me round,
 I to thy throne of grace applied,
 And speedy rescue found.
- P A U S E.
- 5 How great deliv'rance thou hast wrought
 Before the sons of men !
 The lying lips to silence brought,
 And made their boasting vain !
- 6 Thy children from the strife of tongues
 Shall thy pavilion hide,
 Guard them from infamy and wrongs,
 And crush the sons of pride.
- 7 Within thy secret presence, Lord,
 Let me forever dwell :
 No fenced city wall'd and barr'd
 Secures a saint so well.

P S A L M XXXII. Short Metre.

Forgiveness of sins upon confession.

- 1 **O**H blessed souls are they
 Whose sins are cover'd o'er!
 Divinely bless'd to whom the Lord
 Imputes their guilt no more.
- 2 They mourn their follies past,
 And keep their hearts with care,
 Their lips and lives without deceit
 Shall prove their faith sincere.
- 3 While I conceal'd my guilt,
 I felt the fest'ring wound,
 'Till I confess'd my sins to thee,
 And ready pardon found.
- 4 Let sinners learn to pray,
 Let saints keep near the throne:
 Our help in times of deep distress
 Is found in God alone.

P S A L M XXXII. Common Metre.

Free pardon and sincere obedience; or, Confession and forgiveness.

- 1 **H**OW bless'd the man to whom his God
 No more imputes his sin,
 But wash'd in the Redeemer's blood,
 Hath made his garments clean!
- 2 And bless'd beyond expression he
 Whose debts are thus discharg'd;
 While from the guilty bondage free
 He feels his soul enlarg'd.
- 3 His spirit hates deceit and lies,
 His words are all sincere;
 He guards his heart, he guards his eyes,
 To keep his conscience clear.

- 4 While I my inward guilt suppress,
 No quiet could I find;
 Thy wrath lay burning in my breast,
 And rack'd my tortur'd mind.
- 5 Then I confess'd my troubled thoughts,
 My secret sins reveal'd,
 Thy pard'ning grace forgave my faults,
 Thy grace my pardon seal'd.
- 6 This shall invite thy saints to pray;
 When like a raging flood
 Temptations rise, our strength and stay
 Is a forgiving God.

P S A L M XXXII. First part. Long Metre.

Repentance and free pardon; or, Justification and sanctification.

- 1 **B**LESS'D is the man, forever blest'd,
 Whose guilt is pardon'd by his God,
 Whose sins with sorrow are confess'd,
 And cover'd with his Saviour's blood.
- 2 Before his judgment-seat the Lord
 No more permits his crimes to rise;
 He pleads no merit of reward,
 And not on works, but grace relies.
- 3 From guile his heart and lips are free,
 His humble joy, his holy fear,
 With deep repentance well agree,
 And join to prove his faith sincere.
- 4 How glorious is that righteousness
 That hides and cancels all his sins?
 While a bright evidence of grace
 Through all his life appears and shines.

P S A L M XXXII. Second part. Long Metre.

A guilty conscience eased by confession and pardon.

- 1 **W**HILE I keep silence, and conceal
My heavy guilt within my heart,
What torments doth my conscience feel!
What agonies of inward smart!
- 2 I spread my sins before the Lord,
And all my secret faults confess;
Thy gospel speaks a pard'ning word,
Thine holy spirit seals the grace.
- 3 For this shall every humble soul
Make swift addresses to thy seat;
When floods of huge temptations roll,
There shall they find a bless'd retreat.
- 4 How safe beneath thy wings I lie,
When days grow dark, and storms appear!
And when I walk, thy watchful eye
Shall guide me safe from ev'ry snare.

P S A L M XXXIII. First part. Common Metre.

Works of Creation and Providence.

- 1 **R**EJOICE, ye righteous, in the Lord,
This work belongs to you:
Sing of his name, his ways, his word,
How holy, just and true!
- 2 His mercy and his righteousness
Let heav'n and earth proclaim;
His works of nature and of grace
Reveal his wondrous name.
- 3 His word, with energy divine,
Those heav'nly arches spread,
Bade starry hosts around them shine,
And light the heav'ns pervade.
- 4 He taught the swelling waves to flow
To their appointed deep;
Bade raging seas their limits know,
And still their station keep.

- 5 Ye tenants of the spacious earth,
 With fear before him stand ;
 He spake, and nature took its birth,
 And rests on his command.
- 6 He scorns the angry nations' rage,
 And breaks their vain designs ;
 His counsel stands through ev'ry age,
 And in full glory shines.

PSALM XXXIII. Second part. Common Metre.

Creatures vain, and God all-sufficient.

- 1 **B**LESS'D is the nation, where the Lord
 Hath fix'd his gracious throne ;
 Where he reveals his heav'nly word,
 And calls their tribes his own.
- 2 His eye, with infinite survey,
 Does the whole world behold ;
 He form'd us all of equal clay,
 And knows our feeble mould.
- 3 Kings are not rescu'd by the force
 Of armies from the grave ;
 Nor speed nor courage of an horse
 Can his bold rider save.
- 4 Vain is the strength of beasts or men,
 Nor springs our safety thence ;
 But holy souls from God obtain
 A strong and sure defence.
- 5 God is their fear, and God their trust :
 When plagues or famine spread,
 His watchful eye secures the just,
 Among ten thousand dead.
- 6 Lord, let our hearts in thee rejoice,
 And bless us from thy throne ;
 For we have made thy word our choice,
 And trust thy grace alone.

PSALM XXXIII. As the 113th Psalm. First part.

Works of Creation and Providence.

- 1 **Y**E holy souls, in God rejoice,
 Your Maker's praise becomes your voice,
 Great is your theme, your songs be new ;
 Sing of his name, his word, his ways,
 His works of nature, and of grace,
 How wise and holy, just and true !
- 2 Behold, to earth's remotest ends
 His goodness flows, his truth extends ;
 His pow'r the heav'nly arches spread ;
 His word, with energy divine,
 Bade starry hosts around them shine,
 And light the circling heav'ns pervade.
- 3 His hand collects the flowing seas ;
 Those wat'ry treasures know their place,
 And fill the store-house of the deep :
 He spake, and gave all nature birth ;
 And fires, and seas, and heav'n and earth,
 His everlasting orders keep.
- 4 Let mortals tremble and adore
 A God of such resistless pow'r,
 Nor dare indulge their feeble rage :
 Vain are your thoughts, and weak your hands,
 But his eternal counsel stands,
 And rules the world from age to age.

PSALM XXXIII. As the 113th Psalm. Second part.

Creatures vain, and God all-sufficient.

- 1 **O**H happy nation, where the Lord
 Reveals the treasure of his word,
 And builds his church, his earthly throne !
 His eye the heathen world surveys,
 He form'd their hearts, he knows their ways,
 But God their maker is unknown.

- 2 Let kings rely upon their host,
 And of his strength the champion boast ;
 In vain they boast, in vain rely ;
 In vain we trust the brutal force,
 Or speed or courage of an horse,
 To guard his rider, or to fly.
- 3 The arm of our almighty Lord
 Doth more secure defence afford,
 When deaths or dangers threat'ning stand :
 Thy watchful eye preserves the just,
 Who make thy name their fear and trust,
 When wars or famine waste the land.
- 4 In sickness, or the bloody field,
 Our great physician and our shield
 Shall send salvation from his throne :
 We wait to see thy goodness shine ;
 Let us rejoice in help divine,
 For all our hope is God alone.

P S A L M XXXIV. First part. Long Metre.
God's Care of the Saints : or, Deliverance by Prayer.

- 1 **L**ORD, I will bless thee all my days,
 Thy praise shall dwell upon my tongue ;
 My soul shall glory in thy grace,
 While saints rejoice to hear the song.
- 2 Come, magnify the Lord with me,
 Let ev'ry heart exalt his name,
 I fought th' eternal God, and he
 Has not expos'd my hope to shame.
- 3 I told him all my secret grief,
 My secret groaning reach'd his ears ;
 He gave my inward pains relief,
 And calm'd the tumult of my fears.
- 4 To him the poor lift up their eyes,
 With heav'nly joy their faces shine,
 A beam of mercy from the skies
 Fills them with light and love divine.

- 5 His holy angels pitch their tents
 Around the men that serve the Lord
 Oh fear and love him, all his saints,
 Taste of his grace, and trust his word.
- 6 The wild young lions, pinch'd with pain
 And hunger, roar through all the wood;
 But none shall seek the Lord in vain,
 Nor want supplies of real good.

PSALM XXXIV. ver. 11,—22. second part.
 Long Metre.

Religious education; or, Instructions of piety.

- 1 **C**HILDREN, in years and knowledge young,
 Your parents' hope, your parents' joy
 Attend the counsels of my tongue,
 Let pious thoughts your minds employ.
- 2 If you desire a length of days,
 And peace, to crown your mortal state,
 Restrain your feet from impious ways,
 Your lips from slander and deceit.
- 3 The eyes of God regard his saints,
 His ears are open to their cries;
 He sets his frowning face against
 The sons of violence and lies.
- 4 To humble souls and broken hearts
 God with his grace is ever nigh;
 Pardon and hope his love imparts,
 When men in deep contrition lie.
- 5 He tells their tears, he counts their groans,
 His son redeems their souls from death,
 His spirit heals their broken bones,
 His praise employs their tuneful breath.

P S A L M XXXIV. ver 1,—10. First part.
Common Metre.

Prayer and praise for eminent deliverance.

- 1 **I**'LL blefs the Lord from day to day;
How good are all his ways!
Ye humble souls that ufe to pray,
Come help my lips to praife.
- 2 Sing to the honor of his name,
How a poor suff'rer cry'd,
Nor was his hope expos'd to fhame,
Nor was his fuit deny'd.
- 3 When threat'ning sorrows round me flood,
And endless fears arofe,
Like the loud billows of a flood,
Redoubling all my woes:
- 4 I told the Lord my fore diftrefs,
With heavy groans and tears;
He gave my fharpeft torments eafe,
And filenc'd all my fears.
- P A U S E.
- [5 O finners, come and tafte his Love,
Come, learn his pleafant ways,
And let your own experience prove
The fweetnefs of his grace.
- 6 He bids the angels pitch their tents
Round where his children dwell:
What ills their heav'nly care prevents
No earthly tongue can tell.]
- [7 O love the Lord ye faints of his;
His eye regards the juft!
How richly blefs'd their portion is
Who make the Lord their truff!
- 8 Young lions, Pinch'd with hunger, roar,
And famifh in the wood:
But God fupplies his holy poor
With ev'ry needful good.]

PSALM XXXIV. ver 11,—22. Second part.
Common Metre.

Exhortation to peace and holiness.

- 1 **C**OME, children, learn to fear the Lord,
And that your days be long,
Let not a false or spiteful word
Be found upon your tongue.
- 2 Depart from mischief, practise love,
Pursue the works of peace;
So shall the Lord your ways approve,
And set your souls at ease.
- 3 His eyes awake to guard the just,
His ears attend their cry
When broken spirits dwell in dust,
The God of grace is nigh.
- 4 What though the sorrows here they taste
Are sharp and tedious too,
The Lord, who saves them all at last,
Is their supporter now.
- 5 Evil shall smite the wicked dead;
But God secures his own,
Prevents the mischief when they slide,
Or heals the broken bone.
- 6 When Desolation, like a flood,
O'er the proud sinner rolls,
Saints find a refuge in their God,
For he redeem'd their souls.

PSALM XXXV. ver. 12, 13, 14. Common Metre.

*Love to enemies; or, the love of Christ to sinners
typified in David.*

- 1 **B**EHOLD the love, the gen'rous love,
That holy David shows:
Behold his kind compassion move
For his afflicted foes!

- 2 When they are sick his soul complains,
 And seems to feel the smart;
 The spirit of the gospel reigns,
 And melts his pious heart.
- 3 How did his flowing tears condole,
 As for a brother dead!
 And fasting, mortify'd his soul,
 While for their life he pray'd.
- 4 They groan'd, and curs'd him on their bed,
 Yet still he pleads and mourns;
 And double blessings on his head
 The righteous God returns.
- 5 O glorious type of heavenly grace!
 Thus Christ the Lord appears;
 While finners curse the Saviour prays,
 And pities them with tears.
- 6 He, the true David, Israel's king,
 Bless'd and belov'd of God,
 To save us rebels dead in sin
 Paid his own dearest blood.

P S A L M XXXVI. ver. 5,—9. Long Metre.

*The perfections and providence of God; or, General
 providence and special grace.*

- 1 **H**IGH in the heav'ns, eternal God,
 Thy goodness in full glory shines;
 Thy truth shall break through every cloud
 That veils and darkens thy designs.
- 2 Forever firm thy justice stands,
 As mountains their foundations keep;
 Wise are the wonders of thy hands,
 Thy judgments are a mighty deep.
- 3 Thy providence is kind and large,
 Both man and beast thy bounty share;
 The whole creation is thy charge,
 But saints are thy peculiar care.

- 4 My God! how excellent thy grace;
 Whence all our hope and comfort springs;
 The sons of Adam in distress
 Fly to the shadow of thy wings.
- 5 From the provisions of thy house
 We shall be fed with sweet repast;
 There mercy, like a river, flows,
 And brings salvation to our taste.
- 6 Life, like a fountain rich and free,
 Springs from the presence of my lord;
 And in thy light our souls shall see
 The glories promis'd in thy word.

PSALM XXXVI. ver. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9.

Common Metre.

*Practical atheism exposed; or, The being and attributes
 of God asserted.*

- 1 **W**HILE men grow bold in wicked ways,
 And yet a God they own,
 My heart within me often says,
 "Their thoughts believe there's none."
- 2 Their thoughts and ways at once declare,
 (Whate'er their lips profess)
 God hath no wrath for them to fear,
 Nor will they seek his grace.
- 3 How strange self-flatt'ry blinds their eyes!
 But there's a hast'ning hour
 When they shall see, with sore surprise,
 The terrors of thy pow'r.
- 4 Thy justice shall maintain its throne,
 Though mountains melt away;
 Thy judgments are a world unknown,
 A deep unfathom'd sea.
- 5 Above these heav'ns' created rounds
 Thy mercies, Lord, extend;
 Thy truth outlives the narrow bounds
 Where time and nature end.

- 6 Safety to man thy goodness brings,
 Nor overlooks the beast;
 Beneath the shadow of thy wings
 Thy children chuse to rest.
- [7 From thee, when creature streams run low,
 And mortal comforts die,
 Perpetual springs of life shall flow,
 And raise our pleasures high.
- 8 Though all created light decay,
 And death close up our eyes,
 Thy presence makes eternal day,
 Where clouds can never rise.]

PSALM XXXVI. ver. 1,—7. Short Metre.

*The wickedness of man, and the majesty of God; or,
 Practical atheism exposed.*

- 1 **W**HEN man grows bold in sin,
 My heart within me cries,
 “He hath no faith of God within,
 “Nor fear before his eyes.”
- [2 He walks a while conceal'd
 In a self-flatt'ring dream,
 Till his dark crimes, at once reveal'd,
 Expose his hateful name.]
- 3 His heart is false and foul,
 His words are smooth and fair;
 Wisdom is banish'd from his soul,
 And leaves no goodness there.
- 4 He plots upon his bed
 New mischiefs to fulfil;
 He sets his heart, and hand, and head,
 To practise all that's ill.
- 5 But there's a dreadful God,
 Though men renounce his fear;
 His justice hid behind the cloud
 Shall one great day appear.

- 6 His truth transcends the sky.
 In heaven his mercies dwell;
 Deep as the sea his judgments lie,
 His anger burns to hell.
- 7 How excellent his love,
 Whence all our safety springs!
 O never let my soul remove
 From underneath his wings!

PSALM XXXVII. ver. 1,—15. First part.
 Common Metre.

The cure of envy, fretfulness, and unbelief; or, The rewards of the righteous and the wicked.

- 1 **W**HY should I vex my soul, and fret
 To see the wicked rise?
 Or envy sinners waxing great
 By violence and lies?

- 2 As flow'ry grass, cut down at noon,
 Before the ev'ning fades,
 So shall their glories vanish soon
 In everlasting shades.

- 3 Then let me make the Lord my trust,
 And practise all that's good;
 So shall I dwell among the just,
 And he'll provide me food.

- 4 I to my God my ways commit,
 And cheerful wait his will:
 Thy hand, which guides my doubtful feet,
 Shall my desires fulfil.

- 5 Mine innocence shalt thou display,
 And make thy judgments known,
 Fair as the light of dawning day,
 And glorious as the noon.

- 6 The meek at last the earth possess,
 And are the heirs of heaven;
 True riches, with abundant peace,
 To humble souls are given.

P A U S E.

- 7 Rest in the Lord, and keep his way,
Nor let your anger rise,
Though providence should long delay
To punish haughty vice.
- 8 Let sinners join to break your peace,
And plot, and rage, and foam;
The Lord derides them, for he sees
Their day of vengeance come.
- 9 They have drawn out the threat'ning sword,
Have bent the murd'rous bow,
To slay the men that fear the Lord,
And bring the righteous low.
- 10 My God shall break their bows, and burn
Their persecuting darts,
Shall their own swords against them turn;
And pierce their stubborn hearts.

P S A L M XXXVII. ver. 16, 21, 26,—31.

Second part. Common Metre.

Charity to the poor; or, Religion in words and deeds.

- 1 **W**HY do the wealthy wicked boast,
And grow profanely bold?
The meanest portion of the just
Excels the sinners' gold.
- 2 The wicked borrows of his friends,
But ne'er designs to pay;
The faint is merciful, and lends,
Nor turns the poor away.
- 3 His alms, with liberal heart, he gives
Amongst the sons of need;
His mem'ry to long ages lives,
And blessed is his seed.
- 4 His lips abhor to talk profane,
To slander or defraud;
His ready tongue declares to men
What he has learn'd of God.

- 5 The law and gospel of the Lord
 Deep in his heart abide ;
 Led by the Spirit and the Word,
 His feet shall never slide.
- 6 When sinners fall, the righteous stand
 Preserv'd from every snare ;
 They shall possess the promis'd land,
 And dwell forever there.

P S A L M XXXVII. ver. 23,—37. Third part.
 Common Metre.

The way and end of the righteous and wicked.

- 1 **M**Y God, the steps of pious men
 Are order'd by thy will ;
 Though they should fall, they rise again,
 Thy hand supports them still.
- 2 The Lord delights to see their ways,
 Their virtues he approves :
 He'll ne'er deprive them of his grace,
 Nor leave the men he loves.
- 3 The heav'nly heritage is theirs,
 Their portion and their home ;
 He feasts them now and makes them heirs
 Of blessings long to come.
- 4 Wait on the Lord, ye sons of men,
 Nor fear when tyrants frown ;
 Ye shall confess their pride was vain,
 When justice casts them down.

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- 5 The haughty sinner have I seen,
 Not fearing man nor God,
 Like a tall bay-tree fair and green,
 Spreading his arms abroad.
- 6 And lo, he vanish'd from the ground,
 Destroy'd by hands unseen ;
 Nor root, nor branch, nor leaf, was found,
 Where all that pride had been.

- 7 But mark the man of righteousness,
 His sev'ral steps attend;
 True pleasure runs through all his ways,
 And peaceful is his end.

P S A L M XXXVIII. Common Metre.

*Guilt of conscience and relief; or, Repentance and prayer
 for pardon and health.*

- 1 **A** MIDST thy wrath remember love,
 Restore thy servant, Lord,
 Nor let a father's chaf'ning prove
 Like an avenger's sword.
- 2 Thine arrows stick within my heart,
 My flesh is sorely press'd:
 Between the sorrow and the smart
 My spirit finds no rest.
- 3 My sins a heavy load appear,
 And o'er my head are gone;
 Too heavy they for me to bear,
 Too hard for me t'atone.
- 4 My thoughts are like a troubled sea,
 That sinks my comforts down;
 And I go mourning all the day
 Beneath my father's frown.
- 5 Lord, I am weaken'd and dismay'd,
 None of my powers are whole;
 My wounds with piercing anguish bleed,
 The anguish of my soul.
- 6 All my desires to thee are known,
 Thine eye counts every tear,
 And ev'ry sigh, and ev'ry groan,
 Is notic'd by thine ear.
- 7 Thou art my God, my only hope,
 My God will hear my cry;
 My God will bear my spirit up
 When Satan bids me die.

- [8 My foes rejoice whene'er I slide,
 To see my virtue fail;
 They raise their pleasures and their pride
 Whene'er their wiles prevail.
- 9 But I'll confess my guilty ways,
 And grieve for all my sin;
 I'll mourn how weak the seeds of grace,
 And beg support divine.
- 10 My God, forgive my follies past,
 And be forever nigh;
 O Lord of my salvation, haste,
 Before thy servant die.]

PSALM XXXIX. ver. 1, 2, 3. First part.
 Common Metre.

Watchfulness over the tongue; or, Prudence and zeal.

- 1 **T**HUS I resolv'd before the Lord,
 "Now will I watch my tongue,
 "Lest I let slip one sinful word,
 "Or do my neighbour wrong."
- 2 Whene'er constrain'd a while to stay
 With men of life profane,
 I'll set a double guard that day,
 Nor let my talk be vain.
- 3 I'll scarce allow my lips to speak
 The pious thoughts I feel,
 Lest scoffers should the occasion take
 To mock my holy zeal.
- 4 Yet if some proper hour appear,
 I'll not be overaw'd,
 But let the scoffing sinners hear
 That we can speak for God.

PSALM XXXIX. ver. 4, 5, 6, 7. Second part.
Common Metre.

The vanity of man as mortal.

- 1 **T**EACH me the measure of my days,
Thou maker of my frame ;
I would survey life's narrow space,
And learn how frail I am.
- 2 A span is all that we can boast,
An inch or two of time ;
Man is but vanity and dust
In all his flower and prime.
- 3 See the vain race of mortals move
Like shadows o'er the plain ;
They rage and strive, desire and love
But all the noise is vain.
- 4 Some walk in honour's gaudy show,
Some dig for golden ore,
They toil for heirs, they know not who,
And straight are seen no more.
- 5 What should I wish or wait for then
From creatures earth and dust ?
They make our expectations vain,
And disappoint our trust.
- 6 Now I forbid my carnal hope,
My fond desires recall :
I give my mortal interest up,
And make my God my all.

PSALM XXXIX. ver. 9,—13. Third part.
Common Metre.

Sick-bed devotion ; or, Pleading without repining.

- 1 **G**OD of my life, look gently down,
Behold the pains I feel ;
But I am dumb before thy throne,
Nor dare dispute thy will.

- 2 Diseases are thy servants, Lord,
They come at thy command;
I'll not attempt a murmuring word
Against thy chast'ning hand.
- 3 Yet I may plead with humble cries,
Remove thy sharp rebukes:
My strength consumes, my spirit dies,
Through thy repeated strokes.
- 4 Crush'd as a moth beneath thy hand,
We moulder to the dust:
Our feeble pow'rs can ne'er withstand,
And all our beauty's lost.
- 5 I'm but a stranger here below,
As all my fathers were;
May I be well prepar'd to go,
When I thy summons hear!
- 6 But if my life be spar'd a while
Before my last remove,
Thy praise shall be my bus'ness still,
And I'll declare thy love.

P S A L M XL. ver. 1, 2, 3, 5, 17. First part.
Common Metre.

A song of deliverance from great distress.

- 1 **I** WAITED patient for the Lord,
He bow'd to hear my cry;
He saw me resting on his word,
And brought salvation nigh.
- 2 He rais'd me from a horrid pit,
Where mourning long I lay,
And from my bonds releas'd my feet,
Deep bonds of miry clay.
- 3 Firm on a rock he made me stand,
And taught my cheerful tongue
To praise the wonders of his hand,
In a new thankful song.

- 4 I'll spread his works of grace abroad;
 The faints with joy shall hear,
 And finners learn to make my God
 Their only hope and fear.
- 5 How many are thy thoughts of love;
 Thy mercies, Lord, how great!
 We have not words nor hours enough
 Their numbers to repeat.
- 6 When I'm afflicted, poor and low,
 And light and peace depart,
 My God beholds my heavy woe,
 And bears me on his heart.

P S A L M XL. ver. 6,—9. Second part.
 Common Metre.

The incarnation and sacrifice of Christ.

- 1 **T**HUS saith the Lord, "Your work is vain,
 " Give your burnt-offerings o'er,
 " In dying goats and bullocks slain
 " My soul delights no more."
- 2 Then spake the Saviour, "Lo, I'm here,
 " My God, to do thy will;
 " Whate'er thy sacred books declare,
 " Thy servant shall fulfil.
- 3 " Thy love is ever in my sight,
 " I keep it near my heart;
 " Mine eyes are open'd with delight
 " To what thy lips impart."
- 4 And see! the blest'd Redeemer comes!
 Th' eternal Son appears,
 And at th' appointed time assumes
 The body God prepares.
- 5 Much he reveal'd his Father's grace,
 And much his truth he shew'd,
 And preach'd the way of righteousness
 Where great assemblies stood.

- 6 His Father's honour touch'd his heart ;
 He pitied finners' cries,
 And to fulfil a Saviour's part
 Was made a sacrifice.

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- 7 No blood of beasts on altars shed
 - Could wash the conscience clean,
 But the rich sacrifice he paid
 Atones for all our sin.
- 8 Then was the great salvation spread,
 And Satan's kingdom shook ;
 Thus by the woman's promis'd seed
 The serpent's head was broke.

P S A L M XL. ver. 5,—10. Long Metre.

Christ our sacrifice.

- 1 **T**HE wonders, Lord, thy love has wrought
 Exceed our praise, surmount our thought ;
 Should I attempt the long detail,
 My speech would faint, my numbers fail.
- 2 No blood of beasts, on altars spilt,
 Can cleanse the souls of men from guilt ;
 But thou hast set before our eyes
 An all-sufficient sacrifice.
- 3 Lo ! thine eternal son appears,
 To thy designs he bows his ears ;
 Assumes a body well prepar'd,
 And well performs a work so hard.
- 4 " Behold I come," the Saviour cries,
 With love and duty in his eyes ;
 " I come to bear the heavy load
 " Of sins, and do thy will, my God.
- 5 " 'Tis written in thy great decree,
 " 'Tis in thy book foretold of me ;
 " I must fulfil the Saviour's part ;
 " And, lo ! thy law is in my heart.

- 6 " I'll magnify thy holy law,
 " And rebels to obedience draw,
 " When on my cross I'm lifted high,
 " Or to my crown above the sky.
- 7 " The Spirit shall descend and show
 " What thou hast done, and what I do ;
 " The wond'ring world shall learn thy grace,
 " And all creation tune thy praise."

P S A L M XLI. ver. 1, 2, 3. Long Metre.

Charity to the poor ; or, Pity to the afflicted.

- 1 **B**LESS'D is the man whose breast can move,
 And melt with pity to the poor,
 Whose soul, by sympathizing love,
 Feels what his fellow-saints endure.
- 2 His heart contrives for their relief
 More good than his own hands can do ;
 He, in the time of general grief,
 Shall find the Lord has mercy too.
- 3 His soul shall live secure on earth,
 With secret blessings on his head,
 When drought, and pestilence, and dearth,
 Around him multiply their dead.
- 4 Or if he languish on his couch,
 God will pronounce his sins forgiv'n,
 Will save him with a healing touch,
 Or take his willing soul to heav'n.

P S A L M XLII. ver. 1,—9. First part.
 Common Metre.

*Desertion and hope ; or, Complaint of absence from
 public worship.*

- 1 **W**ITH earnest longings of the mind,
 My God, to thee I look ;
 So pants the hunted hart to find
 And taste the cooling brook.

- 2 When shall I see thy courts of grace,
 And meet my God again?
 So long an absence from thy face
 My heart endures with pain.
- 3 Temptations vex my weary soul,
 And tears are my repast;
 The foe insults without controul,
 "And where's your God at last?"
- 4 'Tis with a mournful pleasure now
 I think on ancient days;
 Then to thy house did numbers go,
 And all our work was praise.
- 5 But why, my soul, sunk down so far
 Beneath this heavy load?
 My spirit, why indulge despair,
 And sin against my God?
- 6 Hope in the Lord, whose mighty hand
 Can all thy woes remove,
 For I shall yet before him stand,
 And sing restoring love.

P S A L M XLII. ver. 6,—11. Second part.
 Long Metre.

Melancholy thoughts reproved; or, Hope in affliction.

- 1 **M**Y spirit sinks within me, Lord,
 But I will call thy name to mind,
 And times of past distress record,
 When I have found my God was kind.
- 2 Huge troubles, with tumultuous noise,
 Swell like a sea, and round me spread;
 The rising waves drown all my joys,
 And roll tremendous o'er my head.
- 3 Yet will the Lord command his love,
 When I address his throne by day,
 Nor in the night his grace remove;
 The night shall hear me sing and pray.

- 4 I'll cast myself before his feet,
 And say, " My God, my heav'nly rock,
 " Why doth thy love so long forget
 " The soul that groans beneath thy stroke ?"
- 5 I'll chide my heart that sinks so low ;
 Why should my soul indulge her grief ?
 Hope in the Lord, and praise him too ;
 He is my rest, my sure relief.
- 6 My God, my most exceeding joy,
 Thy light and truth shall guide me still,
 Thy word shall my best thoughts employ,
 And lead me to thine heav'nly hill.

P S A L M XLIII. Common Metre.

Safety in divine protection.

- 1 **J**UDGE me, O God, and plead my cause,
 Against a sinful race ;
 From vile oppression and deceit
 Secure me by thy grace.
- 2 On thee my stedfast hope depends,
 And am I left to mourn ?
 To sink in sorrows, and in vain
 Implore thy kind return ?
- 3 Oh send thy light to guide my feet,
 And bid thy truth appear, .
 Conduct me to thy holy hill,
 To taste thy mercies there.
- 4 Then to thy altar, oh, my God,
 My joyful feet shall rise,
 And my triumphant songs shall praise
 The God that rules the skies.
- 5 Sink not, my soul, beneath thy fear,
 Nor yield to weak despair ;
 For I shall live to praise the Lord,
 And bless his guardian care.

P S A L M XLIV. ver. 1, 2, 3, 8, 15,—26.
Common Metre.

The church's complaint in persecution.

- 1 **L**ORD, we have heard thy works of old,
Thy works of pow'r and grace,
When to our ears our fathers told
The wonders of their days :
- 2 They saw thy beauteous churches rise,
The spreading gospel run ;
While light and glory from the skies
Through all their temples shone.
- 3 In God they boasted all the day,
And in a cheerful throng
Did thousands meet to praise and pray,
And grace was all their song.
- 4 But now our souls are seiz'd with shame,
Confusion fills our face,
To hear the enemy blaspheme,
And fools reproach thy grace.
- 5 Yet have we not forgot our God,
Nor falsely dealt with heav'n,
Nor have our steps declin'd the road
Of duty thou hast giv'n.
- 6 Though dragons all around us roar
With their destructive breath,
And thine own hand has bruis'd us sore,
Hard by the gates of death.
- P A U S E.
- 7 We are expos'd all day to die,
As martyrs for thy name ;
As sheep for slaughter bound we lie,
And wait the kindling flame.
- 8 Awake, arise, almighty Lord,
Why sleeps thy wonted grace ?
Why should we seem like men abhorr'd,
Or banish'd from thy face ?

- 9 Wilt thou forever cast us off,
 And still neglect our cries?
 Forever hide thine heav'nly love
 From our afflicted eyes?
- 10 Down to the dust our soul is bow'd,
 And dies upon the ground;
 Rise for our help, rebuke the proud,
 And all their pow'rs confound.
- 11 Redeem us from perpetual shame,
 Our Saviour and our God;
 We plead the honours of thy name,
 The merits of thy blood.

P S A L M XLV. Short Metre.

*The glory of Christ; the success of the gospel; and the
 Gentile church.*

- 1 **M**Y Saviour and my King,
 Thy beauties are divine;
 Thy lips with blessings overflow,
 And ev'ry grace is thine.
- 2 Now make thy glory known,
 Gird on thy dreadful sword,
 And rise in majesty to spread
 The conquests of thy word.
- 3 Strike through thy stubborn foes,
 Or make their hearts obey,
 While justice, meekness, grace and truth
 Attend thy glorious way.
- 4 Thy laws, O God, are right,
 Thy throne shall ever stand;
 And thy victorious gospel prove
 A sceptre in thy hand.
- [5 Thy Father and thy God
 Hath without measure shed
 His Spirit, like a grateful oil,
 T' anoint thy sacred head.]

- [6 Behold, at thy right hand
 'The Gentile church is seen,
 A beauteous bride, in rich attire,
 And princes guard the queen.]
- 7 Fair bride, receive his love,
 Forget thy father's house ;
 Forfake thy gods, thy idol gods,
 And pay thy Lord thy vows.
- 8 Oh let thy God and King
 Thy sweetest thoughts employ ;
 Thy children shall his honour sing,
 And taste the heav'nly joy.

P S A L M XLV. Common Metre.

The personal glories and government of Christ.

- 1 **I**'LL speak the honours of my King,
 His form divinely fair :
 None of the sons of mortal race
 May with the Lord compare.
- 2 Sweet is thy speech, and heav'nly grace
 Upon thy lips is shed ;
 Thy God with blessings infinite
 Hath crown'd thy sacred head.
- 3 Gird on thy sword, victorious prince,
 Ride with majestic sway ;
 Thy terror shall strike through thy foes,
 And make the world obey.
- 4 Thy throne, O God, forever stands,
 Thy word of grace shall prove
 A peaceful sceptre in thy hands,
 To rule thy saints by love.
- 5 Justice and truth attend thee still,
 But mercy is thy choice ;
 And God, thy God, thy soul shall fill
 With most peculiar joys.

P S A L M XLV. First part. Long Metre.

The glory of Christ, and power of his gospel.

- 1 **N**OW be my heart inspir'd to sing
The glories of my Saviour King,
Jesus the Lord; how heav'nly fair
His form! how bright his beauties are!
- 2 O'er all the sons of human race
He shines with far superior grace,
Love from his lips divinely flows,
And blessings all his state compose.
- 3 Dress thee in arms, most mighty Lord,
Gird on the terror of thy sword,
In majesty and glory ride
With truth and meekness at thy side.
- 4 Thine anger, like a pointed dart,
Shall pierce the foes of stubborn heart;
Or words of mercy, kind and sweet,
Shall melt the rebels at thy feet.
- 5 Thy throne, O God, forever stands,
Grace is the sceptre in thy hands;
Thy laws and works are just and right;
But grace and justice thy delight.
- 6 God, thine own God, has richly shed
His oil of gladness on thy head;
And with his sacred spirit blest
His first-born Son above the rest.

P S A L M XLV. Second part. Long Metre.

Christ and his church; or, The mystical marriage.

- 1 **T**HE king of saints, how fair his face,
Adorn'd with majesty and grace!
He comes with blessings from above,
And wins the nations to his love.
- 2 At his right hand our eyes behold
The queen array'd in purest gold;
The world admires her heav'nly dress,
Her robes of joy and righteousness.

- 3 He forms her beauties like his own,
He calls and seats her near his throne ;
Fair stranger, let thine heart forget
The idols of thy native state.
- 4 So shall the king the more rejoice
In thee the favorite of his choice ;
Let him be lov'd, and yet ador'd,
For he's thy Maker and thy Lord.
- 5 Oh happy hour, when thou shalt rise
To his fair palace in the skies,
And all thy sons (a numerous train)
Each like a prince in glory reign.
- 6 Let endless honours crown his head ;
Let ev'ry age his praises spread ;
While we with cheerful songs approve
The condescension of thy love.

P S A L M XLVI. First part. Long Metre.

The church's safety and triumph among national desolations.

- 1 **G**OD is the refuge of his saints,
When storms of sharp distress invade ;
Ere we can offer our complaints,
Behold him present with his aid.
- 2 Let mountains from their seats be hurl'd
Down to the deep and buried there,
Convulsions shake the solid world,
Our faith shall never yield to fear.
- 3 Loud may the troubled ocean roar,
In sacred peace our souls abide,
While ev'ry nation, ev'ry shore
Trembles, and dreads the swelling tide.
- 4 There is a stream, whose gentle flow
Supplies the city of our God !
Life, love and joy still gliding through
And wat'ring our divine abode.

- 5 That sacred stream, thine holy word,
 Supports our faith, our fear controuls,
 Sweet peace thy promises afford,
 And give new strength to fainting souls.
- 6 Zion enjoys her monarch's love,
 Secure against a threat'ning hour ;
 Nor can her firm foundation move,
 Built on his truth, and arm'd with pow'r.

P S A L M XLVI. Second part. Long Metre.

God fights for his church.

- 1 **L**ET Zion for her king rejoice,
 Though tyrants rage, and kingdoms rise ;
 He utters his almighty voice,
 The nations melt, the tumult dies.
- 2 The Lord of old for Jacob fought,
 And Jacob's God is still our aid ;
 Behold the works his hand has wrought,
 What desolations he has made.
- 3 From sea to sea, through all the shores
 He makes the noise of battle cease ;
 When from on high his thunder roars,
 He awes the trembling world to peace.
- 4 He breaks the bow, he cuts the spear,
 Chariots he burns with heav'nly flame ;
 Let earth in silent wonder hear
 The sound and glory of his name.
- 5 " Be still, and learn that I am God,
 " I reign exalted o'er the lands,
 " I will be known and fear'd abroad,
 " But still my throne in Zion stands."
- 6 O Lord of hosts, almighty king,
 While we so near thy presence dwell,
 Our faith shall sit secure and sing,
 Nor fear the raging pow'rs of hell.

P S A L M XLVII. Common Metre.

Christ ascending and reigning.

- 1 **O**H for a shout of sacred joy
To God the sov'reign king!
Let ev'ry land their tongues employ,
And hymns of triumph sing.
- 2 Jesus our God ascends on high,
His heav'nly guards around
Attend him, rising through the sky,
With trumpet's joyful sound.
- 3 While angels shout and praise their king,
Let mortals learn their strains;
Let all the earth his honours sing;
O'er all the earth he reigns.
- 4 Rehearse his praise with awe profound,
Let knowledge guide the song;
Nor mock him with a solemn sound
Upon a thoughtless tongue.
- 5 In Israel stood his ancient throne,
He lov'd that chosen race;
But now he calls the world his own,
And heathens taste his grace.
- 6 The Gentile nations are the Lord's,
There Abraham's God is known;
While pow'rs and princes, shields and swords
Submit before his throne.

PSALM XLVIII. v. 1,—8. 1st part. Short Metre.

The church is the honour and safety of a nation.

- [1 **G**REAT is the Lord our God,
And let his praise be great;
He makes the churches his abode,
His most delightful feat.
- 2 These temples of his grace,
How beautiful they stand!
The honours of our native place,
And bulwarks of our land.]

- 3 In Zion God is known
 A refuge in distress;
 How bright has his salvation shone,
 How fair his heav'nly grace!
- 4 When kings against her join'd,
 And saw the Lord was there,
 In wild confusion of the mind
 They fled with hasty fear.
- 5 When navies tall and proud
 Attempt to spoil our peace,
 He sends his tempest roaring loud,
 And sinks them in the seas.
- 6 Oft' have our fathers told,
 Our eyes have often seen,
 How well our God secures the fold
 Where his own flocks have been.
- 7 In ev'ry new distress
 We'll to his house repair,
 Recall to mind his wond'rous grace,
 And seek deliverance there.

PSALM XLVIII. ver. 10,—14. Second part.
 Short Metre.

The beauty of the church; or, Gospel worship and order.

- 1 **F**AR as thy name is known
 The world declares thy praise;
 Thy saints, O Lord, before thy throne
 Their songs of honour raise.
- 2 With joy thy people stand
 On Zion's chosen hill,
 Proclaim the wonders of thy hand,
 And counsels of thy will.
- 3 Let strangers walk around
 The city where we dwell,
 Compass and view thine holy ground,
 And mark the building well.

- 4 The orders of thy house,
The worship of thy court,
The cheerful songs, the solemn vows,
And make a fair report.
- 5 How decent and how wise !
How glorious to behold !
Beyond the pomp that charms the eyes,
And rites adorn'd with gold.
- 6 The God we worship now
Will guide us till we die ;
Will be our God while here below,
And ours above the sky.

P S A L M XLIX. ver. 6,—14. First part.
Common Metre.

Pride and death ; or, The vanity of life and riches.

- 1 **W**HY doth the man of riches grow
To insolence and pride,
To see his wealth and honours flow
With ev'ry rising tide ?
- [2 Why doth he treat the poor with scorn,
Made of the self-same clay,
And boast as though his flesh were born
Of better dust than they ?]
- 3 Not all his treasures can procure
His soul a short reprieve,
Redeem from death one guilty hour,
Or make his brother live.
- 4 Eternal life can ne'er be sold,
The ransom is too high ;
Justice will ne'er be brib'd with gold,
That man may never die.]
- 5 He sees the brutish and the wise,
The tim'rous and the brave,
Quit their possessions, close their eyes,
And hasten to the grave.

- 6 Yet 'tis his inward thought and pride,
 " My house shall ever stand ;
 " And that my name may long abide
 " I'll give it to my land."
- 7 Vain are his thoughts, his hopes are lost,
 How soon his mem'ry dies !
 His name is buried in the dust,
 Where his own body lies.

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- 8 This is the folly of their way !
 And yet their sons, as vain,
 Approve the words their fathers say,
 And act their works again.
- 9 Men void of wisdom and of grace,
 Though honour raise them high,
 Live like the beast, a thoughtless race,
 And like the beast they die.
- [10 Laid in the grave, like silly sheep,
 Death triumphs o'er them there,
 Till the last trumpet breaks their sleep,
 And wakes them in despair.]

P S A L M XLIX. ver. 14, 15. Second part.
 Common Metre.

Death and the resurrection.

- 1 **Y**E sons of pride, that hate the just,
 And trample on the poor,
 When death has brought you down to dust,
 Your pomp shall rise no more.
- 2 The last great day shall change the scene ;
 When will that hour appear !
 When shall the just revive, and reign
 O'er all that scorn'd them here ?
- 3 God will my naked soul receive,
 Call'd from the world away,
 And break the prison of the grave,
 To raise my mould'ring clay.

- 4 Heav'n is my everlasting home,
 Th' inheritance is sure ;
 Let men of pride their rage resume,
 But I'll repine no more.

P S A L M XLIX. Long Metre.

The rich sinner's death, and the saint's resurrection.

- 1 **W**HY do the proud insult the poor,
 And boast the large estates they have ?
 How vain are riches to secure
 Their haughty owners from the grave !
- 2 They can't rédeem an hour from death,
 With all the wealth in which they trust ;
 Nor give a dying brother breath,
 When God commands him down to dust.
- 3 There the dark earth and dismal shade
 Shall clasp their naked bodies round :
 That flesh so delicately fed
 Lies cold, and moulders in the ground.
- 4 Like thoughtless sheep the sinner dies,
 And leaves his glories in the tomb :
 The saints shall in the morning rise,
 And hear th' oppressor's awful doom.
- 5 His honours perish in the dust,
 And pomp and beauty, birth and blood :
 That glorious day exalts the just
 To full dominion o'er the proud.
- 6 My Saviour shall my life restore,
 And raise me from my dark abode ;
 My flesh and soul shall part no more,
 But dwell forever near my God.

PSALM L. ver. 1,—6. First part. Common Metre.

The last judgment ; or, The saints rewarded.

- 1 **T**HE Lord, the judge, before his throne
 Bids the whole earth draw nigh,
 The nations near the rising sun,
 And near the western sky.

- 2 No more shall bold blasphemers say,
 " Judgment will ne'er begin ;"
 No more abuse his long delay
 To impudence and sin.
- 3 Thron'd on a cloud our God shall come,
 Bright flames prepare his way,
 Thunder and darknes, fire and storm
 Lead on the dreadful day.
- 4 Heav'n from above his call shall hear,
 Attending angels come,
 And earth and hell shall know and fear
 His justice and their doom.
- 5 " But gather all my faints (he cries)
 " That made their peace with God,
 " By the Redeemer's sacrifice,
 " And seal'd it with his blood.
- 6 " Their faith and works, brought forth to light,
 " Shall make the world confess
 " My sentence of reward is right,
 " And heav'n adore my grace."

PSALM L. ver. 10, 11, 14, 15, 23. Second part.
 Common Metre.

Obedience is better than sacrifice.

- 1 **T**HUS saith the Lord, " The spacious fields,
 " And flocks and herds, are mine ;
 " O'er all the cattle of the hills
 " I claim a right divine.
- 2 " I ask no sheep for sacrifice,
 " Nor bullocks burnt with fire ;
 " To hope and love, to pray and praise,
 " Is all that I require.
- 3 " Invoke my name when trouble's near,
 " My hand shall set thee free ;
 " Then shall thy thankful lips declare
 " The honour due to me.

- 4 “ The man that offers humble praise,
 “ Declares my glory best :
 “ And those that tread my holy ways
 “ Shall my salvation taste.”

PSALM L. ver. 1, 5, 8, 16, 21, 22. Third part.
 Common Metre.

The judgment of hypocrites.

- 1 **W**HEN Christ to judgment shall descend,
 And saints surround their Lord,
 He calls the nations to attend,
 And hear his awful word.
- 2 “ Not for the want of bullocks slain
 “ Will I the world reprove ;
 “ Altars, and rites, and forms, are vain
 “ Without the fire of love.
- 3 “ And what have hypocrites to do
 “ To bring their sacrifice ?
 “ They call my statutes just and true,
 “ But deal in theft and lies.
- 4 “ Could you expect to 'scape my sight,
 “ And sin without controul ?
 “ But I shall bring your crimes to light
 “ With anguish in your soul.”
- 5 Consider, ye that slight the Lord,
 Before his wrath appear ;
 If once you fall beneath his sword,
 There's no deliv'rer there.

P S A L M L. Long Metre.

Hypocrisy exposed.

- 1 **T**HE Lord, the Judge, his churches warns,
 Let hypocrites attend and fear,
 Who place their hope in rites and forms,
 But make not faith nor love their care.

- 2 Vile wretches dare rehearse his name
 With lips of falsehood and deceit ;
 A friend or brother they defame,
 And soothe and flatter those they hate.
- 3 They watch to do their neighbours wrong,
 Yet dare to seek their maker's face ;
 They take his cov'nant on their tongue,
 But break his laws, abuse his grace.
- 4 To heav'n they lift their hands unclean,
 Defil'd with lust, defil'd with blood ;
 By night they practise every sin,
 By day their mouths draw near to God.
- 5 And while his judgments long delay,
 They grow secure and sin the more ;
 They think he sleeps as well as they,
 And put far off the dreadful hour.
- 6 O dreadful hour ! when God draws near,
 And sets their crimes before their eyes !
 His wrath their guilty souls shall tear,
 And no deliv'rer dare to rise.

P S A L M L. To a new tune.

The last judgment.

- 1 **T**HE Lord, the sov'reign, sends his summons forth,
 Calls the south nations, and awakes the north ;
 From east to west the sounding orders spread
 Through distant worlds and regions of the dead :
 No more shall atheists mock his long delay ;
 His vengeance sleeps no more : behold the day !
- 2 Behold, the Judge descends ; his guards are nigh,
 Tempest and fire attend him down the sky.
 Heav'n, earth, and hell draw near ; let all things come
 To hear his justice, and the sinner's doom :
 " But gather first my faints," the Judge commands,
 " Bring them, ye angels, from their distant lands.

- 3 Behold, my cov'nant stands forever good,
Seal'd by th' eternal sacrifice in blood,
And sign'd with all their names; the Greek, the Jew,
That paid the ancient worship, or the new,
There's no distinction here; prepare their thrones,
And near me seat my fav'rites and my sons.
- 4 I, their almighty Saviour and their God,
I am their Judge: ye heav'ns, proclaim abroad
My just eternal sentence, and declare
Those awful truths that sinners dread to hear;
Sinners in Zion, tremble and retire;
I doom the painted hypocrite to fire.
- 5 Not for the want of goats or bullocks slain
Do I condemn thee; bulls and goats are vain
Without the flames of love; in vain the store
Of brutal off'rings that were mine before;
Mine are the tamer beasts and savage breed,
Flocks, herds, and fields, and forests where they feed.
- 6 If I were hungry, would I ask thee food?
When did I thirst, or taste the victim's blood?
Can I be flatter'd with thy cringing bows,
Thy solemn chattr'ings, and fantastic vows!
Are my eyes charm'd thy vestments to behold,
Glaring in gems, and gay in woven gold?
- 7 Unthinking wretch! how could'st thou hope to please
A God, a Spirit, with such toys as these?
While, with my grace and statutes on thy tongue,
Thou lov'st deceit, and dost thy brother wrong;
In vain to pious forms thy zeal pretends,
Thieves and adult'ers are thy chosen friends.
- 8 Silent I waited with long-suff'ring love,
But didst thou hope that I should ne'er reprove?
And cherish such an impious thought within,
That God the righteous would indulge thy sin?
Behold my terrors now; my thunders roll,
And thy own crimes affright thy guilty soul."

- 9 Sinners, awake betimes; ye fools, be wise;
 Awake before this dreadful morning rise;
 Change your vain thoughts, your sinful works amend,
 Fly to the Saviour, make the Judge your friend;
 Lest, like a lion, his last vengeance tear
 Your trembling souls, and no deliv'rer near.

P S A L M L. To the old proper tune.

The last judgment.

- 1 **T**HE God of glory sends his summons forth,
 Calls the south nations, and awakes the north;
 From east to west the sov'reign orders spread,
 Thro' distant worlds and regions of the dead.

*The trumpet sounds, hell trembles, heaven rejoices;
 Lift up your heads, ye saints, with cheerful voices.*

- 2 No more shall atheists mock his long delay:
 His vengeance sleeps no more: behold the day!
 Behold, the judge descends; his guards are nigh,
 Tempests and fire attend him down the sky.

*When God appears, all nature shall adore him:
 While sinners tremble, saints rejoice before him.*

- 3 "Heav'n, earth, and hell, draw near; let all things come
 To hear my justice, and the sinner's doom:
 But gather first my saints," the judge commands,
 "Bring them, ye angels, from their distant lands.

*When Christ returns, wake every cheerful passion,
 And shout, ye saints; he comes for your salvation.*

- 4 Behold, my cov'nant stands forever good,
 Seal'd by th' eternal sacrifice in blood,
 And sign'd with all their names; the Greek, the Jew,
 That paid the ancient worship, or the new.

*There's no distinction here; join all your voices,
 And raise your heads, ye saints, for heaven rejoices.*

- 5 Here, saith the Lord, ye angels, spread their thrones,
 And near me seat my fav'rites and my sons;

Come, my redeem'd, possess the joys prepar'd
Ere time began, 'tis your divine reward.

*When Christ returns, wake every cheerful passion,
And shout, ye saints ; he comes for your salvation.*

P A U S E the first.

6 I am the Saviour, I th' almighty God,
The sov'reign judge ; ye heav'ns, proclaim abroad
My just eternal sentence, and declare
Those awful truths that sinners dread to hear.

*When God appears, all nature shall adore him ;
While sinners tremble, saints rejoice before him.*

7 Stand forth, thou bold blasphemer, and profane,
Now feel my wrath, nor call my threat'nings vain ;
Thou hypocrite, once dress'd in saint's attire,
I doom the painted hypocrite to fire.

*Judgment proceeds, hell trembles, heav'n rejoices :
Lift up your heads, ye saints, with cheerful voices.*

8 Not for the want of goats or bullocks slain
Do I condemn thee ; bulls and goats are vain
Without the flames of love : in vain the store
Of brutal off'rings that were mine before.

*Earth is the Lord's, all nature shall adore him ;
While sinners tremble, saints rejoice before him.*

9 If I were hungry, would I ask thee food ?
When did I thirst ? or drink thy bullock's blood ?
Mine are the tamer beasts and savage breed,
Flocks, herds, and fields, and forests where they feed.

*All is the Lord's ; he rules the wide creation ;
Gives sinners vengeance, and the saints salvation.*

10 Can I be flatter'd with thy cringing bows ?
Thy solemn chatt'rings, and fantastick vows ?
Are my eyes charm'd thy vestments to behold,
Glaring in gems, and gay in woven gold ?

*God is the judge of hearts, no fair disguises
Can screen the guilty when his vengeance rises.*

P A U S E the second.

11 Unthinking wretch ! how couldst thou hope to please
A God, a spirit, with such toys as these ?
While, with my grace and statutes on thy tongue,
Thou lov'st deceit, and dost thy brother wrong.

*Judgment proceeds, hell trembles, heav'n rejoices ;
Lift up your heads, ye saints, with cheerful voices.*

12 In vain to pious forms thy zeal pretends ;
Thieves and adult'ers are thy chosen friends :
While the false flatt'rer at mine altar waits,
His harden'd soul divine instruction hates.

*God is the judge of hearts, no fair disguises
Can screen the guilty, when his vengeance rises.*

13 Silent I waited with long-suff'ring love,
But didst thou hope that I should ne'er reprove ?
And cherish such an impious thought within,
That the All-Holy would indulge thy sin ?

*See, God appears ; all nations join t' adore him ;
Judgment proceeds, and sinners fall before him.*

14 Behold my terrors now ; my thunders roll,
And thy own crimes affright thy guilty soul ;
Now, like a lion, shall my vengeance tear
Thy bleeding heart, and no deliv'rer near.

*Judgment concludes, hell trembles, heav'n rejoices,
Lift up your heads, ye saints, with cheerful voices.*

E P I P H O N E M A.

Sinners, awake betimes ; ye fools, be wise ;
Awake before this dreadful morning rise ;
Change your vain thoughts, your sinful works amend,
Fly to the Saviour, make the Judge your friend.

*Then join, ye saints ; wake every cheerful passion,
When Christ returns, he comes for your salvation.*

P S A L M LI. First part. Long Metre.

A penitent pleading for pardon.

- 1 **S**HEW pity, Lord; O Lord, forgive;
Let a repenting rebel live:
Are not thy mercies large and free?
May not a sinner trust in thee?
- 2 My crimes are great, but can't surpass
The power and glory of thy grace:
Great God, thy nature hath no bound,
So let thy pard'ning love be found.
- 3 O wash my soul from every sin,
And make my guilty conscience clean;
Here on my heart the burden lies,
And past offences pain mine eyes.
- 4 My lips with shame my sins confess
Against thy law, against thy grace:
Lord, should thy judgment grow severe,
I am condemn'd, but thou art clear.
- 5 Should sudden vengeance seize my breath,
I must pronounce thee just in death;
And if my soul were sent to hell,
Thy righteous law approves it well.
- 6 Yet, save a trembling sinner, Lord,
Whose hope, still hov'ring round thy word,
Would light on some sweet promise there,
Some sure support against despair.

P S A L M LI. Second part. Long Metre.

Original and actual sin confessed.

- 1 **L**ORD, I am vile, conceiv'd in sin,
And born unholy and unclean;
Sprung from the man whose guilty fall
Corrupts the race, and taints us all.
- 2 Soon as we draw our infant breath,
The seeds of sin grow up for death;
The law demands a perfect heart;
But we're defil'd in every part.

- [3 Great God, create my heart anew,
And form my spirit pure and true :
O make me wise betimes to spy
My danger and my remedy.]
- 4 Behold I fall before thy face ;
My only refuge is thy grace ;
No outward forms can make me clean,
The leprosy lies deep within.
- 5 No bleeding bird, nor bleeding beast,
Nor hyssop branch, nor sprinkling priest,
Nor running brook, nor flood, nor sea,
Can wash this dismal stain away.
- 6 Jesus, my God, thy blood alone
Hath power sufficient to atone ;
Thy blood can make me white as snow ;
No Jewish types could cleanse me so.
- 7 While guilt disturbs and breaks my peace,
Nor flesh nor soul hath rest or ease ;
Lord, let me hear thy pard'ning voice,
And make my broken heart rejoice.

P S A L M LI. Third part. Long Metre.

*The backslider restored; or, Repentance and faith in
the blood of Christ.*

- 1 **O** 'THOU that hear'st when sinners cry,
Tho' all my crimes before thee lie,
Behold them not with angry look,
But blot their memory from thy book.
- 2 Create my nature pure within,
And form my soul averse to sin ;
Let thy good spirit ne'er depart,
Nor hide thy presence from my heart.
- 3 I cannot live without thy light,
Cast out and banish'd from thy sight :
Thine holy joys, my God restore,
And guard me that I fall no more.

- 4 Though I have griev'd thy spirit, Lord,
Thy help and comfort still afford :
And let a wretch come near thy throne,
To plead the merits of thy Son.
- 5 A broken heart, my God, my king,
Is all the sacrifice I bring ;
The God of grace will ne'er despise
A broken heart for sacrifice.
- 6 My soul lies humbled in the dust,
And owns thy dreadful sentence just ;
Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye,
And save the soul condemn'd to die.
- 7 Then will I teach the world thy ways ;
Sinners shall learn thy sov'reign grace ;
I'll lead them to my Saviour's blood,
And they shall praise a pard'ning God.
- 8 O may thy love inspire my tongue !
Salvation shall be all my song ;
And all my powers shall join to bless
The Lord, my strength and righteousness.

P S A L M LI. ver. 3,—13. First part.
Common Metre.

Original and actual sin confessed and pardoned.

- 1 **L**ORD, I would spread my sore distress
And guilt before thine eyes :
Against thy laws, against thy grace,
How high my crimes arise !
- 2 Should'st thou condemn my soul to hell,
And crush my flesh to dust,
Heav'n would approve thy vengeance well,
And earth must own it just.
- 3 I from the stock of Adam came
Unholy and unclean ;
All my original is shame,
And all my nature sin.

- 4 Born in a world of guilt, I drew
 Contagion with my breath ;
 And, as my days advanc'd, I grew
 A juster prey for death.
- 5 Cleanse me, O Lord, and cheer my soul
 With thy forgiving love ;
 O make my broken spirit whole,
 And bid my pains remove.
- 6 Let not thy Spirit e'er depart,
 Nor drive me from thy face ;
 Create anew my vicious heart,
 And fill it with thy grace.
- 7 Then will I make thy mercy known
 Before the sons of men ;
 Backsliders shall address thy throne,
 And turn to God again.

P S A L M LI. ver. 14,—17. Second part.
 Common Metre.

Repentance and faith in the blood of Christ.

- 1 **O** God of mercy, hear my call,
 My loads of guilt remove,
 Break down this separating wall
 That bars me from thy love.
- 2 Give me the presence of thy grace,
 Then my rejoicing tongue
 Shall speak aloud thy righteousness,
 And make thy praise my song.
- 3 No blood of goats nor heifers slain
 For sin could e'er atone ;
 The death of Christ shall still remain
 Sufficient and alone.
- 4 A soul oppress'd with sin's desert
 My God will ne'er despise :
 A humble groan, a broken heart,
 Is our best sacrifice.

P S A L M LII. Common Metre.

The disappointment of the wicked.

- 1 **W**HY should the mighty make their boast,
 And heavenly grace despise?
 In their own arm they put their trust,
 And fill their mouth with lies.
- 2 But God in vengeance shall destroy,
 And drive them from his face;
 No more shall they his church annoy,
 Nor find on earth a place.
- 3 But like a cultur'd olive grove,
 Dress'd in immortal green,
 Thy children blooming in thy love,
 Amid thy courts are seen.
- 4 On thine eternal grace, O Lord,
 Thy saints shall rest secure,
 And all who trust thy holy word,
 Shall find salvation sure.

P S A L M LII. Long Metre.

The folly of self-dependence.

- 1 **W**HY should the haughty hero boast,
 His vengeful arm, his warlike host?
 While blood defiles his cruel hand,
 And desolation wastes the land.
- 2 He joys to hear the captive's cry,
 The widow's groan, the orphan's sigh;
 And when the wearied sword would spare,
 His falsehood spreads the fatal snare.
- 3 He triumphs in the deeds of wrong,
 And arms with rage his impious tongue;
 With pride proclaims his dreadful power,
 And bids the trembling world adore.
- 4 But God beholds, and, with a frown,
 Casts to the dust his honours down;
 The righteous freed, their hopes recall,
 And hail the proud oppressor's fall.

- 5 How low th' insulting tyrant lies,
 Who dar'd th' eternal power despise,
 And vainly deem'd with endless joy,
 His arm almighty to destroy !
- 6 We praise thee, Lord, who heard our cries,
 And sent salvation from the skies :
 The saints, who saw our mournful days,
 Shall join our grateful songs of praise.

P S A L M LIII. ver. 4,—6. Common Metre.

Victory and deliverance from persecution.

- 1 **A**RE all the foes of Zion fools,
 Who thus destroy her saints ?
 Do they not know her Saviour rules,
 And pities her complaints.
- 2 They shall be seiz'd with sad surprise,
 For God's avenging arm
 Shall crush the hand that dares arise
 To do his children harm.
- 3 In vain the sons of Satan boast
 Of armies in array ;
 When God has first despis'd their host,
 They fall an easy prey.
- 4 O for a word from Zion's king,
 Her captives to restore !
 Thy joyful saints thy praise shall sing,
 And Israel weep no more.

P S A L M LIV. Common Metre.

- 1 **B**EHOLD us, Lord, and let our cry
 Before thy throne ascend,
 Cast thou on us a pitying eye,
 And still our lives defend.
- 2 For slaughtering foes insult us round,
 Oppressive, proud and vain,
 They cast thy temples to the ground,
 And all our rights profane.

- 3 Yet thy forgiving grace we trust,
 And in thy power rejoice ;
 Thine arms shall crush our foes to dust,
 Thy praise inspire our voice.
- 4 Be thou with those whose friendly hand
 Upheld us in distress,
 Extend thy truth through every land,
 And still thy people bless.

P S A L M LV. ver. 1,—8, 16, 17, 18, 22.
 Common Metre.

Support for the afflicted and tempted soul.

- 1 **O** GOD, my refuge, hear my cries,
 Behold my flowing tears,
 For earth and hell my hurt devise,
 And triumph in my fears.
- 2 Their rage is levell'd at my life,
 My soul with guilt they load,
 And fill my thoughts with inward strife,
 To shake my hope in God.
- 3 What inward pains my heartstrings wound,
 I groan with every breath ;
 Horror and fear beset me round
 Amongst the shades of death.
- 4 O were I like a feather'd dove,
 And innocence had wings,
 I'd fly, and make a long remove
 From all these restless things.
- 5 Let me to some wild desert go,
 And find a peaceful home,
 Where storms of malice never blow,
 Temptations never come.
- 6 Vain hopes, and vain inventions all,
 To 'scape the rage of hell !
 The mighty God, on whom I call,
 Can save me here as well.

P A U S E.

- 7 By morning light I'll seek his face,
 At noon repeat my cry,
 The night shall hear me ask his grace,
 Nor will he long deny.
- 8 God shall preserve my soul from fear,
 Or shield me when afraid ;
 Ten thousand angels must appear
 If he command their aid.
- 9 I cast my burdens on the Lord,
 The Lord sustains them all ;
 My courage rests upon his word,
 That faints shall never fall.
- 10 My highest hopes shall not be vain,
 My lips shall spread his praise ;
 While cruel and deceitful men
 Scarce live out half their days.

P S A L M LV. ver. 15, 16, 17, 19, 22.
 Short Metre..

- 1 **L**ET sinners take their course,
 And chuse the road to death ;
 But in the worship of my God
 I'll spend my daily breath.
- 2 My thoughts address his throne,
 When morning brings the light ;
 I seek his blessing ev'ry noon,
 And pay my vows at night.
- 3 Thou wilt regard my cries,
 O my eternal God,
 While sinners perish in surprise
 Beneath thine angry rod.
- 4 Because they dwell at ease,
 And no sad changes feel,
 They neither fear nor trust thy name,
 Nor learn to do thy will.

- 5 But I, with all my cares,
 Will lean upon the Lord ;
 I'll cast my burdens on his arm,
 And rest upon his word.
- 6 His arm shall well sustain
 The children of his love ;
 The ground on which their safety stands
 No earthly pow'r can move.

P S A L M LVI. Common Metre.

*Deliverance from oppression and falsehood ; or, God's
 care of his people, in answer to faith and prayer.*

- 1 **O** THOU, whose justice reigns on high,
 And makes th' oppression cease,
 Behold how envious sinners try
 To vex and break my peace.
- 2 The sons of violence and lies
 Join to devour me, Lord ;
 But as my hourly dangers rise,
 My refuge is thy word.
- 3 In God most holy, just, and true,
 I have repos'd my trust ;
 Nor will I fear what flesh can do,
 The offspring of the dust.
- 4 They wrest my words to mischief still,
 Charge me with unknown faults ;
 For mischiefs all their counsels fill,
 And malice all their thoughts.
- 5 Shall they escape without thy frown ?
 Must their devices stand ?
 Oh, cast the haughty sinner down,
 And let him know thy hand !
- P A U S E.
- 6 God sees the sorrow of his saints,
 Their groans affect his ears :
 Thy mercy counts my just complaints,
 And numbers all my tears.

- 7 When to thy throne I raise my cry,
The wicked fear and flee:
So swift is prayer to reach the sky,
So near is God to me.
- 8 In thee, most holy, just, and true,
I have repos'd my trust;
Nor will I fear what man can do,
The offspring of the dust.
- 9 Thy solemn vows are on me, Lord,
Thou shalt receive my praise;
I'll sing, "How faithful is thy word!
"How righteous all thy ways!"
- 10 Thou hast secur'd my soul from death,
Oh set thy prisoner free,
That heart and hand, and life and breath
May be employ'd for thee.

P S A L M LVII. Long Metre.

Praise for protection; grace and truth.

- 1 **M**Y God; in whom are all the springs
Of boundless love and grace unknown,
Hide me beneath thy spreading wings,
Till the dark cloud is overblown.
- 2 Up to the heav'ns I send my cry,
The Lord will my desires perform;
He sends his angels from the sky,
And saves me from the threat'ning storm.
- 3 Be thou exalted, O my God,
Above the heav'ns, where angels dwell;
Thy pow'r on earth be known abroad,
And land to land thy wonders tell.
- 4 My heart is fix'd; my song shall raise
Immortal honours to thy name;
Awake, my tongue, to sound his praise,
My tongue, the glory of my frame.

- 5 High o'er the earth his mercy reigns,
 And reaches to the utmost sky;
 His truth to endless years remains,
 When lower worlds dissolve and die.
- 6 Be thou exalted, O my God,
 Above the heav'ns, where angels dwell;
 Thy pow'r on earth be known abroad,
 And land to land thy wonders tell.

P S A L M LVIII. As the 113th Psalm.

Warning to Magistrates.

- 1 **J**UDGES, who rule the world by laws,
 Will ye despise the righteous cause,
 When vile oppression wastes the land?
 Dare ye condemn the righteous poor,
 And let rich sinners 'scape secure,
 While gold and greatness bribe your hand?
- 2 Have ye forgot, or never knew
 That God will judge the judges too!
 High in the heav'ns his justice reigns;
 Yet you invade the rights of God;
 And send your bold decrees abroad,
 To bind the conscience in your chains.
- 3 A poison'd arrow is your tongue,
 The arrow sharp, the poison strong,
 And death attends where'er it wounds;
 You hear no counsels, cries and tears;
 So the deaf adder stops her ears
 Against the power of charming sounds.
- 4 Break out their teeth, eternal God,
 Those teeth of lions dy'd in blood
 And crush the serpents in the dust:
 As empty chaff, when whirlwinds rise,
 Before the sweeping tempest flies,
 So let their hopes and names be lost.

- 5 Th' Almighty thunders from the sky,
 Their grandeur melts, their titles die,
 As hills of snow dissolve and run;
 Or snails that perish in their slime,
 Or births that come before their time,
 Vain births that never see the sun.
- 6 Thus shall the vengeance of the Lord
 Safety and joy to saints afford;
 And all that hear shall join and say,
 " Sure there's a God that rules on high,
 " A God that hears his children cry,
 " And will their sufferings well repay."

P S A L M LIX. Short Metre.

A prayer for national deliverance.

- 1 **F**ROM foes that round us rise,
 O God of heav'n, defend,
 Who brave the vengeance of the skies,
 And with thy saints contend.
- 2 Behold, from distant shores
 And desert wilds they come,
 Combine for blood their barb'rous force,
 And through thy cities roam.
- 3 Beneath the silent shade
 Their secret plots they lay,
 Our peaceful walls by night invade,
 And waste the fields by day.
- 4 And will the God of grace,
 Regardless of our pain,
 Permit, secure, that impious race
 To riot in their reign?
- 5 In vain their secret guile,
 Or open force, they prove;
 His eye can pierce the deepest veil,
 His hand their strength remove.

- 6 Yet save them, Lord, from death,
 Left we forget their doom ;
 But drive them with thine angry breath,
 Through distant lands to roam.
- 7 Then shall our grateful voice
 Proclaim our guardian God ;
 The nations round the earth rejoice,
 And sound the praise abroad.

P S A L M LX. Common Metre.

Looking to God in the distress of war.

- 1 **L**ORD, thou hast scourg'd our guilty land,
 Behold thy people mourn ;
 Shall vengeance ever guide thy hand,
 And mercy ne'er return ?
- 2 Beneath the terrors of thine eye
 Earth's haughty towers decay :
 Thy frowning mantle spreads the sky,
 And mortals melt away.
- 3 Our Zion trembles at thy stroke,
 And dreads thy lifted hand :
 Oh, heal the people thou hast broke,
 And save the sinking land.
- 4 Exalt thy banner in the field,
 For those that fear thy name ;
 From barb'rous hosts our nation shield,
 And put our foes to shame.
- 5 Attend our armies to the fight,
 And be their guardian God ;
 In vain shall numerous powers unite
 Against thy lifted rod.
- 6 Our troops, beneath thy guiding hand,
 Shall gain a glad renown :
 'Tis God who makes the feeble stand,
 And treads the mighty down.

P S A L M LXI. ver. 1,—6. Short Metre.

Safety in God.

- 1 **W**HEN overwhelm'd with grief
 My heart within me dies,
 Helpless, and far from all relief,
 To heav'n I lift mine eyes.
- 2 O lead me to the rock
 That's high above my head,
 And make the covert of thy wings
 My shelter and my shade.
- 3 Within thy presence, Lord,
 Forever I'll abide ;
 Thou art the tower of my defence,
 The refuge where I hide.
- 4 Thou givest me the lot
 Of those that fear thy name ;
 If endless life be their reward,
 I shall possess the same.

P S A L M LXII. ver. 5,—12. Long Metre.

*No trust in the creatures ; or, Faith in divine grace
 and power.*

- 1 **M**Y spirit looks to God alone ;
 My rock and refuge is his throne ;
 In all my fears, in all my straits,
 My soul on his salvation waits.
- 2 Trust him, ye saints, in all your ways,
 Pour out your hearts before his face ;
 When helpers fail, and foes invade,
 God is our all-sufficient aid.
- 3 False are the men of high degree,
 The baser sort are vanity ;
 Laid in the balance both appear
 Light as a puff of empty air.

- 4 Make not increasing gold your trust,
Nor set your hearts on glitt'ring dust ;
Why will you grasp the fleeting smoke,
And not believe what God has spoke ?
- 5 Once has his awful voice declar'd,
Once and again my ears have heard,
All power is his eternal due ;
He must be fear'd and trusted too.
- 6 For sov'reign power reigns not alone,
Grace is a partner of the throne :
Thy grace and justice, mighty Lord,
Shall well divide our last reward.

P S A L M LXIII. ver. 1, 2, 5, 3, 4. First part.
Common Metre.

The morning of a Lord's day.

- 1 **E**ARLY, my God, without delay,
I haste to seek thy face ;
My thirfty spirit faints away,
Without thy cheering grace.
- 2 So pilgrims on the scorching sand,
Beneath a burning sky,
Long for a cooling stream at hand,
And they must drink or die.
- 3 I've seen thy glory and thy power,
Through all thy temple shine ;
My God repeat that heav'nly hour,
That vision so divine.
- 4 Not all the blessings of a feast
Can please my soul so well,
As when thy richer grace I taste,
And in thy presence dwell.
- 5 Not life itself, with all its joys,
Can my best passions move,
Or raise so high my cheerful voice,
As thy forgiving love.

- 6 Thus, till my last expiring day,
 I'll bless my God and king ;
 Thus will I lift my hands to pray,
 And tune my lips to sing.

P S A L M LXIII. ver. 6,—10. Second part.
 Common Metre.

Midnight thoughts recollected.

- 1 **T** WAS in the watches of the night
 I thought upon thy power,
 I kept thy lovely face in sight
 Amidst the darkeſt hour.
- 2 My fleſh lay reſting on my bed,
 My ſoul aroſe on high ;
 “ My God, my life, my hope,” I ſaid,
 “ Bring thy ſalvation nigh.”
- 3 My ſpirit labours up thine hill,
 And climbs the heav’nly road ;
 But thy right hand upholds me ſtill,
 While I purſue my God.
- 4 Thy mercy ſtretches o’er my head
 The ſhadow of thy wings ;
 My heart rejoices in thine aid,
 My tongue awakes and ſings.
- 5 But the deſtroyers of my peace
 Shall fret and rage in vain ;
 The tempter ſhall forever ceaſe,
 And all my ſins be ſlain.
- 6 Thy ſword ſhall give my foes to death,
 And ſend them down to dwell
 In the dark caverns of the earth,
 Or in the deeps of hell.

P S A L M LXIII. Long Metre.

Longing after God; or, The love of God better than life.

1 GREAT God, indulge my humble claim,
 Thou art my hope, my joy, my rest;
 The glories that compose thy name
 Stand all engag'd to make me blest.

2 Thou great and good, thou just and wise,
 Thou art my father and my God;
 And I am thine by sacred ties,
 Thy son, thy servant, bought with blood.

3 With heart, and eyes, and lifted hands
 For thee I long, to thee I look,
 As travellers in thirsty lands
 Pant for the cooling water brook.

4 With early feet I love t' appear
 Among thy saints, and seek thy face,
 Oft' I have seen thy glory there,
 And felt the power of sov'reign grace.

5 Not fruits or wines, that tempt our taste,
 No pleasures that to sense belong,
 Could make me so divinely blest,
 Or raise so high my cheerful song.

6 My life itself, without thy love,
 No taste or pleasure could afford,
 'Twould but a tiresome burthen prove,
 If I were banish'd from the Lord.

7 Amidst the wakeful hours of night,
 When busy cares afflict my head,
 One thought of thee gives new delight,
 And adds refreshment to my bed.

8 I'll lift my hands, I'll raise my voice,
 While I have breath to pray or praise;
 This work shall make my heart rejoice,
 And bless the remnant of my days..

P S A L M LXIII. Short Metre.

Seeking God.

- 1 **M**Y God, permit my tongue
This joy, to call thee mine ;
And let my early cries prevail
To taste thy love divine.
- 2 My thirsty fainting soul
Thy mercy does implore :
Not travellers in desert lands
Can pant for water more.
- 3 Within thy churches, Lord,
I long to find my place,
Thy power and glory to behold,
And feel thy quick'ning grace.
- 4 For life without thy love
No relish can afford ;
No joy can be compar'd with this,
To serve and please the Lord.
- 5 To thee I'll lift my hands,
And praise thee while I live ;
Not the rich dainties of a feast
Such food or pleasure give.
- 6 In wakeful hours of night
I call my God to mind ;
I think how wise thy counsels are,
And all thy dealings kind.
- 7 Since thou hast been my help,
To thee my spirit flies,
And on thy watchful providence
My cheerful hope relies.
- 8 The shadow of thy wings
My soul in safety keeps :
I follow where my Father leads,
And he supports my steps.

P S A L M LXIV. Long Metre.

- 1 **G**REAT God, attend to my complaint,
Nor let my drooping spirit faint;
When foes in secret spread the snare,
Let my salvation be thy care.
- 2 Shield me without, and guard within,
From treacherous foes and deadly sin;
May envy, lust and pride depart,
And heav'nly grace expand my heart.
- 3 Thy justice and thy power display,
And scatter far thy foes away;
While list'ning nations learn thy word,
And saints triumphant bless the Lord.
- 4 Then shall thy church exalt her voice,
And all that love thy name rejoice;
By faith approach thine awful throne,
And plead the merits of thy son.

PSALM LXV. ver. 1,—5. First part. Long Metre.

Public prayer and praise.

- 1 **T**HE praise of Zion waits for thee,
My God; and praise becomes thy house;
There shall thy saints thy glory see,
And there perform their public vows.
- 2 O thou, whose mercy bends the skies,
To save when humble sinners pray,
All lands to thee shall lift their eyes,
And every yielding heart obey.
- 3 Against my will my sins prevail,
But grace shall purge away the stain;
The blood of Christ will never fail
To wash my garments white again.
- 4 Bless'd is the man whom thou shalt choose,
And give him kind access to thee;
Give him a place within thy house,
To taste thy love divinely free.

P A U S E.

- 5 Let Babel fear when Zion prays ;
 Babel, prepare for long distress,
 When Zion's God himself arrays
 In terror and in righteousness.
- 6 With dreadful glory God fulfils
 What his afflicted saints request ;
 And with almighty wrath reveals
 His love to give his churches rest.
- 7 Then shall the flocking nations run
 To Zion's hill and own their Lord ;
 The rising and the setting sun
 Shall see the Saviour's name ador'd.

PSALM LXV. v. 5,—13. 2d part. Long Metre.
*Divine Providence in air, earth, and sea ; or, The God
 of nature and grace.*

- 1 **T**HE God of our salvation hears
 The groans of Zion, mix'd with tears ;
 Yet when he comes with kind designs,
 Through all the way his terror shines.
- 2 On him the race of man depends,
 Far as the earth's remotest ends,
 Where the Creator's name is known,
 By nature's feeble light alone.
- 3 Sailors, that travel o'er the floods
 Address their frighted souls to God,
 When tempests rage, and billows roar
 At dreadful distance from the shore.
- 4 He bids the noisy tempests cease ;
 He calms the raging crowd to peace,
 When a tumultuous nation raves,
 Wild as the winds, and loud as waves.
- 5 Whole kingdoms, shaken by the storm,
 He settles in a peaceful form ;
 Mountains establish'd by his hand,
 Firm on their old foundations stand.

- 6 Behold, his ensigns sweep the sky,
New comets blaze, and light'nings fly;
The heathen lands, with swift surprise,
From the bright horrors turn their eyes.
- 7 At his command the morning ray
Smiles in the east, and leads the day,
He guides the sun's declining wheels
Over the tops of western hills.
- 8 Seasons and times obey his voice;
The ev'ning and the morn rejoice
To see the earth made soft with showers,
Laden with fruit, and dress'd in flowers.
- 9 'Tis from his wat'ry stores on high
He gives the thirsty ground supply;
He walks upon the ground, and thence
Doth his enriching drops dispense.
- 10 The desert grows a fruitful field,
Abundant fruit the vallies yield;
The vallies shout with cheerful voice,
And neighbouring hills repeat their joys.
- 11 The pastures smile in green array,
There lambs and larger cattle play;
The larger cattle and the lamb,
Each in his language speaks thy name.
- 12 Thy works pronounce thy power divine;
O'er ev'ry field thy glories shine;
Through ev'ry month thy gifts appear;
Great God, thy goodness crowns the year.

P S A L M LXV. First part. Common Metre.

A prayer-hearing God; and the Gentiles called.

- 1 **P**RAISE waits in Zion, Lord, for thee;
There shall our vows be paid;
Thou hast an ear when sinners pray,
All flesh shall seek thine aid.

- 2 Lord, our iniquities prevail,
 But pard'ning grace is thine,
 And thou wilt grant us power and skill
 To conquer every sin.
- 3 Bless'd are the men whom thou wilt chuse
 To bring them near thy face,
 Give them a dwelling in thine house
 To feast upon thy grace.
- 4 In answering what thy church requests,
 Thy truth and terror shine,
 And works of dreadful righteousness
 Fulfil thy kind design.
- 5 Thus shall the wond'ring nations see
 The Lord is good and just ;
 And distant islands fly to thee,
 And make thy name their trust.
- 6 They dread thy glitt'ring tokens, Lord,
 When signs in heav'n appear ;
 But they shall learn thy holy word,
 And love as well as fear.

P S A L M LXV. Second part. Common Metre.

*The providence of God in air, earth, and sea ; or, The
 blessings of rain.*

- 1 **T**IS by thy strength the mountains stand,
 God of eternal pow'r ;
 The sea grows calm at thy command,
 And tempests cease to roar.
- 2 Thy morning light and evening shade
 Successive comforts bring ;
 Thy plenteous fruits make harvests glad,
 Thy flowers adorn the spring.
- 3 Seasons and times, and moons and hours,
 Heav'n, earth and air are thine ;
 When clouds distil in fruitful showers,
 The author is divine.

- 4 Those wand'ring cisterns in the sky
 Borne by the winds around,
 Whose wat'ry treasures well supply
 The furrows of the ground.
- 5 The thirsty ridges drink their fill,
 And ranks of corn appear ;
 Thy ways abound with blessings still,
 Thy goodness crowns the year.

P S A L M LXV. Third part. Common Metre.

The blessings of the spring ; or, God gives rain.

A psalm for the husbandman.

- 1 **G**OD is the Lord, the heav'nly King,
 Who makes the earth his care,
 Visits the pastures every spring,
 And bids the grafs appear.
- 2 The clouds, like rivers, rais'd on high,
 Pour out at his command
 Their wat'ry blessings from the sky,
 To cheer the thirsty land.
- 3 The soften'd ridges of the field
 Permit the corn to spring ;
 The vallies rich provision yield,
 And the poor lab'ers sing.
- 4 The little hills on every side
 Rejoice at falling show'rs ;
 The meadows, dress'd in beauteous pride,
 Perfume the air with flowers.
- 5 The barren clods, refresh'd with rain,
 Promise a joyful crop ;
 The parched grounds look green again,
 And raise the reaper's hope.
- 6 The various months thy goodness crowns,
 How bounteous are thy ways !
 The bleating flocks spread o'er the downs,
 And shepherds shout thy praise.

PSALM LXVI. First part. Common Metre.
*Governing power and goodness; or, Our grace tried by
 afflictions.*

- 1 **S**ING, all ye nations to the Lord,
 Sing with a joyful noise;
 With melody of sound record
 His honours and your joys.
- 2 Say to the pow'r that form'd the sky,
 "How terrible art thou!
 "Sinners before thy presence fly,
 "Or at thy feet they bow."
- 3 Come, see the wonders of our God,
 How glorious are his ways!
 In Moses' hand he put the rod,
 And clave the frightened seas.
- 4 He made the ebbing channel dry,
 While Israel pass'd the flood,
 There did the church begin their joy,
 And triumph in their God.]
- 5 He rules by his resistless might;
 Will rebel mortals dare
 Provoke th' Eternal to the fight,
 And tempt that dreadful war?
- 6 O bless our God, and never cease;
 Ye saints, fulfil his praise;
 He keeps our life, maintains our peace,
 And guides our doubtful ways.
- 7 Lord, thou hast prov'd our suff'ring souls,
 To make our graces shine;
 So silver bears the burning coals,
 The metal to refine.
- 8 Through wat'ry deeps and fiery ways
 We march at thy command,
 Led to possess the promis'd place
 By thine unerring hand.

P S A L M LXVI. ver. 13;—20. Second part.
Common Metre.

Praise to God for hearing prayer.

- 1 **N**OW shall my solemn vows be paid
To that almighty pow'r,
That heard the long requests I made
In my distressful hour.
- 2 My lips and cheerful heart prepare
To make his mercies known;
Come, ye that fear my God, and hear
The wonders he has done.
- 3 When on my head huge sorrows fell,
I sought the heav'nly aid;
He sav'd my sinking soul from hell,
And death's eternal shade.
- 4 If sin lay cover'd in my heart
While pray'r employ'd my tongue,
The Lord had shewn me no regard,
Nor I his praises sung.
- 5 But God (his name be ever bless'd!)
Has set my spirit free,
Nor turn'd from him my poor request,
Nor turn'd his heart from me.

P S A L M LXVII. Common Metre.

The nation's prosperity, and the church's increase.

- 1 **S**HINE, mighty God, on Zion shine,
With beams of heav'nly grace:
Reveal thy pow'r through all our coasts,
And shew thy smiling face.
- [2 Amidst our realm, exalted high
Do thou our glory stand,
And, like a wall of guardian fire,
Surround the fav'rite land.]

- 3 When shall thy name from shore to shore
 Sound all the earth abroad,
 And distant nations know and love
 Their Saviour and their God.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, ye distant lands,
 Sing loud, with solemn voice ;
 Let every tongue exalt his praise,
 And every heart rejoice.
- 5 He, the great Lord, the sov'reign Judge,
 That sits enthron'd above,
 In wisdom rules the world he made
 And bids them taste his love.
- 6 Earth shall obey his high command,
 And yield a full increase ;
 Our God will crown his chosen land
 With fruitfulness and peace.
- 7 God the Redeemer scatters round
 His choicest favours here,
 While the creation's utmost bound
 Shall see, adore, and fear.

P S A L M LXVIII. ver. 1,—6, 32,—35.

First part. Long Metre.

The vengeance and compassion of God.

- 1 **L**ET God arise in all his might,
 And put the troops of hell to flight ;
 As smoke, that sought to cloud the skies,
 Before the rising tempest flies.
- [2 He comes, array'd in burning flames ;
 Justice and Vengeance are his names :
 Behold, his fainting foes expire,
 Like melting wax before the fire !]
- 3 He rides and thunders through the sky ;
 His name JEHOVAH sounds on high ;
 Sing to his name, ye sons of grace ;
 Ye saints, rejoice before his face.

- 4 The widow and the fatherless
Fly to his aid in sharp distress !
In him the poor and helpless find
A Judge that's just, a Father kind.
- 5 He breaks the captive's heavy chain,
And pris'ners see the light again ;
But rebels, that dispute his will,
Shall dwell in chains and darkness still.
- P A U S E.
- 6 Kingdoms and thrones to God belong ;
Crown him, ye nations, in your song :
His wond'rous names and powers rehearse,
His honours shall enrich your verse.
- 7 He shakes the heav'ns with loud alarms ;
How terrible is God in arms !
In Israel are his mercies known,
Israel is his peculiar throne.
- 8 Proclaim him King, pronounce him bless'd ;
He's your defence, your joy, your rest !
When terrors rise, and nations faint,
God is the strength of every saint.

P S A L M LXVIII. ver. 17, 18. Second part.
Long Metre.

Christ's Ascension, and the gift of the Spirit.

- 1 **L**ORD, when thou didst ascend on high,
Ten thousand angels fill'd the sky ;
Those heav'nly guards around thee wait,
Like chariots that attend thy state.
- 2 Not Sinai's mountain could appear
More glorious, when the Lord was there,
While he pronounc'd his dreadful law,
And struck the chosen tribes with awe.
- 3 How bright the triumph none can tell,
When the rebellious powers of hell
That thousand souls had captive made,
Were all in chains, like captives, led.

- 4 Rais'd by his Father to the throne,
 He sent his promis'd Spirit down,
 With gifts and grace for rebel men,
 That God might dwell on earth again.

P S A L M LXVIII. ver. 19, 9, 20, 21, 22,
 Third part. Long Metre.

Praise for temporal blessings; or, Common and special mercies.

- 1 **W**E bless the Lord, the just, the good,
 Who fills our heart with heav'nly food;
 Who pours his blessings from the skies,
 And loads our days with rich supplies.
- 2 He sends his sun his circuit round,
 'To cheer the fruits, to warm the ground;
 He bids the clouds, with plenteous rain,
 Refresh the thirsty earth again.
- 3 'Tis to his care we owe our breath,
 And all our near escapes from death:
 Safety and health to God belong;
 He heals the weak, and guards the strong.
- 4 He makes the faint and sinner prove
 The common blessings of his love;
 But the wide diff'rence that remains
 Is endless joy or endless pains.
- 5 The Lord, that bruis'd the serpent's head,
 On all the serpent's seed shall tread,
 The stubborn sinner's heart confound,
 And smite him with a lasting wound.
- 6 But his right hand his saints shall raise
 From the deep earth or deeper seas;
 And bring them to his court above,
 There shall they taste his special love.

P S A L M LXIX. ver. 1,—14. First part.
Common Metre.

The sufferings of Christ for our salvation.

- 1 “**S**AVE me, O God, the swelling floods
“ Break in upon my soul :
“ I sink, and sorrows o’er my head
“ Like mighty waters roll.
- 2 “ I cry ’till all my voice be gone,
“ In tears I waste the day ;
“ My God, behold my longing eyes,
“ And shorten my delay.
- 3 “ They hate my soul without a cause,
“ And still their number grows ;
“ More than the hairs around my head,
“ And mighty are my foes.
- 4 “ ’Twas then I paid that dreadful debt
“ That men could never pay,
“ And gave those honours to thy law
“ Which finners took away.”
- 5 Thus, in the great Messiah’s name,
The royal prophet mourns ;
Thus he awakes our heart to grief,
And gives us joy by turns.
- 6 “ Now shall the saints rejoice and find
“ Salvation in my name,
“ For I have borne their heavy load
“ Of sorrow, pain, and shame.
- 7 “ Grief, like a garment, cloth’d me round,
“ And sackcloth was my dress,
“ While I procur’d for naked souls
“ A robe of righteousness.
- 8 “ Amongst my brethren and the Jews
“ I like a stranger stood,
“ And bore their vile reproach, to bring
“ The Gentiles near to God.

- 9 "I came in sinful mortals' stead
 " To do my Father's will,
 " Yet when I cleans'd my Father's house,
 " They scandaliz'd my zeal.
- 10 " My fastings and my holy groans
 " Were made the drunkard's song ;
 " But God, from his celestial throne,
 " Heard my complaining tongue.
- 11 " He sav'd me from the dreadful deep,
 " Where fears beset me round ;
 " He rais'd and fix'd my sinking feet
 " On well establish'd ground.
- 12 " 'Twas in a most accepted hour
 " My pray'r arose on high,
 " And for my sake, my God shall hear
 " The dying sinner's cry."

P S A L M LXIX. ver. 14,—21, 26, 29, 32.

Second part. Common Metre.

The passion and exaltation of Christ.

- 1 **N**OW let our lips, with holy fear,
 And mournful pleasure, sing
 The sufferings of our great High Priest,
 The sorrows of our King.
- 2 He sinks in floods of deep distress ;
 How high the waters rise !
 While to his heav'nly Father's ear
 He sends perpetual cries.
- 3 " Hear me, O Lord, and save thy Son,
 " Nor hide thy smiling face,
 " Why should thy fav'rite look like one
 " Forsaken of thy grace ?
- 4 " With rage they persecute the man
 " That groans beneath thy wound,
 " While for a sacrifice I pour
 " My life upon the ground.

- 5 " They tread my honour to the dust,
 " And laugh when I complain ;
 " Their sharp insulting slanders add
 " Fresh anguish to my pain.
- 6 " All my reproach is known to thee,
 " The scandal and the shame ;
 " Reproach has broke my bleeding heart,
 " And has defil'd my name.
- 7 " I look'd for pity but in vain ;
 " My kindred are my grief ;
 " I ask my friends for comfort round,
 " But meet with no relief.
- 8 " With vinegar they mock my thirst,
 " They give me gall for food ;
 " And, sporting with my dying groans,
 " They triumph in my blood.
- 9 " Shine into my distressed soul,
 " Let thy compassion save ;
 " And though my flesh sink down to death,
 " Redeem it from the grave.
- 10 " I shall arise to praise thy name,
 " Shall reign in worlds unknown,
 " And thy salvation, O my God,
 " Shall seat me on thy throne."

P S A L M LXIX. Third part. Common Metre.

Christ's obedience and death ; or, God glorified and sinners saved.

- 1 **F**ATHER, I sing thy wond'rous grace,
 I bless my Saviour's name,
 He brought salvation for the poor,
 And bore the sinner's shame.
- 2 His deep distress has rais'd us high,
 His duty and his zeal
 Fulfill'd the law which mortals broke,
 And finish'd all thy will.

- 3 His dying groans, his living songs,
 Shall better please my God,
 Than harp or trumpet's solemn sound,
 Than goat's or bullock's blood.
- 4 This shall his humble foll'wers see,
 And set their hearts at rest ;
 They by his death draw near to thee,
 And live forever blest'd.
- 5 Let heav'n and all that dwell on high
 To God their voices raise,
 While lands and seas assist the sky,
 And join t'advance his praise.
- 6 Zion is thine, most holy God ;
 Thy son shall bless her gates ;
 And glory purchas'd by his blood,
 For thine own Israel waits.

P S A L M LXIX. First part. Long Metre.

Christ's passion, and sinners' salvation.

- 1 **D**EEP in our hearts let us record
 The deeper forrows of our Lord ;
 Behold the rising billows roll,
 To overwhelm his holy soul !
- 2 In long complaints he spends his breath,
 While hosts of hell, and powers of death,
 And all the sons of malice join
 To execute their curs'd design.
- 3 Yet, gracious God, thy pow'r and love
 Has made the curse a blessing prove ;
 Those dreadful suff'rings of thy Son
 Aton'd for crimes which we have done.
- 4 The pangs of our expiring Lord
 The honours of thy law restor'd ;
 His sorrows made thy justice known,
 And paid for follies not his own.

5 O for his sake our guilt forgive,
 And let the mourning sinner live ;
 The Lord will hear us in his name,
 Nor shall our hope be turn'd to shame.

P S A L M LXIX. ver. 7, &c. Second part.
 Long Metre.

Christ's sufferings and zeal.

1 'T WAS for our sake, eternal God,
 Thy Son sustain'd that heavy load
 Of base reproach, and sore disgrace,
 While shame defil'd his sacred face.

2 The Jews, his brethren and his kin,
 Abus'd the man that check'd their sin ;
 While he fulfill'd thy holy laws,
 They hate him but without a cause.

[3 " My Father's house," said he, " was made
 " A place for worship, not for trade ;"
 Then, scatt'ring all their gold and brass,
 He scourg'd the merchants from the place.]

[4 Zeal for the temple of his God
 Consum'd his life, expos'd his blood :
 Reproaches at thy glory thrown
 He felt and mourn'd them as his own.]

[5 His friends forsook, his followers fled,
 While foes and arms surround his head ;
 They curse him with a sland'rous tongue,
 And the false judge maintains the wrong.]

[6 His life they load with hateful lies,
 And charge his lips with blasphemies :
 They nail him to the shameful tree ;
 There hung the man that died for me.]

7 But God beheld ; and, from his throne,
 Marks out the men that hate his Son ;
 The hand that rais'd him from the dead
 Shall pour the vengeance on their head.

P S A L M LXX. Common Metre.

Protection against personal enemies.

- 1 **I**N haste, O God, attend my call,
Nor hear my cries in vain;
Oh let thy speed prevent my fall,
And still my hope sustain.
- 2 When foes insidious wound my name,
And tempt my soul to stray,
Then let them fall with lasting shame,
To their own plots a prey.
- 3 While all that love thy face rejoice,
And glory in thy word,
In thy salvation raise their voice,
And magnify the Lord.
- 4 O thou my help in time of need,
Behold my sore dismay;
In pity hasten to my aid,
Nor let thy grace delay.

P S A L M LXXI. ver. 5,—9. First part.
Common Metre.*The aged saint's reflection and hope.*

- 1 **M**Y God, my everlasting hope,
I live upon thy truth;
Thine hands have held my childhood up,
And strength'ned all my youth.
- 2 My flesh was fashion'd by thy power,
With all these limbs of mine;
And, from my mother's painful hour,
I've been entirely thine.
- 3 Still has my life new wonders seen
Repeated every year;
Behold, my days that yet remain
I trust them to thy care.

4 Cast me not off when strength declines,
 When hoary hairs arise;
 And round me let thy glory shine,
 Whene'er thy servant dies.

5 Then, in the hist'ry of my age,
 When men review my days,
 They'll read thy love in every page,
 In every line thy praise.

P S A L M LXXI. ver. 15, 14, 16, 23, 22, 24.
 Second part. Common Metre.

Christ our strength and righteousness.

1 **M**Y Saviour, my almighty friend,
 When I begin thy praise,
 Where will the growing numbers end,
 The numbers of thy grace?

2 Thou art my everlasting trust,
 Thy goodness I adore!
 And since I knew thy graces first,
 I speak thy glories more.

3 My feet shall travel all the length
 Of the celestial road,
 And march with courage, in thy strength,
 To see my Father God.

4 When I am fill'd with sore distress
 For some surprizing sin,
 I'll plead thy perfect righteousness,
 And mention none but thine.

5 How will my lips rejoice to tell
 The vict'ries of my King!
 My soul, redeem'd from sin and hell,
 Shall thy salvation sing.

[6 My tongue shall all the day proclaim
 My Saviour and my God,
 His death has brought my foes to shame,
 And sav'd me by his blood.]

7 Awake, awake my tuneful pow'rs;
 With this delightful song
 I'll entertain the darkeſt hours,
 Nor think the ſeaſon long.

P S A L M LXXI. ver. 17,—21. Third part.
 Common Metre.

*The aged Chriſtian's prayer and ſong; or, Old age, death,
 and the reſurrection.*

1 **G**OD of my childhood, and my youth,
 The guide of all my days,
 I have declar'd thy heav'nly truth,
 And told thy wond'rous ways.

2 Wilt thou forſake my hoary hairs,
 And leave my fainting heart;
 Who ſhall ſuſtain my ſinking years
 If God, my ſtrength, depart?

3 Let me thy pow'r and truth proclaim
 Before the riſing age,
 And leave a favour of thy name,
 When I ſhall quit the ſtage.

4 The land of ſilence and of death
 Attends my next remove;
 O may theſe poor remains of breath
 Teach the wide world thy love.

P A U S E.

5 Thy righteouſneſs is deep and high,
 Unſearchable thy deeds;
 Thy glory ſpreads beyond the ſky,
 And all my praiſe exceeds.

6 Oft have I heard thy threat'nings roar,
 And oft endur'd the grief;
 But when thy hand has preſs'd me fore,
 Thy grace was my relief.

- 7 By long experience have I known
 Thy sov'reign pow'r to save ;
 At thy command I venture down
 Securely to the grave.
- 8 When I lie buried deep in dust,
 My flesh shall be thy care ;
 These wither'd limbs with thee I trust
 To raise them strong and fair.

P S A L M LXXII. First part. Long Metre.

The kingdom of Christ.

- 1 **G**REAT God, whose universal sway
 The known and unknown worlds obey,
 Now give the kingdom to thy Son,
 Extend his pow'r, exalt his throne.
- 2 Thy sceptre well becomes his hands,
 All heaven submits to his commands ;
 His justice shall avenge the poor,
 And pride and rage prevail no more.
- 3 With power he vindicates the just,
 And treads th' oppressor in the dust ;
 His worship and his fear shall last,
 Till hours, and years, and time be past.
- 4 As rain on meadows newly mown
 So shall he send his influence down ;
 His grace on fainting souls distills
 Like heav'nly dew on thirsty hills.
- 5 The heathen lands, that lie beneath
 The shades of overspreading death,
 Revive at his first dawning light,
 And desarts blossom at the sight.
- 6 The saints shall flourish in his days,
 Dress'd in the robes of joy and praise ;
 Peace, like a river, from his throne,
 Shall flow to nations yet unknown.

PSALM LXXII. Second part. Long Metre.

Christ's kingdom among the Gentiles.

- 1 **J**ESUS shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run :
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- [2 Behold the nations with their kings ;
There Europe her best tribute brings ;
From north to south the princes meet
To pay their homage at his feet.
- 3 There Persia, glorious to behold,
And India shines in eastern gold ;
While western empires own their Lord,
And savage tribes attend his word.]
- 4 For him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown his head ;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.
- 5 People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song ;
And infant-voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.
- 6 Blessings abound where'er he reigns ;
The joyful pris'ner bursts his chains ;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.
- [7 Where he displays his healing power,
Death and the curse are known no more ;
In him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.
- 8 Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our king :
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeats the loud *amen.*]

PSALM LXXIII. First part. Common Metre.

Afflicted saints happy, and prosperous sinners cursed.

1 **N**OW I'm convinc'd the Lord is kind
 To men of heart sincere,
 Yet once my foolish thoughts repin'd,
 And bord'rd on despair.

2 I griev'd to see the wicked thrive,
 And spoke with angry breath,
 "How pleasant and profane they live;
 "How peaceful is their death!

3 "With well fed flesh and haughty eyes
 "They lay their fears to sleep;
 "Against the heav'ns their slanders rise,
 "While saints in silence weep.

4 "In vain I lift my hands to pray,
 "And cleanse my heart in vain;
 "For I am chaf't'ned all the day,
 "The night renews my pain."

5 Yet while my tongue indulg'd complaints,
 I felt my heart reprove;
 "Sure I shall thus offend thy saints,
 "And grieve the men I love."

6 But still I found my doubts too hard,
 The conflict too severe,
 'Till I retir'd to search thy word,
 And learn thy secrets there.

7 There, as in some prophetic glass,
 I saw the sinner sit
 High mounted on a slipp'ry place,
 Beside a firey pit.

8 I heard the wretch profanely boast,
 'Till at thy frown he fell;
 His honours in a dream were lost,
 And he awakes in hell.

- 9 Lord, what an envious fool I was !
 How like a thoughtless beast !
 Thus to suspect thy promis'd grace,
 And think the wicked blest.
- 10 Yet I was kept from full despair;
 Upheld by power unknown ;
 That blessed hand that broke the snare
 Shall guide me to thy throne.

P S A L M LXXIII. ver. 23,—28. Second Part.
 Common Metre.

God our portion here and hereafter.

- 1 **G**OD, my supporter and my hope,
 My help forever near,
 Thine arm of mercy held me up
 When sinking in despair.
- 2 Thy counsels, Lord, shall guide my feet
 Through life's bewilder'd race ;
 Thine hand conduct me near thy seat,
 To dwell before thy face.
- 3 Were I in heav'n without my God,
 'Twould be no joy to me :
 And whilst this earth is my abode,
 I long for none but thee.
- 4 What if the springs of life should break,
 And flesh and heart should faint,
 God is my soul's eternal rock,
 The strength of every saint.
- 5 Behold the finners that remove
 Far from thy presence die ;
 Not all the idol-gods they love
 Can save them when they cry.
- 6 But to draw near to thee, my God,
 Shall be my sweet employ ;
 My tongue shall sound thy works abroad,
 And tell the world my joy.

PSALM LXXIII. v. 22, 3, 6, 17,--20. Long Metre.

The prosperity of sinners cursed.

1 **L**ORD, what a thoughtless wretch was I,
To mourn, and murmur, and repine,
To see the wicked plac'd on high,
In pride and robes of honour shine.

2 But, oh, their end, their dreadful end!
Thy sanctuary taught me so:
On slipp'ry rocks I see them stand
And firey billows roll below.

3 Now let them boast how tall they rise,
I'll never envy them again;
There they may stand with haughty eyes,
'Till they plunge deep in endless pain.

4 Their fancied joys, how fast they flee!
Like dreams, as fleeting and as vain;
Their songs of softest harmony
Are but a prelude to their pain.

5 Now I esteem their mirth and wine
Too dear to purchase with my blood;
Lord, 'tis enough that thou art mine,
My life, my portion, and my God.

P S A L M LXXIII. Short Metre.

The mystery of Providence unfolded.

1 **S**URE there's a righteous God,
Nor is religion vain;
Though men of vice may boast aloud,
And men of grace complain.

2 I saw the wicked rise,
And felt my heart repine,
While haughty fools with scornful eyes
In robes of honour shine.

[3 Pamper'd with wanton ease,
Their flesh looks full and fair,
Their wealth rolls in like flowing seas,
And grows without their care.

- 4 Free from the plagues and pains
That pious souls endure,
Through all their life oppression reigns,
And racks the humble poor.
- 5 Their impious tongues blaspheme
The everlasting God:
Their malice blasts the good man's name,
And spreads their lies abroad.
- 6 But I with flowing tears
Indulg'd my doubts to rise;
"Is there a God that sees or hears
"The things below the skies?"
- 7 The tumult of my thought
Held me in hard suspense,
'Till to thy house my feet were brought,
To learn thy justice thence.
- 8 Thy word with light and power
Did my mistake amend;
I view'd the sinners life before,
But here I learnt their end.
- 9 On what a slipp'ry steep
The thoughtless wretches go!
And, oh! That dreadful firey deep
That waits their fall below!
- 10 Lord, at thy feet I bow,
My thoughts no more repine;
I call my God my portion now,
And all my powers are thine.

P S A L M LXXIV. Common Metre.

The church pleading with God under sore persecution.

- 1 **W**ILL God forever cast us off?
His wrath forever smoke
Against the people of his love—
His little chosen flock?

- 2 Think of the tribes so dearly bought
With their Redeemer's blood;
Nor let thy Zion be forgot,
Where once thy glory stood.
- 3 Lift up thy feet, and march in haste,
Aloud our ruin calls;
See what a wide and fearful waste
Is made within thy walls.
- 4 Where once thy churches pray'd and sang,
Thy foes profanely rage;
Amid thy gates their ensigns hang,
And there their hosts engage.
- 5 How are the seats of worship broke?
They tear the buildings down,
And he that deals the heaviest stroke
Procures the chief renown.
- 6 With darts they threaten to destroy
Thy children in their rest;
"Come, let us burn at once" (they cry)
"The temple and the priest."
- 7 And still to heighten our distress,
Thy presence is withdrawn;
Thy wonted signs of power and grace,
Thy power and grace are gone.
- 8 No prophet speaks to calm our grief,
But all in silence mourn;
Nor knows the times of our relief,
The hour of thy return.

P A U S E.

- 9 How long, eternal God, how long
Shall men of pride blaspheme;
Shall saints be made their endless song,
And bear immortal shame?
- 10 Canst thou forever sit and hear
Thy holy name profan'd—
And still thy jealousy forbear,
And still withhold thy hand?

- 11 What strange deliv'rance hast thou shewn
 In ages long before ;
 And now no other God we own,
 No other God adore.
- 12 Thou didst divide the raging sea
 By thy resistless might,
 To make thy tribes a wond'rous way,
 And then secure their flight.
- 13 Is not the world of nature thine,
 The darkness and the day?
 Didst thou not bid the morning shine,
 And mark the sun his way?
- 14 Hath not thy power form'd ev'ry coast,
 And set the earth its bounds,
 With summer's heat, and winter's frost,
 In their perpetual rounds ?
- 15 And shall the sons of earth and dust
 That sacred power blaspheme !
 Will not thy hand that form'd them first
 Avenge thine injur'd name ?
- 16 Think on the cov'nant thou hast made,
 And all thy words of love ;
 Nor let the birds of prey invade
 And vex thy trembling dove.
- 17 Our foes would triumph in our blood,
 And make our hope their jest ;
 Plead thine own cause, almighty God,
 And give thy children rest.

P. S A L M LXXV. Long Metre.

Praise to God for the return of peace.

- 1 **T**O thee, most high and holy God,
 To thee our thankful hearts we raise ;
 Thy works declare thy name abroad—
 Thy wondrous works demand our praise.

- 2 To flav'ry doom'd, thy chosen sons
Beheld their foes triumphant rise ;
And, fore oppress'd by earthly thrones,
They fought the sov'reign of the skies.
- 3 'Twas then, great God, with equal power
Arose thy vengeance and thy grace,
To scourge their legion from the shore,
And save the remnant of thy race.
- 4 Thy hand, that form'd the restless main,
And rear'd the mountain's awful head,
Bade raging seas their course restrain,
And desert wilds receive their dead.
- 5 Such wonders never come by chance,
Nor can the winds such blessings blow ;
'Tis God the judge doth one advance,
'Tis God that lays another low.
- 6 Let haughty tyrants sink their pride,
Nor lift so high their scornful head,
But lay their impious thoughts aside,
And own the empire God hath made.

PSALM LXXVI. Common Metre.

Israel saved, and the Assyrians destroyed ; or, God's vengeance against his enemies proceeds from his church.

- 1 **I**N Judah God of old was known ;
His name in Israel great ;
In Salem stood his holy throne,
And Zion was his seat.
- 2 Among the praises of his saints,
His dwelling there he chose ;
There he received their just complaints
Against their haughty foes.
- 3 From Zion went his dreadful word,
And broke that threat'ning spear ;
The bows, the arrows, and the sword,
And crush'd th' Assyrian war.

- 4 What are the earth's wide kingdom else
But mighty hills of prey?
The hill on which Jehovah dwells
Is glorious more than they.
- 5 'Twas Zion's king that stopt the breath
Of captains and their bands;
The men of might sleep fast in death,
That quell's their warlike hands.
- 6 At thy rebuke, O Jacob's God,
Both horse and chariot fell:
Who knows the terror of thy rod?
Thy vengeance, who can tell?
- 7 What power can stand before thy sight
When once thy wrath appears?
When heav'n shines round with dreadful light,
The earth adores and fears.
- 8 When God in his own sov'reign ways
Comes down to save th' opprest,
'The wrath of man shall work his praise,
And he'll restrain the rest.
- [9 Vows to the Lord, and tribute bring;
Ye princes, fear his frown;
His terrors shake the proudest king,
And smite his armies down.
- 10 The thunder of his sharp rebuke
Our haughty foes shall feel;
For Jacob's God hath not forsook,
But dwells in Zion still.]

PSALM LXXVII. First part. Common Metre.

Melancholy assaulting, and hope prevailing.

- 1 **T**O God I cry'd with mournful voice,
I sought his gracious ear,
In the sad hour, when trouble rose,
And fill'd my heart with fear.

- 2 Sad were my days, and dark my nights,
My soul refus'd relief;
I thought on God, the just and wise,
But thoughts increas'd my grief.
- 3 Still I complain'd, and still oppress'd,
My heart began to break;
My God, thy wrath forbade my rest,
And kept my eyes awake.
- 4 My overwhelming sorrows grew,
'Till I could speak no more;
Then I within myself withdrew,
And call'd thy judgments o'er.
- 5 I call'd back years and antient times,
When I beheld thy face;
My spirit search'd for secret crimes
That might withhold thy grace.
- 6 I call'd thy mercies to my mind,
Which I enjoy'd before;
And will the Lord no more be kind—
His face appear no more?
- 7 Will he forever cast me off—
His promise ever fail?
Has he forgot his tender love?
Shall anger still prevail?
- 8 But I forbid this hopeless thought,
This dark, despairing frame,
Rememb'ring what thy hand hath wrought;
Thy hand is still the same.
- 9 I'll think again of all thy ways,
And talk thy wonders o'er,
Thy wonders of recov'ring grace,
When flesh could hope no more.
- 10 Grace dwelt with justice on the throne;
And men that love thy word
Have in thy sanctuary known
The counsels of the Lord.

PSALM LXXVII. Second part. Common Metre.
Comfort derived from ancient providence; or, Israel delivered from Egypt, and brought to Canaan.

1 "HOW awful is thy chast'ning rod?"
 (May thy own children say;)

"The great, the wise, the dreadful God!

"How holy is his way!"

- 2 I'll meditate his works of old,
 Who reigns in heav'n above;
 I'll hear his ancient wonders told,
 And learn to trust his love.
- 3 He saw the house of Jacob lie
 With Egypt's yoke oppress'd;
 Long he delay'd to hear their cry;
 Nor gave his people rest.
- 4 The sons of pious Jacob seem'd
 Abandon'd to their foes;
 But his almighty arm redeem'd
 The nation whom he chose.
- 5 From slavish chains he sets them free,
 They follow where he calls;
 He bade them venture through the sea,
 And made the waves their walls.
- 6 The waters saw thee, mighty God,
 The waters saw thee come;
 Backward they fled, and frighted stood,
 To make thine armies room.
- 7 Strange was thy journey through the sea,
 Thy footsteps, Lord, unknown;
 Terrors attend the wondrous way
 That brings thy mercies down.
- [8 Thy voice with terror in the sound
 Through clouds and darkness broke;
 All heav'n in lightning shone around,
 And earth with thunder shook.

- 9 Thine arrows through the skies were hurl'd ;
 How glorious is the Lord !
 Surprise and trembling seiz'd the world,
 And all his faints ador'd.
- 10 He gave them water from the rock ;
 And, safe by Moses' hand,
 Through a dry desert led his flock
 To Canaan's promis'd land.]

PSALM LXXVIII. First part. Common Metre.

Providence of God recorded; or, Pious education and instruction of children.

- 1 **L**ET children hear the mighty deeds
 Which God perform'd of old,
 Which in our younger years we saw,
 And which our fathers told.
- 2 He bids us make his glories known,
 His works of power and grace :
 And we'll convey his wonders down
 Through every rising race.
- 3 Our lips shall tell them to our sons,
 And they again to their's,
 That generations yet unborn
 May teach them to their heirs.
- 4 Thus shall they learn in God alone
 Their hope securely stands,
 That they may ne'er forget his works,
 But practise his commands.

PSALM LXXVIII. Second part. Common Metre.

Israel's rebellion and punishment; or, The sins and chastisements of God's people.

- 1 **O** WHAT a stiff rebellious house
 Was Jacob's ancient race !
 False to their own most solemn vows,
 And to their Maker's grace !

- 2 They broke the cov'nant of his love,
And did his laws despise ;
Forgot the works he wrought to prove
His power before their eyes !
- 3 They saw the plagues on Egypt 'light,
From his avenging hand :
What dreadful tokens of his might
Spread o'er the stubborn land !
- 4 They saw him cleave the mighty sea,
And march'd with safety thro',
With wat'ry walls to guard their way,]
'Till they had 'scap'd the foe.
- 5 A wondrous pillar mark'd the road,
Compos'd of shade and light ;
By day it prov'd a shelt'ring cloud,
A leading fire by night.
- 6 He from the rock their thirst supply'd,
The gushing waters flow'd,
And ran in rivers by their side,
Along the desert road.
- 7 Yet they provok'd the Lord Most High,
And dar'd distrust his hand :
" Can he with bread our host supply
" Amidst this barren land ?"
- 8 The Lord, with indignation, heard,
And caus'd his wrath to flame ;
His terrors ever stand prepar'd
To vindicate his name.

PSALM LXXVIII. Third part. Common Metre.

*The punishment of luxury and intemperance ; or,
Chastisement and salvation.*

- 1 **W**HEN Israel sinn'd, the Lord reprov'd,
And fill'd their hearts with dread ;
Yet he forgave the men he lov'd,
And sent them heavenly bread.

- 2 He fed them with a liberal hand,
And made his treasures known ;
He gave the midnight clouds command
To pour provision down.
- 3 The manna, like a morning shower,
Lay thick around their feet ;
The food of heav'n, so light, so pure,
As though 'twere angels meat.
- 4 But they, in murmuring language, said,
" Is manna all our feast ?
" We lothe this light, this airy bread,
" We must have flesh to taste."
- 5 " Ye shall have flesh to please your lust,"
The Lord in wrath reply'd ;
And sent them quails, like sand or dust,
Heap'd up on every side.
- 6 He gave them all their own desire ;
And, greedy, as they fed,
His vengeance burnt with secret fire,
And smote the rebels dead.
- 7 When some were slain, the rest return'd
And sought the Lord with tears ;
Under the rod they fear'd and mourn'd,
But soon forgot their fears.
- 8 Oft he chastis'd, and still forgave,
'Till, by his gracious hand,
The nations he resolv'd to save
Possess'd the promis'd land.

PSALM LXXVIII. ver. 32, &c. Fourth part.
Long Metre.

*Backsliding and forgiveness ; or, Sin punished, and
saints saved.*

- 1 GREAT God, how oft did Israel prove,
By turns, thine anger and thy love !
There, in a glass, our hearts may see
How fickle and how false they be.

- 2 How soon the faithleſs Jews forgot
The dreadful wonders God had wrought !
Then they provok'd him to his face,
Nor fear his power, nor truſt his grace.
- 3 The Lord conſum'd their years in pain,
And made their travels long and vain ;
A tedious march through unknown ways
Wore out their ſtrength, and ſpent their days.
- 4 Oft, when they ſaw their brethren ſlain,
They mourn'd, and ſought the Lord again,
Call'd him the Rock of their abode,
Their high Redeemer, and their God.
- 5 Their prayers and vows before him riſe,
As flatt'ring words, or ſolemn lies,
While their rebellious tempers prove
False to his cov'nant and his love.
- 6 Yet could his ſovereign grace forgive
The men who ne'er deſerv'd to live ;
His anger oft away he turn'd,
Or elſe with gentle flame it burn'd.
- 7 He ſaw their fleſh was weak and frail,
He ſaw temptations ſtill prevail ;
The God of Abram lov'd them ſtill,
And led them to his holy hill.

P S A L M LXXIX. Long Metre.

For the diſtreſs of war.

- 1 **B**EHOLD, O God, what cruel foes
Thy peaceful heritage invade ;
Thy holy temple ſtands deſil'd,
In duſt thy ſacred walls are laid.
- 2 Wide o'er the vallies drench'd in blood,
Thy people fall'n in death remain ;
The ſowls of heav'n their fleſh devour,
And ſavage beaſts divide the ſlain.

- 3 Th' insulting foes, with impious rage,
 Reproach thy children to their face;
 "Where is your God of boasted power,
 "And where the promise of his grace?"
- 4 Deep from the prison's horrid glooms,
 Oh hear the mournful captives sigh,
 And let thy sov'reign power relieve
 The trembling souls condemn'd to die.
- 5 Let those, who dar'd t' insult thy reign,
 Return dismay'd with endless shame,
 While heathens, who thy grace despise,
 Shall from thy vengeance learn thy name.
- 6 So shall thy children, freed from death,
 Eternal songs of honor raise,
 And every future age shall tell
 Thy sovereign power and pard'ning grace.

P S A L M LXXX. Long Metre.

*The church's prayer under affliction; or, The vineyard
 of God wasted.*

- 1 **G**REAT Shepherd of thine Israel,
 Who didst between the cherubs dwell,
 And led the tribes, thy chosen sheep,
 Safe through the desert and the deep—
- 2 Thy church is in the desert, Lord,
 Shine from on high, and light afford;
 Turn us to thee, thy love restore,
 We shall be sav'd, and sigh no more.
- 3 Great God, whom heav'nly hosts obey,
 How long shall we lament and pray,
 And wait in vain thy kind return?
 How long shall thy fierce anger burn?
- 4 Instead of wine and chearful bread,
 Thy saints with their own tears are fed;
 Turn us to thee, thy love restore,
 We shall be sav'd, and sigh no more.

P A U S E the first.

- 5 Hast thou not planted with thy hands
A lovely vine in heathen lands?
Did not thy power defend it round,
And heavenly dews enrich the ground?
- 6 How did the spreading branches shoot,
And bless the nations with the fruit?
But now, dear Lord, look down and see
Thy mourning vine, that lovely tree.
- 7 Why is her beauty thus defac'd?
Why hast thou laid her fences waste?
Strangers and foes against her join,
And every beast devours the vine.
- 8 Return, almighty God, return;
Nor let thy bleeding vineyard mourn;
'Turn us to thee, thy love restore,
We shall be sav'd, and sigh no more.

P A U S E the second.

- 9 Lord, when this vine, in Canaan grew,
Thou wast its strength and glory too;
Attack'd in vain by all its foes,
'Till the fair branch of promise rose.
- 10 Fair branch, ordain'd of old to shoot
From David's stock, from Jacob's root;
Himself a noble vine, and we
The lesser branches of the tree.
- 11 'Tis thy own Son; and he shall stand,
Girt with thy strength, at thy right hand;
'Thy first-born Son, adorn'd and bless'd
With power and grace above the rest.
- 12 O! for his sake, attend our cry,
Shine on thy churches, lest they die;
'Turn us to thee, thy love restore,
We shall be sav'd, and sigh no more.

PSALM LXXXI. ver. 1, 8,—16. Short Metre.

*The warning of God to his people ; or, Spiritual blessings
and punishments.*

- 1 **S**ING to the Lord aloud,
And make a joyful noise ;
God is our strength, our Saviour God ;
Let Israel hear his voice.
- 2 “ From idols false and vain
“ Preserve my rights divine ;
“ I am the Lord who broke thy chain
“ Of slavery and of sin.
- 3 “ Stretch thy desires abroad,
“ And I’ll supply them well ;
“ But if ye will refuse your God,
“ If Israel will rebel ;
- 4 “ I’ll leave them,” saith the Lord,
“ To their own lusts a prey,
“ And let them run the dang’rous road ;
“ ’Tis their own chosen way.
- 5 “ Yet, O ! that all my saints
“ Would hearken to my voice !
“ Soon I would ease their fore complaints,
“ And bid their hearts rejoice.
- 6 “ While I destroy their foes,
“ I’ll richly feed my flock,
“ And they shall taste the stream that flows
“ From their eternal rock.”

P S A L M LXXXII. Long Metre.

God the supreme governor ; or, Magistrates warned.

- 1 **A**MONG th’ assemblies of the great,
A greater ruler takes his seat ;
The God of heav’n, as judge, surveys
Those gods on earth and all their ways.

- 2 Why will ye frame oppreffive laws ?
Or why fupport th' unrighteous caufe ?
When will ye once defend the poor,
That foes may vex the faints no more ?
- 3 They know not, Lord, nor will they know ;
Dark are the ways in which they go ;
Their name of earthly gods is vain,
For they fhall fall and die like men.
- 4 Arife, O Lord, and let thy Son
Poffefs his univerfal throne,
And rule the nations with his rod ;
He is our judge, and he our God.

P S A L M LXXXIII. Short Metre.

A complaint againft perfecutors.

- 1 **A**ND will the God of grace
Perpetual filence keep ?
The God of juftice hold his peace,
And let his vengeance fleep ?
- 2 Behold what curfed fnares
The men of mischief fpread ;
The men that hate thy faints and thee
Lift up their threat'ning head.
- 3 Againft thy hidden ones
Their counfels they employ,
And malice, with her watchful eye,
Purfues them to deftroy.
- 4 "Come, let us join," they cry,
"To root them from the ground,
" 'Till not the name of faints remain,
"Nor mem'ry fhall be found."
- 5 Awake, almighty God,
And call thy wrath to mind ;
Give them, like forefts, to the fire,
Or flubble to the wind.

- 6 Convince their madness, Lord,
 And make them seek thy name :
 Or else their stubborn rage confound,
 That they may die in shame.
- 7 Then shall the nations know
 Thy glorious dreadful word,
 Jehovah is thy name alone,
 And thou the sov'reign Lord.

P S A L M LXXXIV. First part. Long Metre.

The pleasure of public worship.

- 1 **H**OW pleasant, how divinely fair,
 O Lord of hosts, thy dwellings are !
 With fond desire my spirit faints
 To meet th' assemblies of thy saints.
- 2 My flesh would rest in thine abode,
 My panting heart cries out for God ;
 My God ! my King ! why should I be
 So far from all my joys and thee ?
- 3 The sparrow chuses where to rest,
 And for her young provides her nest ;
 But will not God to sparrows grant,
 That pleasure which his children want ?
- 4 Bless'd are the saints who sit on high
 Around thy throne above the sky ;
 Thy brightest glories shine above,
 And all their work is praise and love.
- 5 Bless'd are the souls who find a place
 Within the temple of thy grace ;
 There to behold thy gentler rays,
 And seek thy face, and learn thy praise.
- 6 Bless'd are the men whose hearts are set
 To find the way to Zion's gate ;
 God is their strength ; and through the road
 They lean upon their helper God.

- 7 Cheerful they walk with growing strength,
 'Till all shall meet in heav'n at length,
 'Till all before thy face appear,
 And join in nobler worship there.

PSALM LXXXIV. Second part. Long Metre.

God and his church; or, Grace and glory.

- 1 **G**REAT God, attend, while Zion sings
 The joy that from thy presence springs:
 To spend one day with thee on earth
 Exceeds a thousand days of mirth.
- 2 Might I enjoy the meanest place
 Within thy house, O God of grace,
 Not tents of ease, nor thrones of pow'r,
 Should tempt my feet to leave thy door.
- 3 God is our sun, he makes our day;
 God is our shield; he guards our way
 From all th' assaults of hell and sin,
 From foes without and foes within.
- 4 All needful grace will God bestow,
 And crown that grace with glory too!
 He gives us all things, and withholds
 No real good from upright souls.
- 5 O God, our King, whose sov'reign sway
 The glorious hosts of heav'n obey,
 And devils at thy presence flee,
 Bless'd is the man that trusts in thee.

PSALM LXXXIV. ver. 1, 2, 3, 10, paraphrased.
 Common Metre.

*Delight in ordinances of worship; or, God present in
 his churches.*

- 1 **M**Y soul, how lovely is the place
 To which thy God resorts!
 'Tis heav'n to see his smiling face,
 'Though in his earthly courts.

- 2 There the great monarch of the skies
His saving power displays,
And light breaks in upon our eyes,
With kind and quick'ning rays.
- 3 With his rich gifts the heav'nly dove
Descends and fills the place,
While Christ reveals his wondrous love,
And sheds abroad his grace.
- 4 There, mighty God, thy words declare
The secrets of thy will ;
And still we seek thy mercies there,
And sing thy praises still.

P A U S E.

- 5 My heart and flesh cry out for thee,
While far from thine abode ;
When shall I tread thy courts, and see
My Saviour and my God ?
- 6 The sparrow builds herself a nest,
And suffers no remove ;
O make me, like the sparrows, bless'd,
To dwell but where I love.
- 7 To sit one day beneath thine eye,
And hear thy gracious voice,
Exceeds a whole eternity
Employ'd in carnal joys.
- 8 Lord, at thy threshold I would wait,
While Jesus is within,
Rather than fill a throne of state,
Among the tents of sin.
- 9 Could I command the spacious land,
And the more boundless sea,
For one bless'd hour at thy right hand,
I'd give them both away.

P S A L M LXXXIV. As the 148th Psalm.

Longing for the house of God.

- 1 **L**ORD of the worlds above,
 How pleasant and how fair
 The dwellings of thy love,
 Thy earthly temples are!
 To thine abode
 My heart aspires,
 With warm desires
 To see my God.
- 2 The sparrow for her young,
 With pleasure seeks a nest,
 And wand'ring swallows long
 To find their wonted rest;
 My spirit faints,
 With equal zeal,
 To rise and dwell
 Among thy faints.
- 3 O happy souls, that pray
 Where God appoints to hear!
 O happy men that pay
 Their constant service there!
 They praise thee still;
 And happy they
 That love the way
 To Zion's hill.
- 4 They go from strength to strength,
 Through this dark vale of tears,
 'Till each arrives at length,
 'Till each in heav'n appears.
 O glorious seat,
 When God our King
 Shall thither bring
 Our willing feet.

P A U S E.

- 5 To spend one sacred day,
Where God and saints abide,
Affords diviner joy
Than thousand days beside :
Where God resorts,
I love it more
To keep the door
Than shine in courts.
- 6 God is our sun and shield,
Our light and our defence ;
With gifts our hands are fill'd,
We draw our blessings thence ;
He shall bestow
On Jacob's race
Peculiar grace
And glory too.
- 7 The Lord his people loves ;
His hand no good withholds
From those his heart approves,
From pure and pious souls ;
Thrice happy he
O God of hosts
Whose spirit trusts
Alone in thee.

P S A L M LXXXV. ver. 1,—8. First part.
Long Metre.

*Waiting for an answer to prayer ; or, Deliverance
begun and completed.*

- 1 **L**ORD, thou hast call'd thy grace to mind,
Thou hast revers'd our heavy doom ;
So God forgave when Israel sinn'd,
And brought his wand'ring captives home.
- 2 Thou hast begun to set us free,
And made thy fiercest wrath abate :
Now let our hearts be turn'd to thee,
And our salvation be complete.

- 3 Revive our dying graces, Lord,
 And let thy faints in thee rejoice;
 Make known thy truth, fulfil thy word;
 We wait for praise to tune our voice.
- 4 We wait to hear what God will say;
 He'll speak and give his people peace:
 But let them run no more astray,
 Lest his returning wrath increase.

P S A L M LXXXV. ver. 9. &c. Second part.
 Long Metre.

Salvation by Christ.

- 1 **S**ALVATION is forever nigh
 The souls that love and fear the Lord;
 And grace, descending from on high,
 Fresh hopes of glory shall afford.
- 2 Mercy and Truth on earth are met,
 Since Christ the Lord came down from heav'n!
 By his obedience so complete
 Justice is pleas'd, and peace is given.
- 3 Now truth and honour shall abound,
 Religion dwell on earth again,
 And heavenly influence bless the ground,
 In our Redeemer's gentler reign.
- 4 His righteousness is gone before,
 To give us free access to God;
 Our wandering feet shall stray no more,
 But mark his steps, and keep the road.

PSALM LXXXVI. ver. 8,—13. Common Metre.

A general song of praise to God.

- 1 **A**MONG the princes, earthly gods,
 There's none hath power divine;
 Nor is their nature, mighty Lord,
 Nor are their works like thine.

- 2 The nations thou hast made shall bring
 Their offerings round thy throne;
 For thou alone dost wondrous things,
 For thou art God alone.
- 3 Lord, I would walk with holy feet;
 Teach me thine heavenly ways,
 And all my wandering thoughts unite
 In God my Father's praise.
- 4 Great is thy mercy, and my tongue
 Shall those sweet wonders tell,
 How by thy grace my sinking soul
 'Rose from the deeps of hell.

P S A L M LXXXVII. Long Metre.

*The church the birth-place of the saints; or, Jews and
 Gentiles united in the Christian church.*

- 1 **G**OD in his earthly temple lays
 Foundation for his heavenly praise;
 He lik'd the tents of Jacob well,
 But still in Zion loves to dwell.
- 2 His mercy visits every house,
 That pay their night and morning vows;
 But makes a more delightful stay,
 Where churches meet to praise and pray.
- 3 What glories were describ'd of old!
 What wonders are in Zion told!
 Thou city of our God below,
 Thy fame shall Tyre and Egypt know.
- 4 Egypt and Tyre, and Greek and Jew,
 Shall there begin their lives anew:
 Angels and men shall join to sing
 The hill where living waters spring.
- 5 When God makes up his last account
 Of natives in his holy mount,
 'Twill be an honour to appear
 As one newborn and nourish'd there.

P S A L M LXXXVIII. As the 113th Psalm.

Loss of friends, and absence of divine grace.

- 1 **O** GOD of my salvation, hear
 My nightly groan, my daily prayer,
 That still employ my wasting breath;
 My soul, declining to the grave,
 Implores thy sovereign power to save
 From dark despair and lasting death.
- 2 Thy wrath lies heavy on my soul,
 And waves of sorrow o'er me roll,
 While dust and silence spread the gloom:
 My friends belov'd in happier days,
 The dear companions of my ways,
 Descend around me to the tomb.
- 3 As lost in lonely grief I tread
 The mournful mansions of the dead,
 Or to some throng'd assembly go;
 Through all alike I rove alone,
 While, here forgotten, there unknown,
 The change renews my piercing woe.
- 4 And why will God neglect my call?
 Or who shall profit by my fall,
 When life departs and love expires?
 Can dust and darkness praise the Lord?
 Or wake, or brighten at his word,
 And tune the harp with heavenly quires?
- 5 Yet, through each melancholy day,
 I've pray'd to thee, and still will pray,
 Imploring still thy kind return—
 But, oh! my friends, my comforts fled,
 And all my kindred of the dead
 Recall my wandering thoughts to mourn.

PSALM LXXXIX. First part. Long Metre!

The covenant made with Christ; or, The true David.

1 **F**OREVER shall my song record
The truth and mercy of the Lord;
Mercy and truth forever stand,
Like heav'n, establish'd by his hand.

2 Thus to his Son he sware, and said,
"With thee my cov'nant first is made;
"In thee shall dying sinners live;
"Glory and grace are thine to give.

3 "Be thou my prophet, thou my priest;
"Thy children shall be ever bless'd;
"Thou art my chosen king, thy throne
"Shall stand eternal like my own.

4 "There's none of all my sons above
"So much my image or my love;
"Celestial powers thy subjects are,
"Then what can earth to thee compare?

5 "David, my servant, whom I chose,
"To guard my flock, to crush my foes;
"And rais'd him to the Jewish throne,
"Was but a shadow of my son."

6 Now let the church rejoice and sing
Jesus her Saviour and her king:
Angels his heavenly wonders show,
And saints declare his works below.

PSALM LXXXIX. First part. Common Metre.

The faithfulness of God.

1 **M**Y never-ceasing song shall show
The mercies of the Lord;
And make succeeding ages know
How faithful is his word.

2 The sacred truths his lips pronounce
Shall firm as heaven endure;
And if he speak a promise once,
Th' eternal grace is sure.

- 3 How long the race of David held
 The promis'd Jewish throne !
 But there's a nobler covenant seal'd
 To David's greater son,
- 4 His seed forever shall possess
 A throne above the skies ;
 The meanest subjects of his grace
 Shall to that glory rise.
- 5 Lord God of hosts, thy wondrous ways
 Are sung by saints above ;
 And saints on earth their honours raise
 To thy unchanging love.

P S A L M LXXXIX. ver. 7, &c. Second part.
 Common Metre.

*The power and majesty of God ; or, Reverential
 worship.*

- 1 **W**ITH reverence let the saints appear,
 And bow before the Lord,
 His high commands with reverence hear,
 And tremble at his word.
- 2 How terrible thy glories rise !
 How bright thine armies shine !
 Where is the power with thee that vies,
 Or truth compar'd with thine ?
- 3 The northern pole and southern rest
 On thy supporting hand ;
 Darkness and day from east to west
 Move round at thy command.
- 4 Thy words the raging winds controul,
 And rule the boisterous deep ;
 Thou mak'st the sleeping billows roll,
 The rolling billows sleep.
- 5 Heaven, earth, and air, and sea are thine,
 And the dark world of hell ;
 They saw thine arm in vengeance shine,
 When Egypt durst rebel.

- 6 Justice and judgment are thy throne,
 Yet wondrous is thy grace !
 While truth and mercy join'd in one
 Invite us near thy face.

P S A L M LXXXIX. ver. 15, &c. Third part.
 Common Metre.

A blessed gospel.

- 1 **B**LESS'D are the souls who hear and know
 The gospel's joyful sound !
 Peace shall attend the path they go,
 And light their steps surround.
- 2 Their joy shall bear their spirits up
 Thro' their Redeemer's name ;
 His righteousness exalts their hope,
 And fills their foes with shame.
- 3 The Lord, our glory and defence,
 Strength and salvation gives ;
 Israel, thy king forever reigns,
 Thy God forever lives.

P S A L M LXXXIX. ver. 19, &c. Fourth part.
 Common Metre.

Christ's mediatorial kingdom ; or, His divine and human nature.

- 1 **H**EAR what the Lord in vision said,
 And made his mercies known :
 " Sinners, behold, your help is laid
 " On my almighty Son.
- 2 " Behold the man my wisdom chose
 " Among your mortal race ;
 " His head my holy oil o'erflows,
 " With full supplies of grace.
- 3 " High shall he reign on David's throne,
 " My people's better king ;
 " My arm shall beat his rivals down,
 " And still new subjects bring.

- 4 " My truth shall guard him in his way,
 " With mercy by his side ;
 " While in my name o'er earth and sea
 " He shall in triumph ride.
- 5 " Me for his father and his God
 " He shall forever own,
 " Call me his rock, and high abode,
 " And I'll support my Son.
- 6 " My first-born son, array'd in grace,
 " At my right hand shall sit,
 " Beneath him angels know their place,
 " And monarchs at his feet.
- 7 " My cov'nant stands forever fast,
 " My promises are strong ;
 " Firm as the heavens his throne shall last,
 " His seed endure as long."

P S A L M LXXXIX. ver. 30, &c. Fifth part.
 Common Metre.

The covenant of grace unchangeable ; or, Affliction without rejection.

- 1 " **Y**ET," saith the Lord, " if David's race,
 " The children of my Son,
 " Should break my laws, abuse my grace
 " And tempt mine anger down ;
- 2 " Their sins I'll visit with the rod,
 " And make their folly smart ;
 " But I'll not cease to be their God,
 " Nor from my truth depart.
- 3 " My covenant I will ne'er revoke,
 " But keep my grace in mind ;
 " And what my love eternal spoke
 " Eternal truth shall bind.
- 4 " Once have I sworn (I need no more)
 " And pledg'd my holiness,
 " To seal the sacred promise sure
 " To David and his race.

- 5 " The sun shall see his offspring rise
 " And spread from sea to sea,
 " Long as he travels round the skies
 " To give the nations day.
- 6 " Sure as the moon that rules the night
 " His kingdom shall endure,
 " 'Till the fix'd laws of shade and light
 " Shall be observ'd no more."

PSALM LXXXIX. v. 47, &c. 6th part. Long metre.

Mortality and hope.

A Funeral Psalm.

- 1 **R**EMEMBER, Lord, our mortal state,
 How frail our life, how short our date!
 Where is the man that draws his breath
 Safe from disease, secure from death?
- 2 Lord, while we see whole nations die,
 Our flesh and strength repine and cry,
 " Must death forever rage and reign!
 " Or hast thou made mankind in vain?
- 3 " Where is thy promise to the just?
 " Are not thy servants turn'd to dust?
 But faith forbids these mournful sighs,
 And sees the sleeping dust arise.
- 4 That glorious hour, that dreadful day,
 Wipes the reproach of saints away,
 And clears the honour of thy word:
 Awake, our souls, and bless the Lord.

PSALM LXXXIX. ver. 47, &c. Last part.

As the 113th Psalm.

Life, death, and the resurrection.

- 1 **T**HINK, mighty God, on feeble man,
 How few his hours, how short his span!
 Short from the cradle to the grave:
 Who can secure his vital breath
 Against the bold demands of death,
 With skill to fly, or pow'r to save!

- 2 Lord, shall it be forever said,
 "The race of man is only made
 "For sickness sorrow and the dust?"
 Are not thy servants day by day
 Sent to the graves and turn'd to clay?
 Lord, where's thy kindness to the just?
- 3 Hast thou not promis'd to thy Son,
 And all his seed, a heav'nly crown?
 But flesh and sense indulge despair;
 Forever blessed be the Lord,
 That faith can read his holy word,
 And find a resurrection there.
- 4 Forever blessed be the Lord,
 Who gives his saints a long reward,
 For all their toil, reproach and pain;
 Let all below, and all above,
 Join to proclaim thy wondrous love,
 And each repeat his loud *Amen*.

P S A L M XC. Long metre.

Man mortal, and God eternal.

A mournful song at a funeral.

- 1 **T**HRO' every age, eternal God,
 Thou art our rest, our safe abode:
 High was thy throne e'er heav'n was made,
 Or earth, thy humble footstool, laid.
- 2 Long had'st thou reign'd ere time began,
 Or dust was fashion'd into man:
 And long thy kingdom shall endure
 When earth and time shall be no more.
- 3 But man, weak man, is born to die,
 Made up of guilt and vanity:
 Thy dreadful sentence, Lord, was just,
 "Return, ye sinners, to your dust."
- [4 A thousand of our years amount
 Scarce to a day in thine account,
 Like yesterday's departing light,
 Or the last watch of ending night.]

P A U S E.

- 5 Death, like an overflowing stream,
Sweeps us away ; our life's a dream :
An empty tale ; a morning flower,
Cut down and wither'd in an hour.
- [6 Our age to seventy years is set ;
How short the time ! how frail the state !
And if to eighty we arrive,
We rather sigh and groan than live.
- 7 But, oh, how oft thy wrath appears,
And cuts off our expected years !
Thy wrath awakes our humble dread !
We fear the power that strikes us dead.]
- 8 Teach us, O Lord, how frail is man ;
And kindly lengthen out the span,
'Till a wise care of piety
Fit us to die, and dwell with thee.

PSALM XC. ver. 1,—5. 1st part. Common Metre.

Man frail, and God eternal.

- 1 **O**UR God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
- 2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure ;
Sufficient is thine arm alone
And my defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth receiv'd her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.
- 4 Thy word commands our flesh to dust,
"Return, ye sons of men ;"
All nations rose from earth at first,
And turn to earth again.

5 A thousand ages in thy sight
 Are like an evening gone ;
 Short as the watch that ends the night
 Before the rising dawn.

[6 The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 With all their lives and cares,
 Are carried downwards by the flood,
 And lost in following years.

7 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Bears all its sons away,
 They fly, forgotten, as a dream
 Dies at the opening day.

8 Like flowery fields the nations stand
 Pleas'd with the morning light ;
 The flowers beneath the mower's hand
 Lie withering ere 'tis night.]

9 Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be thou our guard while troubles last,
 And our eternal home.

P S A L M XC. ver. 8, 11, 2, 10, 12. Second part.
 Common Metre.

*Infirmities and mortality the effect of sin ; or, Life, old
 age, and preparation for death.*

1 **L**ORD, if thine eyes survey our faults,
 And justice grows severe,
 Thy dreadful wrath exceeds our thoughts,
 And burns beyond our fear.

2 Thine anger turns our frame to dust ;
 By one offence to thee,
 Adam, with all his sons, have lost
 Their immortality.

3 Life, like a vain amusement, flies
 A fable or a song ;
 By swift degrees our nature dies,
 Nor can our joys be long.

- 4 'Tis but a few whose days amount
 To threeſcore years and ten ;
 And all beyond that ſhort account
 Is ſorrow, toil, and pain.
- [5 Our vitals with laborious ſtrife
 Bear up the crazy load,
 And drag theſe poor remains of life
 Along the tireſome road.]
- 6 Almighty God, reveal thy love,
 And not thy wrath alone :
 Oh, let our ſweet experience prove
 The mercies of thy throne.
- 7 Our ſouls would learn the heavenly art
 T' improve the hours we have,
 That we may act the wiſer part,
 And live beyond the grave.

P S A L M XC. ver. 13, &c. Third part.
 Common Metre.

Breathing after Heaven.

- 1 **R**ETURN, O God of love, return ;
 Earth is a tireſome place ;
 How long ſhall we thy children mourn
 Our abſence from thy face ?
- 2 Let heaven ſucceed our painful years,
 Let ſin and ſorrow ceaſe,
 And in proportion to our tears
 So make our joys increaſe.
- 3 Thy wonders to thy ſervants ſhow,
 Make thy own work complete ;
 Then ſhall our ſouls thy glory know,
 And own thy love was great.
- 4 Then ſhall we ſhine before thy throne
 In all thy beauty, Lord :
 And the poor ſervice we have done
 Meet a divine reward.

P S A L M XC. ver. 5, 10, 12. Short Metre.

The frailty and shortness of life.

- 1 **L**ORD, what a feeble piece
Is this our mortal frame?
Our life! how poor a trifle 'tis,
That scarce deserves the name!
- 2 Alas, the brittle clay
That built our body first!
And every month, and every day,
'Tis mouldering back to dust.
- 3 Our moments fly apace,
Our feeble powers decay,
Swift as a flood our hasty days
Are sweeping us away.
- 4 Yet, if our days must fly,
We'll keep their end in sight,
We'll spend them all in wisdom's way,
And let them speed their flight.
- 5 They'll waft us sooner o'er
This life's tempestuous sea:
Soon we shall reach the peaceful shore
Of blest eternity.

PSALM XCI. ver. 1,—7. First part. Long Metre.

Safety in public diseases and dangers.

- 1 **H**E that hath made his refuge God,
Shall find a most secure abode;
Shall walk all day beneath his shade,
And there at night shall rest his head.
- 2 Then will I say, "My God, thy power
" Shall be my fortress and my tower;
" I that am form'd of feeble dust,
" Make thine almighty arm my trust."
- 3 Thrice happy man! thy Maker's care
Shall keep thee from the fowler's snare;
From Satan's wiles, who still betrays
Unguarded souls a thousand ways.

4 Just as a hen protects her brood,
From birds of prey that seek their blood,
The Lord his faithful saints shall guard,
And endless life be their reward.

5 If burning beams of noon conspire
To dart a pestilential fire ;
God is their life, his wings are spread
To shield them with an healthful shade.

6 If vapours with malignant breath
Rise thick, and scatter midnight death,
Israel is safe : the poison'd air
Grows pure, if Israel's God be there.

P A U S E.

7 What though a thousand, at thy side,
Around thy path, ten thousand died,
Thy God his chosen people saves
Amongst the dead, amidst the graves.

8 So when he sent his angel down
To make his wrath in Egypt known,
And slew their sons, his careful eye
Pass'd all the doors of Jacob by.

9 But if the fire, or plague, or sword,
Receive commission from the Lord,
To strike his saints among the rest,
Their very pains and deaths are bless'd.

10 The sword, the pestilence, or fire,
Shall but fulfil their best desire ;
From sins and sorrows set them free,
And bring thy children, Lord, to thee.

P S A L M XCI. ver. 9,—16. Second part.
Common Metre.

*Protection from death, guard of angels, victory, and
deliverance.*

1 **Y**E sons of men, a feeble race,
Expos'd to every snare,
Come make the Lord your dwelling place,
And try and trust his care.

- 2 No ill shall enter where you dwell :
Or if the plague come nigh,
And sweep the wicked down to hell,
'Twill raise the saints on high.
- 3 He'll give his angels charge to keep
Your feet in all their ways ;
To watch your pillow while you sleep,
And guard your happy days.
- 4 Their hands shall bear you, lest you fall
And dash against the stones ;
Are they not servants to his call,
And sent t' attend his sons ?
- 5 Adders and lions ye shall tread ;
The tempter's wiles defeat :
He that hath bruis'd the serpent's head
Puts him beneath your feet.
- 6 " Because on me they set their love,
" I'll save them," saith the Lord ;
" I'll bear their joyful souls above
" Destruction and the sword.
- 7 " My grace shall answer when they call,
" In trouble I'll be nigh ;
" My power shall help them when they fall,
" And raise them when they die.
- 8 " Those that on earth my name have known,
" I honour will in heav'n ;
" There my salvation shall be shown,
" And endless life be giv'n."

P S A L M XCII. First part. Long Metre.

A psalm for the Lord's day.

- 1 **S**WEET is the work, my God, my king,
To praise thy name, give thanks and sing,
To shew thy love by morning light,
And talk of all thy truth at night.

- 2 Sweet is the day of sacred rest,
No mortal care shall seize my breast,
•Oh, may my heart in tune be found
Like David's harp of solemn sound.
- 3 My heart shall triumph in my Lord,
And bless his works, and bless his word :
Thy works of grace, how bright they shine!
How deep thy counsels ! how divine !
- 4 Fools never raise their thoughts so high ;
Like brutes they live, like brutes they die ;
Like grass they flourish, 'till thy breath
Blast them in everlasting death.
- 5 But I shall share a glorious part,
When grace hath well refin'd my heart,
And fresh supplies of joy are shed,
Like holy oil to cheer my head.
- 6 Sin (my worst enemy before)
Shall vex my eyes and ears no more :
My inward foes shall all be slain,
Nor Satan break my peace again.
- 7 Then shall I see, and hear and know
All I desir'd, or wish'd below ;
And ev'ry pow'r find sweet employ
In that eternal world of joy.

P S A L M XCII. ver. 12, &c. Second part.
Long Metre.

The church is the garden of God.

- 1 **L**ORD, 'tis a pleasant thing to stand
In gardens planted by thine hand ;
Let me within thy courts be seen
Like a young cedar, fresh and green.
- 2 There grow thy saints in faith and love,
Bless'd with thine influence from above ;
Not Lebanon, with all its trees,
Yields such a comely sight as these.

- 3 The plants of grace shall ever live ;
 (Nature decays, but grace must thrive)
 Time, that doth all things else impair,
 Still makes them flourish strong and fair.
- 4 Laden with fruits of age they shew
 The Lord is holy, just and true ;
 None that attend his grace shall find
 A God unfaithful or unkind.

PSALM XCIII. First Metre. As the 100th Psalm.

The eternal and the sovereign God.

- 1 **J**EHOVAH reigns : he dwells in light,
 Girded with majesty and might :
 The world created by his hands,
 Still on its first foundation stands.
- 2 But ere this spacious world was made,
 Or had its first foundation laid,
 Thy throne eternal ages stood,
 Thyself the ever-living God.
- 3 Like floods the angry nations rise,
 And aim their rage against the skies ;
 Vain floods, that aim their rage so high !
 At thy rebuke the billows die.
- 4 Forever shall thy throne endure ;
 Thy promise stands forever sure ;
 And everlasting holiness
 Becomes the dwellings of thy grace.

PSALM XCIII. 2d Metre. As the old 50th Psalm.

- 1 **T**HE Lord of glory reigns, he reigns on high ;
 His robes of state are strength and majesty ;
 This wide creation rose at his command,
 Built by his word, establish'd by his hand :
 Long stood his throne ere he began creation,
 And his own Godhead is the firm foundation.

2 God is th' eternal king ; thy foes in vain
 Raise their rebellions to confound thy reign ;
 In vain the storms, in vain the floods arise,
 And roar, and toss their waves against the skies ;
 Foaming at heav'n, they rage with wild commotion,
 But heav'n's high arches scorn the swelling ocean.

3 Ye tempests, rage no more ; ye floods, be still,
 And thou, mad world, submissive to his will :
 Built on his truth his church must ever stand ;
 Firm are his promises, and strong his hand :
 See his own sons, when they appear before him,
 Bow at his footstool, and with fear adore him.

PSALM XCIII. 3d Metre. As the old 122d Psalm.

1 **T**HE Lord Jehovah reigns,
 And royal state maintains,
 His head with awful glories crown'd ;
 Array'd in robes of light,
 Begirt with sov'reign might,
 And rays of majesty around.

2 Upheld by thy commands
 The world securely stands,
 And skies and stars obey thy word ;
 Thy throne was fixt on high
 Ere stars adorn'd the sky ;
 Eternal is thy kingdom, Lord.

3 In vain the noisy croud,
 Like billows fierce and loud,
 Against thine empire rage and roar ;
 In vain with angry spite
 The surly nations fight,
 And dash like waves against the shore.

4 Let floods and nations rage,
 And all their power engage,
 Let swelling tides assault the sky ;
 The terrors of thy frown
 Shall beat their madness down ;
 Thy throne forever stands on high.

5 Thy promises are true,
 Thy grace is ever new,
 There fix'd thy church shall ne'er remove ;
 Thy saints with holy fear
 Shall in thy courts appear,
 And sing thine everlasting love.

Repeat the fourth stanza to complete the tune.

P S A L M XCIV. ver. 1, 2 7,—14. First part.
 Common Metre.

Saints chastised, and sinners destroyed; or, Instructive affliction.

- 1 **O** GOD! to whom revenge belongs,
 Proclaim thy wrath aloud ;
 Let sov'reign power redress our wrongs,
 Let justice smite the proud.
- 2 They say, "The Lord nor sees nor hears ;"
 When will the vain be wise ;
 Can he be deaf, who form'd the ears ?
 Or blind who made their eyes ?
- 3 He knows their impious thoughts are vain,
 And they shall feel his power :
 His wrath shall pierce their souls with pain
 In some surprising hour.
- 4 But if thy saints deserve rebuke,
 Thou hast a gentler rod ;
 Thy providence, thy sacred book
 Shall make them know their God.
- 5 Blest is the man thy hands chastise,
 And to his duty draw ;
 Thy scourges make thy children wise
 When they forget thy law.
- 6 But God will ne'er cast off his saints,
 Nor his own promise break ;
 He pardons his inheritance
 For their Redeemer's sake.

P S A L M XCIV. ver. 16,—23. Second part.
Common Metre.

*God our support and comfort; or, Deliverance from
temptation and persecution.*

- 1 **W**HO will rise and plead my right
Against my num'rous foes?
While earth and hell their force unite,
And all my hopes oppose.
- 2 Had not the Lord, my rock, my help,
Sustain'd my fainting head,
My life had now in silence dwelt,
My soul amongst the dead.
- 3 "Alas! my sliding feet!" I cry'd,
Thy promise bore me up;
Thy grace stood constant by my side,
And rais'd my sinking hope.
- 4 While multitudes of mournful thoughts
Within my bosom roll,
Thy boundless love forgives my faults,
Thy comforts cheer my soul.
- 5 Powers of iniquity may rise
And frame pernicious laws;
But God my refuge rules the skies,
He will defend my cause.
- 6 Let malice vent her rage aloud,
Let bold blasphemers scoff;
The Lord our God shall judge the proud,
And cut the sinners off.

P S A L M XCV. Common Metre.

A psalm before prayer.

- 1 **S**ING to the Lord Jehovah's name,
And in his strength rejoice;
When his salvation is our theme,
Exalted be our voice.

- 2 With thanks approach his awful sight,
 And psalms of honour sing ;
 The Lord's a God of boundless might,
 The whole creation's king.
- 3 Let princes hear, let angels know,
 How mean their nature seem,
 Those gods on high, and gods below,
 When once compar'd with him.
- 4 Earth, with its caverns dark and deep,
 Lies in his spacious hand ;
 He fix'd the seas what bounds to keep,
 And where the hills must stand.
- 5 Come, and with humble souls adore,
 Come, kneel before his face ;
 Oh may the creatures of his power
 Be children of his grace.
- 6 Now is the time, he bends his ear
 And waits for your request ;
 Come, lest he rouse his wrath, and swear,
 " Ye shall not see my rest."

P S A L M XCV. Short Metre.

A Psalm before sermon.

- 1 **C**OME, sound his praise abroad,
 And hymns of glory sing :
 Jehovah is the sov'reign God,
 The universal king.
- 2 He form'd the-deeps unknown ;
 He gave the seas their bound ;
 The wat'ry worlds are all his own,
 And all the solid ground.
- 3 Come, worship at his throne,
 Come, bow before the Lord ;
 We are his works, and not our own,
 He form'd us by his word. —

- 4 To day attend his voice,
Nor dare provoke his rod ;
Come, like the people of his choice,
And own your gracious God.
- 5 But if your ears refuse
The language of his grace,
And hearts grow hard, like stubborn Jews,
That unbelieving race—
- 6 The Lord, in vengeance dress'd,
Will lift his hand and swear,
“ You that despise my promis'd rest,
“ Shall have no portion there.”

PSALM XCV. ver. 1, 2, 3, 6,—II. Long Metre.
Canaan lost through unbelief; or, A warning to delaying sinners.

- 1 **C**OME, let your voices join to raise
A sacred song of solemn praise :
God is a sov'reign King ; rehearse
His honour in exalted verse.
- 2 Come, let our souls address the Lord,
Who fram'd our natures with his word,
He is our shepherd ; we the sheep
His mercy chose, his pastures keep.
- 3 Come, let us hear his voice to-day,
The counsels of his love obey,
Nor let our harden'd hearts renew
The sins and plagues that Israel knew.
- 4 Israel, that saw his works of grace,
Yet tempt their maker to his face ;
A faithless, unbelieving brood,
That tir'd the patience of their God.
- 5 Thus saith the Lord, “ How false they prove !
“ Forget my power, abuse my love ;
“ Since they despise my rest, I swear,
“ Their feet shall never enter there.”

- [6 Look back, my soul, with holy dread,
 And view those antient rebels dead ;
 Attend the offer'd grace to-day,
 Nor lose the blessings by delay.
- 7 Seize the kind promise while it waits,
 And march to Zion's heav'nly gates ;
 Believe and take the promis'd rest ;
 Obey, and be forever blest'd.]

PSALM XCVI. ver. 2, 10, &c. Common Metre.

Christ's first and second coming.

- 1 **S**ING to the Lord, ye distant lands,
 Ye tribes of every tongue ;
 His new discover'd grace demands
 A new and noble song.
- 2 Say to the nations, Jesus reigns,
 God's own almighty Son ;
 His pow'r the sinking world sustains,
 And grace surrounds his throne.
- 3 Let heav'n proclaim the joyful day,
 Joy through the earth be seen ;
 Let cities shine in bright array,
 And fields in cheerful green.
- 4 The joyous earth, the bending skies
 His glorious train display ;
 Ye mountains sink, ye vallies rise,
 Prepare the Lord his way.
- 5 Behold he comes, he comes to bless
 The nations as their God ;
 To shew the world his righteousness,
 And send his truth abroad.
- 6 His voice shall raise the slumbering dead,
 And bid the world draw near ;
 But how will guilty nations dread
 To see their judge appear !

P S A L M XCVII. As the 113th Psalm.

The God of the Gentiles.

- 1 **L**ET all the earth their voices raise,
 To sing the choicest psalm of praise,
 To sing and bless Jehovah's name:
 His glory let the heathens know,
 His wonders to the nations show,
 And all his saving works proclaim.
- 2 The heathens know thy glory, Lord,
 The wond'ring nations read thy word,
 But here Jehovah's name is known:
 Nor shall our worship e'er be paid
 To gods which mortal hands have made;
 Our maker is our God alone.
- 3 He fram'd the globe, he built the sky,
 He made the shining worlds on high,
 And reigns complete in glory there;
 His beams are majesty and light;
 His beauties how divinely bright;
 His temple how divinely fair!
- 4 Come the great day, the glorious hour,
 When earth shall feel his saving power,
 And barb'rous nations fear his name;
 Then shall the race of men confess
 The beauty of his holiness,
 And in his courts his grace proclaim.

PSALM XCVII. ver. 1,—5. 1st part. Long Metre.

Christ reigning in heaven, and coming to judgment.

- 1 **H**E reigns; the Lord, the Saviour reigns!
 Praise him in evangelic strains:
 Let the whole earth in songs rejoice,
 And distant islands join their voice.
- 2 Deep are his counsels, and unknown;
 But grace and truth support his throne:
 Tho' gloomy clouds his ways surround,
 Justice is their eternal ground.

- 3 In robes of judgment, lo, he comes,
Shakes the wide earth, and cleaves the tombs ;
Before him burns devouring fire,
The mountains melt, the seas retire.
- 4 His enemies, with sore dismay,
Fly from the fight, and shun the day ;
Then lift your heads, ye faints, on high,
And sing, for your redemption's nigh.

P S A L M XCVII. ver. 6,—9. Second part.
Long Metre.

Christ's incarnation.

- 1 **T**HE Lord is come: the heavens proclaim
His birth; the nations learn his name;
An unknown star directs the road
Of eastern sages to their God.
- 2 All ye, bright armies of the skies,
Go, worship where the Saviour lies;
Angels and kings before him bow,
Those gods on high and gods below.
- 3 Let idols totter to the ground,
And their own worshippers confound;
But Zion shall his glories sing,
And earth confess her sov'reign king.

P S A L M XCVII. Third part. Long Metre.

Grace and glory.

- 1 **T**H' Almighty reigns exalted high
O'er all the earth, o'er all the sky;
Though clouds and darkness veil his feet,
His dwelling is the mercy seat.
- 2 O, ye that love his holy name,
Hate every work of sin and shame:
He guards the souls of all his friends,
And from the snares of hell defends.

- 3 Immortal light, and joys unknown,
Are for the saints in darkness sown ;
Those glorious seeds shall spring and rise,
And the bright harvest bless our eyes.
- 4 Rejoice, ye righteous, and record
The sacred honours of the Lord ;
None but the souls that feel his grace
Can triumph in his holiness.

P S A L M XCVII. ver. 3, 5,—7, II.
Common Metre.

Christ's incarnation, and the last judgment.

- 1 **L**ET earth, with every isle and sea,
Rejoice, the Saviour reigns ;
His word like fire prepares his way,
And mountains melt to plains.
- 2 His presence sinks the proudest hills,
And makes the vallies rise ;
The humble soul enjoys its smiles,
The haughty sinner dies.
- 3 The heavens his rightful power proclaim ;
The idol-gods around
Fill their own worshippers with shame,
And totter to the ground.
- 4 Adoring angels at his birth
Make the Redeemer known ;
Thus shall he come to judge the earth,
And angels guard his throne.
- 5 His foes shall tremble at his sight,
And hills and seas retire :
His children take their unknown flight,
And leave the world in fire.
- 6 The seeds of joy and glory sown
For saints in darkness here,
Shall rise and spring in worlds unknown,
And a rich harvest bear.

PSALM XCVIII. First part. Common Metre.

Praise for the gospel.

- 1 **T**O our almighty maker, God,
 New honours be address'd :
 His great salvation shines abroad,
 And makes the nations bless'd.
- 2 To Abraham first he spoke the word,
 And taught his numerous race ;
 The Gentiles own him sov'reign Lord,
 And learn to trust his grace.
- 3 Let the whole earth his love proclaim
 With all her diff'rent tongues ;
 And spread the honour of his name
 In melody and songs.

PSALM XCVIII. Second part. Common Metre.

The Messiah's coming and kingdom.

- 1 **J**OY to the world—the Lord is come ;
 Let earth receive her king :
 Let every heart prepare him room,
 And heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth the Saviour reigns ;
 Let men their songs employ,
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
 Repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
 Nor thorns infest the ground ;
 He comes to make his blessings flow,
 Far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of his righteousness,
 And wonders of his love.

P S A L M XCIX. First part. Short Metre.

Christ's kingdom and majesty.

- 1 **T**HE God Jehovah reigns,
 Let all the nations fear ;
 Let sinners tremble at his throne,
 And saints be humble there.
- 2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
 Let earth adore its Lord ;
 Bright cherubs his attendants stand,
 Swift to fulfil his word.
- 3 In Zion stands his throne,
 His honours are divine,
 His church shall make his wonders known,
 For there his glories shine.
- 4 How holy is his name !
 How terrible his praise !
 Justice, and truth, and judgment join
 In all his works of grace.

P S A L M XCIX. Second part. Short Metre.

A holy God worshipped with reverence.

- 1 **E**XALT the Lord our God,
 And worship at his feet,
 His nature is all holiness,
 And mercy is his feat.
- 2 When Israel was his church,
 When Aaron was his priest,
 When Moses cry'd, when Samuel pray'd—
 He gave his people rest.
- 3 Oft he forgave their sins,
 Nor would destroy their race ;
 And oft he made his vengeance known,
 When they abus'd his grace.
- 4 Exalt the Lord our God,
 Whose grace is still the same ;
 Still he 's a God of holiness,
 And jealous for his name..

P S A L M C. First Metre. A plain translation.

Praise to our Creator.

- 1 **Y**E nations round the earth, rejoice
Before the Lord, your sov'reign King :
Serve him with cheerful heart and voice,
With all your tongues his glory sing.
- 2 The Lord is God : 'tis he alone
Doth life, and breath, and being give :
We are his work, and not our own ;
The sheep that on his pastures live.
- 3 Enter his gates with songs of joy,
With praises to his courts repair ;
And make it your divine employ
To pay your thanks and honours there.
- 4 The Lord is good, the Lord is kind ;
Great is his grace, his mercy sure ;
And the whole race of man shall find
His truth from age to age endure.

P S A L M C. Second Metre. A paraphrase.

- 1 **B**EFORE Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy ;
Know that the Lord is God alone—
He can create, and he destroy.
- 2 His sov'reign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay, and form'd us men :
And when, like wandering sheep, we stray'd,
He brought us to his fold again.
- 3 We are his people, we his care,
Our souls, and all our mortal frame :
What lasting honours shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to thy name ?
- 4 We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,
High as the heav'n our voices raise ;
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.

- 5 Wide as the world is thy command,
 Vast as eternity thy love !
 Firm as a rock thy truth must stand,
 When rolling years shall cease to move !

P S A L M CI. Long Metre.

The Magistrate's psalm.

- 1 **M**ERCY and judgment are my song ;
 And since they both to thee belong,
 My gracious God, my righteous King,
 To thee my songs and vows I bring.
- 2 If I am rais'd to bear the sword,
 I'll take my counsel from thy word ;
 Thy justice and thy heav'nly grace
 Shall be the pattern of my ways.
- 3 Let wisdom all my actions guide,
 And let my God with me reside :
 No wicked thing shall dwell with me,
 Which may provoke thy jealousy.
- 4 No sons of slander, rage and strife,
 Shall be companions of my life ;
 The haughty look, the heart of pride
 Within my doors shall ne'er abide.
- [5 I'll search the land, and raise the just
 To posts of honour, wealth and trust :
 The men that work thy holy will
 Shall be my friends and fav'rites still.]
- 6 In vain shall sinners hope to rise
 By flatt'ring or malicious lies ;
 Nor, while th' innocent I guard,
 Shall bold offenders e'er be spar'd.
- 7 The impious crew (that factious band)
 Shall hide their heads, or quit the land ;
 And all that break the public rest,
 Where I have power, shall be suppress'd.

P S A L M CI. Common Metre.

A psalm for a master of a family.

- 1 **O**F justice and of grace I sing,
 And pay my God my vows,
 Thy grace and justice, heav'nly King,
 Teach me to rule my house.
- 2 Now to my tent, O God, repair,
 And make thy servant wise ;
 I'll suffer nothing near me there
 That shall offend thy eyes.
- 3 The man, that doth his neighbour wrong,
 By falsehood or by force,
 The scornful eye, the stand'rous tongue,
 I'll banish from my doors.
- 4 I'll seek the faithful and the just,
 And will their help enjoy ;
 These are the friends that I shall trust,
 The servants I'll employ.
- 5 The wretch, that deals in sly deceit,
 I'll not endure a night ;
 The liar's tongue I ever hate,
 And banish from my sight.
- 6 I'll purge my family around,
 And make the wicked flee ;
 So shall my house be ever found
 A dwelling fit for thee.

P S A L M CII. ver. 1,—13, 20, 21. First part.
 Common Metre.*A prayer of the afflicted.*

- 1 **H**EAR me, O God, nor hide thy face,
 But answer, lest I die :
 Hast thou not built a throne of grace,
 To hear when sinners cry ?

- 2 Like smoke my waſting days depart,
When it diſſolves in air,
My ſtrength is dried, my broken heart
Is ſinking in deſpair.
- 3 My ſpirits flag, like withering graſs
Burnt with exceſſive heat :
In ſecret groans my minutes paſs,
And I forget to eat.
- 4 As on ſome lonely building's top
The ſparrow tells her moan,
Far from the tents of joy and hope
I fit and grieve alone.
- 5 My ſoul is like a wilderneſs,
Where beaſts of midnight howl ;
Where the ſad raven finds her place,
And where the ſcreaming owl.
- 6 Dark diſmal thoughts and boding fears
Dwell in my troubled breaſt ;
While ſharp reproaches wound my ears,
Nor give my ſpirit reſt.
- 7 My cup is mingled with my woes,
And tears are my repaſt ;
My daily bread, like aſhes, grows
Unpleaſant to my taſte.
- 8 Senſe can afford no real joy
To ſouls that feel thy frown ;
Lord, 'twas thy hand advanc'd me high,
Thy hand hath caſt me down.
- 9 My locks like wither'd leaves appear ;
And life's declining light
Grows faint as ev'ning ſhadows are,
That vaniſh into night.
- 10 But thou forever art the ſame,
O my eternal God ;
Ages to come ſhall know thy name,
And ſpread thy works abroad.

- 11 Thou wilt arise, and shew thy face,
Nor will my Lord delay,
Beyond th' appointed hour of grace,
That long expected day.
- 12 He hears his faints, he knows their cry,
And, by mysterious ways,
Redeems the pris'ners, doom'd to die,
And fills their tongues with praise.

P S A L M CII. ver. 13,—21. Second part.
Common Metre.

Prayer heard, and Zion restored.

- 1 **L**ET Zion and her sons rejoice—
Behold the promis'd hour :
Her God hath heard her mourning voice,
And comes t' exalt his power.
- 2 Her dust and ruins that remain,
Are precious in our eyes ;
Those ruins shall be built again,
And all that dust shall rise.
- 3 The Lord will raise Jerufalem,
And stand in glory there ;
Nations shall bow before his name,
And kings attend with fear.
- 4 He sits a sov'reign on his throne,
With pity in his eyes :
He hears the dying pris'ners groan,
And sees their sighs arise.
- 5 He frees the souls condemn'd to death,
And, when his faints complain,
It sha'n't be said, " That praying breath
" Was ever spent in vain."
- 6 This shall be known when we are dead,
And left on long record ;
That ages yet unborn may read,
And trust, and praise the Lord.

P S A L M CII. ver. 23,—28. Third part.
Long Metre.

*Man's mortality, and Christ's eternity; or, Saints die,
but Christ and the church live.*

- 1 **I**T is the Lord our Saviour's hand
Weakens our strength amidst the race;
Disease and death at his command
Arrest us, and cut short our days.
- 2 Spare us, O Lord, aloud we pray,
Nor let our sun go down at noon;
Thy years are one eternal day,
And must thy children die so soon?
- 3 Yet, in the midst of death and grief,
This thought our sorrows shall assuage;
"Our Father and our Saviour live;
"Christ is the same thro' ev'ry age."
- 4 'Twas he this earth's foundation laid;
Heav'n is the building of his hand;
This earth grows old, these heav'ns shall fade,
And all be chang'd at his command.
- 5 The starry curtains of the sky,
Like garments, shall be laid aside;
But still thy throne stands firm and high;
Thy church forever must abide.
- 6 Before thy face thy church shall live;
And on thy throne thy children reign;
This dying world shall they survive,
And the dead saints be rais'd again.

PSALM CIII. ver. 1,—7. First part. Long Metre.

Blessing God for his goodness to soul and body.

- 1 **B**LESS, O my soul, the living God,
Call home thy thoughts that roam abroad,
Let all the powers within me join
In work and worship so divine.

- 2 Bless, O my soul, the God of grace ;
His favours claim the highest praise ;
Why should ungrateful silence hide
The blessings which his hands provide ?
- 3 'Tis he, my soul, that sent his Son
To die for crimes that thou hast done :
He owns the ransom, and forgives
The hourly follies of our lives.
- 4 The vices of the mind he heals
And cures the pains that nature feels—
Redeems the soul from hell, and saves
Our wasting life from threat'ning graves.
- 5 Our youth decay'd his power repairs ;
His mercy crowns our growing years ;
He fills our store with every good,
And feeds our souls with heav'nly food.
- 6 He sees th' oppressor and th' oppressed,
And often gives the suff'ers rest :
But will his justice more display
In the last great rewarding day.
- [7 His power he shew'd by Moses' hands,
And gave to Israel his commands ;
But sent his truth and mercy down
To all the nations by his Son.]
- 8 Let the whole earth his power confess—
Let the whole earth adore his grace ;
The Gentile with the Jew shall join
In work and worship so divine.

P S A L M CIII. Second part. Long Metre.

God's gentle chastisement ; or, His tender mercy to his people.

- 1 **T**HE Lord, how wondrous are his ways !
How firm his truth ! how large his grace !
He takes his mercy for his throne,
And thence he makes his glories known.

- 2 Not half so high his power hath spread
The starry heav'ns above our head,
As his rich love exceeds our praise,
Exceeds the highest hopes we raise.
- 3 Not half so far hath nature plac'd
The rising morning from the west,
As his forgiving grace removes
The daily guilt of those he loves.
- 4 How slow his awful wrath to rise !
On swifter wings salvation flies ;
And if he lets his anger burn,
How soon his frowns to pity turn !
- 5 Amidst his wrath compassion shines ;
His strokes are lighter than our sins :
And, while his rod corrects his faints,
His ear indulges their complaints.
- 6 So fathers their young sons chastise,
With gentle hands and melting eyes ;
The children weep beneath the smart,
And move the pity of their heart.

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- 7 The mighty God, the wise and just,
Knows that our frame is feeble dust ;
And will no heavy loads impose
Beyond the strength that he bestows.
- 8 He knows how soon our nature dies,
Blasted by every wind that flies ;
Like grass we spring, and die as soon,
Or morning flowers that fade at noon.
- 9 But his eternal love is sure
To all the saints, and shall endure ;
From age to age his truth shall reign,
Nor children's children hope in vain.

P S A L M CIII. ver. 1,—7. First part.
Short Metre.

Praise for spiritual and temporal mercies.

- 1 **O**H blest the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to blest his name,
Whose favours are divine.
- 2 Oh, blest the Lord, my soul;
Nor let his mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness,
And without praises die.
- 3 'Tis he forgives thy sins,
'Tis he relieves thy pain,
'Tis he that heals thy sicknesses,
And makes thee young again.
- 4 He crowns thy life with love,
When ransom'd from the grave;
He that redeem'd my soul from hell
Hath sovereign power to save.
- 5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the sufferers rest;
The Lord hath judgments for the proud,
And justice for th' oppress'd.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known;
But sent the world his truth and grace
By his beloved son.

P S A L M CIII. ver. 8,—18. Second part.
Short Metre.

*Abounding compassion of God; or, Mercy in the midst
of judgment.*

- 1 **M**Y soul, repeat his praise,
Whose mercies are so great;
Whose anger is so slow to rise,
So ready to abate.

- 2 God will not always chide,
 And, when his strokes are felt,
 His strokes are fewer than our crimes,
 And lighter than our guilt.
- 3 High as the heav'ns are rais'd
 Above the ground we tread,
 So far the riches of his grace
 Our highest thoughts exceed.
- 4 His power subdues our sins,
 And his forgiving love,
 Far as the east is from the west,
 Doth all our guilt remove.
- 5 The pity of the Lord
 To those that fear his name,
 Is such as tender parents feel—
 He knows our feeble frame.
- 6 He knows we are but dust,
 Scatter'd with every breath;
 His anger like a rising wind
 Can send us swift to death.
- 7 Our days are as the grass,
 Or like the morning flower!
 If one sharp blast sweep o'er the field,
 It withers in an hour.
- 8 But thy compassions, Lord,
 To endless years endure;
 And children's children ever find
 Thy words of promise sure.

P S A L M CIII. ver. 19,—22. Third part.
 Short Metre.

God's universal dominion; or, Angels praise the Lord.

- 1 **T**HE Lord, the sov'reign king,
 Hath fix'd his throne on high,
 O'er all the heav'nly world he rules,
 And all beneath the sky.

- 2 Ye angels, great in might,
 And swift to do his will,
 Bless ye the Lord, whose voice ye hear,
 Whose pleasure ye fulfil.
- 3 Let the bright hosts, who wait
 The orders of their king,
 And guard his churches when they pray,
 Join in the praise they sing.
- 4 While all his wondrous works,
 Thro' his vast kingdom, shew
 Their Maker's glory, thou, my soul,
 Shalt sing his graces too.

P S A L M CIV.

The glory of God in Creation and Providence.

- 1 **M**Y soul, thy great Creator praise,
 When cloth'd in his celestial rays,
 He in full majesty appears,
 And like a robe his glory wears.

Note, *This psalm may be sung to the tune of the old 112th or 127th psalm, by adding these two lines to every stanza—viz.*

“Great is the Lord! what tongue can frame
 “An equal honour to his name!”

Otherwise it must be sung to the 100th psalm.

- 2 The heavens are for his curtains spread;
 Th' unfathom'd deep he makes his bed:
 Clouds are his chariot, when he flies
 On winged storms across the skies.
- 3 Angels, whom his own breath inspires,
 His ministers, are flaming fires;
 And, swift as thought, their armies move
 To bear his vengeance or his love.

- 4 The world's foundation by his hand
Is pois'd, and shall forever stand ;
He binds the ocean in his chain,
Lest it should drown the earth again.
- 5 When earth was cover'd with the flood,
Which high above the mountains stood,
He thunder'd, and the ocean fled,
Confin'd to its appointed bed.
- 6 The swelling billows know their bound,
And in their channels walk their round ;
Refreshing streams, by secret veins,
Break from the hills, and drench the plains.
- 7 He bids the chrystal fountains flow,
And cheer the vallies as they go,
There gentle herds their thirst allay,
And for the stream wild asses bray.
- 8 From pleasant trees, which shade the brink,
The lark and linnet light to drink ;
Their songs the lark and linnet raise,
And chide our silence in his praise.

P A U S E the first.

- 9 God from his cloudy cistern, pours
On the parch'd earth enriching showers :
The grove, the garden, and the field,
A thousand joyful blessings yield.
- 10 He makes the grassy food arise,
And gives the cattle large supplies ;
With herbs for man, of various power,
To nourish nature, or to cure.
- 11 What noble fruit the vines produce !
The olive yields a pleasing juice ;
Our hearts are cheer'd with gen'rous wine,
His gifts proclaim his love divine.

12 His bounteous hands our table spread,
 He fills our cheerful stores with bread ;
 While food our vital strength imparts,
 Let daily praise inspire our hearts.

P A U S E the second.

- 13 Behold the stately cedar stands,
 Rais'd in the forest by his hands ;
 Birds to the boughs for shelter fly,
 And build their nests secure on high.
- 14 To craggy hills ascends the goat ;
 And at the airy mountain's foot
 'The feebler creatures make their cell—
 He gives them wisdom where to dwell.
- 15 He sets the sun his circling race,
 Appoints the moon to change her face :
 And, when thick darkness veils the day,
 Call out wild beasts to hunt their prey.
- 16 Fierce lions lead their young abroad,
 And, roaring, ask their meat from God ;
 But when the morning beams arise,
 'The savage beast to covert flies.
- 17 Then man to daily labour goes ;
 'The night was made for his repose ;
 Sleep is thy gift, that sweet relief
 From tiresome toil and wasting grief.
- 18 How strange thy works ! how great thy skill !
 While ev'ry land thy riches fill ;
 'Thy wisdom round the world we see,
 'This spacious earth is full of thee.
- 19 Nor less thy glories in the deep,
 Where fish in millions swim and creep,
 With wondrous motions swift or slow,
 Still wand'ring in the paths below.
- 20 There ships divide their wat'ry way,
 And flocks of scaly monsters play :
 The huge leviathan resides,
 And, fearless, sports amid the tides.

P A U S E the third.

- 21 Vast are thy works, almighty Lord,
All nature rests upon thy word,
And the whole race of creatures stands
Waiting their portion from thy hands.
- 22 While each receives his diff'rent food,
Their cheerful looks pronounce it good :
Eagles and bears, and whales and worms,
Rejoice and praise in diff'rent forms.
- 23 But, when thou hid'st thy face, they mourn,
And, dying, to their dust return ;
Both man and beast their souls resign ;
Life, breath, and spirit, all are thine.
- 24 But thou canst breath on dust again,
And fill the world with beasts and men ;
A word of thy creating breath
Repairs the wastes of time and death.
- 25 His works, the wonders of his might,
Are honour'd with his own delight ;
How awful are his glorious ways !
The Lord is dreadful in his praise !
- 26 The earth stands trembling at thy stroke,
And at thy touch the mountains smoke ;
Yet humble souls may see thy face,
And tell their wants to sovereign grace.
- 27 In thee my hopes and wishes meet,
And make my meditations sweet ;
'Thy praises shall my breath employ,
'Till it expire in endless joy.
- 28 While haughty finners die accurst,
Their glory bury'd with their dust,
I to my God, my heav'nly King,
Immortal hallelujahs sing.

P S A L M CV. Abridged. Common Metre.

God's conduct to Israel, and the plagues of Egypt.

- 1 **G**IVE thanks to God, invoke his name,
 And tell the world his grace;
 Sound through the earth his deeds of fame,
 That all may seek his face.
- 2 His cov'nant which he kept in mind
 For num'rous ages past,
 To num'rous ages yet behind
 In equal force shall last.
- 3 He sware to Abra'm and his seed,
 And made the blessing sure:
 Gentiles the ancient promise read,
 And find his truth endure.
- 4 "Thy seed shall make all nations blest'd:"
 (Said the almighty voice)
 "And Canaan's land shall be thy rest,
 "The type of heav'nly joys."
- [5 How large the grant! how rich the grace!
 To give them Canaan's land,
 When they were strangers in the place,
 A small and feeble band!
- 6 Like pilgrims, through the country round,
 Securely they remov'd;
 And haughty kings that on them frown'd,
 Severely he reprov'd.
- 7 "Touch mine anointed and mine arm
 "Shall soon avenge the wrong;
 "The man, that does my prophets harm,
 "Shall know their God is strong.
- 8 "Then let the world forbear its rage,
 "Nor put the church in fear:
 "Israel must live through ev'ry age,
 "And be th' Almighty's care."

P A U S E the first.

- 9 When Pharaoh dar'd to vex the faints,
 And thus provok'd their God,
 Moses was sent, at their complaints,
 Arm'd with his dreadful rod.
- 10 He call'd for darkness, darkness came
 Like an o'erwhelming flood :
 He turn'd each lake, and every stream
 To lakes and streams of blood.
- 11 He gave the sign, and noisome flies
 Through the whole country spread ;
 And frogs, in baleful armies, rise
 About the monarch's bed.
- 12 Through fields, and towns, and palaces,
 The tenfold vengeance flew :
 Locusts in swarms devour'd their trees,
 And hail their cattle flew.
- 13 Then, by an angel's midnight stroke,
 The flow'r of Egypt died ;
 The strength of ev'ry house he broke,
 Their glory and their pride.
- 14 " Now let the world forbear its rage,
 " Nor put the church in fear :
 " Israel must live through ev'ry age,
 " And be th' Almighty's care."

P A U S E the second.

- 15 Thus were the tribes from bondage freed,
 And left the hated ground ;
 Rich with Egyptian spoils they fled,
 Nor was one feeble found.
- 16 The Lord himself chose out the way,
 And mark'd their journeys right,
 Gave them a leading cloud by day,
 A firey guide by night,

- 17 They thirst ; and waters from the rock
 In rich abundance flow,
 And foll'wing still the course they took,
 Ran all the desert through.
- 18 O wondrous stream ! O blessed type
 Of ever-flowing grace !
 So Christ our rock maintains our life
 And aids our wand'ring race.
- 19 Thus guarded by the almighty hand,
 The chosen tribes possess'd
 Canaan the rich, the promis'd land,
 And there enjoy'd their rest.
- 20 " Then let the world forbear its rage,
 " The church renounce her fear :
 " Israel must live through every age,
 " And be th' Almighty's care."

PSALM CVI. ver. 1,—5. First part. Long Metre.

Praise to God ; or, Communication with saints.

- 1 **T**O God the great, the ever bless'd,
 Let songs of honour be address'd ;
 His mercy firm forever stands ;
 Give him the thanks his love demands.
- 2 Who knows the wonders of thy ways ?
 Who shall fulfil thy boundless praise ?
 Bless'd are the souls that fear thee still,
 And pay their duty to thy will.
- 3 Remember what thy mercy did
 For Jacob's race, thy chosen seed :
 And with the same salvation bless
 The meanest suppliant of thy grace.
- 4 O may I see thy tribes rejoice,
 And aid their triumphs with my voice !
 This is my glory, Lord, to be
 Join'd to thy saints, and near to thee.

P S A L M CVI. ver. 7, 8, 12,—14, 43,—48.
Second part. Short Metre.

Israel punished and pardoned; or, God's unchangeable love.

- 1 **G**OD of eternal love,
How fickle are our ways!
And yet how oft did Israel prove
Thy constancy of grace!
- 2 They saw thy wonders wrought,
And then thy praise they sung;
But soon thy works of power forgot,
And murmur'd with their tongue.
- 3 Now they believe his word,
While rocks with rivers flow;
Now with their lusts provoke the Lord,
And he reduc'd them low.
- 4 Yet when they mourn'd their faults,
He hearken'd to their groans,
Brought his own cov'nant to his thoughts,
And call'd them still his sons.
- 5 Their names were in his book,
He sav'd them from their foes:
Oft he chastis'd, but ne'er forsook
The people that he chose.
- 6 Let Israel bless the Lord,
Who lov'd their ancient race;
And Christians join the solemn word
Amen, to all the praise.

P S A L M CVII. First part. Long Metre.

Israel led to Canaan, and Christians to heaven.

- 1 **G**IVE thanks to God; he reigns above;
Kind are his thoughts; his name is love;
His mercy ages past have known,
And ages long to come shall own.

- 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord
The wonders of his grace record ;
Israel, the nation whom he chose,
And rescu'd from their mighty foes.
- [3 When God's own arm their fetters broke,
And freed them from the Egyptian yoke,
They trac'd the desert, wand'ring round
A wild and solitary ground.
- 4 There they could find no leading road,
Nor city for their fix'd abode,
Nor food, nor fountain to assuage
Their burning thirst, or hunger's rage.]
- 5 In their distress to God they cry'd,
God was their Saviour and their guide ;
He led their wand'ring march around,
And brought their tribes to Canaan's ground.
- 6 Thus, when our first release we gain
From sin's old yoke and Satan's chain,
We have this desert world to pass,
A dang'rous and a tiresome place.
- 7 He feeds and clothes us all the way,
He guides our footsteps lest we stray,
He guards us with a pow'ful hand,
And brings us to the heav'nly land.
- 8 O let the saints with joy record
The truth and goodness of the Lord !
How great his works ! how kind his ways !
Let ev'ry tongue pronounce his praise.

P S A L M CVII. Second part. Long Metre.

Correction for sin, and release by prayer.

- 1 **F**ROM age to age exalt his name,
God and his grace are still the same ;
He fills the hungry soul with food,
And feeds the poor with ev'ry good.

- 2 But if their hearts rebel and rise
 Against the God who rules the skies,
 If they reject his heav'nly word,
 And slight the counsels of the Lord,
- 3 He'll bring their spirits to the ground,
 And no deliv'rer shall be found:
 Laden with grief, they waste their breath
 In darkness and the shades of death.
- 4 Then to the Lord they raise their cries,
 He makes the dawning light arise,
 And scatters all that dismal shade,
 That hung so heavy round their head.
- 5 He cuts the bars of brass in two,
 And lets the smiling pris'ners through;
 Takes off the load of guilt and grief,
 And gives the lab'ring soul relief.
- 6 O may the sons of men record
 The wondrous goodness of the Lord!
 How great his works! how kind his ways!
 Let ev'ry tongue pronounce his praise.

P S A L M CVII. Third part. Long Metre.

*Intemperance punished and pardoned; or, A psalm for
 the glutton and the drunkard.*

- 1 **V**AIN man, on foolish pleasures bent,
 Prepares for his own punishment;
 What pains, what lothesome maladies,
 From luxury and lust arise!
- 2 The drunkard feels his vitals waste,
 Yet drowns his health to please his taste;
 Till all his active powers are lost,
 And fainting life draws near the dust.
- 3 The glutton groans, and lothes to eat,
 His soul abhors delicious meat:
 Nature, with leavy loads oppress'd,
 Would yield to death to be releas'd.

- 4 Then how the frighten'd sinners fly
To God for help with earnest cry?
He hears their groans, prolongs their breath,
And saves them from approaching death.
- 5 No med'cines could effect the cure
So quick, so easy, or so sure:
The deadly sentence God repeals,
He sends his sov'reign word and heals.
- 6 O may the sons of men record
The wondrous goodness of the Lord!
And let their thankful off'ring prove
How they adore their Maker's love.

P S A L M CVII. Fourth part. Long Metre.

*Deliverance from storms and shipwrecks: or, The sea-
man's song.*

- 1 **W**OULD you behold the works of God,
His wonders in the world abroad?
With the bold mariner survey
The unknown regions of the sea.
- 2 They leave their native shores behind,
And seize the favour of the wind;
Till God command and tempests rise,
That heave the ocean to the skies.
- 3 Now to the heav'ns they mount amain,
Now sink to dreadful deeps again;
What strange affrights young sailors feel,
And like a stagg'ring drunkard reel!
- 4 When land is far and death is nigh,
Lost to all hope, to God they cry:
His mercy hears their loud address,
And sends salvation in distress.
- 5 He bids the winds their wrath assuage,
And stormy tempests cease to rage,
The gladsome train their fears give o'er,
And hail with joy their native shore.

- 6 O may the fons of m n record
 The wondrous goodnefs of the Lord!
 Let them their private off'rings bring,
 And in the church his glory fing.

PSALM CVII. Fourth part. Common Metre.

The mariner's psalm.

- 1 **T**HY works of glory, mighty Lord,
 That rule the boisterous sea,
 The fons of courage fhall record
 Who tempt that dang'rous way.
- 2 At thy command the winds arife,
 And swell the tow'ring waves;
 The men, aftonish'd, mount the fkies,
 And fink in gaping graves.
- [3 Again they climb the wat'ry hills,
 And plunge in deeps again;
 Each like a tott'ring drunkard reels,
 And finds his courage vain.
- 4 Frighted to hear the tempeft roar,
 They pant with flutt'ring breath,
 And, hopelefs of the diftant fhore,
 Expect immediate death.]
- 5 Then to the Lord they raife their cries,
 He hears the loud request,
 And orders filence thro' the fkies,
 And lays the floods to reft.
- 6 Sailors rejoice to lofe their fears,
 And fee the ftorm allay'd:
 Now to their eyes the port appears;
 There let their vows be paid.
- 7 'Tis God that brings them fafe to land;
 Let ftupid mortals know,
 That waves are under his command,
 And all the winds that blow.

- 8 Oh that the sons of men would praise
 The goodness of the Lord !
 And those that see thy wondrous ways,
 Thy wondrous love record.

P S A L M CVII. Last part. Long Metre.

Colonies planted; or, Nations blessed and punished.

- 1 **W**HEN God, provok'd with daring crimes,
 Scourges the madness of the times,
 He turns their fields to barren sand,
 And dries the rivers from the land.
- 2 His word can raise the springs again,
 And make the wither'd mountains green,
 Send showery blessings from the skies,
 And harvests in the desert rise.
- [3 Where nothing dwelt but beasts of prey,
 Or men as fierce and wild as they,
 He bids th' oppress'd and poor repair,
 And builds them towers and cities there.
- 4 They sow the fields, and trees they plant,
 Whose yearly fruit supplies their want :
 Their race grows up from fruitful stocks,
 Their wealth increases with their flocks.
- 5 Thus they are blest'd ; but if they sin,
 He lets the heathen nations in ;
 A savage crew invades their lands,
 Their princes die by barb'rous hands.
- 6 Their captive sons, expos'd to scorn,
 Wander unpitied and forlorn :
 The country lies unfenc'd, untill'd,
 And desolation spreads the field.
- 7 Yet if the humbled nation mourns,
 Again his dreadful hand he turns ;
 Again he makes their cities thrive,
 And bids the dying churches live.]

8 The righteous, with a joyful sense,
Admire the works of Providence;
And tongues of Atheists shall no more
Blaspheme the God that saints adore.

9 How few with pious care record
These wondrous dealings of the Lord!
But wise observers still shall find
The Lord is holy, just, and kind.

P S A L M CVIII. Common Metre.

A song of praise.

1 **A**WAKE, my soul, to sound his praise,
Awake, my harp, to sing;
Join all my powers the song to raise,
And morning incense bring.

2 Among the people of his care,
And thro' the nations round,
Glad songs of praise will I prepare,
And there his name resound.

3 Be thou exalted, O my God,
Above the starry train;
Diffuse thy heavenly grace abroad,
And teach the world thy reign.

4 So shall thy chosen sons rejoice,
And throng thy courts above;
While sinners hear thy pard'ning voice,
And taste redeeming love.

PSALM CIX. ver. 1,—5, 31. Common Metre.

Love to enemies from the example of Christ.

1 **G**OD of my mercy and my praise,
Thy glory is my song;
Tho' sinners speak against thy grace
With a blaspheming tongue.

2 When in the form of mortal man
Thy son on earth was found,
With cruel slanders false and vain,
They compass'd him around.

- 3 Their mis'ries his compassion move,
 Their peace he still pursued ;
 They render hatred for his love,
 And evil for his good.
- 4 Their malice rag'd without a cause,
 Yet with his dying breath
 He pray'd for murd'ers on the cross,
 And blest'd his foes in death.
- 5 Lord, shall thy bright example shine
 In vain before my eyes ;
 Give me a soul akin to thine,
 To love mine enemies.
- 6 The Lord shall on my side engage,
 And in my Saviour's name
 I shall defeat their pride and rage,
 Who slander and condemn.

P S A L M CX. First part. Long Metre.

*Christ exalted, and multitudes converted ; or, The success
 of the gospel.*

- 1 **T**HUS God th' eternal Father spake
 To Christ the Son : " Ascend and sit
 " At my right hand, till I shall make
 " Thy foes submissive at thy feet.
- 2 " From Zion shall thy word proceed,
 " Thy word, the sceptre in thy hand,
 " Shall make the hearts of rebels bleed,
 " And bow their wills to thy command.
- 3 " That day shall show thy pow'r is great,
 " When saints shall flock with willing minds,
 " And sinners crowd thy temple gate,
 " Where holiness in beauty shines."
- 4 O blessed pow'r ! O glorious day !
 What a large vict'ry shall ensue ?
 And converts who thy grace obey,
 Exceed the drops of morning dew.

P S A L M CX. Second part. Long Metre.

The kingdom and priesthood of Christ.

- 1 **T**HUS the great Lord of earth and sea
Spake to his Son, and thus he swore ;
“ Eternal shall thy priesthood be,
“ And change from hand to hand no more.
- 2 “ Aaron and all his sons must die ;
“ But everlasting life is thine,
“ To save forever those that fly
“ For refuge from the wrath divine.
- 3 “ By me Melchisedeck was made
“ On earth a king and priest at once ;
“ And thou, my heav’nly priest, shalt plead,
“ And thou, my King, shalt rule my sons.”
- 4 Jesus the priest ascends his throne,
While counsels of eternal peace,
Between the Father and the Son,
Proceed with honour and success.
- 5 Through the whole earth his reign shall spread,
And crush the pow’rs that dare rebel ;
Then shall he judge the rising dead,
And send the guilty world to hell.
- 6 Though, while he treads his glorious way,
He drinks the cups of threats and blood,
The suff’rings of that dreadful day
Shall but advance him near to God.

P S A L M CX. Common Metre.

Christ’s kingdom and priesthood.

- 1 **J**ESUS, our Lord, ascend thy throne,
And near thy Father sit :
In Zion shall thy power be known,
And make thy foes submit.
- 2 What wonders shall thy gospel do !
Thy converts shall surpass
The num’rous drops of morning dew,
And own thy sov’reign grace.

- 3 God hath pronounc'd a firm decree,
Nor changes what he swore ;
" Eternal shall thy priesthood be,
" When Aaron's is no more ;
- 4 " Melchisedeck, that wondrous priest,
" That king of high degree,
" That holy man, who Abraham blest,
" Was but a type of thee."
- 5 Jesus, our priest, forever lives,
To plead for us above ;
Jesus, our king, forever gives
The blessings of his love.
- 6 God shall exalt his glorious head,
And his high throne maintain,
Shall strike the powers and princes dead,
Who dare oppose his reign.

PSALM CXI. First part. Common Metre.

The wisdom of God in his works.

- 1 **S**ONGS of immortal praise belong
To my almighty God ;
He has my heart, and he my tongue,
To spread his name abroad.
- 2 How great the works his hand has wrought !
How glorious in our fight !
And men in ev'ry age have fought.
His wonders with delight.
- 3 How fair and beauteous Nature's frame !
How wise th' eternal mind !
His counsels never change the scheme
That his first thoughts design'd.
- 4 When he redeem'd his chosen sons,
He fix'd his cov'nant sure ;
The orders that his lips pronounce
To endless years endure.

- 5 Nature and time, and earth and skies,
 Thy heav'nly skill proclaim ;
 What shall we do to make us wise,
 But learn to read thy name ?
- 6 To fear thy power, to trust thy grace,
 Is our divinest skill ;
 And he's the wisest of our race
 That best obeys thy will.

P S A L M CXI. Second part. Common Metre.

The perfections of God.

- 1 **G**REAT is the Lord ; his works of might
 Demand our noblest songs ;
 Let his assembled saints unite
 Their harmony of tongues.
- 2 Great is the mercy of the Lord,
 He gives his children food,
 And, ever mindful of his word,
 He makes his promise good.
- 3 His Son, the great Redeemer, came
 To seal his cov'nant sure :
 Holy and reverend is his name,
 His ways are just and pure.
- 4 They that would grow divinely wise,
 Must with his fear begin ;
 Our fairest proof of knowledge lies
 In hating ev'ry sin.

P S A L M CXII. As the 113th Psalm.

The blessings of the liberal man.

- 1 **T**HAT man is blest'd, who stands in awe
 Of God, and loves his sacred law :
 His seed on earth shall be renown'd ;
 His house the seat of wealth shall be,
 An unexhausted treasury,
 And with successive honours crown'd.

- 2 His liberal favours he extends,
 To some he gives ; to others lends ;
 A generous pity fills his mind :
 Yet what his charity impairs,
 He saves by prudence in affairs,
 And thus he's just to all mankind.
- 3 His hands, while they his alms bestow'd,
 His glory's future harvest sow'd ;
 The sweet remembrance of the just,
 Like a green root revives and bears
 A train of blessings for his heirs,
 When dying nature sleeps in dust.
- 4 Beset with threat'ning dangers round,
 Unmov'd shall he maintain his ground ;
 His conscience holds his courage up :
 The soul that's fill'd with virtue's light,
 Shines brightest in affliction's night,
 And sees, in darkness, beams of grace.

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- [5 Ill tidings never can surprize
 His heart, that, fix'd, on God relies :
 Tho' waves and tempests roar around,
 Safe on a rock he sits, and sees
 The shipwreck of his enemies,
 And all their hope and glory drown'd.
- 6 The wicked shall his triumph see,
 And gnash their teeth in agony,
 To find their expectations crost,
 They and their envy, pride and spite,
 Sink down to everlasting night,
 And all their names in darkness lost.

P S A L M CXII. Long Metre.

The blessings of the pious and charitable.

- 1 **T**HRIſE happy man, who fears the Lord,
 Loves his commands, and trusts his word,
 Honour and peace his days attend,
 And blessings to his seed descend.

- 2 Compassion dwells upon his mind,
To works of mercy will inclin'd :
He lends the poor some present aid,
Or gives them, not to be repaid.
- 3 When times grow dark, and tidings spread,
That fill his neighbours round with dread,
His heart is arm'd against their fear,
For God, with all his power, is there.
- 4 His spirit, fix'd upon the Lord,
Draws heav'nly courage from his word ;
Amidst the darkness light shall rise,
To cheer his heart, and bless his eyes.
- 5 He hath dispers'd his arms abroad,
His works are still before his God ;
His name on earth shall long remain,
While envious sinners rage in vain.

P S A L M CXII. Common Metre.

Liberality rewarded.

- 1 **H**APPY is he that fears the Lord,
And follows his commands,
Who lends the poor without reward,
Or gives with lib'ral hands.
- 2 As pity dwells within his breast
To all the sons of need ;
So God shall answer his request
With blessings on his seed.
- 3 No evil tidings shall surprize
His well establish'd mind ;
His soul to God, his refuge, flies,
And leaves his fears behind.
- 4 In times of danger and distress
Some beams of light shall shine,
To shew the world his righteousness,
And give him peace divine.

- 5 His works of piety and love
 Remain before the Lord;
 Honour on earth, and joys above,
 Shall be his sure reward.

P S A L M CXIII. Proper Tune.

The majesty and condescension of God.

- 1 **Y**E that delight to serve the Lord,
 The honours of his name record—
 His sacred name forever blest :
 Where'er the circling sun displays
 His rising beams or setting rays,
 Let lands and seas his power confess.
- 2 Not time nor nature's narrow rounds,
 Can give his vast dominion bounds,
 The heav'ns are far below his height ;
 Let no created greatness dare
 With our eternal God compare,
 Arm'd with his uncreated might.
- 3 He bows his glorious head to view
 What the bright hosts of angels do,
 And bends his care to mortal things :
 His sovereign hand exalts the poor,
 He takes the needy from the door,
 And seats them on the thrones of kings.
- 4 When childless families despair,
 He sends the blessings of an heir,
 To rescue their expiring name ;
 The mother, with a thankful voice,
 Proclaims his praises and her joys ;
 Let every age advance his praise.

P S A L M CXIII. Long Metre.

God sovereign and gracious.

- 1 **Y**E servants of th' almighty King,
 In every age his praises sing ;
 Where'er the sun shall rise or set,
 The nations shall his praise repeat.

- 2 Above the earth, beyond the sky
His throne of glory stands on high ;
Nor time nor place his power restrain,
Nor bound his universal reign.
- 3 Which of the sons of Adam dare,
Or angels, with their God compare !
His glories how divinely bright !
Who dwells in uncreated light !
- 4 Behold his love ! he stoops to view
What saints above and angels do !
And condescends, yet more, to know
The mean affairs of men below !
- 5 From dust and cottages obscure
His grace exalts the humble poor !
Gives them the honour of his sons,
And fits them for their heavenly thrones.
- [6 A word of his creating voice
Can make the barren house rejoice ;
Though Sarah's ninety years were past,
The promis'd seed is born at last.
- 7 With joy the mother views her son,
And tells the wonders God has done ;
Faith may grow strong when sense despairs ;
If nature fails, the promise bears.]

P S A L M CXIV. Long Metre.

Miracles attending Israel's journey.

- 1 **W**HEN Israel, freed from Pharaoh's hand,
Left the proud tyrant and his land,
The tribes, with cheerful homage, own
Their king, and Judah was his throne.
- 2 Across the deep their journey lay :
The deep divides to make them way ;
Jordan beheld their march, and fled,
With backward current, to its head.

- 3 The mountains shook like frightened sheep—
Like lambs, the little hillocks leap!
Not Sinai on her base could stand,
Conscious of sovereign power at hand.
- 4 What power could make the deep divide—
Make Jordan backward roll his tide?
Why did ye leap, ye little hills?
And whence the dread that Sinai feels?
- 5 Let every mountain, every flood
Retire and know th' approaching God,
The King of Israel: see him here!
Tremble, thou earth, adore, and fear.
- 6 He thunders, and all nature mourns,
The rock to standing pools he turns:
Flints spring with fountains, at his word,
And fires and seas confess the Lord.

P S A L M CXV. First Metre.

The true God our refuge; or, Idolatry reprov'd.

- 1 **N**OT to ourselves, who are but dust—
Not to ourselves is glory due,
Eternal God, thou only just,
Thou only gracious, wise and true.
- 2 Display to earth thy dreadful name:
Why should a heathen's haughty tongue
Insult us, and, to raise our shame,
Say, "Where's the God you've serv'd so long?"
- 3 The God we serve, maintains his throne
Above the clouds, beyond the skies;
Thro' all the earth his will is done,
He knows our groans, he hears our cries.
- 4 But the vain idols they adore,
Are senseless shapes of stone and wood:
At best a mass of glittering ore,
A silver faint, or golden god.

- [5 With eyes and ears they carve the head ;
Deaf are their ears, their eyes are blind ;
In vain are costly offerings made,
And vows are scatter'd in the wind.
- 6 Their feet were never made to move,
Nor hands to save, when mortals pray ;
Mortals, that pay them fear or love,
Seem to be blind and deaf as they.]
- 7 O Israel, make the Lord thy hope,
Thy help, thy refuge, and thy rest ;
The Lord shall build thy ruins up,
And bless the people and the priest.
- 8 The dead no more can speak thy praise—
They dwell in silence in the grave ;
But we shall live to sing thy grace ;
And tell the world thy power to save.

P S A L M CXV. Second Metre. As the new
tune of the 50th psalm.

Idolatry reprov'd.

- 1 **N**OT to our names, thou only just and true,
Nor to our worthless names is glory due :
Thy power and grace, thy truth and justice claim
Immortal honours to thy sovereign name ;
Shine thro' the earth, from heav'n thy blest abode ;
Nor let the heathens say, " Where is your God ?"
- 2 Heav'n is thine higher court: there stands thy throne,
And thro' the lower worlds thy will is done :
God fram'd this earth--the starry heav'ns he spread,
But fools adore the gods their hands have made ;
The kneeling crowd, with looks devout, behold
Their silver favours, and their faints of gold.
- [3 Vain are those artful shapes of eyes and ears—
The molten image neither sees nor hears ;
Their hands are helpless, nor their feet can move,
They have no speech, nor thought, nor power, nor love
Yet sottish mortals make their long complaints
To their deaf idols, and their lifeless faints.

- 4 The rich have statues well adorn'd with gold ;
 The poor, content with gods of coarser mould,
 With tools of iron carve the senseless stock,
 Lopt from a tree, or broken from a rock ;
 People and priest drive on the solemn trade,
 And trust the gods that saws and hammers made.]
- 5 Be heav'n and earth amaz'd ! 'Tis hard to say
 Which are more stupid—or their gods, or they.
 O Israel, trust the Lord ; he hears and sees,
 He knows thy sorrows, and restores thy peace ;
 His worship does a thousand comforts yield—
 He is thy help, and he thine heavenly shield.
- 6 In God we trust : our impious foes in vain
 Attempt our ruin, and oppose his reign ;
 Had they prevail'd, darkness had clos'd our days,
 And death and silence had forbid his praise :
 But we are sav'd, and live :—Let songs arise,
 And Zion bless the God that built the skies.

P S A L M, CXVI. First part. Common Metre.

Recovery from sickness.

- 1 **I** LOVE the Lord : he heard my cries,
 And pity'd every groan,
 Long as I live, when troubles rise,
 I'll hasten to his throne.
- 2 I love the Lord : he bow'd his ear,
 And chas'd my griefs away :
 Oh let my heart no more despair,
 When I have breath to pray.
- 3 My flesh declin'd, my spirits fell,
 And I drew near the dead,
 While inward pangs and fears of hell
 Perplex'd my wakeful head.
- 4 " My God, (I cry'd) thy servant save,
 " Thou ever good and just ;
 " Thy power can rescue from the grave,
 " Thy power is all my trust."

- 5 The Lord beheld me sore distressed,
 He bade my pains remove :
 Return, my soul, to God thy rest,
 For thou hast known his love.
- 6 My God hath sav'd my soul from death,
 And dry'd my falling tears :
 Now to his praise I'll spend my breath,
 And my remaining years.

P S A L M CXVI. ver. 12, &c. Second part.
 Common Metre.

Thanks for private deliverance.

- 1 **W**HAT shall I render to my God
 For all his kindness shown ?
 My feet shall visit thine abode,
 My songs address thy throne.
- 2 Among the saints that fill thine house
 My offerings shall be paid ;
 There shall my zeal perform the vows
 My soul in anguish made.
- 3 How much is mercy thy delight,
 Thou ever-blessed God !
 How dear thy servants in thy sight !
 How precious is their blood !
- 4 How happy all thy servants are !
 How great thy grace to me !
 My life, which thou hast made thy care,
 Lord, I devote to thee.
- 5 Now I am thine, forever thine,
 Nor shall my purpose move ;
 Thy hand has loos'd my bonds of pain,
 And bound me with thy love.
- 6 Here in thy courts I leave my vow,
 And thy rich grace record :
 Witness, ye saints, who hear me now,
 If I forsake the Lord.

P S A L M CXVII. Common Metre.

Praise to God from all nations.

- 1 **O** ALL ye nations, praise the Lord,
 Each with a diff'rent tongue ;
 In ev'ry language learn his word,
 And let his name be sung.
- 2 His mercy reigns thro' ev'ry land ;
 Proclaim his grace abroad ;
 Forever firm his truth shall stand—
 Praise ye the faithful God.

P S A L M CXVII. Long Metre.

- 1 **F**ROM all that dwell below the skies,
 Let the Creator's praise arise :
 Let the Redeemer's name be sung
 Thro' ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.
- 2 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord ;
 Eternal truth attends thy word ;
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
 'Till suns shall set and rise no more.

P S A L M CXVII. Short Metre.

- 1 **T**HY name, almighty Lord,
 Shall sound thro' distant lands :
 Great is thy grace, and sure thy word :
 Thy truth forever stands.
- 2 Far be thine honour spread,
 And long thy praise endure,
 'Till morning light and ev'ning shade
 Shall be exchang'd no more.

P S A L M CXVIII. ver. 6,—15. First part.
 Common Metre.*Deliverance from a tumult.*

- 1 **T**HE Lord appears my helper now,
 Nor is my faith afraid
 What all the sons of earth can do,
 Since heav'n affords its aid.

- 2 'Tis safer, Lord, to hope in thee,
And have my God my friend,
'Than trust in men of high degree,
And on their truth depend.
- 3 'Tis thro' the Lord my heart is strong,
In him my lips rejoice ;
While his salvation is my song,
How cheerful is my voice !
- 4 Like angry bees they girt me round ;
When God appears they fly :
So burning thorns, with crackling sound
Make a fierce blaze, and die.
- 5 Joy to the faints and peace belongs :
The Lord protects their days :
Let Israel tune immortal songs
To his almighty grace.

P S A L M CXVIII. ver. 17,—21. Second part.
Common Metre.

Public praise for deliverance from death.

- 1 **L**ORD, thou hast heard thy servant cry,
And rescu'd from the grave ;
Now shall he live : (and none can die,
If God resolve to save.)
Thy praise, more constant than before,
Shall fill his daily breath !
Thy hand, that hath chastis'd him sore,
Defends him still from death.
- 3 Open the gate of Zion now,
For we shall worship there,
The house where all the righteous go,
Thy mercy to declare.
- 4 Among th' assemblies of thy saints,
Our thankful voice we raise ;
There we have told thee our complaints,
And there we speak thy praise.

P S A L M CXVIII. ver. 22, 23. Third part.
Common Metre.

Christ the foundation of the church.

- 1 **B**EHOLD the sure foundation stone,
Which God in Zion lays,
To build our heav'nly hopes upon
And his eternal praise.
- 2 Chosen of God, to sinners dear,
And saints adore his name,
They trust their whole salvation here,
Nor shall they suffer shame.
- 3 The foolish builders, scribe and priest,
Reject it with disdain;
Firm on this rock the church shall rest,
And envy rage in vain.
- 4 What tho' the gates of hell withstood?
Yet must this building rise:
'Tis thy own work, almighty God,
And wondrous in our eyes.

PSALM CXVIII. ver. 24, 25, 26. Fourth part.
Common Metre.

*Hosanna; the Lord's day; or, Christ's resurrection and
our salvation.*

- 1 **T**HIS is the day the Lord hath made,
He calls the hours his own:
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad,
And praise surround the throne.
- 2 To-day he rose and left the dead;
And Satan's empire fell—
To-day the saints his triumph spread,
And all his wonders tell.
- 3 Hosanna to th' anointed king,
To David's holy Son,
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
Salvation from thy throne.

- 4 Bless'd is the Lord, who comes to men
 With messages of grace ;
 Who comes in God his Father's name,
 To save our sinful race.
- 5 Hosanna, in the highest strains,
 The church on earth can raise ;
 The highest heav'ns, in which he reigns,
 Shall give him nobler praise.

PSALM CXVIII. ver. 22,—27. Short Metre.

*An hosanna for the Lord's day; or, A new song of
 salvation by Christ.*

- 1 **S**EE what a living stone
 The builders did refuse ;
 Yet God hath built his church thereon
 In spite of envious Jews.
- 2 The scribe and angry priest
 Reject thine only Son ;
 Yet on this rock shall Zion rest,
 As the chief corner stone.
- 3 The work, O Lord, is thine,
 And wondrous in our eyes :
 This day declares it all divine,
 This day did Jesus rise.
- 4 This is the glorious day
 That our Redeemer made ;
 Let us rejoice, and sing, and pray,
 Let all the church be glad.
- 5 Hosanna to the king
 Of David's royal blood :
 Bless him, ye saints, he comes to bring
 Salvation from your God.
- 6 We bless thine holy word,
 Which all this grace displays ;
 And offer on thine altar, Lord,
 Our sacrifice of praise.

P S A L M. CXVIII. ver. 22,—27. Long Metre.

An hosanna for the Lord's day; or, A new song of salvation by Christ.

- 1 **L**O, what a glorious corner-stone
The Jewish builders did refuse!
But God hath built his church thereon,
In spite of envy, and the Jews.
- 2 Great God, the work is all divine,
The joy and wonder of our eyes;
This is the day that proves it thine,
The day that saw our Saviour rise.
- 3 Sinners rejoice and saints be glad;
Hosanna, let his name be bless'd;
A thousand honours on his head,
With peace, and light, and glory rest!
- 4 In God's own name he comes to bring
Salvation to our dying race;
Let the whole church address their King
With hearts of joy, and longs of praise.

I have collected and disposed of the most useful verses of the cxixth Psalm under eighteen different heads, and formed a divine song upon each of them. But the verses are much transposed, to attain some degree of connexion.

In some places, among the words *law, commands, judgments, testimonies*, I have used *gospel, word, truth, grace, promises, &c.* as more agreeable to the New Testament, and the common language of Christians, and it equally answers the design of the Psalmist, which was to recommend the holy Scripture.

P S A L M CXIX. First part. Common Metre.

The blessedness of saints, and misery of sinners.

Ver. 1, 2, 3.

- 1 **B**LESS'D are the undefil'd in heart,
Whose ways are right and clean;
Who never from thy law depart,
But fly from ev'ry sin.

- 2 Blest'd are the men that keep thy word,
And practise thy commands,
With their whole heart they seek the Lord,
And serve thee with their hands.

Ver. 165.

- 3 Great is their peace who love thy law ;
How firm their souls abide !
Nor can a bold temptation draw
Their steady feet aside.

Ver. 6.

- 4 Then shall my heart have inward joy,
And keep my face from shame,
When all thy statutes I obey,
And honour all thy name.

Ver. 21, 118.

- 5 But haughty sinners God will hate,
The proud shall die accurs'd ;
The sons of falsehood and deceit
Are trodden to the dust.

Ver. 119, 155.

- 6 Vile as the dross the wicked are ;
And those that leave thy ways
Shall see salvation from afar,
But never taste thy grace.

P S A L M CXIX. Second part.

Secret devotion and spiritual-mindedness ; or, Constant converse with God.

Ver. 147, 55.

- 1 **T**O thee, before the dawning light,
My gracious God, I pray ;
I meditate thy name by night,
And keep thy law by day.

Ver. 81.

- 2 My spirit faints to see thy grace,
Thy promise bears me up ;
And while salvation long delays,
Thy word supports my hope,

Ver. 164.

- 3 Sev'n times a day I lift my hands,
 And pay my thanks to thee:
 Thy righteous providence demands
 Repeated praise from me.

Ver. 62.

- 4 When midnight darkness veils the skies,
 I call thy works to mind;
 My thoughts in warm devotion rise,
 And sweet acceptance find.

P S A L M CXIX. Third part.

Professions of sincerity, repentance, and obedience.

Ver. 57, 60.

- 1 **T**HOU art my portion, O my God;
 Soon as I know thy way,
 My heart makes haste t' obey thy word,
 And suffers no delay.

Ver. 13, 14.

- 2 I chuse the path of heav'nly truth,
 And glory in my choice:
 Not all the riches of the earth
 Could make me so rejoice.
- 3 The testimonies of thy grace,
 I set before my eyes;
 Thence I derive my daily strength,
 And there my comfort lies.

Ver. 59.

- 4 If once I wander from thy path,
 I think upon my ways,
 Then turn my feet to thy commands,
 And trust thy pard'ning grace.

Ver. 94, 112.

- 5 Now I am thine, forever thine,
 O save thy servant, Lord,
 Thou art my shield, my hiding place;
 My hope is in thy word.

Ver. 112.

- 6 Thou hast inclin'd this heart of mine
 Thy statutes to fulfil ;
 And thus, till mortal life shall end,
 Would I perform thy will.

P S A L M CXIX. Fourth part.

Instruction from Scripture.

Ver. 9.

- 1 **H**OW shall the young secure their hearts,
 And guard their lives from sin ?
 Thy word the choicest rules imparts
 To keep the conscience clean.

Ver. 130.

- 2 When once it enters to the mind,
 It spreads such light abroad,
 The meanest souls instruction find,
 And raise their thoughts to God.

Ver. 105.

- 3 'Tis like the sun, a heav'nly light,
 That guides us all the day :
 And, through the dangers of the night,
 A lamp to lead our way.

Ver. 99, 100.

- 4 The men that keep thy law with care,
 And meditate thy word,
 Grow wiser than their teachers are
 And better know the Lord.

Ver. 104, 113.

- 5 Thy precepts make me truly wise ;
 I hate the sinner's road :
 I hate my own vain thoughts that rise,
 But love thy law, my God.

Ver. 89, 90, 91.

- [6 The starry heav'ns thy rule obey,
 The earth maintains her place ;
 And these thy servants, night and day,
 Thy skill and pow'r express.

- 7 But still thy law and gospel, Lord,
Have lessons more divine:
Not earth stands firmer than thy word,
Nor stars so nobly shine.]

Ver. 190, 140, 9, 119.

- 8 Thy word is everlasting truth,
How pure is every page!
That holy book shall guide our youth,
And well support our age.

P S A L M CXIX. Fifth part.

Delight in scripture; or, The word of God dwelling in us.

Ver. 27.

- 1 **O** HOW I love thy holy law!
'Tis daily my delight:
And hence my meditations draw
Divine advice by night.

Ver. 148.

- 2 My waking eyes prevent the day
To meditate thy word:
My soul with longing melts away
To hear thy gospel, Lord.

Ver. 3, 13, 54.

- 3 Thy heavenly words my heart engage,
And well employ my tongue;
And, in my tiresome pilgrimage,
Yield me a heavenly song.

Ver. 19, 103.

- 4 Am I a stranger, or at home,
'Tis my perpetual feast;
Not honey dropping from the comb
So much allures the taste.

Ver. 72, 127.

- 5 No treasures so enrich the mind;
Nor shall thy word be sold
For loads of silver well refin'd,
Nor heaps of choicest gold.

Ver. 28, 49, 175.

- 6 When nature sinks, and spirits droop,
 Thy promises of grace
 Are pillars to support my hope,
 And there I write thy praise.

P S A L M CXIX. Sixth part.

Holiness and comfort from the word.

Ver. 128.

- 1 **L**ORD, I esteem thy judgments right,
 And all thy statutes just;
 Thence I maintain a constant fight
 With every flatt'ring lust.

Ver. 97, 9.

- 2 Thy precepts often I survey:
 I keep thy law in sight,
 Through all the bus'ness of the day,
 To form my actions right.

Ver. 62.

- 3 My heart in midnight silence cries,
 "How sweet thy comforts be!"
 My thoughts in holy wonder rise,
 And bring their thanks to thee.

Ver. 162.

- 4 And when my spirit drinks her fill
 At some good word of thine,
 Not mighty men that share the spoil,
 Have joys compar'd to mine.

P S A L M CXIX. Seventh part.

Imperfection of nature, and perfection of scripture.

Ver. 96. paraphrased.

- 1 **L**ET all the heathen writers join
 To form one perfect book,
 Great God, if once compar'd with thine,
 How mean their writings look!

- 2 Not the most perfect rules they gave
 Could shew one sin forgiv'n,
 Nor lead a step beyond the grave :
 But thine conduct to heaven.
- 3 I've seen an end to what we call
 Perfection here below ;
 How short the powers of nature fall,
 And can no farther go.
- 4 Yet men would fain be just with God,
 By works their hands have wrought ;
 But thy commands, exceeding broad,
 Extend to every thought.
- 5 In vain we boast perfection here,
 While sin defiles our frame,
 And sinks our virtues down so far,
 They scarce deserve the name.
- 6 Our faith and love, and every grace,
 Fall far below thy word ;
 But perfect truth and righteousness
 Dwell only with the Lord.

P S A L M CXIX. Eighth part.

The excellency and variety of scripture.

Ver. III. paraphrased.

- 1 **L**ORD, I have made thy word my choice,
 My lasting heritage ;
 There shall my noblest powers rejoice,
 My warmest thoughts engage.
- 2 I'll read the hist'ries of thy love,
 And keep thy laws in sight,
 While through the promises I rove,
 With ever-fresh delight.
- 3 'Tis a broad land of wealth unknown,
 Where springs of life arise,
 Seeds of immortal bliss are sown,
 And hidden glory lies.

- 4 The best relief that mourners have,
It makes our sorrows blest'd ;
Our fairest hope beyond the grave,
And our eternal rest.

P S A L M CXIX. Ninth part.

Desire of knowledge.

Ver. 64, 68, 18.

- 1 **T**HY mercies fill the earth, O Lord,
How good thy works appear !
Open my eyes to read thy word,
And see thy wonders there.

Ver. 73, 125.

- 2 My heart was fashion'd by thy hand,
My service is thy due,
O ! make thy servant understand
The duties I must do.

Ver. 19.

- 3 Since I'm a stranger here below,
Thy path, O ! do not hide ;
But mark the road my feet should go,
And be my constant guide.

Ver. 26.

- 4 When I confess'd my wand'ring ways,
Thou heardst my soul complain ;
Grant me the teachings of thy grace,
Or I shall stray again.

Ver. 33, 34.

- 5 If God to me his statutes shew,
And heavenly truth impart,
His work forever I'll pursue,
His law shall rule my heart.

Ver. 50, 71.

- 6 This was my comfort, when I bore
Variety of grief ;
It made me learn thy word the more,
And fly to that relief.

Ver. 51.

- [7 In vain the proud deride me now ;
 I'll ne'er forget thy law,
 Nor let that blessed gospel go,
 Whence all my hopes I draw.

Ver. 27, 171.

- 8 When I have learn'd my Father's will,
 I'll teach the world his ways ;
 My thankful lips inspir'd with zeal,
 Shall sing aloud his praise.]

P S A L M CXIX. Tenth part.

Pleading the promises.

Ver. 38, 49.

- 1 **B**EHOLD thy waiting servant, Lord,
 Devoted to thy fear ;
 Remember and confirm thy word,
 For all my hopes are there.

Ver. 41, 58, 107.

- 2 Hast thou not sent salvation down,
 And promis'd quick'ning grace ?
 Doth not my heart address thy throne ?
 And yet thy love delays.

Ver. 123, 42.

- 3 Mine eyes for thy salvation fail ;
 O bear thy servant up ;
 Nor let the scoffing lips prevail,
 Who dare reproach my hope.

Ver. 49, 74.

- 4 Didst thou not raise my faith, O Lord ?
 Then let thy truth appear :
 Saints shall rejoice in my reward,
 And trust as well as fear.

P S A L M CXIX. Eleventh Part.

Breathing-after holiness.

Ver. 5, 33.

- 1 **O** THAT the Lord would guide my ways
 To keep his statutes still!
 O that my God would grant me grace
 To know and do his will!

Ver. 29.

- 2 O send thy Spirit down to write
 Thy law upon my heart!
 Nor let my tongue indulge deceit,
 Nor act the liar's part.

Ver. 37, 36.

- 3 From vanity turn off my eyes;
 Let no corrupt design,
 Nor covetous desires, arise
 Within this soul of mine.

Ver. 133.

- 4 Order my footsteps by thy word,
 And make my heart sincere;
 Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
 But keep my conscience clear.

Ver. 176.

- 5 My soul hath gone too far astray,
 My feet too often slip;
 Yet since I keep in mind thy way,
 Restore thy wand'ring sheep.

Ver. 35.

- 6 Make me to walk in thy commands,
 'Tis a delightful road;
 Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,
 Offend against my God.

P S A L M CXIX. Twelfth part.

Breathing after comfort and deliverance.

Ver. 153.

- 1 **M**Y God, consider my distress,
 Let mercy plead my cause ;
 Though I have sinn'd against thy grace,
 I ne'er forget thy laws.

Ver. 39, 116.

- 2 Forbid, forbid the sharp reproach,
 Which I so justly fear ;
 Uphold my life, uphold my hopes,
 Nor let my shame appear.

Ver. 122, 135.

- 3 Be thou a surety, Lord, for me,
 Nor let the proud oppress ;
 But make thy waiting servant see
 The shinings of thy face.

Ver. 81.

- 4 My eyes with expectation fail,
 My heart within me cries,
 " When will the Lord his truth fulfil,
 And bid my comforts rise ?"

Ver. 132.

- 5 Look down upon my sorrows, Lord,
 And show thy grace the same,
 Thy tender mercies still afford
 To those that love thy name.

P S A L M CXIX. Thirteenth part.

Holy fear, and tendernefs of conscience.

Ver. 10.

- 1 **W**ITH my whole heart I've sought thy face,
 O let me never stray
 From thy commands, O God of grace,
 Nor tread the sinner's way.

Ver. 11.

- 2 Thy word I've plac'd within my heart,
 To keep my conscience clean,
 And be an everlasting guard
 From ev'ry rising sin.

Ver. 63, 53, 158.

- 3 I'm a companion of the faints,
 Who fear and love the Lord;
 My sorrows rise, my nature faints,
 When men transgress thy word.

Ver. 161, 163.

- 4 While sinners do thy gospel wrong,
 My spirit stands in awe;
 My soul abhors a lying tongue,
 But loves thy righteous law.

Ver. 161, 120.

- 5 My heart with sacred rev'rence hears
 The threat'nings of thy word;
 My flesh with holy trembling fears
 The judgments of the Lord.

Ver. 166, 174.

- 6 My God, I long, I hope, I wait,
 For thy salvation still;
 While thy whole law is my delight,
 And I obey thy will.

P S A L M CXIX. Fourteenth part.

Benefit of afflictions, and support under them.

Ver. 153, 81, 82.

- 1 **C**ONSIDER all my sorrows, Lord,
 And thy deliv'rance send;
 My soul for thy salvation faints,
 When will my troubles end?

Ver. 71.

- 2 Yet I have found 'tis good for me
 To bear my Father's rod;
 Afflictions make me learn thy law,
 And live upon my God.

Ver. 50.

- 3 This is the comfort I enjoy,
 When new distress begins,
 I read thy word, I run thy way,
 And hate my former sins.

Ver. 92.

- 4 Had not thy word been my delight
 When earthly joys were fled,
 My soul, oppress'd with sorrow's weight,
 Had sunk amongst the dead.

Ver. 75.

- 5 I know thy judgments, Lord, are right,
 Though they may seem severe ;
 The sharpest sufferings I endure
 Flow from thy faithful care.

Ver. 67.

- 6 Before I knew thy chast'ning rod,
 My feet were apt to stray ;
 But now I learn to keep thy word,
 Nor wander from thy way.

P S A L M CXIX. Fifteenth part.

Holy resolutions.

Ver. 93.

- 1 **O** THAT thy statutes ev'ry hour
 Might dwell upon my mind !
 Thence I derive a quick'ning pow'r,
 And daily peace I find.

Ver. 15, 16.

- 2 To meditate thy precepts, Lord,
 Shall be my sweet employ ;
 My soul shall ne'er forget thy word,
 Thy word is all my joy.

Ver. 32.

- 3 How would I run in thy commands,
 If thou my heart discharge
 From sin and Satan's hateful chains,
 And set my feet at large ?

Ver. 13, 46.

- 4 My lips with courage shall declare
 Thy statutes and thy name ;
 I'll speak thy word though kings should hear,
 Nor yield to sinful shame.

Ver. 61, 69, 70.

- 5 Let bands of persecutors rise
 To rob me of my right,
 Let pride and malice forge their lies,
 Thy law is my delight.

Ver. 115.

- 6 Depart from me, ye wicked race,
 Whose hands and hearts are ill :
 I love my God, I love his ways,
 And must obey his will.

P S A L M CXIX. Sixteenth part.

A prayer for quickening grace.

Ver. 25, 37.

- 1 **M**Y soul lies cleaving to the dust ;
 Lord, give me life divine :
 From vain desires, and ev'ry lust,
 Turn off these eyes of mine.

- 2 I need the influence of thy grace
 To speed me in thy way,
 Lest I should loiter in my race,
 Or turn my feet astray.

Ver. 107.

- 3 When sore afflictions press me down,
 I need thy quick'ning pow'rs ;
 Thy word, that I have rested on,
 Shall help my heaviest hours.

Ver. 156, 40.

- 4 Are not thy mercies sov'reign still,
 And thou a faithful God ?
 Wilt thou not grant me warmer zeal
 To run the heav'nly road ?

Ver. 159, 40.

- 5 Does not my heart thy precepts love,
 And long to see thy face?
 And yet how slow my spirits move
 Without enliv'ning grace!

Ver. 93.

- 6 Then shall I love thy gospel more,
 And ne'er forget thy word,
 When I have felt its quick'ning pow'r
 To draw me near the Lord.

PSALM CXIX. Seventeenth part. Long Metre.

Grace shining in difficulties and trials.

Ver. 143, 28.

- 1 **W**HEN pain and anguish seize me, Lord,
 All my support is from thy word:
 My soul dissolves for heaviness;
 Uphold me with thy strength'ning grace.

Ver. 51, 69, 110.

- 2 The proud have fram'd their scoffs and lies,
 They watch my feet with envious eyes,
 They tempt my soul to snares and sin;
 Yet thy commands I ne'er decline.

Ver. 161, 78.

- 3 They hate me, Lord, without a cause,
 They hate to see me love thy laws;
 But I will trust and fear thy name,
 'Till pride and malice die with shame.

P S A L M CXIX. Last part.

Sanctified afflictions; or, Delight in the word of God.

Ver. 67, 50.

- 1 **F**ATHER, I bless thy gentle hand;
 How kind was thy chastising rod,
 That forc'd my conscience to a stand,
 And brought my wand'ring soul to God!

2 Foolish and vain, I went astray,
 Ere I had felt thy scourges, Lord,
 I left my guide, and lost my way:
 But now I love and keep thy word.

Ver. 71.

3 'Tis good for me to wear the yoke,
 For pride is apt to rise and swell;
 'Tis good to bear my father's stroke,
 That I might learn his statutes well.

Ver. 72.

4 The law that issues from thy mouth
 Shall raise my cheerful passions more
 Than all the treasures of the south,
 Or richest hills of golden ore.

Ver. 73.

5 Thy hands have made my mortal frame,
 Thy spirit form'd my soul within:
 Teach me to know thy wondrous name,
 And guard me safe from death and sin.

Ver. 74.

6 Then all that love and fear the Lord
 At my salvation shall rejoice;
 For I have trusted in thy word,
 And made thy grace my only choice.

P S A L M CXX. Common Metre.

*Complaint of quarrelsome neighbours; or, A devout wish
 for peace.*

1 **T**HOU God of love, thou ever-blest,
 Pity my suff'ring state;
 When wilt thou set my soul at rest,
 From lips that love deceit?

2 Hard lot of mine! My days are cast
 Among the sons of strife,
 Whose never-ceasing quarrels waste
 My golden hours of life.

- 3 Oh might I fly to change my place,
 How would I choose to dwell
 In some wide lonesome wilderness,
 And leave these gates of hell !
- 4 Peace is the blessing that I seek,
 How lovely are its charms !
 I am for peace ; but when I speak,
 They all declare for arms.
- 5 New passions still their souls engage,
 And keep their malice strong :
 What shall be done to curb thy rage,
 O thou devouring tongue !
- 6 Should burning arrows smite thee thro',
 Strict justice would approve ;
 But I would rather spare my foe,
 And melt his heart with love.

P S A L M CXXI. Long Metre.

Divine protection.

- 1 **U**P to the hills I lift mine eyes,
 Th' eternal hills beyond the skies ;
 Thence all her help my soul derives ;
 There my almighty refuge lives.
- 2 He lives ; the everlasting God,
 That built the world, that spread the flood ;
 The heav'ns, with all their host, he made,
 And the dark regions of the dead.
- 3 He guides our feet, he guards our way ;
 His morning smiles adorn the day :
 He spreads the ev'ning veil, and keeps
 The silent hours while Israel sleeps.
- 4 Israel, a name divinely blest,
 May rise secure, securely rest ;
 Thy holy guardian's wakeful eyes
 Admit no slumber, no surprise.

- 5 No sun shall smite thy head by day :
Nor the pale moon with sickly ray
Shall blaſt thy couch ; no baleful ſtar
Darts his malignant fire ſo far.
- 6 Should earth and hell with malice burn,
Still thou ſhalt go, and ſtill return ;
Safe in the Lord ! his heav'nly care
Defends thy life from ev'ry ſnare.
- 7 On thee foul ſpirits have no power ;
And in thy laſt departing hour
Angels, that trace the airy road,
Shall bear thee homeward to thy God.

P S A L M CXXI. Common Metre.

Preſervation by day and night.

- 1 **T**O heav'n I liſt my waiting eyes,
There all my hopes are laid :
The Lord that built the earth and ſkies
Is my perpetual aid.
- 2 Their ſtedfaſt feet ſhall never fall,
Whom he deſigns to keep ;
His ear attends the ſoſteſt call ;
His eyes can never ſleep.
- 3 He will ſuſtain our weakeſt powers
With his almighty arm,
And watch our moſt unguarded hours
Againſt ſurpriſing harm.
- 4 Iſrael, rejoice, and reſt ſecure,
Thy keeper is the Lord :
His wakeful eyes employ his power
For thine eternal guard.
- 5 Nor ſcorching ſun, nor ſickly moon
Shall have its leave to ſmite :
He ſhields thy head from burning noon,
From blaſting damps at night.

- 6 He guards thy soul, he keeps thy breath,
 Where thickest dangers come ;
 Go and return, secure from death,
 'Till God commands thee home.

P S A L M CXXI. As the 148th Psalm.

God our preserver.

- 1 **U**PWARD I lift mine eyes,
 From God is all my aid ;
 The God that built the skies,
 And earth and nature made ;
 God is the tower
 To which I fly :
 His grace is nigh
 In every hour.
- 2 My feet shall never slide,
 And fall in fatal snares,
 Since God, my guard and guide,
 Defends me from my fears.
 Those wakeful eyes,
 That never sleep,
 Shall Israel keep,
 When dangers rise.
- 3 No burning heats by day,
 Nor blasts of evening air,
 Shall take my health away,
 If God be with me there :
 Thou art my sun,
 And thou my shade,
 To guard my head
 By night or noon.
- 4 Hast thou not given thy word
 To save my soul from death ?
 And I can trust my Lord
 To keep my mortal breath ;
 I'll go and come,
 Nor fear to die,
 Till from on high
 Thou call me home.

P S A L M CXXII. Common Metre.

Going to church.

- 1 **H**OW did my heart rejoice to hear
 My friends devoutly say,
 "In Zion let us all appear,
 "And keep the solemn day."
- 2 I love the gates, I love the road ;
 The church, adorn'd with grace,
 Stands like a palace built for God,
 To shew his milder face.
- 3 Up to her courts, with joy unknown,
 The holy tribes repair ;
 The son of David holds his throne,
 And sits in judgment there.
- 4 He hears our praises and complaints ;
 And, while his awful voice
 Divides the sinners from the saints,
 We tremble and rejoice.
- 5 Peace be within this sacred place,
 And joy a constant guest !
 With holy gifts and heav'nly grace
 Be her attendants blest !
- 6 My soul shall pray for Zion still,
 While life or breath remains ;
 There my best friends, my kindred dwell,
 There God my Saviour reigns.

P S A L M CXXII. Proper tune.

Going to church.

- 1 **H**OW pleas'd and bless'd was I,
 To hear the people cry,
 "Come, let us seek our God to-day !"
 Yes—with a chearful zeal
 We haste to Zion's hill,
 And there our vows and honours pay.

2 Zion, thrice happy place,
 Adorn'd with wondrous grace,
 And walls of strength embrace thee round ;
 In thee our tribes appear
 To pray, and praise, and hear
 The sacred gospel's joyful sound.

3 There David's greater son
 Has fix'd his royal throne,
 He sits for grace and judgment there ;
 He bids the saints be glad,
 He makes the sinner sad,
 And humble souls rejoice with fear.

4 May peace attend thy gate,
 And joy within thee wait
 To bless the soul of every guest ;
 The man that seeks thy peace,
 And wishes thine increase,
 A thousand blessings on him rest !

5 My tongue repeats her vows,
 " Peace to this sacred house !
 " For here my friends and kindred dwell
 " And since my glorious God
 " Makes thee his blest abode,
 " My soul shall ever love thee well."

Repeat the 4th stanza to complete the tune.

P S A L M CXXIII. Common Metre.

Pleading with submission.

1 **O** THOU whose grace and justice reign
 Enthron'd above the skies,
 To thee our hearts would tell their pain,
 To thee we lift our eyes.

2 As servants watch their master's hand,
 And fear the angry stroke ;
 Or maids before their mistress stand,
 And wait a peaceful look :

- 3 So for our sins, we justly feel
 Thy discipline, O God;
 Yet wait the gracious moment still,
 'Till thou remove the rod.
- 4 Those that in wealth and pleasure live,
 Our daily groans deride,
 And thy delays of mercy give
 Fresh courage to their pride.
- 5 Our foes insult us, but our hope
 In thy compassion lies;
 * This thought shall bear our spirits up,
 That God will not despise.

P S A L M CXXIV. Common Metre.

God gives victory.

- 1 **H**AD not the God of truth and love,
 When hosts against us rose,
 Display'd his vengeance from above,
 And crush'd the conquering foes;
- 2 Their armies, like a raging flood,
 Had swept the guardless land,
 Destroy'd on earth his blest abode,
 And 'whelm'd our feeble band.
- 3 But safe beneath his spreading shield
 His sons securely rest,
 Defy the dangers of the field,
 And bare the fearless breast.
- 4 And now our souls shall bless the Lord,
 Who broke the deadly snare;
 Who sav'd us from the murd'ring sword,
 And made our lives his care.
- 5 Our help is in Jehovah's name,
 Who form'd the heav'ns above;
 He that supports their wond'rous frame,
 Can guard his church by love.

P S A L M CXXV. Common Metre.

The saint's trial and safety.

- 1 **U**NSHAKEN as the sacred hill,
 And firm, as mountains stand,
 Firm, as a rock, the soul shall rest,
 That trusts th' almighty hand.
- 2 Nor walls nor hills could guard so well
 Old Salem's happy ground,
 As those eternal arms of love,
 That ev'ry saint surround.
- 3 While tyrants are a smarting scourge,
 To drive them near to God,
 Divine compassion will assuage
 The fury of the rod.
- 4 Deal gently, Lord, with souls sincere,
 And lead them safely on
 To the bright gates of paradise,
 Where Christ the Lord is gone.
- 5 But if we trace those crooked ways
 That the old serpent drew,
 The wrath that drove him first to hell
 Shall smite his foll'wers too.

P S A L M CXXV. Short Metre.

The saint's trial and safety; or, Moderated afflictions.

- 1 **F**IRM and unmov'd are they
 That rest their souls on God;
 Firm as the mount where David dwelt,
 Or where the ark abode.
- 2 As mountains stood to guard
 The city's sacred ground,
 So God and his almighty love
 Embrace his saints around.
- 3 What though the Father's rod
 Drop a chastising stroke;
 Yet, lest it wound their souls too deep,
 Its fury shall be broke.

- 4 Deal gently, Lord, with those
 Whose faith and pious fear,
 Whose hope, and love, and every grace,
 Proclaim their hearts sincere.
- 5 Nor shall the tyrant's rage
 Too long oppress the faint ;
 The God of Israel will support
 His children, lest they faint.
- 6 But if our slavish fear
 Will chuse the road to hell,
 We must expect our portion there,
 Where bolder sinners dwell.

P S A L M CXXVI. Long Metre.

Surprising deliverance.

- 1 **W**HEN God restor'd our captive state,
 Joy was our song, and grace our theme ;
 The grace beyond our hopes so great,
 That joy appear'd a pleasing dream.
- 2 The scoffer owns thy hand and pays
 Unwilling honours to thy name ;
 While we with pleasure shout thy praise,
 With cheerful notes thy love proclaim.
- 3 When we review our dismal fears,
 'Twas hard to think they'll vanish so ;
 With God we left our flowing tears,
 He makes our joys like rivers flow.
- 4 The man that in his furrow'd field
 His scatter'd seed with sadness leaves,
 Will shout to see the harvest yield
 A welcome load of joyful sheaves.

P S A L M CXXVI. Common Metre.

The joy of a remarkable conversion; or, Melancholy removed.

- 1 **W**HEN God reveal'd his gracious name ;
And chang'd the mournful state,
My rapture seem'd a pleasing dream,
The grace appear'd so great.
- 2 The world beheld the glorious change,
And did thy hand confess ;
My tongue broke out in unknown strains,
And sung surprising grace.
- 3 "Great is the work," my neighbours cry'd,
And own'd the power divine ;
"Great is the work," my heart reply'd,
"And be the glory thine."
- 4 The Lord can clear the darkeſt ſkies,
Can give us day for night ;
Make drops of ſacred ſorrow riſe
To rivers of delight.
- 5 Let thoſe that ſow in ſadneſs wait
"Till the fair harveſt come,
They ſhall confeſs their ſheaves are great,
And ſhout the bleſſings home.
- 6 Though ſeed lie buried long in duſt,
It ſha'n't deceive their hope !
The precious grain can ne'er be loſt,
For grace ensures the crop.

P S A L M CXXVII. Long Metre.

The bleſſing of God on the buſineſs and comforts of life.

- 1 **I**F God ſucceed not, all the coſt
And pains to build the houſe are loſt :
If God the city will not keep,
The watchful guards as well may ſleep.

- 2 What though we rise before the sun,
And work and toil when day is done,
Careful and sparing eat our bread,
To shun that poverty we dread—
- 3 'Tis all in vain, 'till God hath bless'd;
He can make rich, yet give us rest;
On God, our sov'reign, still depends
Our joy in children and in friends.
- 4 Happy the man to whom he sends
Obedient children, faithful friends:
How sweet our daily comforts prove
When they are season'd with his love!

P S A L M CXXVII. Common Metre.

God all in all.

- 1 **I**F God to build the house deny,
The builders work in vain;
And towns, without his wakeful eye,
An useless watch maintain.
- 2 Before the morning beams arise,
Your painful work renew,
And 'till the stars ascend the skies
Your tiresome toil pursue,
- 3 Short be your rest, and coarse your fare;
In vain, 'till God has bless'd;
But if his smiles attend your care,
You shall have food and rest.
- 4 Nor children, relatives, nor friends,
Shall real blessings prove,
Nor all the earthly joys he sends,
If sent without his love.

P S A L M CXXVIII. Common Metre.

Family blessings.

- 1 **O** HAPPY man whose soul is fill'd
With zeal and reverent awe!
His lips to God their honours yield,
His life adorns the law.

- 2 A careful providence shall stand
And ever guard thy head,
Shall on the labours of thy hand
Its kindly blessings shed.
- 3 Thy wife shall be a fruitful vine ;
Thy children round thy board,
Each like a plant of honour, shine,
And learn to fear the Lord.
- 4 The Lord shall thy best hopes fulfil
For months and years to come ;
The Lord who dwells on Zion's hill
Shall send thee blessings home.
- 5 This is the man whose happy eyes
Shall see his house increase,
Shall see the sinking church arise,
Then leave the world in peace.

P S A L M CXXIX. Common Metre.

Persecutors punished.

- 1 **U**P from my youth, may Israel say,
Have I been nurs'd in tears ;
My griefs were constant as the day,
And tedious as the years.
- 2 Up from my youth I bore the rage
Of all the sons of strife ;
Oft they assail'd my riper age,
But God preserv'd my life.
- 3 O'er all my frame their cruel dart
Its painful wounds impress'd :
Hourly they vex'd my fainting heart,
Nor let my sorrows rest.
- 4 The Lord grew angry on his throne,
And, with impartial eye,
Measur'd the mischiefs they had done,
Then let his arrows fly.

- 5 How was their insolence surpris'd,
 To hear his thunders roll!
 And all the foes of Zion seiz'd
 With horror to the soul.
- 6 Thus shall the men that hate the saints
 Be blasted from the sky;
 Their glory fades, their courage faints,
 And all their prospects die.
- [7 What though they flourish tall and fair,
 They have no root beneath;
 Their growth shall perish in despair,
 And lie despis'd in death.]
- [8 So corn that on the house-top stands,
 No hope of harvest gives;
 The reaper ne'er shall fill his hands,
 Nor binder fold the sheaves.]

P S A L M CXXX. Common Metre.

Pardoning grace.

- 1 **O**UT of the deeps of long distress,
 The borders of despair,
 I sent my cries to seek thy grace,
 My groans to meet thine ear.
- 2 Great God, should thy severer eye,
 And thine impartial hand,
 Mark and revenge iniquity,
 No mortal flesh could stand.
- 3 But there are pardons with my God
 For crimes of high degree:
 Thy Son has bought them with his blood
 To draw us near to thee.
- [4 I wait for thy salvation, Lord,
 With strong desires I wait;
 My soul, invited by thy word,
 Stands watching at thy gate.]

- [5 Just as the guards that keep the night
 Long for the morning skies,
 Watch the first beams of breaking light,
 And meet them with their eyes ;
- 6 So waits my soul to see thy grace,
 And, more intent that they,
 Meets the first openings of thy face,
 And finds a brighter day.]
- 7 Then in the Lord let Israel trust,
 Let Israel seek his face ;
 The Lord is good as well as just,
 And plenteous in his grace.
- 8 There's full redemption at his throne
 For sinners long enslav'd ;
 The great Redeemer is his Son ;
 And Israel shall be sav'd,

P S A L M CXXX. Long Metre.

Pardoning grace.

- 1 **F**ROM deep distress and troubled thoughts,
 To thee, my God, I rais'd my cries :
 If thou severely mark our faults,
 No flesh can stand before thine eyes.
- 2 But thou hast built thy throne of grace
 Free to dispense thy pardons there,
 That sinners may approach thy face,
 And hope and love as well as fear.
- 3 As the benighted pilgrims wait,
 And long and wish for breaking day—
 So waits my soul before thy gate ;
 When will my God his face display ?
- 4 My trust is fix'd upon thy word,
 Nor shall I trust thy word in vain :
 Let mourning souls address the Lord,
 And find relief from all their pain.

- 5 Great is his love, and large his grace,
Through the redemption of his Son :
He turns our feet from sinful ways,
And pardons what our hands have done.

P S A L M CXXXI. Common Metre.

Humility and submission.

- 1 **I**S there ambition in my heart ?
Search, gracious God, and see ;
Or do I act a haughty part ?
Lord, I appeal to thee.
- 2 I charge my thoughts, be humble still,
And all my carriage mild,
Content, my Father, with thy will,
And peaceful as a child.
- 3 The patient soul, the lowly mind,
Shall have a large reward :
Let saints in sorrow lie resign'd,
And trust a faithful Lord.

PSALM CXXXII. ver. 5, 13,—18. Long Metre.

At the settlement of a church ; or, The ordination of a minister.

- 1 **W**HERE shall we go to seek and find
An habitation for our God,
A dwelling for th' eternal mind
Among the sons of flesh and blood ?
- 2 The God of Jacob chose t'he hill
Of Zion for his ancient rest ;
And Zion is his dwelling still,
His church is with his presence blest'd.
- 3 " Here I will fix my gracious throne,
" And reign forever," saith the Lord ;
" Here shall my pow'r and love be known,
" And blessings shall attend my word.

- 4 “ Here will I meet the hungry poor,
 “ And fill their souls with living bread ;
 “ Sinners, that wait before my door,
 “ With sweet provisions shall be fed.
- 5 “ Girded with truth, and cloath'd with grace,
 “ My priests, my ministers, shall shine ;
 “ Not Aaron, in his costly dress,
 “ Appears so glorious and divine.
- 6 “ The saints, unable to contain
 “ Their inward joys, shall shout and sing ;
 “ The Son of David here shall reign,
 “ And Zion triumph in her king.”
- [7 Jesus shall see a num'rous seed
 Born here, t' uphold his glorious name ;
 His crown shall flourish on his head,
 While all his foes are cloath'd with shame.]

PSALM CXXXII. ver. 4, 5, 7, 8, 15,—17.
 Common Metre.

A church established.

- [1 **N**O sleep nor slumber to his eyes
 Good David would afford,
 'Till he had found below the skies
 A dwelling for the Lord.
- 2 The Lord in Zion plac'd his name,
 His ark was settled there ;
 And there th' assembled nation came
 To worship thrice a-year.
- 3 We trace no more those toilsome ways,
 Nor wander far abroad ;
 Where'er thy people meet for praise,
 There is a house for God.]
- P A U S E.
- 4 Arise, O King of grace,
 And enter to thy rest,
 Lo ! thy church waits with longing eyes,
 Thus to be own'd and blest'd.

- 5 Enter with all thy glorious train,
 Thy Spirit and thy word ;
 All that the ark did once contain
 Could no such grace afford.
- 6 Here, mighty God, accept our vows,
 Here let thy praise be spread ;
 Bless the provisions of thy house,
 And fill thy poor with bread.
- 7 Here let the Son of David reign,
 Let God's anointed shine ;
 Justice and truth his court maintain,
 With love and power divine.
- 8 Here let him hold a lasting throne,
 And, as his kingdom grows,
 Fresh honours shall adorn his crown,
 And shame confound his foes.

P S A L M CXXXIII. Common Metre.

Brotherly love.

- 1 **L**O! what an entertaining sight
 Those friendly brethren prove,
 Whose cheerful hearts in bands unite
 Of harmony and love.
- 2 Where streams of bless from Christ the spring
 Descend to every soul,
 And heav'nly peace with balmy wing
 Shades and bedews the whole :
- 3 'Tis like the oil divinely sweet
 On Aaron's rev'rend head,
 The trickling drops perfum'd his feet,
 And o'er his garments spread.
- 4 'Tis pleasant as the morning dews
 That fall on Zion's hill,
 Where God his mildest glory shews,
 And makes his grace distill.

PSALM CXXXIII. Short Metre.

Communion of saints; or, Love and worship in a family.

- 1 **B**LESS'D are the sons of peace,
 Whose hearts and hopes are one,
 Whose kind designs to serve and please
 Through all their actions run.
- 2 Bless'd is the pious house
 Where zeal and friendship meet,
 Their songs of praise, their mingled vows,
 Make their communion sweet.
- 3 Thus, when on Aaron's head
 They pour'd the rich perfume,
 The oil through all his raiment spread,
 And pleasure fill'd the room.
- 4 Thus on the heavenly hills
 The saints are bless'd above,
 Where joy, like morning dew, distills,
 And all the air is love.

P S A L M CXXXIII. As the 122d Psalm.

The blessings of friendship.

- 1 **H**OW pleasant 'tis to see
 Kindred and friends agree,
 Each in his proper station move,
 And each fulfil his part
 With sympathising heart,
 In all the cares of life and love.
- 2 'Tis like an ointment shed
 On Aaron's sacred head,
 Divinely rich, divinely sweet;
 The oil through all the room
 Diffus'd a choice perfume,
 Ran thro' his robes, and bless'd his feet.

3 Like fruitful showers of rain
That water all the plain,
Descending from the neighbouring hills ;
Such streams of pleasure roll
Thro' every friendly soul,
Where love like heavenly dew distills.

Repeat the first stanza to complete the tune.

P S A L M CXXXIV. Common Metre. 1

Daily and nightly devotions.

- 1 **Y**E that obey th' immortal king,
Attend his holy place ;
Bow to the glories of his power,
And bless his wondrous grace.
- 2 Lift up your hands by morning light,
And send your souls on high ;
Raise your admiring thoughts by night
Above the starry sky.
- 3 The God of Zion cheers our hearts
With rays of quick'ning grace ;
The God that spreads the heavens abroad,
And rules the swelling seas.

P S A L M CXXXV. ver. 1,—4, 14, 19,—21.

First part. Long Metre.

The church is God's house and care.

- 1 **P**RAISE ye the Lord, exalt his name,
While in his earthly courts ye wait,
Ye faints, that to his house belong,
Or stand attending at his gate.
- 2 Praise ye the Lord, the Lord is good ;
To praise his name is sweet employ :
Israel he chose of old, and still
His church is his peculiar joy.
- 3 The Lord himself will judge his faints ;
He treats his servants as his friends ;
And when he hears their sore complaints,
Repents the sorrows that he sends.

- 4 Through every age the Lord declares
 His name, and breaks th' oppressor's rod ;
 He gives his suffering servants rest,
 And will be known th' Almighty God.
- 5 Bless ye the Lord, who taste his love ;
 People and priests, exalt his name :
 Amongst his saints he ever dwells ;
 His church is his Jerusalem.

P S A L M CXXXV. ver, 5,—12. Second part.
 Long Metre.

*The works of creation, providence, redemption of Israel,
 and destruction of enemies.*

- 1 **G**REAT is the Lord, exalted high
 Above all powers; and every throne ;
 Whate'er he please in earth and sea,
 Or heav'n, or hell, his hand hath done.
- 2 At his command the vapours rise,
 The light'nings flash, the thunders roar,
 He pours the rain, he brings the wind
 And tempest from his airy store.
- 3 'Twas he those dreadful tokens sent,
 O Egypt, thro' thy stubborn land ;
 When all thy first-born, beasts and men,
 Fell dead by his avenging hand.
- 4 What mighty nations, mighty kings
 He slew, and their whole country gave
 To Israel, whom his hand redeem'd,
 No more to be proud Pharoah's slave !
- 5 His power the same, the same his grace,
 That saves us from the hosts of hell :
 And heav'n he gives us to possess,
 Whence those apostate angels fell.

P S A L M CXXXV. Common Metre.

Praise due to God, not to idols.

- 1 **A** WAKE, ye faints—To praise your King
Your sweetest passions raise;
Your pious pleasure, while you sing,
Increasing with the praise.
- 2 Great is the Lord; and works unknown
Are his divine employ:
But still his faints are near his throne,
His treasure and his joy.
- 3 Heav'n, earth, and sea confess his hand;
He bids the vapours rise!
Light'ning and storm, at his command,
Sweep thro' the founding skies.
- 4 All power that gods or kings have claim'd
Is found with him alone;
But heathen gods should ne'er be nam'd
Where our Jehovah's known.
- 5 Which of the stocks and stones they trust
Can give them showers of rain?
In vain they worship glitt'ring dust,
And pray to God in vain.
- [6 Their gods have tongues that speechless prove,
Such as their makers gave:
Their feet were never form'd to move,
Nor hands have power to save.
- 7 Blind are their eyes, their ears are deaf,
Nor hear when mortals pray;
Mortals, that wait for their relief,
Are blind and deaf as they.]
- 8 Ye nations, know the living God,
Serve him with faith and fear;
He makes the churches his abode,
And claims your honours there.

P S A L M CXXXVI. Common Metre.

*God's wonders of creation, providence, redemption of
Israel, and salvation of his people.*

- 1 **G**IVE thanks to God, the sov'reign Lord ;
 " His mercies still endure ;"
 And be the king of kings ador'd,
 " His truth is ever sure."
- 2 What wonders hath his wisdom done !
 " How mighty is his hand ?"
 Heav'n, earth, and sea, he fram'd alone ;
 " How wide is his command !"
- 3 The sun supplies the day with light ;
 " How bright his counsels shine !"
 The moon and stars adorn the night ;
 " His works are all divine."
- [4 He struck the sons of Egypt dead :
 " How dreadful is his rod !"
 And thence, with joy, his people led ;
 " How gracious is our God !"
- 5 He cleft the swelling sea in two ;
 " His arm is great in might ;"
 And gave the tribes a passage through ;
 " His pow'r and grace unite."
- 6 But Pharaoh's army there he drown'd ;
 " How glorious are his ways !"
 And brought his saints through desert ground ;
 " Eternal be his praise."
- 7 Great monarchs fell beneath his hand ;
 " Victorious is his sword ;"
 While Israel took the promis'd land ;
 " And faithful is his word."]
- 8 He saw the nations dead in sin ;
 " He felt his pity move ;"
 How sad the state the world was in !
 " How boundless was his love !"

- 9 He sent to save us from our woe ;
 “ His goodness never fails ; ”
 From death and hell, and ev’ry foe ;
 “ And still his grace prevails.”
- 10 Give thanks to God, the heav’nly king ;
 “ His mercies still endure ; ”
 Let the whole earth his praises sing ;
 “ His truth is ever sure.”

P S A L M CXXXVI. As the 148th Psalm.

- 1 **G**IVE thanks to God most high,
 The universal Lord ;
 The sov’reign King of kings ;
 And be his grace ador’d.
 “ His pow’r and grace
 “ Are still the same ;
 “ And let his name
 “ Have endless praise.”

- 2 How mighty is his hand !
 What wonders hath he done !
 He form’d the earth and seas,
 And spread the heav’ns alone.
 “ Thy mercy, Lord,
 “ Shall still endure ;
 “ And ever sure
 “ Abides thy word.”

- 3 His wisdom fram’d the sun
 To crown the day with light ;
 The moon and twinkling stars
 To cheer the darksome night.
 “ His pow’r and grace
 “ Are still the same ;
 “ And let his name
 “ Have endless praise.”

- [4 He smote the first-born sons,
 The flow’r of Egypt, dead ;
 And thence his chosen tribes
 With joy and glory led.

“ Thy mercy, Lord,
 “ Shall still endure ;
 “ And ever sure
 “ Abides thy word.”

5 His pow'r and lifted rod
 Cleft the Red sea in two ;
 And for his people made
 A wondrous passage through.
 “ His pow'r and grace
 “ Are still the same ;
 “ And let his name
 “ Have endless praise.”

6 But cruel Pharaoh there
 With all his host he drown'd ;
 And brought his Israel safe
 Through a long desert ground.
 “ Thy mercy, Lord,
 “ Shall still endure ;
 “ And ever sure
 “ Abides thy word.”

P A U S E.

7 The kings of Canaan fell
 Beneath his dreadful hand ;
 While his own servants took
 Possession of their land.
 “ His pow'r and grace
 “ Are still the same ;
 “ And let his name
 “ Have endless praise.”]

8 He saw the nations lie
 All perishing in sin,
 And pity'd the sad state
 The ruin'd world was in.
 “ Thy mercy, Lord,
 “ Shall still endure ;
 “ And ever sure
 “ Abides thy word.”

- 9 He sent his only Son
 To save us from our woe,
 From Satan, sin, and death,
 And ev'ry hurtful foe.
 " His pow'r and grace
 " Are still the same ;
 " And let his name
 " Have endless praise."

- 10 Give thanks aloud to God,
 To God the heav'nly king ;
 And let the spacious earth
 His works and glories sing.
 " Thy mercy, Lord,
 " Shall still endure ;
 " And ever sure
 " Abides thy word.

P S A L M CXXXVI. Abridged. Long Metre.

- 1 **G**IVE to our God immortal praise !
 Mercy and truth are all his ways :
 " Wonders of grace to God belong,
 " Repeat his mercies in your song."
- 2 Give to the Lord of lords renown,
 The King of kings with glory crown ;
 " His mercies ever shall endure,
 " When lords and kings are known no more."
- 3 He built the earth, he spread the sky,
 And fix'd the starry lights on high :
 " Wonders of grace to God belong,
 " Repeat his mercies in your song."
- 4 He fills the sun with morning light,
 He bids the moon direct the night ;
 " His mercies ever shall endure,
 " When suns and moons shall shine no more."
- 5 The Jews he freed from Pharaoh's hand,
 And brought them to the promis'd land ;
 " Wonders of grace to God belong,
 " Repeat his mercies in your song."

- 6 He saw the Gentiles dead in sin,
 And felt his pity move within!
 " His mercies ever shall endure,
 " When death and sin shall reign no more."
- 7 He sent his Son with power to save
 From guilt, and darkness, and the grave.
 " Wonders of grace to God belong,
 " Repeat his mercies in your song."
- 8 Thro' this vain world he guides our feet,
 And leads us to his heav'nly seat:
 " His mercies ever shall endure,
 " When this vain world shall be no more."

P S A L M CXXXVII.

The Babylonian captivity.

- 1 **A** LONG the banks where Babel's current flows,
 Our captive bands in deep despondence stray'd,
 While Zion's fall in sad remembrance rose,
 Her friends, her children mingled with the dead.
- 2 The tuneless harp, that once with joy we strung,
 When praise employ'd and mirth inspir'd the lay,
 In mournful silence on the willows hung;
 And growing grief prolong'd the tedious day.
- 3 The barbarous tyrants, to increase the woe,
 With taunting smiles a song of Zion claim;
 Bid sacred praise in strains melodious flow,
 While they blaspheme the great Jehovah's name.
- 4 But how, in heathen chains and lands unknown,
 Shall Israel's sons a song of Zion raise;
 O hapless Salem, God's terrestrial throne,
 Thou land of glory, sacred mount of praise,
- 5 If e'er my mem'ry lose thy lovely name,
 If my cold heart neglect my kindred race,
 Let dire destruction seize this guilty frame;
 My hand shall perish and my voice shall cease.

- 6 Yet shall the Lord, who hears when Zion calls,
O'ertake her foes with terror and dismay,
His arm avenge her desolated walls,
And raise her children to eternal day.

P S A L M CXXXVIII.

Restoring and preserving grace.

- 1 **W**ITH all my powers of heart and tongue
I'll praise my Maker in my song ;
Angels shall hear the notes I raise,
Approve the song, and join the praise.
- [2 Angels, that make thy church their care,
Shall witness my devotion there,
While holy zeal directs my eyes
To thy fair temple in the skies.]
- 3 I'll sing thy truth and mercy, Lord,
I'll sing the wonders of thy word !
Not all the works and names below,
So much thy power and glory show.
- 4 To God I cry'd when troubles rose ;
He heard me, and subdu'd my foes ;
He did my rising fear controul,
And strength diffus'd through all my soul.
- 5 The God of heav'n maintains his state,
Frowns on the proud, and scorns the great ;
But from his throne descends to bless
The humble souls that trust his grace.
- 6 Amidst a thousand snares I stand,
Upheld and guarded by thy hand ;
Thy words my fainting soul revive,
And keep my dying faith alive.
- 7 Grace will complete what grace begins,
To save from sorrows or from sins ;
The work that wisdom undertakes,
Eternal mercy ne'er forsakes.

PSALM CXXXIX. First part. Long Metre.

The all-seeing God.

- 1 **L**ORD, thou hast search'd and seen me thro';
Thine eye commands with piercing view
My rising and my resting hours,
My heart and flesh with all their powers.
- 2 My thoughts, before they are my own,
Are to my God distinctly known;
He knows the words I mean to speak,
Ere from my opening lips they break.
- 3 Within thy circling power I stand,
On every side I find thy hand;
Awake, asleep, at home, abroad,
I am surrounded still with God.
- 4 Amazing knowledge, vast and great!
What large extent! what lofty height!
My soul, with all the powers I boast,
Is in the boundless prospect lost.
- 5 " Oh, may these thoughts possess my breast,
" Where'er I rove, where'er I rest;
" Nor let my weaker passions dare
" Consent to sin, for God is there."

P A U S E the first.

- 6 Could I so false, so faithless prove,
To quit thy service and thy love,
Where, Lord, could I thy presence shun,
Or from thy dreadful glory run!
- 7 If up to heaven I take my flight,
'Tis there thou dwell'st enthron'd in light;
Or dive to hell—there vengeance reigns,
And Satan groans beneath thy chains.
- 8 If mounted on a morning ray
I fly beyond the western sea,
Thy swifter hand would first arrive,
And there arrest thy fugitive.

- 9 Or should I try to shun thy sight
 Beneath the spreading veil of night,
 One glance of thine, one piercing ray
 Would kindle darkness into day.
- 10 " Oh, may these thoughts possess my breast,
 " Where'er I rove, where'er I rest !
 " Nor let my weaker passions dare
 " Consent to sin, for God is there."

P A U S E the second.

- 11 The veil of night is no disguise,
 No screen from thy all-searching eyes ;
 Thy hand can seize thy foes as soon
 Thro' midnight shades as blazing noon.
- 12 Midnight and noon in this agree,
 Great God, they're both alike to thee ;
 Not death can hide what God will spy,
 And hell lies naked to his eye.
- 13 " Oh, may these thoughts possess my breast,
 " Where'er I rove, where'er I rest !
 " Nor let my weaker passions dare
 " Consent to sin, for God is there."

PSALM CXXXIX. Second part. Long Metre.

The wonderful formation of man.

- 1 **T**WAS from thy hand, my God, I came,
 A work of such a curious frame ;
 In me thy fearful wonders shine,
 And each proclaims thy skill divine.
- 2 Thine eye did all my limbs survey,
 Which yet in dark confusion lay :
 Thou saw'st the daily growth they took,
 Form'd by the model of thy book.
- 3 By thee my growing parts were nam'd,
 And what thy sov'reign counsels fram'd,
 The breathing lungs, the beating heart,
 Was copy'd with unerring art.

- 4 At last, to shew my Maker's name,
 God stamp'd his image on my frame,
 And, in some unknown moment, join'd
 The finish'd members of the mind.
- 5 There the young seeds of thought began,
 And all the passions of the man,
 Great God, our infant nature pays
 Immortal tribute to thy praise.

P A U S E.

- 6 Lord, since in my advancing age
 I've acted on life's busy stage,
 Thy thoughts of love to me surmount
 The power of numbers to recount.
- 7 I could survey the ocean o'er,
 And count each sand that makes the shore,
 Before my swiftest thoughts could trace
 The numerous wonders of thy grace.
- 8 These on my heart are still impress'd,
 With these I give my eyes to rest ;
 And at my waking hour I find
 God and his love possess my mind.

PSALM CXXXIX. Third part. Long Metre.
*Sincerity professed, and grace tried ; or, The heart-
 searching God.*

- 1 **M**Y God, what inward grief I feel,
 When impious men transgress thy will !
 I mourn to hear their lips profane
 Take thy tremendous name in vain.
- 2 Does not my soul detest and hate
 The sons of malice and deceit ?
 Those that oppose thy laws, and thee,
 I count for enemies to me.
- 3 Lord, search my soul, try every thought—
 Though my own heart accuse me not
 Of walling in a false disguise,
 I beg the trial of thine eyes.

- 4 Doth secret mischief lurk within ?
 Do I indulge some unknown sin ?
 Oh ! turn my feet whene'er I stray,
 And lead me in thy perfect way.

PSALM CXXXIX. First part. Common Metre.

God is every where.

- 1 **I**N all my vast concerns with thee,
 In vain my soul would try
 To shun thy presence, Lord, or flee
 The notice of thine eye.
- 2 Thy all-surrounding sight surveys
 My rising and my rest,
 My public walks, my private ways,
 And secrets of my breast.
- 3 My thoughts lie open to the Lord,
 Before they're form'd within ;
 And ere my lips pronounce the word,
 He knows the sense I mean.
- 4 Oh ! wondrous knowledge ! deep and high !
 Where can a creature hide ?
 Within thy circling arms I lie,
 Inclos'd on every side.
- 5 So let thy grace surround me still,
 And like a bulwark prove,
 To guard my soul from every ill,
 Secur'd by sovereign love.

P A U S E.

- 6 Lord, where shall guilty souls retire,
 Forgotten and unknown ?—
 In hell they meet thy dreadful fire,
 In heaven thy glorious throne.
- 7 Should I suppress my vital breath,
 To 'scape the wrath divine,
 Thy voice would break the bars of death,
 And make the grave resign.

- 8 If, wing'd with beams of morning light,
 I fly beyond the west,
 Thy hand, which must support my flight,
 Would soon betray my rest.
- 9 If o'er my sins I think to draw
 The curtains of the night,
 The flaming eyes that guard thy law
 Would turn the shades to light.
- 10 The beams of noon, the midnight hour
 Are both alike to thee :—
 Oh ! may I ne'er provoke that power
 From which I cannot flee.

PSALM CXXXIX. Second part. Common Metre.

The wisdom of God in the formation of man.

- 1 **W**HEN I, with pleasing wonder, stand,
 And all my frame survey,
 Lord ! 'tis thy work—I own, thy hand
 Thus built my humble clay.
- 2 Thy hand my heart and reins possess'd,
 Where unborn nature grew ;
 Thy wisdom all my features trac'd,
 And all my members drew.
- 3 Thine eye with nicest care survey'd
 The growth of every part ;
 'Till the whole scheme, thy thoughts had laid,
 Was copy'd by thy art.
- 4 Heav'n, earth and sea, and fire and wind
 Shew me thy wondrous skill ;
 But I review myself, and find
 Diviner wonders still.
- 5 Thy awful glories round me shine,
 My flesh proclaims thy praise ;
 Lord, to thy works of nature join
 Thy miracles of grace.

PSALM CXXXIX. ver. 14, 17, 18. Third part.
Common Metre.

The mercies of God innumerable.

An evening psalm.

- 1 **L**ORD, when I count thy mercies o'er,
They strike me with surprise;
Not all the sands that spread the shore,
To equal numbers rise.
- 2 My flesh with fear and wonder stands,
The product of thy skill;
And hourly blessings from thy hands
Thy thoughts of love reveal.
- 3 These on my heart by night I keep;
How kind, how dear to me!
Oh! may the hour that ends my sleep
Still find my thoughts with thee.

P S A L M CXL. Common Metre.

- 1 **P**ROTECT us, Lord, from fatal harm!
Behold our rising woes;
We trust alone thy powerful arm,
To scatter all our foes.
- 2 Their tongue is like a poison'd dart,
Their thoughts are full of guile,
While rage and carnage swell their heart,
They wear a peaceful smile.
- 3 O God of grace, thy guardian care,
When foes without invade,
Or spread within a deeper snare,
Supplies our constant aid.
- 4 Let falsehood flee before thy face,
Thy heav'nly truth extend,
All nations taste thy heav'nly grace,
And all delusion end.

- 5 With daily bread the poor supply;
 The cause of justice plead,
 And be thy church exalted high,
 With Christ the glorious head.

P S A L M CXLI. ver. 2,—5. Long Metre.

Watchfulness and brotherly love.

A morning or evening psalm.

- 1 **M**Y God, accept my early vows,
 Like morning incense in thine house,
 And let my nightly worship rise
 Sweet as the ev'ning sacrifice.
- 2 Watch o'er my lips, and guard them, Lord,
 From every rash and heedless word;
 Nor let my feet incline to tread
 The guilty path where sinners lead.
- 3 O may the righteous, when I stray,
 Smite and reprove my wandering way!
 Their gentle words, like ointment shed,
 Shall never bruise, but cheer my head.
- 4 When I behold them press'd with grief,
 I'll cry to heav'n for their relief;
 And, by my warm petitions, prove
 How much I prize their faithful love.

P S A L M CXLII. Common Metre.

God is the hope of the helpless.

- 1 **T**O God I made my sorrows known,
 From God I sought relief;
 In long complaints before his throne
 I pour'd out all my grief.
- 2 My soul was overwhelm'd with woes,
 My heart began to break;
 My God, who all my burden knows,
 Beholds the way I take.

- 3 On every side I cast my eye,
 And found my helpers gone,
 While friends and strangers pass'd me by
 Neglected or unknown.
- 4 Then did I raise a louder cry,
 And call'd thy mercy near,
 "Thou art my portion when I die,
 "Be thou my refuge here."
- 5 Lord, I am brought exceeding low,
 Now let thine ear attend,
 And make my foes, who vex me, know
 I've an almighty friend.
- 6 From my sad prison set me free,
 Then shall I praise thy name,
 And holy men shall join with me,
 Thy kindness to proclaim.

P S A L M CXLIII. Long Metre.

Complaint of heavy afflictions in mind and body.

- 1 **M**Y righteous Judge, my gracious God,
 Hear, when I spread my hands abroad,
 And cry for succour from thy throne—
 Oh! make thy truth and mercy known.
- 2 Let judgment not against me pass;
 Behold thy servant pleads thy grace—
 Should justice call us to thy bar,
 No man alive is guiltless there.
- 3 Look down in pity, Lord, and see
 The mighty woes that burthen me;
 My wasting life draws near the grave:
 Make bare thine arm—thy servant save.
- 4 I dwell in darkness and unseen—
 My heart is desolate within;
 My thoughts in musing silence trace
 The antient wonders of thy grace.

- 5 Thence I derive a glimpse of hope
To bear my sinking spirits up ;
I stretch my hands to God again,
And thirst like parched lands for rain.
- 6 For thee I thirst, I pray, I mourn—
When will thy smiling face return ?
Shall all my joys on earth remove,
And God forever hide his love ?
- 7 My God, thy long delay to save,
Will sink thy pris'ner to the grave ;
My heart grows faint, and dim mine eye ;
Make haste to help before I die.
- 8 The night is witness to my tears,
Distressing pains, distracting fears ;
Oh ! might I hear thy morning voice,
How would my wearied powers rejoice !
- 9 In thee I trust, to thee I sigh,
And lift my wearied soul on high ;
For thee sit waiting all the day,
And wear the tiresome hours away.
- 10 Break off my fetters, Lord, and show
The path in which my feet should go :
If snares and foes beset the road,
I flee to hide me near my God.
- 11 Teach me to do thy holy will,
And lead me to thy heav'nly hill :
Let the good spirit of thy love
Conduct me to thy courts above.
- 12 Then shall my soul no more complain,
The tempter then shall rage in vain ;
And flesh, and sin, my foes before,
Shall never vex my spirit more.

P S A L M 'CXLIV. ver. 1, 2. First part.
Common Metre.

Assistance and victory in the spiritual warfare.

- 1 **F**OREVER blessed be the Lord,
My Saviour and my shield ;
He sends his spirit with his word,
To arm me for the field.
- 2 When sin and hell their force unite,
He makes my soul his care,
Instructs me in the heav'nly fight,
And guards me thro' the war.
- 3 A friend and helper so divine,
My fainting hope shall raise ;
He makes the glorious vict'ry mine,
And his shall be the praise.

P S A L M CXLIV. ver. 3, 4, 5, 6. Second part.
Common Metre.

The vanity of man, and the condescension of God.

- 1 **L**ORD, what is man, poor feeble man,
Born of the earth at first ?
His life a shadow, light and vain,
Still hasting to the dust.
- 2 O what is feeble dying man,
Or all his sinful race,
That God should make it his concern
To visit him with grace !
- 3 That God, who darts his lightnings down,
Who shakes the world above,
What terrors wait his awful frown,
How wondrous is his love !

PSALM CXLIV. ver. 12,—15. Third part.
Long Metre.

Grace above riches ; or, The happy nation.

- 1 **H**APPY the city, where their sons,
Like pillars round a palace set,
And daughters, bright as polish'd stones,
Give strength and beauty to the state.
- 2 Happy the land in culture dress'd,
Whose flocks and corn have large increase ;
Where men securely work or rest,
Nor sons of plunder break their peace.
- 3 Happy the nation thus endow'd,
But more divinely blest are those
On whom the all-sufficient God
Himself, with all his grace, bestows.

PSALM CXLV. Long Metre.

The greatness of God.

- 1 **M**Y God, my King, thy various praise
Shall fill the remnant of my days :
Thy grace employ my humble 'tongue,
'Till death and glory raise the song.
- 2 The wings of every hour shall bear
Some thankful tribute to thine ear ;
And ev'ry setting sun shall see
New works of duty done for thee.
- 3 Thy truth and justice I'll proclaim ;
Thy bounty flows, an endless stream ;
Thy mercy swift, thine anger slow,
But dreadful to the stubborn foe.
- 4 Thy works with sov'reign glory shine,
And speak thy majesty divine ;
Let ev'ry realm with joy proclaim
The sound and honour of thy name.

- 5 Let distant times and nations raise
The long succession of thy praise :
And unborn ages make my song
The joy and triumph of their tongue.
- 6 But who can speak thy wondrous deeds ?
Thy greatness all our thoughts exceeds :
Vast and unsearchable thy ways,
Vast and immortal be thy praise.

PSALM CXLV. ver. 1,—7, 11,—13. First part.
Common Metre.

The greatness of God.

- 1 **L**ONG as I live I'll bless thy name,
My King, my God of love ;
My work and joy shall be the same
In the bright world above.
- 2 Great is the Lord, his power unknown,
And let his praise be great :
I'll sing the honours of his throne,
Thy works of grace repeat.
- 3 Thy grace shall dwell upon my tongue ;
And, while my lips rejoice,
The men that hear my sacred song,
Shall join their cheerful voice.
- 4 Fathers to sons shall teach thy name,
And children learn thy ways ;
Ages to come thy truth proclaim,
And nations sound thy praise.
- 5 Thy glorious deeds of ancient date
Shall through the world be known ;
Thine arm of power, thy heavenly state,
With public splendor shown.
- 6 The world is manag'd by thy hands,
Thy saints are rul'd by love :
And thine eternal kingdom stands,
Though rocks and hills remove.

P S A L M CXLV. ver. 7, &c. Second part.
Common Metre.

The goodness of God.

- 1 **S**WEET is the mem'ry of thy grace,
My God, my heav'nly King;
Let age to age thy righteousness
In sounds of glory sing.
- 2 God reigns on high, but ne'er confines
His goodness to the skies;
Through the whole earth his bounty shines,
And every want supplies.
- 3 With longing eyes thy creatures wait
On thee for daily food,
Thy liberal hand provides their meat,
And fills their mouths with good.
- 4 How kind are thy compassions, Lord,
How slow thine anger moves!
But soon he sends his pard'ning word,
To cheer the souls he loves.
- 5 Creatures, with all their endless race,
Thy power and praise proclaim;
But saints, that taste thy richer grace,
Delight to bless thy name.

P S A L M CXLV. ver. 14, 17, &c. Third part.
Common Metre.

Mercy to sufferers; or, God hearing prayer.

- 1 **L**ET every tongue thy goodness speak,
Thou sovereign Lord of all;
Thy strengthening hands uphold the weak,
And raise the poor that fall.
- 2 When sorrow bows the spirit down,
Or virtue lies distress'd
Beneath some proud oppressor's frown,
Thou giv'st the mourners rest.

- 3 The Lord supports our sinking days,
And guides our giddy youth :
Holy and just are all his ways,
And all his words are truth.
- 4 He knows the pain his servants feel,
He hears his children cry,
And their best wishes to fulfil
His grace is ever nigh.
- 5 His mercy never shall remove
From men of heart sincere ;
He saves the souls whose humble love
Is join'd with holy fear.
- [6 His stubborn foes his sword shall slay,
And pierce their hearts with pain ;
But none that serve the Lord shall say,
“ They sought his aid in vain.”]
- [7 My lips shall dwell upon his praise,
And spread his fame abroad ;
Let all the sons of Adam raise
The honours of their God.]

P S A L M CXLVI. Long Metre.

Praise to God for his goodness and truth.

- 1 **P**RAISE ye the Lord, my heart shall join
In work so pleasant, so divine ;
Now while the flesh is mine abode,
And when my soul ascends to God.
- 2 Praise shall employ my noblest powers,
While immortality endures ;
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
While life, and thought, and being, last.
- 3 Why should I make a man my trust ?
Princes must die and turn to dust ;
Their breath departs, their pomp and power,
And thoughts, all vanish in an hour.

- 4 Happy the man, whose hopes rely
On Israel's God; he made the sky,
And earth, and seas, with all their train;
And none shall find his promise vain.
- 5 His truth forever stands secure;
He saves th' oppress'd, he feeds the poor;
He sends the lab'ring conscience peace,
And grants the pris'ner sweet release.
- 6 The Lord to sight restores the blind:
The Lord supports the sinking mind;
He helps the stranger in distress,
The widow and the fatherless.
- 7 He loves the saints, he knows them well,
But turns the wicked down to hell;
Thy God, O Zion, ever reigns,
Praise him in everlasting strains.

P S A L M CXLVI. As the 113th Psalm.

Praise to God for his goodness and truth.

- 1 **I**'LL praise my Maker with my breath;
And, when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers:
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
While life, and thought, and being, last,
Or immortality endures.
- 2 Why should I make a man my trust?
Princes must die and turn to dust;
Vain is the help of flesh and blood;
Their breath departs, their pomp and power,
And thoughts, all vanish in an hour;
Nor can they make their promise good.
- 3 Happy the man whose hopes rely
On Israel's God: he made the sky,
And earth, and seas, with all their train;
His truth forever stands secure;
He saves th' oppress'd, he feeds the poor,
And none shall find his promise vain.

- 4 The Lord hath eyes to give the blind ;
 The Lord supports the sinking mind ;
 He sends the lab'ring conscience peace :
 He helps the stranger in distress,
 The widow and the fatherless,
 And grants the pris'ner sweet release.
- 5 He loves his faints, he knows them well,
 But turns the wicked down to hell ;
 Thy God, O Zion, ever reigns ;
 Let ev'ry tongue, let ev'ry age,
 In this exalted work engage ;
 Praise him in everlasting strains.
- 6 I'll praise him while he lends me breath ;
 And, when my voice is lost in death,
 Praise shall employ my nobler pow'rs :
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
 While life, and thought, and being last
 Or immortality endures.

P S A L M CXLVII. First part. Long Metre.

The divine nature, providence, and grace.

- 1 **P**RAISE ye the Lord ; 'tis good to raise
 Our hearts and voices in his praise :
 His nature and his works invite
 To make this duty our delight.
- 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem,
 And gathers nations to his name :
 His mercy melts the stubborn soul,
 And makes the broken spirit whole.
- 3 He form'd the stars, those heav'nly flames,
 He counts their numbers, calls their names :
 His sov'reign wisdom knows no bound,
 A deep where all our thoughts are drown'd.
- 4 Great is our Lord, and great his might,
 And all his glories infinite :
 He crowns the meek, rewards the just,
 And treads the wicked to the dust.

P A U S E.

- 5 Sing to the Lord, exalt him high,
Who spreads his clouds around the sky;
There he prepares the fruitful rain,
Nor lets the drops descend in vain.
- 6 He makes the grass the hills adorn,
And clothes the smiling field with corn;
The beasts with food his hands supply,
And feeds the ravens when they cry.
- 7 What is the creature's skill or force,
The vigorous man, the warlike horse,
The sprightly wit, the active limb?
All are too mean delights for him.
- 8 But faints are lovely in his sight;
He views his children with delight;
He sees their hope, he knows their fear,
And finds and loves his image there.

PSALM CXLVII. Second part. Long Metre.

Summer and winter.

- 1 **L**ET Zion praise the mighty God,
And make his honours known abroad;
For sweet the joy our songs to raise,
And glorious is the work of praise.
- 2 Our children live secure and bless'd;
Our shores have peace, our cities rest;
He feeds our sons with finest wheat,
And adds his blessings to their meat.
- 3 The changing seasons he ordains,
The early and the latter rains:
His flakes of snow like wool he sends,
And thus the springing corn defends.
- 4 With hoary frost he strews the ground;
His hail descends with dreadful sound:
His icy bands the rivers hold,
And terror arms his wint'ry cold.

- 5 He bids the warmer breezes blow ;
 The ice dissolves, the waters flow :
 But he hath nobler works and ways
 To call his people to his praise.
- 6 Thro' all our States his laws are shown ;
 His gospel thro' the nation known ;
 He hath not thus reveal'd his word
 To ev'ry land : Praise ye the Lord.

P S A L M CXLVII. ver. 7,—9, 13,—18.
 Common Metre.

The seasons of the year.

- 1 **W**ITH songs and honours sounding loud
 Address the Lord on high ;
 Over the heav'ns he spreads his cloud,
 And waters veil the sky.
- 2 He sends his show'rs of blessing down
 To cheer the plains below ;
 He makes the grass the mountains crown,
 And corn in vallies grow.
- 3 He gives the grazing ox his meat,
 He hears the raven's cry ;
 But man, who tastes his finest wheat,
 Should raise his honours high.
- 4 His steady counsels change the face
 Of the declining year ;
 He bids the sun cut short his race,
 And wint'ry days appear.
- 5 His hoary frost, his fleecy snow,
 Descend and clothe the ground ;
 The liquid streams forbear to flow,
 In icy fetters bound.
- 6 When, from his dreadful stores on high,
 He pours the sounding hail,
 The wretch that dares his God defy
 Shall find his courage fail.

- 7 He sends his word and melts the snow,
 The fields no longer mourn :
 He calls the warmer gales to blow,
 And bids the spring return.
- 8 The changing wind, the flying cloud,
 Obey his mighty word :
 With songs and honours sounding loud,
 Praise ye the sov'reign Lord.

P S A L M CXLVIII. Proper metre.

Praise to God from all creatures.

- 1 **Y**E tribes of Adam, join
 With heav'n, and earth, and seas,
 And offer notes divine
 To your Creator's praise.
 Ye holy throng
 Of angels bright
 In worlds of light
 Begin the song.
- 2 'Thou sun, with dazzling rays,
 And moon, that rules the night,
 Shine to your Maker's praise,
 With stars of twinkling light.
 His pow'r declare,
 Ye floods on high,
 And clouds that fly
 In empty air.
- 3 The shining worlds above
 In glorious order stand,
 Or in swift courses move
 By his supreme command.
 He spake the word,
 And all their frame
 From nothing came,
 To praise the Lord.

- 4 He mov'd their mighty wheels
 In unknown ages past,
 And each his word fulfils
 While time and nature last.
 In diff'rent ways
 His works proclaim
 His wondrous name,
 And speak his praise.

P A U S E.

- 5 Let all the earth-born race,
 And monsters of the deep,
 The fish that cleave the seas,
 Or in their bosom sleep,
 From sea to shore
 Their tribute pay,
 And still display
 Their Maker's power.
- 6 Ye vapours, hail, and snow,
 Praise ye th' almighty Lord ;
 And stormy winds that blow
 To execute his word.
 When lightnings shine,
 Or thunders roar,
 Let earth adore
 His hand divine.
- 7 Ye mountains near the skies,
 With lofty cedars there,
 And trees of humbler size,
 That fruit in plenty bear ;
 Beasts, wild and tame,
 Birds, flies, and worms,
 In various forms,
 Exalt his name.
- 8 Ye kings and judges, fear
 The Lord, the sov'reign king ;
 And while you rule us here,
 His heav'nly honours sing ;

Nor let the dream
Of power and state
Make you forget
His power supreme.

9 Virgins and youths, engage
To sound his praise divine,
While infancy and age
Their feeble voices join.
Wide as he reigns
His name be sung
By ev'ry tongue
In endless strains.

10 Let all the nations fear
The God that rules above;
He brings his people near,
And makes them taste his love:
While earth and sky
Attempt his praise,
His saints shall raise
His honours high.

PSALM CXLVIII. paraphrased. Long Metre.

Universal praise to God.

1 **L** OUD hallelujahs to the Lord,
From distant worlds where creatures dwell;
Let heaven begin the solemn word,
And sound it dreadful down to hell.

Note—*This Psalm may be sung to the tune of the old 112th or 127th Psalm, if these two lines be added to every stanza, viz.*

“ Each of his works his name displays,
“ But they can ne'er complete the praise.”

Otherwise it must be sung to the usual tunes of the Long Metre.

- 2 The Lord, how absolute he reigns !
Let every angel bend the knee ;
Sing of his love in heavenly strains,
And speak how fierce his terrors be.
- 3 High on a throne his glories dwell,
An awful throne of shining bliss ;
Fly through the world, O sun, and tell
How dark thy beams, compar'd to his.
- 4 Awake, ye tempests, and his fame
In sounds of dreadful praise declare ;
Let the sweet whisper of his name
Fill every gentler breeze of air.
- 5 Let clouds, and winds, and waves agree
To join their praise with blazing fire ;
Let the firm earth, and rolling sea
In this eternal song conspire.
- 6 Ye flowery plains, proclaim his skill ;
Ye vallies, sink before his eye ;
And let his praise, from every hill,
Rise tuneful to the neighb'ring sky.
- 7 Ye stubborn oaks, and stately pines,
Bend your high branches and adore ;
Praise him, ye beasts, in different strains ;
The lamb must bleat, the lion roar.
- 8 Ye birds, his praise must be your theme,
Who form'd to song your tuneful voice ;
While the dumb fish that cut the stream
In his protecting care rejoice.
- 9 Mortals, can you refrain your tongue,
When nature all around you sings ?
O ! for a shout from old and young,
From humble swains and lofty kings.
- 10 Wide as his vast dominion lies,
Make the Creator's name be known ;
Loud as his thunder shout his praise,
And sound it lofty as his throne.

- 11 Jehovah! 'tis a glorious word!
 O may it dwell on ev'ry tongue!
 But faints, who best have known the Lord,
 Are bound to raise the noblest song.
- 12 Speak of the wonders of that love
 Which Gabriel plays on ev'ry chord;
 From all below and all above,
 Sing hallelujahs to the Lord.

P S A L M CXLVIII. Short Metre.

Universal praise.

- 1 **L**ET ev'ry creature join
 To praise th' eternal God;
 Ye heav'nly hosts, the song begin,
 And sound his name abroad.
- 2 Thou sun with golden beams,
 And moon with paler rays,
 Ye starry lights, ye twinkling flames,
 Shine to your Maker's praise.
- 3 He built those worlds above,
 And fix'd their wondrous frame;
 By his command they stand or move,
 And ever speak his name.
- 4 Ye vapours, when ye rise,
 Or fall in show'rs of snow,
 Ye thunders murm'ring round the skies,
 His pow'r and glory show.
- 5 Wind, hail, and flaming fire,
 Agree to praise the Lord,
 When ye in dreadful storms conspire
 To execute his word.
- 6 By all his works above
 His honours be express'd,
 But faints, that taste his saving love,
 Should sing his praises best.

P A U S E the first.

- 7 Let earth and ocean know
 They owe their Maker praise ;
 Praise him, ye wat'ry worlds below,
 And monsters of the seas.
- 8 From mountains near the sky
 Let his high praise resound—
 From humble shrubs, and cedars high,
 And vales and fields around.
- 9 Ye lions of the wood,
 And tamer beasts that graze,
 Ye live upon his daily food,
 And he expects your praise.
- 10 Ye birds of lofty wing,
 On high his praises bear ;
 Or sit on flowery boughs, and sing
 Your Maker's glory there.
- 11 Ye reptile myriads, join
 T' exalt his glorious name,
 And flies, in beauteous forms that shine,
 His wondrous skill proclaim.
- 12 By all the earth-born race,
 His honours be express'd ;
 But saints, that know his heav'nly grace,
 Should learn to praise him best.

P A U S E the second.

- 13 Monarchs of wide command,
 Praise ye th' eternal king—
 Judges, adore that sov'reign hand,
 Whence all your honours spring.
- 14 Let vigorous youth engage
 To sound his praises high ;
 While growing babes and withering age
 Their feebler voices try.

- 15 United zeal be shown
 His wondrous fame to raise ;
 God is the Lord ; his name alone
 Deserves our endless praise.
- 16 Let nature join with art,
 And all pronounce him blest,
 But saints, that dwell so near his heart,
 Should sing his praises best.

P S A L M CXLIX. Common Metre.

Praise God, all his saints ; or, The saints judging the world.

- 1 **A**LL ye that love the Lord, rejoice,
 And let your songs be new ;
 Amidst the church with cheerful voice
 His later wonders shew.
- 2 The Jews, the people of his grace,
 Shall their Redeemer sing ;
 And Gentile nations join the praise,
 While Zion owns her king.
- 3 The Lord takes pleasure in the just,
 Whom sinners treat with scorn :
 The meek, that lie despis'd in dust,
 Salvation shall adorn.
- 4 Saints should be joyful in their king,
 E'en on a dying bed :
 And like the souls in glory sing,
 For God shall raise the dead.
- 5 Then his high praise shall fill their tongues,
 Their hand shall wield the sword :
 And vengeance shall attend their songs,
 The vengeance of the Lord.
- 6 When Christ his judgment-seat ascends,
 And bids the world appear,
 Thrones are prepar'd for all his friends,
 Who humbly lov'd him here.

7. Then shall they rule with iron rod,
Nations that dar'd rebel :
And join the sentence of their God,
On tyrants doom'd to hell.
- 8 The royal finners, bound in chains,
New triumph shall afford :
Such honour for the saints remains :
Praise ye, and love the Lord.

P S A L M CL. ver. 1, 2, 6. Common Metre.

A song of praise.

- 1 **I**N God's own house pronounce his praise,
His grace he there reveals ;
To heav'n your joy and wonder raise,
For there his glory dwells.
- 2 Let all your sacred passions move,
While you rehearse his deeds ;
But the great work of saving love
Your highest praise exceeds.
- 3 All that have motion, life and breath,
Proclaim your Maker bless'd ;
Yet when my voice expires in death,
My soul shall praise him best.

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Long Metre.

TO God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, three in one,
Be honour, praise, and glory giv'n
By all on earth, and all in heav'n.

Common Metre.

LET God the Father, and the Son,
 And Spirit be ador'd,
 Where there are works to make him known,
 Or saints to love the Lord.

Common Metre. *Where the tune includes two stanzas.*

I.

THE God of mercy be ador'd
 Who calls our souls from death,
 Who saves by his redeeming word,
 And new creating breath.

II.

To praise the Father, and the Son,
 And Spirit, all divine,
 The one in three, and three in one,
 Let saints and angels join.

Short Metre.

YE angels, round the throne,
 And saints, that dwell below,
 Worship the Father, praise the Son,
 And bless the Spirit too.

As the 113th Psalm.

NOW to the great and sacred Three,
 The Father, Son, and Spirit, be
 Eternal praise and glory giv'n,
 Thro' all the worlds where God is known,
 By all the angels near the throne,
 And all the saints in earth and heav'n.

As the 148th Psalm.

TO God the Father's throne
Perpetual honours raise ;
Glory to God the Son,
To God the Spirit praise :
With all our powers,
Eternal King,
Thy name we sing,
While faith adores.

F I N I S.

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(2) DISTINCTIVELY PRESBYTERIAN EDITIONS.

In the year in which Barlow's revision first appeared, at the sessions of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia the question of collating the existing psalm versions with a view to "compose for us a version more suitable to our circumstances and taste than any we yet have," was referred to a committee.² In 1787, possibly in consequence of that action, "the Synod did allow, and do hereby allow, that Dr. Watts's imitation of David's Psalms, as revised by Mr. Barlow, be sung in the churches and families under their care."¹

This action created a demand that seems to have been eager and instant, and was likewise long continued, for new issues of Barlow's *Watts*. Beginning, therefore, in the year of Synod's allowance, and continuing well toward the middle of the nineteenth century, we have a special group of distinctively Presbyterian editions. They are characterized by three features:—

(1.) The omission of the hymns originally appended to the psalm-versions. The hymns plainly were not considered as included within the terms of Synod's action.

(2.) The adoption of a distinctive title for the book, from which the names of Dr. Watts and of Mr. Barlow alike disappear. The version is introduced in Presbyterian churches as "Psalms Carefully Suited to the Christian Worship in the United States of America. Being An Improvement of the old Versions of the Psalms of David." As the certificate of the stated clerk of Synod appears in the original edition of 1787 so entitled, it is more than probable that the title was fixed upon after consultation and with official approval. The title, however, failed to express the spirit of the Barlow revision, which was precisely the opposite to that of an adaptation to local use in the United States or elsewhere: to get rid, in other words, of all traces of local adaptations of the Psalms.

(3) The setting forth upon the title page of the authorization of the book, in the following words:—"Allowed, by the reverend Synod of New-York and Philadelphia, to be used in churches and private families." This was originally, and often thereafter, supplemented by a certificate, as follows:—

"PHILADELPHIA, *May 24th, 1787.*

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"Extracted from the records of Synod, by

"GEORGE DUFFIELD, *D. D.,*

"Stated Clerk of Synod."

¹ Records, p. 535.

From these avowedly Presbyterian editions, the original authorization by the General Association of Connecticut was, of course, omitted, and, also, Mr. Barlow's preface; the place of the latter being generally supplied by a briefer one commending the work of Dr. Watts and the revision of Mr. Barlow.

