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EDITOR'S PREFACE.

The Prayer Book of THE REFORMED SOCIETY OF ISRAELITES, of Charleston, South Carolina, is one of the rarest, as well as one of the most interesting documents, relating to the development of Judaism in America. Unknown except from secondary sources to recent writers, it is the earliest Reform Prayer Book printed in this country, and throws an interesting light on early Reformed American Judaism. Persistent research has brought to light only two imperfect copies, by combining which, this reprint has been made possible. The original bears the date 1830. Whether there was an earlier edition, the Editor is unable to say with certainty—probably there was. It is well worth preserving to posterity.

The story of the Reformed Society of Israelites has been told in detail in the Editor's volume: *The Jews of South Carolina*, pp. 147-165, and in an article in the Literary Supplement to *The American Hebrew*, Dec. 7, 1906. He has there shown, contrary to all previous statements, that the Charleston Movement of 1824 was not an indigenous Movement, but was directly dependent upon a similar Movement that had taken place in Germany a few years before—now popularly known as the Hamburg Movement. The Prayer Book of the Reformed Society of Israelites, however, has nothing in common with the one published for the use of the Hamburg Temple in 1819. Apart from its novelties, such as the Articles of Faith, the Wedding

Service, the Confirmation Service, the Service for Circumcision and for Naming a Daughter, and its English Hymns, it is based upon the Portuguese Ritual then in use in Charleston.

The diction of the Prayer Book is classical, in which respect it is in marked contrast with later American productions. Its compilers were Isaac Harby, the best known Jewish publicist of his day, Abraham Moise, a prominent lawyer, of Charleston, and David Nunes Carvalho, the lay Reader of the Society. The Hymns—here first incorporated into a Jewish Prayer Book in the English language, are practically all adapted from Christian sources—one hymn only, No. 5: "Before the glorious orbs of light"—an admirable version of the *Adon Olam*—is of Jewish origin, its author being the before-mentioned David Nunes Carvalho.

Some of the Rubrics, e. g., those connected with the Ceremony of Circumcision, the Ceremony of Naming a Daughter, and the Marriage Ceremony, are rather amusing to us of this later day; they furnish a curious illustration of the method of the Society in its proposal "to go back to Moses and the Prophets." But the Society meant well, and we, the inheritors of its brave work—the first effort at Reform in America—should be ever grateful to these pioneers, who anticipated by at least a generation, the first successful attempts to create an American Judaism.

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PREFACE.

As a proper introduction to those Prayers and Thanksgivings which a devout heart only should address to the Supreme Being, the following Articles of Faith are presented as the creed of "THE REFORMED SOCIETY OF ISRAELITES." Embracing as they do nothing doubtful or ceremonial, they consist simply of those religious axioms to which neither the bigot nor the latitudinarian can reasonably object, and which indeed cannot be rejected, without rejecting the divine origin of the moral law. They constitute all that is *essential* to faith in revealed religion. To believe them with a perfect conviction; to pursue that conduct through life to which they naturally lead, and which their spirit comprehends and enforces, is, we are persuaded, the only true path of life here on earth, and the only hope and prospect of happiness hereafter.

It will be perceived in this part of the service which is respectfully submitted to the enlightened and pious Israelite, that the compilers have embraced only such portions of the prayers adopted by the Reformed Society as are deemed of immediate and pressing necessity. In the total absence of any well digested form of service for the Sabbath, as well as other occasions, adapted to the feelings, opinions and dispositions of many, who differ from their brethren of the ancient synagogue, it is hoped and believed that

this collection will in a great measure supply that deficiency. At a future period it is contemplated to present to the Israelites of the United States, a new and enlarged edition of the whole form of prayer, to include the service of Festivals, as well as such selections from the original Hebrew, as have been unavoidably omitted in the present work.

In laying down these Articles and this Form of Service, the compilers of the following Prayers for the Reformed Society of Israelites, do not presume to restrict the faith or conscience of any man. Let each one believe or reject what his heart and understanding (at once humbled and enlightened by Divine goodness) may rationally dictate to be believed or rejected. The compilers act only for themselves, for their children, and for all those who think the period has arrived, when the Jew should break in pieces the sceptre of Rabbinical power, and assert his attribute as a free agent, obedient only to the laws of God, and responsible for his thoughts and actions to the merciful Creator ALONE.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. I believe with a perfect faith, that God Almighty (blessed be his name!) is the Creator and Governor of all creation; and that he alone has made, does make, and will make all things.

II. I believe with a perfect faith, that the Creator, (blessed be his name! is only ONE IN UNITY; to which there is no resemblance; and that he alone has been, is, and will be God.

III. I believe with a perfect faith, that the Creator (blessed be his name!) is not corporeal, nor to be comprehended by any understanding capable of comprehending only what is corporeal; and that there is nothing like him in the universe.

IV. I believe with a perfect faith, that the Creator (blessed be his name!) is the only true object of adoration, and that no other being whatsoever ought to be worshipped.

V. I believe with a perfect faith, that the soul of man is breathed into him by God, and is therefore immortal.

VI. I believe with a perfect faith, that the Creator (blessed be his name!) knows all things, and that he will reward those who observe his commands, and punish those who transgress them.

VII. I believe with a perfect faith, that the laws of God, as delivered by Moses in the ten commandments, are the only true foundations of piety towards the Almighty and of morality among men.

VIII. I believe with a perfect faith, that morality is essentially connected with religion, and that good faith towards all mankind, is among the most acceptable offerings to the Deity.

IX. I believe with a perfect faith, that the love of God is the highest duty of his creatures, and that the pure and upright heart is the chosen temple of Jehovah.

X. I believe with a perfect faith, that the Creator (blessed be his name!) is the only true Redeemer of all his children, and that he will spread the worship of his name over the whole earth.

PRAYERS

OF THE

Reformed Society of Israelites.

EVE OF SABBATH SERVICE.

(*A Psalm by the choir, a Prayer by the officiating minister, then another Psalm. The minister first reads in Hebrew, and then in English, the 92d and 93d Psalms.*)

92D PSALM.

It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing unto thy name, O Most High! To declare thy loving kindness in the morning and thy faithfulness in the night. Upon the ten-stringed instrument, and upon the psaltery, and with a solemn sound upon the harp. For thou O Lord! hast made me glad with thy wonderful works. I therefore will triumph in the works of thy hands. How great, O Lord! are thy works! Thy thoughts are exceedingly profound. An unwise man knoweth it not, neither doth a fool understand this. When the wicked spring up like grass, and the workers of iniquity flourish, it is that they may be destroyed for ever. But thou, O Lord! art exalted for evermore. For lo! thine enemies, O Lord! for lo! thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. But thou shalt exalt mine horn like the horn of the unicorn; I shall be anointed with fresh oil. Mine eyes also shall see my desire on mine

enemies, and mine ears shall hear it of the wicked that rise up against me. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree. They shall grow like the cedars in Lebanon. They shall be planted in the house of the Lord; in the courts of our God shall they flourish. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be contented and flourishing, to show that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

93D PSALM.

The Lord reigneth clothed with majesty: with strength hath he clothed and girt himself. He hath also fixed the unalterable order of the universe. Thy throne, O Lord! is established from all antiquity; thy existence is from all eternity. Though the floods, O Lord! lift up their proud heads—though they lift up their voices, and they roar wth a dreadful sound—yet mightier than the billows of the ocean, than the voice of the assembled waters, art thou in thine eminence, O Lord! Thy testimonies are exceedingly stable; the holiness of thy house is desirable, unto the utmost length of days.

(*Responses.*)

Bless ye the Lord, who is ever blessed.

Blessed be the Lord who is blessed for ever and ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God! The king of the universe with his word causeth the evening to advance, he openeth the gates with wisdom, with understanding changeth times and varieth seasons, and disposeth the stars in their stations in the heavens, according to his will. He createth day and night, causing the light to recede before the darkness, and dark-

ness before the light. He maketh a division between day and night; the Lord of Hosts is his name. Therefore, O Lord our God! when we lie down and when we rise up, we will talk of thy statutes. We will be glad and rejoice in the instructive words of thy law, thy commandments and statutes for ever. For they are our life; they give us length of days. On them will we meditate day and night, and mayest thou never remove thy love from us. AMEN.

(*Responses.*)

O Lord! open thou my lips, and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

Hear, O Israel! the Lord is our God; the Lord is One.

Blessed be the name of the glory of his kingdom for evermore.

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength.

And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and upon thy gates.

And it shall come to pass, that if ye will hearken diligently unto my commandments, which I command

you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul; then will I send rain for your land in its due season; the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, thy wine and thine oil.

And I will give grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be satisfied.

Take heed of yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and ye turn aside and serve other gods and worship them.

For then the Lord's wrath will be kindled against you, and he will shut up the heavens, that there be no rain, and the land shall not yield her fruit, and ye shall perish quickly from off the goodly land, which the Lord giveth you.

Therefore, shall ye lay up these my words in your heart, and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land, which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

Thou, O Lord! art mighty forever. It is thou who revivest the dead; thou who art mighty to save; thou who sustainest the living with beneficence, and with great mercy quickenest the dead. Who supportest the fallen and healest the sick; who deliverest those that are in bonds, and wilt accomplish thy faithfulness unto those that sleep in the dust. Who is like unto thee, O Lord! or who can be compared unto thee, who art the king that destroyest and restorest to life, and causest salvation to spring forth.

SANCTIFICATION OF THE SABBATH.

Thou didst sanctify the seventh day to thy name: it was the completion of the work of the heavens and of the earth. Thou didst bless and sanctify it above all other days. For thus it is written: "And the heavens and the earth were finished and all their host. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because he rested thereon from all his work, which God had created and made."

They who observe the Sabbath and call it a delight; the people who sanctify the seventh day shall rejoice in thy kingdom. They shall all be satisfied and delighted with thy goodness. For thou wast pleased with and didst sanctify the seventh day; the most desirable of days didst thou call it, a memorial of the work of creation.

And it is written in thy law: "And the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested."

Blessed art thou, O Lord God, king of the world! who hast instituted the Sabbath for thy rational creatures. Our God, and the God of our fathers! we beseech thee to accept this which thou hast appointed as our day of rest. Sanctify us with thy commandments, and ordain our portion to be in thy law. O satisfy us with thy goodness, rejoice our souls with thy salvation, and purify our hearts to serve thee in truth. Teach us, O Lord, our God! to inherit thy holy Sabbath with love and joy; and grant that all the children of Israel who sanctify thy name, may have rest thereon. Blessed art thou, O Lord! who sanctifiest the Sabbath. (*End of the Sanctification*)

We gratefully acknowledge that thou art the Lord our God, and the God of our fathers, for evermore. Thou art our rock, the rock of our life and shield of our salvation. Through all generations will we render thanks unto thee, and recount thy praise, for our life which is in thine hand; and for our souls, which are ever under thy care; and for thy miraculous providence, which we daily experience; and for thy wonders and thy loving kindness, which are at all times manifested towards us, in the morning, at noon, and in the evening. Thou alone art good, for thy mercies never fail: Thou alone art merciful, for thy kindness never ceases; therefore have we put our trust in thee.

(*Responses.*)

O my God! guard thou my tongue from evil, and my lips from uttering deceit.

Open my heart to receive thy law, that my soul may pursue thy commandments.

Frustrate, I beseech thee, speedily the devices and destroy the machinations of all those who rise up against me for evil.

O grant it for thy name! Grant it for thy right hand! Grant it for thy law! Grant it for thy holiness!

O, save me with thy right hand, and answer me!

May the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord! who art my rock and my redeemer.

May he who ordaineth peace in his high heaven, through his infinite mercy grant peace unto us, unto all Israel, and unto all mankind. AMEN.

It is our especial duty to praise with gratitude the Lord of all; to ascribe greatness unto him, who formed the world in the beginning; since he hath not made us as the unenlightened nations; nor placed us in darkness like the heathen multitude; nor cast our lot in ignorance and idolatry; nor suffered us to worship vanity and emptiness, like those, who make supplication to a god that cannot save. But we bow down before the Supreme King of kings, the holy and blessed One! him who stretched out the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth: whose glory is in the heavens above; and the divine majesty of his power in the highest heaven. He is our God, and there is none other. Our king is truth, and there is none beside him, as it is written, Know therefore this day and reflect in thine heart, that the Lord he is God; in heaven above and on the earth beneath. There is none else.

(*Here read a portion of the Prophets; after which follows a Psalm by the choir; then conclude with the following Prayer*:)

Thou hast heard our voice, most merciful Father! Have compassion on us, and favourably accept our prayers; for thou art the God who hearkenest to supplication. Dismiss us not empty from thy presence, but be gracious unto us. Hear and answer our prayers, for thou hearest the prayer of every mouth; accept also our thanksgivings, for thou knowest the gratitude of every heart. Grant unto us, O our Father! to lie down in peace, and to rise up again to a happy and peaceable life. Direct us with good counsel; remove the adversary from before and behind us; shield us under the shadow of thy wing; and guard us, O Lord! at our going out and at our coming in, from henceforth and for ever. AMEN.

(*End of the Sabbath Eve Service.*)

SABBATH MORNING SERVICE.

(*The choir open with a Hymn; the minister then follows with a Prayer; the choir then chaunt another Hymn; the minister then proceeds*:)

O God of all! the soul which thou hast given to man, is pure unless defiled by sin. Thou hast created and breathed it into him. Thou hast taught him, that it is his precious gem, and the immortal bond between him and thee. Thou dost carefully guard it within him; at the hour of his death thou wilt take it from him; thou wilt purify it from the stain of human frailties; thou wilt restore it unto him strong and renovated in futurity. While soul and body are united, we do acknowledge before thee, O Lord our God and the God of our fathers! that thou art Sovereign of all works, Ruler of all creatures, and Lord of all souls. We therefore praise thee for ever and ever.

(*The 33d Psalm is then to be read, first in Hebrew and then in English.*)

33D PSALM.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! for to the upright praise is comely. Praise ye the Lord with the harp, sing unto him with the psaltery and the ten-stringed instrument. Sing unto him a new hymn, let the trumpet utter a melodious sound. For the word of the Lord is right, and all his works are done in truth. He loveth righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the mercy of the Lord. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth together the waters of the sea as a heap; he layeth up the depths in store-

houses. Let all the earth, then, fear the Lord. Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord doth frustrate the counsels of the nations; he bringeth to nought the devices of the people. The counsel of the Lord shall stand for ever, and the purposes of his mind to all generations. Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord; happy the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. The Lord looketh down from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his residence he watcheth over all the inhabitants of the earth. He fashioneth all their hearts and understandeth all their works.

Behold! the eyes of the Lord are upon them who fear him, upon them who hope in his mercy, to deliver their souls from death, and to keep them alive in times of peril. Our soul waiteth for the Lord, he is our help and our shield. In him shall our heart rejoice, because we have trusted in his holy name. Let thy mercy, O Lord, be with us, according as we trust in thee.

(*Responses.*)

O Lord! open thou my lips, and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

O Lord! be gracious unto us, we have waited for thee. Be thou our strength every morning; our salvation also in time of distress.

We will give thanks unto God, who ceased from all his work, and on the seventh day exalted himself and sat on the throne of his glory. With honour did he adorn the day of rest, and called the Sabbath a day of delight.

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And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and upon thy gates.

And it shall come to pass, that if ye will hearken diligently unto my commandments, which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul; then will I send rain for your land in its due season; the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, thy wine and thine oil.

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Therefore, shall ye lay up these my words in your heart, and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land, which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

O, our Creator! impress our hearts with the excellency of thy commandments; open our minds to the contemplation of thy divine goodness, that no wordly thought or vain imagination may divert our souls from thee. May we increase in purity, so as to deserve thy compassion and thy love; and may thy favour be graciously extended towards us this day and for ever.

(*Responses.*)

Thou wast the same before thou didst create the world, and thou art the same after thou didst create the world. Thou art God in this world, and thou art God in the future; thou art immutable, and thy years have no end.

Various are the imaginations of the heart of man; but it is the counsel of the Lord that shall stand firm.

The counsel of the Lord shall stand for ever, and his wise purposes to all generations.

It is therefore our duty to render unto him the gratitude of our hearts; to extol and magnify his name; to fear and reverence his will; to honour and acknowledge as our king, him who is all powerful to save.

(*Responses.*)

Sovereign of worlds, and Lord of lords! We presume not to present our supplications before thee for our righteousness, but for thine abundant mercy.

O Lord, hear! O Lord, pardon! O Lord, hear us graciously and grant our supplications!

Thou who art most mighty, most holy! Guide this congregated people with thine abundant goodness.

Forgive us, we beseech thee, for we have sinned! Pardon us, O our King! for we have transgressed: for thou, O Lord! art good and ready to forgive.

Look upon our afflictions, we beseech thee, and defend our cause. Hasten to redeem us with perfect redemption; for thou, O God! art the mighty redeemer.

True it is that man is happy who hearkeneth to thy commandments, and layeth up thy law in his heart. True that thou art the first, and that thou art the last, and besides thee we have neither king, redeemer, nor saviour.

Through all generations will we render thanks unto thee, and recount thy praise, for our life, which is in

thine hand; and for our souls, which are ever under thy care; and for thy miraculous providence, which we daily experience; and for thy wonders and thy loving kindness, which are at all times manifested towards us, in the morning, at noon, and in the evening. Thou alone art good, for thy mercies never fail: Thou alone art merciful, for thy kindness never ceases; therefore have we put our trust in thee.

Put not your trust in princes, (saith the Psalmist,) put not your trust in the son of man, in whom there is no salvation. His breath goeth forth; he returneth to his native earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. But happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth and sea, and all that is therein; who keepeth truth for ever; who executeth judgment for the oppressed; and giveth food to the hungry. The Lord setteth free the prisoners. The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind. The Lord raiseth up those who are bowed down. The Lord loveth the righteous. The Lord protecteth the stranger; he relieveth the fatherless and the widow: but the way of the wicked he overthroweth. The Lord shall reign for ever: even thy God, O Zion! unto all generations. Hallelujah!

(*Responses.*)

Save us, O Lord! Let the heavenly King hear us when we call.

For our hearts shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

Grant that thy mercy be upon us, according as we trust in thee.

O Lord! show us thy mercy, and grant us thy salvation.

Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercy's sake.

Thine, O Lord! is greatness, power, glory, victory and majesty. For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is thy work. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord! and thou art exalted as supreme above all.

Riches and honour proceed from thee, and thou hast dominion over all. In thine hand are power and might, and it is with thee to make great and to give strength unto all.

Now, therefore, our God! we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

And the people shall bless thy honoured name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

Thou art Lord alone! Thou hast made the heaven, the heaven of heavens with all their host; the earth and all things that are therein; and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worship thee!

The Lord hath reigned! The Lord reigneth! The Lord shall reign for ever and ever!

He whom thou didst greatly favour; he who was a sinner but repented unto holiness; he who hath sung thy praises on his harp, and was filled with thee in his heart; even David thy beloved hath said,

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of Israel! our father forever and ever. AMEN.

The breath of all living shall bless thy name, O Lord our God! And the spirit of all flesh shall continually glorify and exalt thy memorial, O our King! For thou art God from everlasting to everlasting, and besides thee we have neither king, redeemer nor saviour, to redeem, deliver, answer and compassionate us in all times of trouble and distress. We have no sovereign to aid and support us, but thou alone, God of the first and of the last! God of all creatures and Lord of all generations! who is adored with all manner of praise; who governeth his world with kindness and his creatures with mercy. The Lord is ever awake: he neither slumbereth nor sleepeth: he rouseth those who slumber, and awakeneth those who sleep. He reviveth the dead, healeth the sick, openeth the eyes of the blind, and raiseth up those, who are bowed down. He causeth the dumb to speak, and revealeth hidden things; and therefore unto him alone we render adoration.

And although our mouths were filled with song, as the sea, and our tongue with shouting, as the roaring billows thereof, and our lips with praise, like the wide extended firmament, and our eyes with brightness, like the sun and moon, and our hands spread forth, like the towering eagle's wings, and our feet, swifter than the hind's; we should nevertheless be incapable of rendering sufficient thanks unto thee, O Lord our God! or to bless thy name, O our King! for any one of the innumerable blessings, which thou hast conferred on us and our ancestors, or the signs and wonders, which thou didst perform aforetime. For thou, O Lord our God! didst redeem us from Egypt, and release us from the house of bondage. In time of famine didst thou feed us, and in plenty provide for us. Thou didst deliver us from the sword, save us from the pestilence, and relieve us from many sore diseases. Hitherto thy tender mercies have supported us, and thy kindness hath not forsaken us. And therefore the members of which thou hast formed us,

the living spirit and soul which thou hast breathed into us, and the tongue which thou hast placed in our mouths, behold! they shall all continually give thanks, bless, praise, glorify and sing unto thy name, O our King! For every mouth shall adore thee, every tongue shall praise thee, and every eye wait on thee.

Unto thee every knee shall bend; and those of high degree shall bow down before thee. Every heart shall fear thee, and the inward parts and reins shall sing praises unto thy name, as it is written,

All my bones shall declare, Who is like unto thee, O Lord! And as thou hast said by the lips of the inspired prophet: "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."

PRAYER FOR GOVERNMENT.

Almighty God! sole ruler and governor of the whole universe! Thou who hast created countless systems for thy glory! Thou, who fillest all space with thy wisdom, truth, order and benevolence, in thy boundless mercy, bless, preserve and enlighten the President of these United States, together with his counsellors, and all the officers of the General and State Governments, executive, legislative and judicial. O, may a portion of thy divine wisdom fill the halls of their assemblies, and direct their hearts and understandings for the honour of thy holy name, and the prosperity of our beloved country. May the spirit of peace be ever in their counsels, and integrity be their leading principle.

We have reason to bless and extol thy goodness, O Lord! that thou hast numbered us with the inhabitants of this thy much favoured land, uniting us all into one great family, where the noble and virtuous mind is the only crown of distinction, and equality of rights the only fountain of power. We bless thy holy name, that thou hast removed the intolerance of bigotry far from out this happy republic, and hast relieved the people from the yoke of political and religious bondage. May thy redeeming spirit visit all the nations of the earth, and may the smiles of thy auspicious goodness be a light to the eyes of rulers, and the fear of thy justice awaken contrition in the heart of the oppressor. Graciously incline thine ear to the supplications of thy servants, assembled here this day. Bless the people of these United States. May sentiments of charity and friendship unite them as citizens of one common country. May the lights of science and civilization, as the flaming sword of Eden, defend them on every side from the subtle hypocrite and open adversary. Spread thy benign influence, great Author of existence! over all mankind. Grant this for the sake of thy supreme excellence and never ending mercies, and let us all say, AMEN.

(*Here a Hymn by the choir; then the minister reads the Parasah, or portion of the Pentateuch, and delivers a Discourse on the same; the choir chaunt another Hymn; and the minister then says the*)

CONCLUDING PRAYER.

Thou hast heard our voice, most merciful Father! Accept our prayers, for thou art God who hearkenest to supplications. Dismiss us not empty from thy presence, but purify our spirit by thy grace. Guard us, O Lord! at our going out and at our coming in, through a happy and peaceable life, from this time and for evermore. AMEN.

(*End of the Sabbath Morning Service.*)

MISCELLANEOUS PRAYERS.

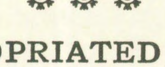
PRAYER AFTER THE FIRST OR OPENING HYMN.

O, Most High! How noble hast thou made the office of the tongue of man, since by its utterance, he can render praises to thy holy name. In the morning, he can speak with gratitude of thy protecting kindness through the night; at the hour of rest he can thank thee for thy faithful guardianship through the day. Without instruments of harmonious music; without the psaltery or the harp; we yet can raise unto thee the "human voice divine," and pour forth the incense of our hearts before thy merciful throne. No temple dost thou love so well, as the bosom of purity; no music is so acceptable to thee as the music of truth, humility and piety. These are the inspiring chords of the golden harps of heaven! Truth, humility and piety touch their etherial spirits, and give sweetness and power to the songs of angels.

Exalt then, O Lord of creation! our hearts and understandings, so that our prayers and thanksgivings may be acceptable to thee. Teach us thy ways, that we may worthily praise thy glorious works. The foolish can never comprehend the least of thy divine attributes. The sensual can never enjoy thy holy sanctuary. Vice and wickedness must ever meet thy displeasure, thy rebuke, thy punishment. The impious, the thoughtless, the selfish and the proud, spring up only like the morning grass; they flourish for an instant, they wither, and are gone for ever.

But thou, O Lord! who art exalted for evermore, wilt preserve the children of thy love. Thou wilt raise the humble, who bow down before thee. Thou wilt bless the faithful, who put their trust in thee. Thou wilt cause thine enemies to be confounded, but

wilt make the righteous to flourish like the palm tree. "They shall be planted in the house of the Lord; in the courts of our God they shall flourish." They shall produce sweet flowers in their youth and rich fruits in their maturity and old age. For thou, O God! art our rock, and our living redeemer; thou wilt preserve the remnant of thy people; thou wilt bless this congregation for we put our trust in thee, and will bless thy holy name for ever and ever. AMEN.



A PRAYER APPROPRIATED TO ANY DAY OF HOLY CONVOCATION.

Three times in the year, hath the God of Israel required his people to assemble in holy convocation before him; to proclaim and celebrate the feasts of their ancestors, instituted for his providential acts and mercies: the holy convocation for the feast of unleavened bread; the holy convocation for the feast of weeks, and the holy convocation for the feast of tabernacles. God hath also required his people to assemble in holy convocation for the feast of the new year, and in holy convocation for the purposes of repentance and purifying the spirit on the great day of atonement.

When our ancestors celebrated these great occasions of the three festivals, none of them appeared empty before the Lord. The richest offering, as well as the humblest mite, given with a willing spirit, was equally acceptable. Then an independent government, a splendid ceremonial and a consecrated priesthood, gave dignity and honor to the occasion. The ardour of prayer was expressed in numbers of harmony. Poetry and music gave life and beauty to the conceptions of the heart, and piety and charity were rendered more attractive by the forms of religion, even as precious stones are more lovely and dazzling when contained "in vessels of gold and silver richly wrought."

But to the children of Israel, are now allotted another age and another destiny. Forms are less appropriate where the mind is more enlightened. Customs and ceremonies are changed, and only the word of Jehovah remains immutable. We render to God, not the fat of lambs, but the offerings of our lips. For God will receive that which we offer in sincerity of heart. Instead of sacrifices, we present our temperance, our fortitude and our continence. Instead of rich gifts, we offer our humble merits, our good deeds, our charitable acts to the throne of grace.

May it then please thine infinite mercy, O Lord God of creation! to receive our thanksgiving. Instead of the harp of David, accept the voices of thy children raised in sacred song: instead of an anointed priest, accept the ministry of the humblest of thy servants: instead of the united cry of all the people of Israel, let the prayers and supplications even of this remnant be acceptable to thee, O Lord our God and the God of our fathers! for the many favours bestowed upon our ancestors in their generation and in their day. But especially do we render unto thee, O Father of thy people! the devotion of our hearts, in the fulness of gratitude for thy manifold mercies and prophecies fulfilled in us and in our day. For behold! the days are come, saith the Lord, by his prophet Jeremiah, "Behold! the days are come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. Not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers, in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, which covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith the Lord. But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel: After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, *and write it in their hearts;* and I will be their God and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying,

Know the Lord. For they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sins no more."

A PRAYER ON GOING ON A VOYAGE AND DURING A STORM AT SEA.

May our prayer be acceptable in thy presence, O Lord our God and the God of our fathers! and for the sake of thine attribute of mercy, cause the waters to cease from their raging, and still the waves of thy great deep. Conduct us speedily to our destined port, for the issues of life and death are in thy hands. Hearken unto our supplications, even at this present hour when we are praying unto thee. Calm the storm, and conduct us with kind and gentle breezes. Guard us from the tumultuous billows, and from all the perils of the sea. Guard us from the lightning and the tempest, and the confusion of darkness. Guard us from noxious creatures in the sea and on the shore. Guard us from dangers by water and by fire, from the robber and the pirate, from the enemies of our country, and from every adversary, obstruction, injury or fear.

From thy treasury of the elements, O God of all! send forth a favourable wind. May all who have charge of the vessel be faithful and vigilant, active and skilful in directing or obeying, that so we may speedily and safely be brought to our destined port. Thou who madest the sea, canst still the waves thereof; thou who didst create the winds, canst allay their rage. O Lord God! guard our souls which depend upon thee, and deliver us from all evil. As we put our trust in thee, let us never be confounded. And as for us all, we will bless thy name, O Lord! from henceforth and for evermore. AMEN.

PRIVATE THANKSGIVING FOR DELIVERANCE.

Lord of the universe! permit my humble voice to ascend even unto thee. Let me approach thy gracious presence, and pour forth my soul before thy mercy seat. O my God! thou hast been bountiful unto thy servant, thou hast blessed me beyond my deserts. Thou hast led me by thine Almighty hand, through all the various dangers, that attend this transitory life, and hast brought me, by thy signal mercies, to a happy issue of all my troubles. May this thy goodness teach me more and more to love thy will and venerate thy holy name. And grant, O God! that some good end of usefulness may bless my remaining days, so that all my future actions may be pleasing in thy sight, and that I may hereafter be accounted worthy of thine everlasting love. AMEN.

PUBLIC THANKSGIVING FOR A SIGNAL DELIVERANCE.

(*Among other occasions upon which we should return thanks to the Almighty, the following are particularly enumerated.* 1. *Returning in safety from a voyage;* 2. *Returning in safety from a long or dangerous journey;* 3. *Returning in safety from war;* 4. *Release from prison or bondage;* 5. *Recovery from sickness;* 6. *Extraordinary deliverance from any danger. For any one of these blessings thanks are to be given to God on the Sabbath, if the party desire it, publicly in the congregation, and the minister after the Discourse, shall return thanks thus*:)

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God! King of the universe! who bestowest blessings on all thy creatures, however undeserving, and dost especially guard and protect thy servants, who put their trust in thee. We thank thy providence for thy mercy manifested unto *A. B.* who is now restored in safety to his family and friends, and whom thy goodness hath saved from many dangers and disasters. Blessed and exalted be the name of the Lord of mercy! May his infinite

goodness continue to guard *A. B.* who desires thus publicly to express his gratitude for favours received. May his infinite goodness protect and guard this congregation; bless all his creatures, and bountifully bestow on them all good, here and hereafter. So shall their hearts be filled with joy and gratitude, and thy children exalt their voices in thy praise, as it is written: "They shall give thanks to the Lord for his goodness; let them exalt him in the congregation of the people." AMEN.

PRIVATE PRAYER FOR THE SICK.

O Lord! answer and compassionate me, for I am full of distress, and humbled in mine afflictions. I am bowed down with weakness as a child, and without thy aid, how shall I bear my troubles. O, that my deeds had been worthy thy approbation, then had my soul been satisfied and my heart rejoiced. Yet, do thou, O Lord; regard my contrition, hear my prayer, and lend thy mercy even as a staff for my support. O Lord! pains and evils are inherited with the nature of man, yet my soul shall not be shaken by their approach. For, on whom shall I call for help but on thee? And where shall I rest my hope but in thy mercies? Were my days of sorrow lengthened to the number of mine offences, yet, O Lord! I would still bless thy name and thy dispensations, for thou art my consolation, the resting place of my soul. Then, wherefore should I complain? I will resign myself to thy will, for thou, O Lord! art the author of my being, and wilt not destroy the work, which thou hast made. Then shall I profit from my woes, and at all times rest in thy hands; for thou, O Lord God! art my saviour and my living redeemer. AMEN.

PUBLIC PRAYER FOR THE SICK.

God of mercy and of power! who hast created the world and all that therein is by thy word; who governest thy creatures by thine attribute of mercy; who

redeemest and deliverest all who put their trust in thee; who art near unto such as call upon thee; who answerest in the hour of distress those that fear thee; mayst thou have mercy and compassion on us and on all thy people of the house of Israel. Mayst thou help and protect all families and congregations that languish in trouble and affliction. O God! that thou wouldst be pleased to remember, deliver, protect and heal *A. B.* who now languishes in sickness and affliction. He is now lying on the couch of pain, intreating the Lord his God to grant him mercy, grace, health, peace and life. Mayst thou, the merciful author of health and of life, protect, compassionate and save him! May his days be multiplied, his actions virtuous, and his piety be true, faithful and ardent towards thee. Ordain in his favour good decrees; enlighten his mind and purify his heart, and incline him to obey thy laws and to be filled with gratitude towards thee, for thine infinite mercies. So mayst thou, King of mercy! open to thy servant *A. B.* the gates of health, and expiation; for thou O God! Art the living redeemer of thy children as it is written; "The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble." Blessed be the name of the God of mercy, for evermore. AMEN.

PRAYER FOR ONE DYING.

Thou, O Lord God! art righteous, and thy judgments are built upon wisdom. Mercy is to be found in all thy ways, and beneficence in all thy works. Thy law is the law of eternal truth; thy decrees are the decrees of unsearchable power. Who shall question thy goodness, ignorant as we are of thy purposes? Who shall limit thy power, feeble as we are in our mortal nature? Thou who bestowest life, canst take life away; Thou who breathedst into man an immortal spirit, canst redeem his soul from sin and all its consequences, and re-unite it to an immortal form. Praised be thy decrees; blessed be thy kingdom, thy glory and thy mercy, for evermore. AMEN.

Sovereign of the universe! Lord of forgiveness and mercy! May my prayer be acceptable in thy presence, O Lord my God and the God of my fathers! Suffer my memorial to ascend before the throne of thy glory, for good. O, behold my affliction, for there is no soundness in my flesh, because of thine anger.

Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God: The Lord is one. The Lord he is God; the Lord he is God. The Lord hath reigned, the Lord reigneth, the Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

Moses is true, and his law is true.

I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord!

Rejoice the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Into thy hand do I commit my spirit, for thou, O God of truth! hast redeemed me.

MORNING PRAYER.

Merciful God! I bless thy holy name, for I am the creature of thy hands. Thou hast imparted to my being a portion of thy divine spirit, thou hast formed me after thine own image. Let me not pervert this gift of thy beneficence, by the indulgence of my passions, but assist me to fulfil those precepts, which thou hast addressed to my understanding, and written in the recesses of my heart. I thank thee, O God! that thou hast given a healing repose to my pillow, and hast again unveiled to mine eyes the beauties of creation.

Incline my heart, Sovereign of the universe! to yield entire submission to thy will, and to testify at all times my gratitude for the favours received at thy paternal hand. Suffer not my unworthiness to stay my supplications, but let thine attribute of mercy admit and receive them before thy throne. Strengthen my desires to accomplish those duties for which I have been created; dispose my heart to virtue, and let my actions, by thy divine grace, be acceptable in thy sight. AMEN.

EVENING PRAYER.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God! king of the universe! Who, by thy word, causest the evening to advance; who, by thy wisdom changest times and variest seasons; who by thy power, hast disposed the stars in their stations in the heavens, according to thy will. Thou, O God! didst create the blessed light, and cause the day to recede before the darkness, and the darkness before the day. Thou spreadest the shadows of evening over the earth, that all thy creatures may rest from labour. Accept, O God! our humble thanks for this day's life and blessings, and so incline our hearts to piety and virtue, that each night we may retire to repose better deserving thine abundant mercies. Guard our couch from evil, and bestow, O God! on the blessed and on the unfortunate, on the oppressed and on the poor, on the wearied in body and in spirit, the balm of refreshing sleep, and thy gracious protection. AMEN.

GRACE BEFORE MEAT.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God! King of the universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth; and who by thy mercy, givest food unto all thy creatures. AMEN.

GRACE AFTER MEAT.

Blessed art thou, merciful Father! who sustainest us, but not for the merits of our works, who cherishest us, but not for our righteousness, who does bestow thy bounty on all thy creatures, and with grace, kindness, mercy and beneficence, givest food unto the world. As thy goodness hath never failed us, so may we never be in want of sustenance. As it is written: "Thou openest thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing." Blessed art thou, O Lord! who givest, and to spare.—AMEN.

CEREMONY OF CIRCUMCISION.

(*On the eighth day after the birth of a son, if the infant be in health, the ceremony of circumcision takes place as usual at the dwelling of the parents or guardians, and in presence of not less than three witnesses, according to the words of Moses, "At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established." The Godmother delivers the child into the hands of the Godfather; and the operator says*:)

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God! King of the universe! who hast sanctified us with thy commandments, and commanded us to observe circumcision.

(*And after the operation, the following*:)

Creator of all things! O preserve this child to his father and mother, his relations, his friends and his country. May his parents rejoice in his birth, and may he honour them in youth, comfort them in their old age, and be a blessing to them all his days. By thy divine permission we name this child *A. B.* of the house of Israel and of the great family of mankind. Almighty God! be pleased in thy mercy to protect and cherish this infant; cause him to live in peace and justice with all men; to obey thy precepts and commandments, and to avoid all evil practices. May he live to merit thy holy protection and favour, thou who art redeemer from the beginning to all eternity. AMEN.

(*He then takes the child, and says the following*:)

Thou hast been pleased, O kind Parent of creation! to make the human race the object of thy peculiar care.

Thou hast exalted man high in the scale of being, and ennobled his nature, for those benevolent and wise purposes, which are known only to thee. Thou hast spread thy bounties for his sustenance, and given him thy statutes for his salvation. O, make us grateful for all thy manifold blessings and instruct us to comprehend thy will, as it is written: "Praise waiteth for thee, O God! in Zion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed. O thou, that hearest prayer! unto thee shall all flesh come." Parent of life! thou hast been pleased to bring into being this child of thy creation, and by thy divine permission we call his name *A. B.*

May he be blessed:

With the blessing of pious gratitude to thee.

With the blessing of filial duty and affection.

With the blessing of an upright and charitable disposition.

With the blessing of a meek spirit and of a sound understanding.

With the blessing of connubial happiness and love.

With the blessing of parental joys and good acts.

With the blessing of health and of length of days.

And with the blessing of a future and happy life.

(*Then say the following, first in Hebrew and then in English, from Psalm* 121.)

The Lord is thy keeper. The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore. AMEN.

CEREMONY OF NAMING A DAUGHTER.

(*At the expiration of six weeks, or as soon after as convenient, from the infant's birth, the mother or godmother holding the child, the minister pronounces the following prayer:*)

Thou hast been pleased, O kind Parent of creation! to make the human race the object of thy peculiar care. Thou hast exalted man high in the scale of being, and ennobled his nature for those benevolent and wise purposes, which are known only to thee. Thou hast spread thy bounties for his sustenance, and given him thy statutes for his salvation. O! make us grateful for all thy manifold blessings and instruct us to comprehend thy will, as it is written: "Praise waiteth for thee, O God! in Zion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed. O, thou that hearest prayer! unto thee shall all flesh come." Parent of life! Thou hast been pleased to bring into being this child of thy creation, and by thy divine permission we call her name *A. B.*

May she be blessed:

With the blessing of pious gratitude to thee.

With the blessing of filial duty and affection.

With the blessing of an upright and charitable disposition.

With the blessing of a meek spirit and of a sound understanding.

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(*It is enjoined on the Minister after naming a child of either sex, to exhort the godfather and godmother as to the nature of the duties they assume, to instruct them in the moral responsibility they have undertaken: to show them that they become, as it were, the spiritual parents of the child: that they bind themselves to assist its natural parents, in educating it in the paths of virtue and religion: and that in case of the death of the latter, they are bound to act as parents and guardians to the offspring.*

If a child receive its name in the synagogue, it is to be brought thither when three or four months old, and placed in the hands of the minister or godfather. After the conclusion of the Sabbath Morning Service, the minister then proceeds, in the presence of the congregation, with the before recited prayers.)

BURIAL SERVICE.

(*The corpse being laid by the side of the grave, the following prayer is offered up, acknowledging the justice of God's decrees.*)

Thou, O Lord! art righteous, and thy judgments are upright. The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and beneficent in all his works. Thy righteousness is everlasting righteousness, and thy law is truth. The judgments of the Lord are true, and uniformly just. Where the word of the King is, there is power: and who can say unto him, What dost thou? For he is of one mind, and who can alter it? and what his spirit desireth, that he doeth. He is the rock of salvation and his work is perfect, for all his ways are just; the God of truth in whom there is no iniquity: just and upright is he. He is the true judge, and judgeth with righteousness and truth. Blessed be the true judge, for all his judgments are just and true.

Where shall wisdom be found? and where is the fountain of knowledge? Happy is the man, who hath found wisdom, and the man, who hath obtained knowledge.— How great is thy goodness, which thou hast reserved for all that fear thee! which thou hast wrought for those that trust in thee, in the sight of the sons of men! How excellent is thy tender mercy, O God! and therefore do the children of men take refuge under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be satisfied with the abundance of thy house; and thou wilt cause them to drink of the brook of thy pleasures.

A good name is more fragrant than rich perfume; and the day of death better than the day of one's birth. The sum of the matter, after all hath been heard, is to fear God and to keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. Let the pious be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud upon their beds.

May it be consistent with the will of God, that the portion and tranquil abode of the soul of our deceased brother may be found in the goodly heritage of the future state. May the spirit of God lead him into paradise, having departed from this world according to the will of God, the Lord of heaven and earth. May the King of kings, through his infinite mercy, hide him under the shadow of his wings, and in the secret place of his tabernacle, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. May he raise him at the end of days, and cause him to drink at the brook of his pleasures. May he cause his soul to be one of the assembly of life, and his rest to be glorious. May the Lord be his inheritance, and grant him peace, as it is written, he shall come in peace. May he, and all the people of Israel that lie in the dust, be included in mercy and forgiveness, and thus be acceptable, and let us all say, AMEN.

(*After the Interment, say,*)

He shall utterly destroy death for ever; and the Lord God shall wipe away the tears from all faces; and the reproach of his people shall he remove throughout the whole earth, for the Lord hath spoken it. Thy dead men shall live, thy deceased shall arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust, for your dew is as the dew of herbs; and the earth shall cast forth the dead. And he, being merciful, forgiveth iniquity and destroyeth not; yea, he frequently turneth away his anger, and awakeneth not all his wrath. Save us, O Lord! May the heavenly King answer us when we call. AMEN.

BURIAL SERVICE FOR A WOMAN.

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her.

O, most Merciful! to whom mercy appertaineth; who spoke and the worlds were created; both this and that future world, where the souls of the righteous and pious women who performed his will. live for ever. May it be in the order of thy providence, that thy good spirit should lead into paradise the soul of our deceased sister, who hath now departed from this world, according to the will of God, the Lord of heaven and earth; and that the King of kings, through his infinite mercy, may have pity and compassion upon her, and grant her peace. May her repose be in peace; as it is written, he shall come in peace, they shall have rest, every one walking in his uprightness. May she, and all the daughters of Israel, who sleep in the dust with her, be included in mercy and forgiveness, and thus be acceptable, and let us all say, AMEN.

(*After the Interment, say,*)

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PRAYERS TO BE OFFERED UP IN THE HOUSE OF MOURNING.

I will pour out my soul before the Lord, for he is my glory and my strength. I will call upon the name of the Lord, for he is gracious, yea, he will be merciful; he is compassionate and full of goodness; he will support the meek in the day of trial, as he hath said, and heal the wounds of the broken heart.

Can the grave shut out immortality? or shall corruption say unto the living God what dost thou? Then why art thou cast down, O my soul! The Lord is thy salvation and the rock of thy defence. I will consider the ways of the Lord, for they are the ways of peace. I will consider thy mercies, O my Maker! for they are my trust. How vain is the help of the ungodly! How idle the vanity and the pride of the wicked! Can the works of mortal man hide the guilty from thy presence? or shall riches purchase thy regard? The vile are exalted only for a season; they are made rich with the substance of the oppressed, but are cut down in a moment, and consume away like stubble thrown into the fire. For the widow's cry shall be heard in heaven, and the orphan's tear shall blot out their remembrance from among the sons of men.

I will hold fast integrity and piety, and they shall preserve my soul. I will cling to justice and to virtue as the seeds of my salvation, for the Lord shall refresh and strengthen me with his blessings, as the tender herb with the dew of the morning. Though sorrow hath taken fast hold upon me, and I am greatly afflicted, the Lord will become my consolation, for he alone can save.

The death of the upright is the beginning of eternal life, for this world is a state of probation; and the Lord rejoices in the purity of his creatures. Gracious is the Lord and righteous, yea, he is merciful to the

meek in spirit for he pitieth the simple and preserveth them. He will compassionate the humble and contrite in heart, and will save their souls alive. Return unto thy rest, O my soul! and glory in the name of thy redeemer; for he is the everlasting God, by whose mercy I shall stand firm. I will pay my vows unto the Lord as long as I live; I will render praises unto his holy name for all his benefits. I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and bow before the Lord in the presence of the whole earth; and to him be glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

(*Then say, first in Hebrew, and afterwards in English, the 49th Psalm.*)

Hear this, all ye people; give ear all ye inhabitants of the world, both high and low, rich and poor together. My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches, can by no means redeem their brother, nor give unto God a ransom for him. For the redemption of their souls is precious, and it is even impossible that they should live for ever, and not see the grave. For wise men die; yea, the fool and the prudent person perish together, and leave their wealth to others. The inward thought of the foolish is that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names. But their enjoyment of honour endureth not; they are like the beasts that perish. Their way is caused by their folly, yet their posterity approve their sayings. Like sheep prepared for the slaughter, they are laid in the grave; death shall feed upon them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning, and their form shall be consumed in the grave from their proud dwellings. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave; for he will receive me. Be not thou dismayed, when a man is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased. For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him. Though while he lived he enjoyed his soul, (and men will praise thee when thou doest well to thyself,) he shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light. Man that standeth in honour and knoweth it not, becometh like the creatures that perish.

(*Then conclude thus*:)

Hearken unto my prayers, O Lord! and answer me in my supplications. My spirit is overwhelmed with grief, and I am made desolate with afflictions. Thou hast searched me and knowest my heart; thou hast tried me and knowest my thoughts. Though I am sorely troubled, thou canst comfort me; thou canst stretch forth thy hand and save me in my distress. I will call upon the Lord in mine afflictions, and he will deliver me; yea, he will save the souls of those who trust in him; even from the grave will he rescue them. The Lord will incline his ear to them who call upon his name. Let us then walk in the precepts of the Lord, and follow the ways of truth. They who sleep the sleep of death, shall awake in the likeness of the Lord, and dwell in his presence for evermore. They shall behold him and be satisfied.

God is exalted in the heavens; he dwelleth in the immensity of his glory. The wicked cannot flee his searching spirit: the righteous are ever before his all-seeing eye. Who shall escape his presence? If I ascend into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold thou art there; if I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost part of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. Let the righteous rejoice, for God is ever present. I will trust in thy word, for thou wilt defend me from the terrors of the night, and dry mine eyes in sleep. Weep not, ye faithful, for the Lord rejoiceth in the death of the upright: or, weep in resignation, for they who sow in tears shall reap in joy. They shall be as the refreshing showers of the spring.

They shall overflow the heart, and righteousness shall spring forth. Let us love that God whatever may be his dispensations, for he is perfect in truth and justice. He hath given us a foundation lasting as his word, for the faith and hopes of man; he hath shown us the vanity of earthly glory. He alone is the Redeemer and Saviour in whom we trust, as it is written in the book of wisdom: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and although my very skin be consumed, yet in my flesh shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself, and mine own eyes, and not another's shall behold for me, though my reins be consumed within me." Let us then build our hope only on the Lord our God, who created and who will preserve. He is the rock of salvation. Let us sing praises unto his holy name for ever and ever. AMEN.

(*And at the end of the days of mourning, add,*)

Thy sun shall go down no more, neither shall thy moon change; for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light. And the days of thy mourning shall be ended, as it is written: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you, and in the Kingdom of Heaven shall ye all be comforted." AMEN.

(*Mourners add the following in the blessing after meals, during the seven days*:)

We will bless him, who comforteth the mourner. Ever praised be his name, who comforteth the afflicted, of whose gifts we have eaten, and through whose abundant goodness we all live. AMEN.

MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

(*The bride and bridegroom, accompanied by parent, sponsor or guardian, are placed opposite to each other, under a canopy, in the presence of not less than three witnesses, and the minister says*:)

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe! who hast sanctified us with thy commandments. Thou hast hallowed the institution of marriage, blessing its fruits, and purifying connubial love with the spirit of thy holy law. Blessed art thou, O Lord of all creatures! who hast made Israel the depository of thy commandents unto thy children, and hast given unto man a helpmate and companion, to multiply his virtuous enjoyments and to be his best friend in adversity.

(*The Bridegroom then places the ring on the Bride's finger, and says*:)

Behold, thou art wedded to me, with this ring, according to the law of Moses.

(*And the Bride answers,*)

I accept this ring in token of the bond of marriage.

(*The contract of marriage is then read, which shall specify that A. B. agrees to take C. D. as his lawful wife, according to the law of Moses, that he will keep, maintain, honour and cherish her, according to the manner of all Jews, and all good men, and that he will treat her as a friend and companion, be true to his faith, and love and protect her always.*)

(*The minister then repeats the following benedictions.*)

Blessed art thou O Lord our God, King of the universe! who hast created every thing for thy glory, and for the happiness of thy creatures. Blessed art thou, mysterious and merciful Lord! who, having formed man in the likeness of the image thine Angels assume, when they bear thy commands of love or of wrath unto men, wilt hereafter prepare for him, in the same image, an everlasting fabric.

Blessed art thou, Lord of all generations! who didst create man, male and female thou didst create them, and didst command them to love and to assist each other. For the earth must be cultivated by the sweat of man's brow, and thou hast given him a companion to lighten his toil.

Blessed art thou, O Lord! who causest Zion to rejoice in the gathering of her children; even Zion that was barren, shall rejoice in her strength, as our first parents rejoiced in the Garden of Eden. Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe! who hast given unto man the affections of the heart; who has created joy and virtuous gladness; who causest the aged to smile, and the young to perform thy commandments; who hast instituted bridegroom and bride, love and brotherhood, delight and hope, peace and friendship. Let us all give thanks unto the Lord, for his mercy endureth for ever. May joys increase in Israel, may sighs flee far away. AMEN.

(*The minister then exhorts the married couple concerning the duties of the connubial state; after which the bridegroom salutes the bride, and joy and happiness are wished to all.*)

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW-YEAR AND FOR THE DAY OF ATONEMENT.

Almighty God! Sovereign of the universe! we assemble in thy temple, in holy convocation before thee. As thou hast commanded, and as our hearts and dispositions dictate, in gratitude, in meekness and in piety, do we approach thy consecrated altars. We are deeply sensible of thy past mercies, and we implore thy kind consideration for our future transgressions. For it is the lot of thy frail and imperfect creatures to err, and thine attribute, O God of love and compassion, to forgive.

May the New Year be opened unto us, even as the gates of life and happiness unto the righteous! May charity and forgiveness dwell in our bosoms, and justice and wisdom direct our actions!

As blessings have crowned the past year, so may that upon which we are now entering, open upon us as a new deliverance from temporal evils and worldly calamities. May it serve as a perpetual memorial of the deliverance of our fore-fathers from bondage unto liberty! May it likewise serve to attach us to the land of our deliverance, and to awaken our sympathies in behalf of the oppressed and persecuted of all our fellow men throughout the world.

May all of us who are gathered here in thy presence, Almighty Father of all mankind, duly appreciate the object and the occasion for which we have met together. May we begin with renewed hope and increased confidence, our pursuits of usefulness, piety and love!

"May we be answered, and our petitions mercifully granted from heaven! May our supplications be accepted, our prayers be favourably heard, and our voice of praise and gratitude be speedily received, with mercy and favour! May the Lord our God, unfold unto us, unto all Israel, and unto all mankind, the gates of light, blessing, joy, and gladness; of prosperity, kind fellowship and compassion; of expiation and instruction; of consolation, help, forgiveness and salvation; of

redemption, charity, acceptance and perfect faith; of peace and tranquility; of the knowledge of thy law, and of heart born prayer. May the Lord our God remove from among us, all manner of envy, hatred, and contention; and may the sentence which is written in his law be fulfilled in us, and in our posterity unto all eternity." All these things may God in his infinite mercy grant, and let us all say, AMEN.

A PRAYER FOR THE SABBATH.

Almighty God! we appear before thine altars to return our thanks, and to manifest our gratitude for the mercies and blessings which thy bounty hath vouchsafed to us during the past week.

We invoke thine aid to relieve us from pain, anxiety and disease, and to assist us in the duties which belong to us, as members of the great human family. We implore thy forgiveness for past transgressions, and pray that thou wouldst direct us into the paths of piety and rectitude.

We are sensible that we are frail, imperfect, and short sighted beings, and that we are sustained and supported in our pilgrimage through life, not by the abundance of our good actions, nor the small number of our misdeeds, but solely by thy mercy, and thy forgiveness, extended to all thy creatures. As children of one common parent, as finite beings dependent upon thy will, and at all times subject to thy punishment, or reward, we seek to merit thy favour by humility, patience and zeal, in the discharge of our religious and moral duties.

May it then please thee O, Lord of creation! to smile on our humble and sincere efforts, in the cause of virtue and piety, so that thy children of the house of Judah and of Israel, throughout the world, may henceforth incline their hearts unto thee, in the cultivation of true piety, and in the performance of those deeds of kindness and charity, which flow from benevolent feelings and good fellowship.

And, O God! we beseech thee to enlighten the minds, and to open the hearts of all, who walk not in the ways of salvation, and who from evil habits, and irreligious dispositions, have become insensible of their obligations to themselves, their families and their Creator. Turn their hearts aside from an unreasonable attachment to temporal blessings, and awaken them to the magnitude and importance of their eternal destinies. Lead them, O Lord! to thy mercy seat, as the fountain of purity, of all justice, of all wisdom, and of all love. Make them to understand that through thy power they live, and breathe, and have their being; and that before thee they are destined to be judged in the great world of spirits. AMEN.

A PRAYER FOR PENTECOST.

Almighty God! Sovereign and Governor of the universe! we praise, glorify, and extol thy name. In meekness and submission, and with hearts filled with a just sense of gratitude for thy mercies and blessings, we approach thy presence! With reverence and humility, do we pour forth our thanksgivings unto thee, as the Author of our earthly existence, as our only hope of happiness here, and of salvation hereafter. With thine outstretched arm, hast thou sent forth worlds, and by thine all-powerful will, thou hast created *"years and seasons."* Even now at thy command the frosts and gloom of winter, yield to the opening buds of spring. Thou hast delivered us from the inclemencies of cold, and hast called forth around thy creatures, as it were, a new creation. Thou hast sent down the gentle and refreshing rains of heaven to revive and beautify the field and the garden. Thou hast sent thy nourishing dews to moisten the earth, and in due season thou wilt send forth thine abundant fruits to bless, and reward the labours of man. The sun, obedient to thy will, has shone with friendly beams to give new life and strength to the young and tender

trees. Thy waters, thy fountains, thy mists and thy springs, are daily renewed by thine abounding and never failing resources; while myriads of plants and herbs come forth in their beauty and loveliness, with a profusion beyond the skill of man to number.

All this thou hadst done, even before thou didst create man to enjoy thy goodness. We should be, therefore, altogether unworthy of thy love and protection, as dependent beings; we should be defiled by ingratitude and blind to our duty as moral agents, did we fail to give thanks, to bless, and adore thy holy name. In thee do we constantly behold a Father, sustaining by his power and nourishing by his manifold goodness, his helpless and imperfect children.

O, may we then be grateful unto thee, O Lord our God! for thy numberless blessings. May we ever be obedient unto thy precepts, and keep in memory thy covenant with Abraham. May we ever be mindful of thy signal mercies on Mount Moriah, and of the salvation of thy people, when their enemies were swallowed up by the deep. May we never rise unmindful of thy goodness, nor lie down, before we bow gratefully unto thee. All the inhabitants of the earth shall sing praises unto thy name, for thou art the Father of all mankind, and thy bounty is over all thy creatures. They shall all lift up their voice to pronounce thy name, O mightiest of the mighty! for thou only canst create and canst destroy. The rich shall bow down with submission before thee, for to thee alone shall they look for endless blessings. The poor shall bend the knee to thee, for from thee only shall spring great riches. The upright shall repose confidence in thee, for by thy will they shall be made mighty. The weak and infirm shall bless thee, O Lord! for from thee only, can they receive strength and fortitude. Around thine altars shall the righteous of the earth assemble throughout the earth; for to praise, and glorify, and love thee, Almighty and benevolent Father, to walk in thy ways of pleasantness and peace, is the perfection of all virtue and happiness, from henceforth unto all eternity. AMEN.

MODE OF CONFIRMATION.

(*Any one born of Jewish parents, not under the age of thirteen, and desirous of expressing his belief in the Jewish faith, may, on any Sabbath, make declaration of the same and be confirmed therein as follows. He advances to the minister's desk, and says:*)

Youth. Here, in the presence of this congregation, and in the presence of that gracious God whose goodness has endowed me with reason, I desire to declare my firm and religious belief in the divine origin of the moral law, and in the great articles of the Jewish faith. I desire to appear in the presence of heaven and earth, an Israelite according to the faith and customs of the Reformed Society of Israelites, in whose temple of worship I now stand.

Minister. My son, dost thou act from thine own free will, and is this the wish of thy heart and the conviction of thy understanding?

Youth. It is. I have been taught to love the paths of piety and virtue; I hope to follow them. Through God's goodness, I also hope that I comprehend the essential points of our excellent religion, and I shall strive with my best endeavours, to observe and practice through life its moral and pious doctrines.

Minister. Repeat, my son, the articles of that religious creed which thou hast adopted, and in which thy parents and guardians, assisted by thine own industry, have happily instructed thee. Repeat them, in sincerity and truth; for the offering thou art about to

make, must be a free will offering to God. If any compulsion hath been exercised towards thee, the sin of hypocrisy will be thine, in declaring that which is not in thy heart, and the sin of tyranny and impiety on those, who have brought thee hither against thy will. Repeat to me, then, the articles of our holy faith.

Youth. I repeat them freely, with sincerity, and truth.

(*He repeats the articles of faith, of the Reformed Society of Israelites, page* 6.)

Minister. May God bless thee, my son; and mayst thou ever be mindful of thy duty towards God, and thy duty towards thy fellow creatures. Let us praise the Lord God who created man after the image of his angels, who created him a rational, a responsible, an immortal soul.

HYMNS.

HYMN 1.

ALTHOUGH the vine its fruit deny,
The budding fig-tree droop and die,
No oil the olive yield;
Yet will I ever trust in God,
Yea, bend rejoicing to his rod,
Still by his mercy heal'd.

Though fields, in verdure late array'd,
By whirlwinds desolate be laid,
Or parch'd by scorching beam;
Still in the Lord shall be my trust,
My joy; for, though his frown be just,
His mercy is supreme.

Though from the fold the flock decay,
Though herds lie famish'd o'er the lea,
And round the empty stall;
My soul above the wreck shall rise,
Its better joys are in the skies,
Where God is all in all.

In God, my strength, howe'er distrest,
Still shall I hope, and calmly rest,
Nay, triumph in his love;
My ling'ring soul, my tardy feet,
Free as the hind he makes and fleet,
To speed my course above.

HYMN 2.

ARISE, my soul! with rapture rise!
And, fill'd with love and fear, adore
The awful Sov'reign of the skies,
Whose mercy lends me one day more.

And may this day, indulgent Power!
Not idly pass, nor fruitless be;
But may each swiftly flying hour
Still nearer bring my soul to Thee!

But can it be? that power divine
  Is thron'd in light's unbounded blaze;
And countless worlds and angels join
  To swell the glorious song of praise.

And will he deign to lend an ear,
  When frail and humble mortals pray?
Yes, for his boundless love will hear,
  Nor cast the humblest wretch away.

Then let me serve thee all my days,
  And let my zeal with years increase:
For pleasant, Lord, are all thy ways,
  And all thy paths are paths of peace.

HYMN 3.

AS the good shepherd gently leads
His wandering flocks to verdant meads,
Where winding rivers soft and slow,
Amid the flowery landscape flow.

So God, the guardian of my soul,
Doth all my erring steps controul;
When lost in sin's perplexing maze,
He brings me back to virtue's ways.

Though I should journey through the plains
Where death in all his terror reigns,
My steadfast heart no ill shall fear,
For thou, my God! art with me there.

Thine ever watchful providence
Is my support and my defence;
With thee I am of all possess'd,
And in thy favour fully bless'd.

O bounteous God! my future days,
Shall be devoted to thy praise,
Thy holy name, thy love supreme,
Shall ever be my grateful theme.

HYMN 4.

BEFORE Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
Know—that the Lord is God alone;
He can create, he can destroy.

His Sov'reign pow'r, without our aid,
Made us of clay, and form'd us men;
And when like wand'ring sheep, we stray'd,
He brought us to his fold again.

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?

We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,
High as the heaven our voices raise;
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.

Wide as the world is thy command,
Vast as eternity thy love;
Firm as a rock thy truth will stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move.

HYMN 5.

BEFORE the glorious orbs of light,
  Had shed one blissful ray,
In awful power, the Lord of might
  Reign'd in eternal day.

At his creative, holy word
  The voice of nature spoke,
Unnumber'd worlds with one accord,
  To living joys awoke.

Then was proclaim'd the mighty King,
  In majesty on high!
Then did the holy creatures sing
  His praises through the sky.

All merciful in strength he reigns
  Immutable! supreme!
His hand the universe sustains,
  He only can redeem.

He is the mighty God alone!
  His presence fills the world;
He will for ever reign the one,
  Eternal, only Lord!

Almighty, powerful and just!
  Thou art my God my friend,
My rock, my refuge and my trust,
  On thee my hopes depend.

O! be my guardian whilst I sleep,
  For thou didst lend me breath:
And when I wake, my spirit keep,
  And save my soul in death.

HYMN 6.

FATHER, whate'er of earthly bliss
Thy Sov'reign will denies,
Accepted at thy throne, let this,
My humble pray'r arise—

Give me a calm, a grateful heart,
From every murmur free;
The blessings of thy love impart,
And make me live to thee.

Let the sweet hope that thou art mine
My life and death attend,
Thy presence through my journey shine,
And crown my journey's end.

HYMN 7.

FEW are thy days, and full of wo,
O man, of woman born!
Thy doom is written, "Dust thou art,
"To dust shalt thou return."

Behold the emblem of thy fate
In flow'rs that bloom and die,
Or in the shadow's fleeting form
That mocks the gazer's eye.

Determin'd are the days that fly,
Successive o'er thy head;
The number'd hour is on the wing,
To lay thee with the dead.

Great God! afflict not, in thy wrath,
The short allotted span,
That bounds the few and weary days
Of pilgrimage to man.

HYMN 8.

FOUNTAIN of mercy, God of love,
How rich thy bounties are;
The rolling seasons, as they move,
Proclaim thy constant care.

When in the bosom of the earth
The sower hid the grain,
Thy goodness mark'd its secret birth,
And sent the early rain.

The spring's sweet influence, Lord, was thine,
The plants in beauty grew;
Thou gav'st the summer sun to shine,
The mild refreshing dew.

These various mercies from above
Matur'd the swelling grain;
A bounteous harvest crowns thy love,
And smiles on every plain.

We own, we bless thy gracious sway:
Thy hand all nature hails;
Seed-time, nor harvest, night nor day,
Summer nor winter fails.

HYMN 9.

FROM all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise;
O! may Jehovah's name be sung.
Through ev'ry land, by every tongue.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord,
Eternal truth is in thy word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

HYMN 10.

HOW long shall earth's alluring toys
Detain our hearts and eyes,
Regardless of immortal joys,
And strangers to the skies!

These transient scenes will soon decay,
They fade upon the sight;
And quickly will their brightest day
Be lost in endless night.

Their brightest day, alas, how vain!
With conscious sighs we own;
While clouds of sorrow, care, and pain,
O'ershade the smiling noon.

O could our thoughts and wishes fly
Above these gloomy shades,
To brighter worlds beyond the sky,
Which sorrow ne'er invades!

There joys, unseen by mortal eyes,
Or reason's feeble ray,
In ever blooming prospects rise,
Unconscious of decay.

Lord, send a beam of light divine,
To guide our heavenward aim!
With one reviving touch of thine
Our languid hearts inflame.

Then shall, on faith's sublimest wing,
Our ardent wishes rise,
To those bright scenes, where pleasures spring,
Immortal in the skies.

HYMN 11.

HOW short the race our friend has run,
Cut down in all his bloom!
The course, but yesterday begun,
Now finish'd in the tomb!

Thou joyous youth! hence learn how soon
Thy years may end their flight:
Long, long before life's brilliant noon
May come death's gloomy night.

To serve thy God no longer wait,
To-day his voice regard;
To-morrow, mercy's open gate
May be for ever barr'd.

And thus the Lord reveals his grace,
Thy youthful love to gain—
The soul that early seeks my face
Shall never seek in vain.

HYMN 12.

INSPIRER and hearer of prayer,
Thou shepherd and guardian of thine,
My all to thy merciful care
I, sleeping or waking, resign.

If thou, gracious God! art my sun,
The night is no darkness to me;
And fast as my minutes roll on,
They bring me but nearer to thee.

A sov'reign protector I have,
Unseen, yet for ever at hand;
Unchangeably faithful to save,
Almighty to rule and command.

His smiles, and his comforts abound,
His love, as the dew, shall descend;
And walls of salvation surround
The soul he delights to defend.

HYMN 13.

LET heaven arise, let earth appear,
Proclaim'd th' Eternal Lord:
The heav'n arose, the earth appear'd,
At his creating word.

But formless was the earth, and void,
Dark, sluggish, and confus'd;
Till o'er the mass the Spirit mov'd,
And quick'ning pow'r diffus'd.

Then spake the Lord Omnipotent
The mandate, "Be there light:"
The vivid light sprang forth to life,
And scatter'd ancient night.

The glorious firmament he spread,
To part the earth and sky;
And fix'd the upper elements
Within their spheres on high.

He bade the seas together flow;
They left the solid land;
And herbs, and plants, and fruitful trees,
Sprang forth at his command.

Above, he formed the radiant stars,
And orbs of broader light;
The fiery sun to rule the day;
The gentle moon the night.

To all the varied living tribes,
He gave their wond'rous birth;
Some form'd within the wat'ry deep,
Some, from the teeming earth.

Then, chief o'er all his works below,
Man, honour'd man, was made;
His soul in God's own image formed,
With innocence array'd.

Completed now the mighty work,
God his creation view'd:
And pleas'd with all that he had made,
Pronounced it "very good."

HYMN 14.

LIKE Noah's weary dove,
That soar'd the earth around,
But not a resting place above
The cheerless waters found.

O cease, my wand'ring soul,
On restless wing to roam;
All the wide world, to either pole,
Has not for thee a home.

Behold the Ark of God,
Behold the open door;
Hasten to gain that dear abode,
And rove, my soul, no more.

There, safe shalt thou abide,
There, sweet shall be thy rest,
With every longing satisfied,
With full salvation blest.

And, when the waves of ire
Again the earth shall fill,
The Ark shall ride the sea of fire—
Then rest on Zion's hill.

HYMN 15.

LIFT up your hands, rejoice, rejoice!
The sacred call of Heaven obey;
Fear no reproach—a mighty voice,
The great Jehovah leads the way.

To Abram he unveil'd the light,
Whose glory, at his high command,
Pierced the deep gloom of Pagan night,
To lead him to a heavenly land.

His love, his zeal, his faith our guide,
O! let us seek the path he trod,
Like him with humble trust confide,
Our sole dependance on our God.

HYMN 16.

MY op'ning eyes with rapture see
The dawn of thy returning day;
My thoughts, O God! ascend to thee,
While thus my early vows I pay.

My soul I give to thee alone,
Nor to another yield a part;
Eternal King! erect thy throne,
And be the monarch of my heart.

O! may I from the world retire,
And cast each sinful thought away;
Let me not feel one vain desire,
That may pollute this holy day.

Then, to thy courts when I repair,
My soul shall rise on joyful wing,
The wonders of thy love declare,
And join the strains, which angels sing.

HYMN 17.

NOW from the altar of our hearts,
Let flames of love arise;
Assist us, Lord, to consecrate
Our ev'ning sacrifice.

Minutes like mercies multiplied,
Have thronged and blessed the day;
The minutes quick, but mercies came
More swift, more free than they.

Thus hours and joys for ever new,
Fresh songs of praise require;
Till we adore thee as we ought,
Accept our hearts desire.

HYMN 18.

O WHERE shall rest be found!
Rest for the weary soul?—
'Twere vain the ocean's depths to sound,
Or pierce to either pole.

The world can never give
The bliss for which we sigh:
'Tis not the whole of life to live,
Nor all of death to die.

Beyond this vale of tears,
There is a life above,
Unmeasur'd by the flight of years—
And all that life is love.

There is a death, whose pang
Survives the fleeting breath:
O what eternal horrors hang
Around that awful death!

O thou who reign'st above,
Teach us that death to fear,
Lest we be driven from thy love,
To realms of black despair.

HYMN 19.

PRAISE to thee, thou great Creator,
Praise to thee from every tongue!
Join my soul with every creature,
Join the universal song!

For ten thousand blessings given,
For the hopes of endless joy,
Sound his praise thro' earth and heaven,
Sound Jehovah's praise on high!
Halelujah! Amen.

HYMN 20.

PRAISE to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous source of every joy,
May thy praise our tongues employ:
All to thee, our God, we owe,
Source from which our blessings flow.

All the riches of the fields,
All the stores the garden yields,
Flocks that whiten all the plain,
The golden sheaves of ripen'd grain;
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

Clouds that drop their fat'ning dews,
Suns that genial warmth diffuse,
All the plenty summer pours,
And all the autumn's bounteous stores;
Lord, for these our souls shall raise,
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

Peace, prosperity, and health,
Private bliss and public wealth,
Knowledge, with its gladd'ning streams,
Pure religion's holier beams;
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

Yet, should rising whirlwinds tear
From its stem the rip'ning ear;
Though the sick'ning flock should fall,
And the herd desert the stall;
Still to thee our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

Should thy chastening hand restrain
The early and the latter rain,
Blast each op'ning bud of joy,
And the rising year destroy;
Still to thee our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

Life and health, whate'er our wo,
Still to thee, our God, we owe;
Though of early hopes bereft,
Still our hope of heaven is left;
And for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

HYMN 21.

SOVEREIGN Lord of light and glory,
Author of our mortal frame;
Gratefully, we bow before thee,
And extol thy holy name.
Hallelujah, hallelujah! ever sacred be the theme.

Kind dispenser of each blessing
That descends from heaven above,
May we thankful these possessing,
Still adore thy boundless love.
Hallelujah, &c. praise to God, immortal praise.

Thus, with humble adoration,
May we bow before thy throne,
And with grateful exultation,
Thine abundant mercy own.
Hallelujah, &c. praise belongs to thee alone.

In thine every dispensation
Love and mercy still appear,
Thou the God of our salvation,
To preserve art ever near,
Hallelujah, &c. Glory be to God on high.

HYMN 22.

SWEET the mutual love that's glowing,
In each brother's conscious breast;
Its gentle stream so mildly flowing,
Ever blessing, ever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Amen.

Sweet as the fragrant balsam pouring
On the pious Aaron's head,
Till the sacred vestments streaming,
Round their breathing odors shed.
Hallelujah, Amen.

As morning dews on Zion's mountain,
Glitter in the orient rays,
Or sparkling gem the verdant cedars
Hermon's holy top displays.
Hallelujah, Amen.

To such the Lord of love and mercy
Blessings ever shall extend;
On earth—a life of tranquil pleasure,
In heaven—a bliss that ne'er shall end.
Hallelujah, Amen.

HYMN 23.

THRICE happy is the man, who hears
Religion's warning voice,
Who makes celestial wisdom's path
His early, only choice.

For she has treasures costlier far
Than east and west unfold;
More precious are those bright rewards,
Than gems, or stores of gold.

With her right hand she gives the just
Immortal, happy days;
Her left, imperishable wealth,
And heavenly crowns displays.

And as her holy labours rise,
So her rewards increase;
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.

HYMN 24.

THE God of life, whose constant care
With blessings crowns each op'ning year,
Our scanty span doth still prolong,
And wakes anew our annual song.

How many precious souls have fled
To the vast regions of the dead,
Since to this day the changing sun
Hath through his yearly period run!

We yet survive; but who can say,
"If through this year, this month, this day,
We shall retain this vital breath,
Thus far, triumphant over death?"

That breath is thine, eternal God;
'Tis thine to fix our souls abode;
Our life depends on thee alone,
On earth, or in the world unknown.

To thee our spirits we resign,
Save and accept them Lord as thine;
So shall we feel no gloomy fear,
Though death should blast the rising year.

Thy children anxious to be gone,
May bid the tide of time roll on,
To bear them to the heavenly shore,
Where sins and death are known no more.

No sighs shall mingle with the songs
Resounding from immortal tongues:
No midnight shade, no clouded sun,
But sacred, everlasting noon.

O glorious year! the prophet's song,
To thee what hallowed themes belong!
Fair herald of that brighter ray,
Which ushers in eternal day.

HYMN 25.

THE morning flow'rs display their sweets,
And gay their silken leaves unfold;
As careless of the noon-day heats,
Nor trembling at the ev'ning cold.

But swiftly comes the cruel blast,
And the fierce beams of fervid day,
The momentary glories waste,
The short-liv'd beauties die away.

So blooms the human face divine,
When youth its morn of beauty shows;
More fair than spring the colours shine,
More lovely than the op'ning rose.

But, worn by slowly rolling years,
Or struck by sickness in a day,
The fading glory disappears,
The transient beauty dies away.

Yet these, ascending from the tomb,
Shall with a brighter lustre shine;
Shall flourish in eternal bloom,
Safe from diseases and decline.

Let sickness blast, let death devour,
If heaven reward our earthly pains:
Then perish youth! thy mortal flow'r,
Since an eternal bloom remains.

HYMN 26.

THERE is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign;
Eternal day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.

There everlasting spring abides,
And never-fading flow'rs;
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
This heavenly land from our's.

Bright fields beyond the swelling flood
Stand dress'd in living green;
So to our fathers Canaan stood,
While Jordan roll'd between.

But tim'rous mortals gaze, and shrink
Back from the narrow sea;
And linger, trembling on the brink,
Nor dare to launch away.

Oh! could we all our doubts remove,
These gloomy doubts that rise,
And see the Canaan that we love,
With faith's unclouded eyes!

Could we ascend where Moses stood,
And view the landscape near,
Not even death's dark rolling flood,
Should smite our souls with fear.

HYMN 27.

THE spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heav'ns, a wondrous frame,
Their great Original proclaim.

The glorious sun, from day to day,
Doth his Creator's pow'r display,
And publishes to every land
The work of an Almighty hand.

Soon as the ev'ning shades prevail,
The moon takes up the wondrous tale;
And, nightly, to the list'ning earth,
Repeats the story of her birth;

Whilst all the stars that round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn
Attest the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

What though in solemn silence all,
Move round this dark terrestrial ball;
Though not a real voice or sound
Amidst their radiant orbs be found;

In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
For ever singing, as they shine,
"The hand that made us is divine."

HYMN 28.

TO thee my earliest off'rings rise,
Whose sun restores the day,
Swift as his gladd'ning influence flies,
And spotless as his ray.

O may, thy mercy still be nigh,
Vouchsaf'd so oft before;
Still may it all my wants supply,
And I that hand adore.

If bliss thy providence impart,
For which, resign'd, I pray,
Grant that I may with cheerful heart,
My grateful homage pay.

Affliction should thy love intend,
My sins or faults to cure,
Submissive for that gracious end,
May I the pang endure.

Be this and every future day
Still wiser than the past,
And when I all my life survey,
May faith sustain the last.

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