

Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled;
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim
in joyful song,
both loud and long,
that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
in copious shower
on all who pray
each holy day
thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

John Chandler (1806-1876)

God has spoken - by his prophets,

spoken his unchanging word;
each from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord;
in the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor still holds fast:
God eternal reigns for ever,
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken - by Christ Jesus,

Christ, the everlasting Son;
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one:
spoken by the Word incarnate,
Life, before all time began,
light of light, to earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of man.

God is speaking - by his Spirit

speaking to our hearts again;
in the ageless word declaring
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is standing fast:
God abides, his word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

All praise to Christ, our Lord and king divine,

yielding your glory in your love's design,
that in our darkened hearts your grace might shine:

Alleluia!

You came to us in lowliness of thought;
by you the outcast and the poor were sought;
and by your death was our redemption bought:

Alleluia!

The mind of Christ is as our minds should be:
he was a servant that we might be free,
humbling himself to death on Calvary:

Alleluia!

And so we see in God's great purpose, how
Christ has been raised above all creatures now;
and at his name shall every nation bow:

Alleluia!

Let every tongue confess with one accord,
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and God the Father be by all adored:

Alleluia!

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Ye that know the Lord is gracious,

ye for whom a cornerstone
stands, of God elect and precious,
laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation
ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones, by God appointed
each to his allotted place,
kings and priests, by God anointed,
shall ye not declare his grace?

Ye, a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord.

Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955)