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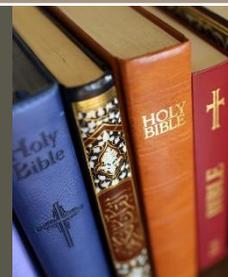
Our aim is to assist parents in educating covenant children in accordance with God's Word as we confess that in the Three Forms of Unity, to equip and assist them in developing their individual gifts and talents for a joyful life of responsible stewardship to God's glory.



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"For You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my youth."

Psalm 71:5

From the Board

Oh, sing Hallelujah, now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death! How beautiful it was to hear these words sung from the mouths of children at the concert last week. As beautiful as the singing was, the message behind is substantially more beautiful: Christ is our only comfort in life in death! As we are about to take some time off for Christmas may these words be with us as we reflect on the true message at this time of the year.

Looking back at the last few months we have much to be thankful for in our community. We've enjoyed four months of in-person learning which has been so well received, and we pray that the Lord will continue to bless this. We're able to celebrate with Amanda and Mike the birth of their daughter Aliya! What a wonderful blessing this is and God's strength to you as you transition into this next phase in your lives. This does mean Amanda steps out of the classroom at this time and thankfully the teaching schedule can be filled with staff and volunteers! All the best to all who are adjusting to new roles! On the topic of goodbye, we do say goodbye to Mark as treasurer. We truly thank you for years of dedication to the board, for optimism and for commitment to making the numbers work. With Mark moving out this

does open the door for Neil to join the board. Recently voted in as the new treasurer Neil has sat in on his first board meeting and is well on his way to success! We wish you the Lord's blessing as you step into this new role!

On the board we are looking forward to reviewing handbooks and mandates in the new year. As we formed new committees, we realized some growing pains and lack of clarity. We intend to do our best to create clarity, to update our documents and use these committees to continue to further the work needed at Harvest. This spring the League of Canadian Reformed School Societies (LCRSS) will be doing a school review at Harvest. This happens every few years, an external review of our internal systems, staffing and board. We look forward to this process as we continue to seek to improve everything Harvest! We hope that everyone will have a blessed time with family and friends this Christmas! May we all be able to spend time in worship remembering the birth of our Savior and the hope this brings us. May we be able to show love for one another and give back to the less fortunate. We also hope for a normal return to school in January, refreshed and ready for some more fun!

On behalf of the Harvest School Board,
Curtis Hutten ~chair@harvestschool.ca

>>> Treasurer's Report

What a blessing to see the school's financial needs consistently taken care of. Thanks for your donations. Recently, the cheque from the golf tournament gave us a big boost again, what a wonderful initiative this tournament is. As you may know, we're still forecasting a loss for this school year overall, so if you're able to donate to the cause, every bit counts! For year end donations, we're looking to receive and deposit payments before Jan 1st for accurate tax receipting. To make life easy for everyone, e-transfers are most convenient, and you can simply transfer

to treasurer@harvestschool.ca.

If you made it out to the membership meeting, you also would have heard a great presentation from the Harvest Foundation. They are becoming a significant supporter of the school society at large, and it's awesome to hear of Bernie's passion for the cause, and see how the Foundation is helping out Harvest School financially (while being a great place for us to invest our surplus).

As I say goodbye to the past number of years as treasurer, thanks for your willingness to support the school - it's been a joyful task,

and a real pleasure to serve next to the various board and committee members as well as staff - but especially to witness first hand what goes on, on a daily level at our wonderful school. What a blessing! You're now in good hands with the new treasurer, Neil Post, who is going to do an amazing job, I'm excited to pass on the torch to him!

Thanks again for your support to Harvest School,

Mark Hutten, Treasurer

From the Education Committee



We are so thankful to have had 4 months of school with no closures. What a blessing this is!

As EdCom we have the beautiful task of assisting teachers and Principal with curriculum development. Recently the focus has been on spelling and health. We look forward to feedback on the health curriculum in the spring after it has been taught.

The League of Canadian Reformed School Societies (LCRSS) has encouraged schools to work together in curriculum development and have made a schedule for this. Currently their focus is on Language Arts programs. We have a program that we enjoy and it works well for us and have recently been working on spelling so at Harvest we are focusing on the writing side of LA.

It is beautiful to see the collaboration of ideas when you get a bunch of teachers working together and communicating ideas. This is their area of expertise and we have been blessed with very passionate and creative staff members. As parents we see some tests that come home, a couple poems or short stories that our children write or that get submitted in the Connections, maybe an

occasional play but to see the outline and curriculum development, the thought process behind it is a whole different picture. Its like looking at a nice house, it looks nice but we don't see or understand the bones of the structure. We don't see the work that is under the paint and bricks and flooring but it is essential, without it the house won't hold up.

This curriculum development is done during after school hours and also on PD days, so while our children enjoy a day to sleep in and play our teachers are still busy meeting and researching. For a long time I didn't realize that PD stands for Professional Development so this past Monday while we enjoyed a PD day our staff was at school working on PD 😊. It was a much needed break for many students and families and also a day for our staff to catch up on work, plan for the weeks ahead and work on curriculum development.

On behalf of the Ed Com, Joanie Vis
edcomvicechair@harvestschool.ca

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED!

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>>> Thank you from the EdCom!

Thank you to those students and parents who filled out the high school Bible survey. It is so good to get written feedback for future course development.

Thank you to Miss Hutten and Mrs. Kruisselbrink for their hard work on the Christmas program. What a gift to have been able to host a program again! Harvest has a reputation as a singing school and what a beautiful reputation this is when it is to the glory of God. As we head into the Christmas season and holidays let's remember the gift of Hope we have, as we were reminded in the beautiful Christmas program.

Psalm 71:5: "For You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my youth."

From the Human Resources Committee

As HR committee we are pleased with the having grade 1 and 2 supplied with staff so that teaching can go on uninterrupted. A big thank you to all the individuals who have come forward to fill in the gaps. Would like to thank Amanda Vandenbos the work that she has done for our school and she will be missed at school. We would like to congratulate her and Mike with the birth of their daughter. We wish you Gods strength as you raise this covenant child. With Mrs. Vandenbos going on maternity leave last week, HR has been busy filling in staffing needs for January – April. We have been blessed with capable people stepping into a number of teaching roles and some existing staff taking on larger teaching loads. A big thank you to Melissa Kruijselbrink, Janelle Vantol, Joanna Kaptyn and a number of volunteers.

With that said we are still looking for volunteers at the grade 1/2 level. If this is something you are

interested in, please contact the school. There is also the opportunity to teach part time here at Harvest from January-April. For more information about this contact Human Resources. HarvestHRcommittee@gmail.com (this is the HR committee email address)

We also have added Marloes Mulder to the committee to be able to spread the work load. Also the items on the to do list for beginning 2022 is to set up the contracts for the next year for all the staff. This process happens every year. We have been blessed to have had all the staff positions filled **over** the last few years and it has been a true blessing to our students and broader community. Please continue to keep the staff at Harvest in your prayers so that they may return well rested after the Christmas holidays.

Jan Antuma, HR Chair

Volunteer Opportunities!

With Mrs. Vandenbos going on maternity leave last week, HR has been busy filling in staffing needs for January – April. We have been blessed with capable people stepping into a number of teaching roles and some existing staff taking on larger teaching loads.

With that said there are still volunteer opportunities here at Harvest. If this is something you are interested in, please contact the school. There is also the opportunity to teach part time here at Harvest from January-April. For more information about this contact Human Resources (edcomchair@harvestschool.ca OR harvesthrcommittee@gmail.com)

From the Public Relations Committee



Greetings from the PR committee! We have been busy behind the scenes working on Harvest Spirit wear that will be available for purchase soon. 😊

We are developing a welcome package to new school parents or new members, we look forward to sending them out to some of our newest members.

We are so thankful that we could have an in person Christmas concert, it was a beautiful evening. It was nice to see so many grandparents there. We always appreciate the support that we receive from so many people. If you know of anyone that would like to become a member or a regular donator, please let them know we would appreciate the support.

Have a wonderful holiday celebrating the birth of Christ with your family.

On behalf of the PR Committee,
Meaghan Hutten

From the Principal

This past month, the school has been alive with the sound of music and text recitations as students geared up for our first big concert in two years. After a whole lot of practice, last Friday our Christmas Concert took place. Being able to celebrate the message of hope together with families, parents and grandparents was incredibly beautiful. We are also thankful the event could be livestreamed for those who could not attend. I know in my neighbourhood our non-church neighbours enjoyed tuning in and hearing our children sing and recite texts that focused on the hope we have in Christ. What a great way to be a light in the world.

Unpacking this message of hope is something the staff have been doing in their respective classrooms all year. The first big lesson our students learned this year is that worldly hope and biblical hope are not the same thing. When we think of hope, we tend to think of it as a desire for something better that is often not rooted in anything but that desire. We hope for good weather, we hope that the COVID pandemic will soon be behind us, or you might even hope for pizza tonight! That understanding of hope is typical. We just hope for the best! At best, the hope of the world is rooted in a

fallible person or thing.

However, the Christian view of hope is worlds apart from that definition of hope. Our hope is like an anchor, firm and secure. Our hope is built upon the foundation of God's revealed Word. A foundation that is strengthened by the fact we don't only live in a time when hope has been promised, but we have seen the fulfillment of that hope (as we heard in our Christmas Program). Our hope is in God. "For you have been my hope O Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth" (Psalm 71:5 - our theme text).



When it comes to the foundational hope we have in Christ, I am reminded of a story Ravi Zacharias used to tell:

I remember lecturing at Ohio State University, one of the largest universities in this country. I was minutes away from beginning my lecture, and my host was driving me past a new building called the Wexner Center for the Performing Arts.

He said, "This is America's first postmodern building."

I was startled for a moment, and I said, "What is a postmodern building?"

He said, "Well, the architect said that he designed this building with no design in mind. When the architect was asked, 'Why?' he said, 'If life itself is capricious, why should our buildings have any design and any meaning?' So, he has pillars that have no purpose. He has stairways that go nowhere. He has a senseless building built and somebody has paid for it."

I said, "So his argument was that if life has no purpose and design, why should the building have any design?"

He said, "That is correct."

I said, "Did he do the same with

the foundation?"

All of a sudden there was silence. You see, you and I can fool with the infrastructure as much as we would like, but we dare not fool with the foundation because it will call our bluff in a hurry.

As we enter 2022 and the second part of our school year, we can praise God that we can teach with His Word as a firm foundation for all our instruction. We can praise Him that we can teach with our hope placed firmly in Him!

In the school...

Here in the school, we see God's blessings in providing us with the needed staff for the current year. In a time when there is a significant teacher shortage across Canada, having a full complement of staff is something to be very thankful for. This year we were blessed to have Mrs. Vandebos teach the first portion of the year. A little over a week after she stepped down from teaching, the Lord blessed her with the birth of a healthy baby girl. Congratulations Mike and Amanda! We wish Mrs. Vandebos the Lord's blessing as she steps into a new role as mother and we look forward to seeing Aliya at Harvest in the new year!

With Mrs. Vandebos now on maternity leave, we are blessed to have several part time teachers stepping in to cover some of the classes she taught. Most of the teachers stepping in are no strangers to Harvest as they have taught here before. Welcome back Ms. Joanna Kapteyn (teaching on Fridays), Mrs. Van Tol (teaching Math and Language Arts in grade 2), and Mrs. Bonita Spanninga (teaching Art). We also welcome Mrs. Lee-Ann Kruisselbrink who will be teaching a few classes as well to provide some principal relief time.

In the classrooms, the staff have been thankful to have four months of in person learning. Students have made great strides over this time, and it is great to see students growing in their skills and abilities. Detailed report cards highlighting this student progress are set to be sent home on January 21st. These will be followed with parent teacher conferences, and we especially look forward to connecting with parents we missed during our last round of parent teacher conferences.

With the changing of seasons, Harvest has been blessed with snow these past few weeks and students have been enjoying making forts, sledding and simply playing in the snow. While our snow disappeared for our final week before the holidays, I have no doubt we should have a fresh blanket of snow ready for the students when they come back from Christmas Break! Students have also been busy with intramurals. The older students wrapped up volleyball intramurals in November and grades 1-8 have been enjoying hockey intramurals this past month. By the time this newsletter goes out we should have crowned our ball hockey intramural champs! The highlight for me this

past round of intramurals is seeing our senior students cheering on the younger students when they play. The cheering made our younger students feel special!

To close, the staff would like to express our appreciation for the wonderful support we receive from you! We are blessed to have so many volunteering weekly in the school, having others volunteer to drive, others volunteer on various committees and others pass on words of encouragement and support. Thank you for this!

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and the Lord's blessings in 2022.

James Meinen



From Grade 7 & 8

Please enjoy reading the psalms poetry from grade 7&8! In our Bible class, we have just finished up our unit on the Psalms. The culminating assignment was for students to write their own psalm – either a psalm of praise, lament, trust, or thanksgiving – with the use of parallelism and other poetic devices (keep an eye out for acrostic poems too!). Of note, psalms of lament are also characterized by the inclusion of trust and praise – in our times of sorrow and discouragement, it is a great comfort to Hope in our Lord Jesus. Please enjoy our psalms and poems for God!



Psalm 264 by Callie

A PSALM OF PRAISE AND TRUST

O God, my Father you set the mountains in the West,
You placed the stars and galaxies in the sky
You are awesome God.
When I look to the waters, the sea
And all that is in them,
Your roaring voice is there.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me,
Restore to me the joy of my salvation
And uphold me by your generous spirit.
Keep me in your tender love and care,
That I may always have faith in you.

Each and every unique snowflake is in your hand,
By your voice all things were made out of nothing.
When I look at the clouds and see the shapes in the sky,
I imagine how great and powerful my God is.

My cells you held together when you knit me in my
mother's womb
You hold the world in your hands
I proclaim your praise throughout the world
Nothing comes by chance but by your fatherly hand.
Six thousand, five hundred languages you made,
One hundred ninety five countries you uphold
One hundred twenty five billion galaxies are in the sky
How great is our God.
Indescribable and
Awe-inspiring Father.

Psalm -1 (Reuben)

A psalm of legendaryness:

Our God is Awesome, Holy, indescribable, and powerful

Unlimited is your power over all creation the heavens and the earth

Rejoice in the LORD for he is our Saviour and our eternal King

God spoke and it was created the moon and stars heaven and earth and all things

Obedient is his Son who was born as a ransom for man from sin

Dead are we in sin without our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

In Him we are saved if we by true faith are grafted into Him

Songs of praise we sing to you our awesome God and Saviour

In your hand lay all creation moon and stars

Never ending is your love, wisdom, creativity, and power

Delivered us from the power of the devil with his only Son Jesus

Everything praises you, alive or not alive

Sent His only Son to die on the cross to forgive our sins

Calls all the stars name by name

Righteous, holy, and powerful is our God

Indescribable holy and powerful is our Saviour

Beasts of the field are your creation

Ancor of all things created

Bought us from our sins with the blood of his Son

Laboured to make the moon stars and sun

Eternal Prince of Peace and Lord of lords

Psalm 159 A psalm of Burke

O Lord our Lord how mighty are you o Lord my God. Your enemies are Like dust o Lord my God. Like a grain of sand are your enemies o Lord my God. How the nations tremble o Lord my God. How small am I o Lord my God. And yet I cannot hide from your eyes o Lord my God. You shall seek me out in your great love o Lord my God. In the deepest and the darkest places you shall find me o Lord my God. You shall find me in the darkest places o Lord my God.

A Psalm By Devon

Give thanks to the Lord for his mercy endures forever!
Give thanks to the Lord for he remembered his promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob!
Give thanks to the Lord for he sent his only Son to die for us just as he promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob!
Give thanks to the lord for his awesome and amazing creation he gave us!
Give thanks to the Lord for giving us bodies to run, jump, and play!
Let all the earth give thanks to the Lord!
Give thanks for the Hope we that he will one day come and bring us all with him to the New Jerusalem!
Oh give thanks to the Lord!

Psalm 152

A Psalm of Kenzie

Praise the Lord, all creation!
Praise the Lord!
The trees clap their hands and the waters cheer in your victory,
Praise the Lord!
The stars sing wonders of your creation,
Praise the Lord!
The fire dances with praise for you,
Praise the Lord!
The wind howls with rejoicing, the thunders stomp their feet,
Praise the Lord!
The wicked try to hide in the darkness, but you find them in your light,
Praise the Lord!
They prowl and wait for the weak, but you protect me, you shield me,
Praise the Lord!
They try to pierce me with their arrows of shadows. But you are my shield,
Praise the Lord!
When you come on the last day to judge the good and evil, I will be safe in your arms,
Praise the Lord!
You have said to me "It is finished."
You have said "It is done"
PRAISE THE LORD!!!

A Psalm of Lament by Anya

In my hardest moment,
When I choke on my tears,
When I feel the weight of the world,
And the light is far away

I'm close to you
And your mercies are new.

In the depths of despair,
When all is pain,
When all comfort leaves,
And I feel so alone,

I'm close to you
And your mercies are new.

High on your rock,
You show me the way,
Your way is right,
And in your righteousness,
You lay claim on my heart.

Oh Lord,
In the depths of despair
My comfort is you.

I remember that baby,
The one that you sent.
He rescued *me*,
The sinner I am.

I'm close to you
And your mercies are new.

Now onto the cross,
The tree that you made.
You died on that tree
For the sinners and me.

I'm close to you
And your mercies are new.

Into the grave you suffered
And took on my mistakes.
All my sin and all my shame.
But you rose.

I'm close to you
And your mercies are new.

You rose and came back.
You smiled at me.
You said, "It is finished!"
And called me by name.

I'm close to you
And your mercies are new.
Your mercies, oh Lord, are new.

Psalm 158 by Jakin

Hear my cry Lord save me from
The Gnashing of teeth
The lions rip me to shreds of sorrow
Only you O God can save me
The arrows of hell pierce me
Only you O God can save me
There is pain beyond measure
Only you O God can save me
There is only darkness and fire
Only you O God can save me
The shadow of death will not get out of Your presence
Only you O God can save me
But then I saw light
And it was calm
There was no fire or pain
I walked in green valleys
And under blue skies
I walked through gold cities
There were so many animals that I could not imagine
Then I heard a loud voice saying
"It is done," the Hope has come, amen and amen

Psalm 160

A psalm of Jake

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord all the earth.

Give thanks to the Lord for always keeping his covenant and promise.

Praise the Lord for giving us his astronomical grace.

Praise the Lord for giving salvation to us on Christmas day!

Praise the Lord for giving his own Son for us.

Praise the Lord for giving us life and a new day ever day.

Praise the Lord for the freedom we have to worship God every single Sunday.

Praise the Lord for dying for us, and giving us salvation.

Praise the Lord for giving us the Bible.

Praise the lord for giving us everything we need to live on earth.

Praise the Lord for keeping us safe from the attacks and heresies of others.

Praise the Lord for making more people follow God and accept Christ.

Praise the Lord for giving the beauty in nature.

Praise the Lord for taking Israel out of slavery.

Praise the Lord for taking us out of the slavery of the devil.

Praise the Lord for giving as working bodies to play sports.

Praise the Lord for elders and deacons and ministers.

Praise the Lord for making us cleaner than snow.

Praise the Lord for catechism ever Tuesday.

Praise the Lord for our HOPE.

Praise the Lord for he is Holy.

Praise the Lord.

A Psalm by Curtis

Praise the Lord, praise the God who separated the Red Sea to let His promised people through on dry ground, Praise the Lord.

Remember all the promises God gave to Abram Isaac and to Jacob, Praise the Lord

All who hear his words come, and rejoice! For with the Lord there is mercy and with him is abundant redemption, praise the Lord.

I am the Lord your God how brought you out of the land of Egypt out of the house of bondage, praise the Lord.

Sin and death are in his hand praise the Lord. He is the end of all death, hatred, and sin

Eternal life is in Him, praise the Lord.

Beloved I say to you listen to the words that the prophet Moses and Elijah said to your forefathers in the land of Egypt and Elijah in the barren desert, praise the Lord.

Even in wildness the God of Moses and Aaron carried the Israelites in the palm of his hand, praise the Lord

To the king of kings and the Lord of Lords, praise the Lord.

O taste and see that the Lord is good blessed is he how trusts in him for he will have eternal life, praise the Lord.

God is a mighty fortress He is a rock in time of trouble, praise the Lord.

O Lord who can stand against your almighty power and strength - your enemies tremble before you o Lord, praise the Lord

Do you know my rising up and my lying down? Do you know when I sin against you? YES! The Lord knows all things, amen and amen, praise the Lord.

PSALM 182

By Cadence Meinen

For You have given us HOPE

Oh Lord God

Righteous are You, You made the heavens and the earth

Your faithfulness is sure

Oh Lord God

Unique You made us

Amazing are You

Radical You are before my eyes

Earth, You have created

Mighty baby born in a stable

You are all our praise

Hallelujah He comes

Oh Lord God

Praise goes to Jesus

Emmanuel is born today

Oh Savior of all our sins

Lovingly came into this world

Oh Lord God

Redeemed us from our sins

Days our Yours

Glorious Father in Heaven

Oh Lord God

Divine praise is to You, O Lord God

You came to save us, sinful people

Oh Lord God

Ultimate God the wise men came to give you gifts

Angels from the realms of glory are praising you

Right and pure

Everlasting

Miraculous

You are the PRINCE OF PEACE

The Lord of Lords

Radiant Saver

Unto us a child is born

So small we are so big You are O Lord

True and just are You

From Mary you were born

Right are You Jesus

Oh Lord God

My Father and my God

You gave us HOPE in times of trouble

Yahweh I am who I am- this is Your name

Oh Lord God

Uttmost Son

Talented are You. You knit us together in our mother's womb

Hallelujah all praise goes to you

Psalm 153
A Psalm of Arienne

I love you, oh Lord, my strength.
When I look up to the heavens, to the clouds and the birds
You are there.
(Great is the Lord!)
When I look down into the depths of the ocean,
The roaring waters,
The mighty fish of the sea,
You are there.
(Great is the Lord!)
When I look across the expanses of the fields,
The delicate lilies;
And the deer in the crisp morning air,
You are there.
(Great is the Lord!)
When the sun rises
It lights up the clouds
And the frost on the bushes
In the most beautiful way.
When the sun sets,
And the creatures of the night come out
Prowling like the sin of the world
Even then you are there.
(Great is the Lord!)
Oh Lord, my Lord, how awesome is your name in all creation!
Your name, oh Lord, is awesome!
Praise God!

(P.S. there is 153 words in this psalm! 😊 These words don't count)

Psalm -2
A Psalm of Derrick

O Lord my God
the stars are like dust
the stars declare Your greatness.
They are smaller than dust
You hold them in the palm of Your hand
for they are smaller than a grain of sand
and I am smaller than the smallest star
and yet You care for me far more than
You care for them. You care me
so much that you died
for me
Praise the Lord!

OUR LORD OUR LORD IS OUR HOPE
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*Over the hills where a Saviour is born,
Ultimate, and just, he our king,
Reverence, we shall come, and bring our service*

*Loved, though in sin as we are,
Our Lord our God, how excellent is your name,
Reigns over all, sun, moon, and stars, for he is our God,
Doorkeeper for his sheep, and counts them one by one.*

*One that goes missing he will bring them back,
Under the sea you made defferent animals,
Right in all ways are you.*

*Lowly we come
Otstretch to the unknown part that people have listened to word,
Rulers laugh hatefully, and kill your people,
Do your people come to you?*

*"I will make you a great people,"
Says the Lord.*

*Hope in the Lord all you people
O sing to the Lord a new song
"Praise him, praise him" sing his angels
Excellent is your name in all the earth Praise the Lord!!*

Psalm 155 by Lydia

Blessed be your name, O Lord, in all the lands,
let only your name be praised.

We deserve death, yet you grant us life.
You protect us and sustain your people.

You led Moses and Aaron to plead to Pharaoh
to let your people, go.
Pharaoh's heart was hardened by You,
therefore, you sent the ten plagues.
You led Israel out of Egypt and led them through
the Red Sea on dry land.
In the wilderness they went by your might hand
And the more they complained, the more you provided.
You then fulfilled your promise by leading them to the
Promised Land.
You led David into a battle with Goliath
only to defeat him with a sling and stone.
While he was fleeing from Saul, you protected him.

This is the God we adore and praise, the one who turns
all evil to good.

Blessed be your name, O Lord, in all the lands,
let only your name be praised.

You granted Solomon wisdom, yet he sinned.

Blessed be your name, O Lord, in all the lands,
let only your name be praised.

You then let your only Son be born into this world of destruction,
to proclaim Your word, suffer, and die.
You filled Him with honesty, wisdom, and courage.
Even when He was tortured, He spoke truth.
Then in our place he was killed and descended into hell.
Your only begotten Son was out of your presence!
But on the third day He arose from the dead
and now sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

Let us fear you with reverence.

We have no words to describe You
and no way of imagining You.

You grant us unfailing love and grace.
We should have been on that cross,
but you took our place and blame.

Blessed be your name, O Lord, in all lands
let only your name be praised.

Name above names, Lord above lords.

In this land of destruction and sorrow you will lead
us to safe ground.

Who can stand against you?
There could be no one so courageous, so mighty,

and so powerful,
yet filled with abounding mercy, unfailing grace
and one who could pour out love to fill more than an ocean.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you a great
and awe-inspiring God.

You are the one who created heaven and earth
and all that is in them.
Space and all the stars, you formed them.

Blessed be your name, O Lord, in all lands,
let only your name be praised.

We can do no things without you.
All things are to your will only.
Without your hand, not a hair can fall from my head.
With you no things, everything is possible.
Cleansed by your blood, we live.

Creation sings your praise,
they all bow down to you.
In the beginning you made them.
They have no reason not to praise you and adore you.

In the darkness, you shine light.
In my despair, you hold me and provide me all things necessary.

I shall praise you with my whole heart.
There is no reason for your name not to be praised.

Blessed be your name, O Lord, in all the lands,
let only your name be praised.

All who hate you will fall on their knees before you
on the day of judgment.

Your providence sustains me.
We shall be regenerated by you.

You have perfect righteousness.
You have perfect holiness.
You are perfect in everything.
You have no fault.

The most complex things are made by you.
The tiniest thing in a cell is made by you.

You gave us a choice, yet we sinned.
We have no excuse to complain.

Blessed be your name, O Lord, in all lands,
Your name shall be praised.