When Morning Gilds the Skies

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. Ps. 34:1

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
2. When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs:
3. Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
4. In heav’n’s eternal bliss the love-liest strain is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised. A like at work and prayer
May Jesus Christ be praised. When evil thoughts molest,
May Jesus Christ be praised. Or fades my earthly bliss?
May Jesus Christ be praised. The pow’rs of darkness fear,

to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised.
with this I shield my breast: May Jesus Christ be praised.
My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised.
when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised.

5. Let earth’s wide circle round
   in joyful notes resound:
   May Jesus Christ be praised.
   Let air and sea and sky,
   from depth to height, reply:
   May Jesus Christ be praised.

6. Be this, while life is mine,
   my canticle divine:
   May Jesus Christ be praised.
   Be this the’eternal song,
   through all the ages on:
   May Jesus Christ be praised.

German, ca. 1800
Tr by Edward Caswall, 1653, 1858

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God, in the Gospel of His Son

1. God, in the gospel of his Son, makes his eternal counsels known; where love in all its grace, and learn his name; may read, in character, rest from all his pains; the captive feel his world beyond the skies; here shines the light which mark your holy Word; its truths with meekness

2. Here sinners of a humble frame may taste his glory shines, and truth is drawn in fairest lines. terrors of blood, the wisdom, pow’r, and grace of God. bondage cease; the mourner find the way of peace. guides our way from earth to realms of endless day. to receive, and by its holy precepts live.

The task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace. Acts 20:24

Benjamin Beddome, 1787
Alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1819; mod.

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Forever Trusting in the Lord

1. Forever trusting in the Lord, take heed to do his will;
2. Delight now in the Lord, and he will grant your heart's request;
3. And he shall make your righteousness shine brightly as the light,
4. Rest in the Lord with quiet trust, wait patiently for him;

so shall you dwell within the land, and he your needs shall fill.
to him commit your way in faith, and thus you shall be blessed.
and as the burning noonday sun your judgment shall be bright.
though wickedness triumphant seem, let not your faith grow dim.

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