Rejoice the Lord is King
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Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come
And take His servants up To their eternal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Penitent
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A certain man had two sons,
And the younger of them said to his father,
“Give me the goods that falleth to me.” And he divided to them his living.

And the younger son gathered together,
And journeyed to a far-off country,
And wasted his substance on riotous living.
And when he had spent all,
There arose a famine in that land,
And he began to be in want,
And no man gave unto him.

But when he came to himself he said,
“How many hired servants of my father have bread enough to spare,
while I perish with hunger? With hunger...”
I will arise, I will arise and go unto my father,
and will say unto him:“

“Father, I have sinned, sinned against heaven,
and in thy sight, father I have sinned;
And am no more worthy to be called thy son.”

“Father! Father, I have sinned.
Make me as one of thy hired servants.
Make me as one of thy hired servants.“

And he arose, and came to his father, who saw him,
and had compassion, and ran and said:

“Bring forth the best robe and put it on him, and shoes on his feet.
Bring forth the best robe and put it on him,
And a ring on his hand.
For this, my son was dead, but is alive again.
He was lost and is found!
He was lost and is found!
My son was lost, but he is found!”
We are God’s People

We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently,
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God’s loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family
Diverse yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall His work on earth be done.

We are a Temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.
Jeremiah 7:1-8, 21-26

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:
2 “Stand at the gate of the Lord’s house and there proclaim this message:

“Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship the Lord. 3 This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. 4 Do not trust in deceptive words and say, “This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord!” 5 If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, 6 if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, 7 then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever. 8 But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless.

21 “This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Go ahead, add your burnt offerings to your other sacrifices and eat the meat yourselves! 22 For when I brought your ancestors out of Egypt and spoke to them, I did not just give them commands about burnt offerings and sacrifices, 23 but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you. 24 But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts. They went backward and not forward. 25 From the time your ancestors left Egypt until now, day after day, again and again I sent you my servants the prophets. 26 But they did not listen to me or pay attention. They were stiff-necked and did more evil than their ancestors.’

Jeremiah 4:30

What are you doing, you devastated one? Why dress yourself in scarlet and put on jewels of gold? Why highlight your eyes with makeup? You adorn yourself in vain.

Jeremiah 6:16

This is what the Lord says:
“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, ‘We will not walk in it.’

Jeremiah 7:12

Go now to the place in Shiloh where I first made a dwelling for my Name, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of my people Israel.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?
Mark 8:22-25

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. 23 He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, “Do you see anything?”

24 He looked up and said, “I see people; they look like trees walking around.”

25 Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.