

2 Surely *God* is *my* salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

The *Lord, the Lord himself*, is *my* strength and *my* defense, *he* has become *my* salvation.”

3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

4 In that day you will say: “Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

5 Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

God is Awesome! We need to claim what he has done for us. We need to do it joyfully, with praise and adoration. We like to claim we did it ourselves but through the years I have come to realize that it wasn't me. It was God leading me. Let God's Love flow through you to everyone you meet, sharing his grace and forgiveness far and near so everyone learns of his love and mercy.

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

*JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE, GOD OF GLORY, LORD OF LOVE!
HEARTS UNFOLD LIKE FLOWERS BEFORE THEE, PRAISING THEE, THEIR SUN ABOVE.
MELT THE CLOUDS OF SIN AND SADNESS, DRIVE THE GLOOM OF DOUBT AWAY.
GIVER OF IMMORTAL GLADNESS, FILL US WITH THE LIGHT OF DAY.*

*ALL THY WORKS WITH JOY SURROUND THEE, EARTH AND HEAVEN REFLECT THY RAYS,
STARS AND ANGELS SING AROUND THEE, CENTER OF UNBROKEN PRAISE.
FIELD AND FOREST, VALE AND MOUNTAIN, FLOWERY MEADOW, FLASHING SEA,
CHANTING BIRD, AND FLOWING FOUNTAIN CALL US TO REJOICE IN THEE.*

*THOU ART GIVING AND FORGIVING, EVER BLESSING, EVER BLEST,
WELLSPRING OF THE JOY OF LIVING, OCEAN DEPTH OF HAPPY REST!
THU OUR FATHER, CHRIST OUR BROTHER, ALL WHO LIVE IN LOVE ARE THINE;
TEACH US HOW TO LOVE EACH OTHER, LIFT US TO THE JOY DIVINE!*

Our Father in Heaven, Thank you for your unending love and forgiveness. For sending your Son, Jesus, as a baby to guide us to do your will in our lives. Remind us daily to love and forgive as he taught us. Through Jesus Christ our savior, Amen

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