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Today's Hymns

<i>Gathering Hymn</i>	<i>695</i>	<i>As Saints of Old</i>
<i>Hymn of the Day</i>	<i>765</i>	<i>Lord of all Hopefulness</i>
<i>Sending Hymn</i>	<i>668</i>	<i>O Zion, Haste</i>

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As Saints of Old

**1. As saints of old their firstfruits brought
of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;**

**so we today firstfruits would bring,
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.**

**2. A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.**

**The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love;
all life in Christ made new.**

**3. In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.**

**O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

Text: Frank von Christiernson, 1900-1996, alt.

765

Lord of all Hopefulness

**1. Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like,
no cares could destroy:**

**be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.**

**2. Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe:**

**be there at our labors,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.**

**3. Lord of all kindliness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace:**

**be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.**

**4. Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm:**

**be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.**

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953

668

O Zion, Haste

- 1. O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is light;
that he who made all nations is not willing
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.**

Refrain

**Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

**2. Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation
and died on earth that we might live above.**

Refrain

**Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

**3. He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him,
make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace;
let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him,
through your neglect, unfit to see his face.**

Refrain

**Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923