

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

- 1 Stand up and bless the Lord,
Ye people of God's choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God
With heart and soul and voice.
- 2 Though high above all praise,
Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear God's holy name,
And laud and magnify?
- 3 O for the living flame
From God's own altar brought,
To touch our lips, our minds inspire,
And wing to heaven our thought!
- 4 God is our strength and song,
Now is salvation ours;
Then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
With all our ransomed powers.
- 5 Stand up and bless the Lord;
The Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless God's glorious name;
Henceforth forevermore.

Prayer of Confession
Sunday, October 18, 2020

God of grace, we confess we are anything but gracious. We hold tightly to our grudges. We find ways to exact revenge. We hoard your forgiveness but withhold it from others. Forgive us, O LORD! As you have redeemed us, strengthen us to be a people of redemptive reconciliation.

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.