**ELW #638 *Blessed Assurance***

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

 Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

 born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song,

 praising my Savior, all the day long:

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 praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,

 visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

 angels descending bring from above

 echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;

 I in my Savior am happy and blest,

 watching and waiting, looking above,

 filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

**ELW #853 *When Morning Gilds the Skies***

Verses 1 and 2

1 When morning gilds the skies,

 my heart awaking cries:

 may Jesus Christ be praised!

 When evening shadows fall,

 this rings my curfew call:

 may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 When mirth for music longs,

 this is my song of songs:

 may Jesus Christ be praised!

 God's holy house of prayer

 has none that can compare

 with "Jesus Christ be praised!"

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

###  Psalm 139:7-12

7Where can I go then from your Spirit?
  Where can I flee from your presence?
 8**If I climb up to heaven, you are there;**
  **if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**
 9If I take the wings of the morning
  and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
 10**even there your hand will lead me**
  **and your right hand hold me fast.**
 11If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me,
  and the light around me turn to night,”
 12**darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;**
  **darkness and light to you are both alike.**

23Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
  try me and know my restless thoughts.
 24**Look well whether there be any wickedness in me**
  **and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

Psalm 65:9-13

1You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;

 to you shall vows be fulfilled.
8**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth**

 **will tremble at your marvelous signs;**

 **you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
9You visit the earth and water it abundantly;

 you make it very plenteous;

 the river of God is full of water.
 You prepare the grain,

 for so you provide for the earth.
10**You drench the furrows**

 **and smooth out the ridges;**
 **with heavy rain you soften the ground**

 **and bless its increase.**

11You crown the year with your goodness,
 and your paths over-flow with plenty.
12**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,**
 **and the hills be clothed with joy.**
 13May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,

 and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
 let them shout for joy and sing.

**ELW #853 *When Morning Gilds the Skies***

Verses 4 and 5

4 Let all of humankind

 in this their concord find:

 may Jesus Christ be praised!

 Let all the earth around

 ring joyous with the sound:

 may Jesus Christ be praised!

5 Sing, sun and stars of space,

 sing, all who see his face,

 sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"

 God's whole creation o'er,

 today and evermore

 shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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