

Season

We Thank Thee, Jesus! Dearest Friend

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Lowell Mason, 1840

1. We thank Thee, Je - sus! dear - est Friend,
2. Now His dis - ci - ples all re - joice,
3. As - cend - ed to His throne on high,
4. A - bove the heav'ns in glo - ry raised,

That Thou didst in - to heav'n as - cend;
And sing His praise with cheer - ful voice:
He yet to us is al - ways nigh;
By an - gel hosts for - ev - er praised,

O bless - ed Sa - vior, bid us live, —
Come, let us grate - ful off' - rings bring,
True God and man He ev - er reigns,
All crea - tures His do - min - ion own, —

And strength to soul and bod - y — give.
Our Broth - er is our God — and King.
And in - fi - nite in pow'r re - mains.
He holds an ev - er - last - ing throne. A - men.

5. He rules and reigns at God's right hand,
And has all pow'r at His command;
All things are subject to His rod—
The Son of man and Son of God.

9. With deepest joy our voice we raise,
And sing our grateful song of praise:
Our Brother, our own flesh and bone,
Is God and King, our joy alone.

6. The world, and sin, and Satan fell
He overthrew, with death and hell;
Dispute who will His mighty reign,
He still the Victor must remain.

10. Through Him we heirs of heav'n are made;
O Brother, Christ! extend Thine aid,
That we may ever trust in Thee,
And live by faith eternally.

7. The man who trusts in Him is blest,
And finds in Him eternal rest:
This world's allurements we despise,
And fix on Christ alone our eyes.

11. Amen, amen, O Lord! we cry;
Do Thou, who art exalted high,
In Thy pure faith preserve our hearts
And shield us from all Satan's darts.

8. He richest consolation gives,
Who once was dead but ever lives;
He captive led captivity,
From bitter death to set us free.

12. Come, blessed Lord! to judgment come,
And take us to our glorious home,
That all our woes on earth may cease,
And we may dwell in heav'nly peace.

13. A glad Amen shall close our song;
Our souls for rest in glory long,
Where we with angel-hosts again
Shall sing in nobler strains Amen!