

ACCORDING TO HIS GREAT MERCY (1 Peter 1:3-9)
to the tune "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" or BEECHER

Blessed be the God and Father
Of our Lord our Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy,
He has given us new birth
To a living hope in Jesus
Through his rising from the dead,
To an inheritance unfading,
can not perish, undefiled

That inheritance in heaven
Kept for us who by this faith
Are now guarded by God's power
For salvation ready then
In the last time to be made known
That we might rejoice a while
Though we may a time be tested
By some grievous varied trials.

In these trials we are tested
That our faith's proved genuine
Faith more precious than of gold
That perishes refined by fire
That our faith may produce praises
Glory, honor in the sight
Of the revelation of Him
Our Lord Savior Jesus Christ.

Though we have not seen him, love him.
Though we do not see him now,
We believe in Him rejoicing
Filled with glory and with joy
That is inexpressible.
When that day we reach our goal
Gaining the outcome of our faith,
The salvation of our souls.

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