

# SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY SERVICE

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# The Banner of the King

# Rally Day Service

Issued according to General Conference order by the General Sunday School Board for use in the Sunday schools of the Methodist Church, on September 24th, 1916, or on the Sunday nearest thereto that may be more convenient because of local conditions.

# Order of Service

#### Explanatory:

It is not intended that this Order of Service shall be followed in all cases exactly as outlined in the following pages. Modification or change in the Programme may be deemed necessary. There is enough matter provided for all schools and the adaptation and use of the Programme must be left with the officers in charge. It is very desirable that some time be given to learning the choruses before the actual service is held. Any Programme that could be presented on sight, without previous preparation, would be altogether unworthy of the important occasion afforded for popularizing the Sunday school on Rally Day. If the service is held in place of the usual preaching service, the minister's sermon or address may be substituted for some of the other exercises and the music arranged accordingly. In every case the local school must decide what to use and what to leave out.

# The Offering

#### Statement and Appeal:

The Rally Day Offering constitutes the only source of income of the General Sunday-school Fund. It is ordered by General Conference in all our churches on this occasion. The full offering should be given to the minister to be forwarded without delay. Or if not given to him it should be sent by his direction. The Discipline holds the minister responsible for both taking and forwarding the offering in every case. Please remember that the Rally Day Offering of 1915 was not equal to that of 1914, and that unless more money be provided the General Board, its work will be very seriously impaired. If you have not a copy of the leaflet issued recently on this important matter, ask your pastor or superintendent for one. Kindly give the Fund an unusual offering this year that its many activities and enterprises may not be hampered as now by lack of funds.

# The New Canadian Hymnal

It will be interesting to note that the choruses used in this programme are reprinted from the NEW CANADIAN HYMNAL. The new book contains 462 hymns. Of these a large number are new, having been selected from recent publications in Great Britain, United States and elsewhere, and including the brightest and most inspiring songs for Sunday School, Week-Evening Meetings and Social use which have been written in the last few years. At the same time the best of the old hymns which through continued use have proved their value, have been preserved. In the work of revision the idea was kept uppermost of making the new Hymnal serve in a larger way the field covered by the present book and it is believed that the result will be heartily welcomed.

The NEW CANADIAN HYMNAL will be issued in attractive new covers in both "Music" and "Words only" editions. Details of these with prices will be found on page 15 of this Service.

#### Summons to Fraise. By Minister or Superintendent. (All standing.)

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name. For the Lord is good: his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."—Psalm 100.



### Invocation Followed by the Lord's Prayer in concert.

Leader: (Minister or Superintendent)

As the first great central thought on which to base our further worship and praise, let us all repeat together that wonderful text which Luther called "the Gospel in miniature," John 3: 16.

Congregation:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Leader:

"In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him."



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God is love!

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What did St. John say about our duty because of God's love to us?

#### Congregation:

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

#### Leader:

Quote some of our Lord's words concerning this same matter.

#### Congregation:

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

#### Chorus

(May well be sung by a company of Junior scholars or the Primary Department of the Sunday school.)



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Let us repeat more of our Master's words on our duty of loving. As recorded by St. John, Jesus said, "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."

#### Congregation:

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."

#### Leader:

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."



3 Then, like a youthful pilgrim,
Whatever I may meet,
I'll take it, joy or sorrow,

And lay it at his feet:
He'll comfort me in trouble,
He'll wipe my tears away;
With joy I'll follow Jesus

h joy I'll follow Jesus All the way. 4 Then trials shall not vex me,
And pain I need not fear;
For when I'm close to Jesus,
Grief will not come too near:
Not even death can harm me,
When death I meet one day;

To heaven I'll follow Jesus
All the way.

-Anna Warner.

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## "In the name of our God we will set up our Banners"

#### Leader:

Our First great Central Thought has been God's Love to the whole world, manifested in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Second great Central Thought is embodied in the striking words of the sixtieth Psalm, and the fourth verse. Will you please quote them?

#### Congregation:

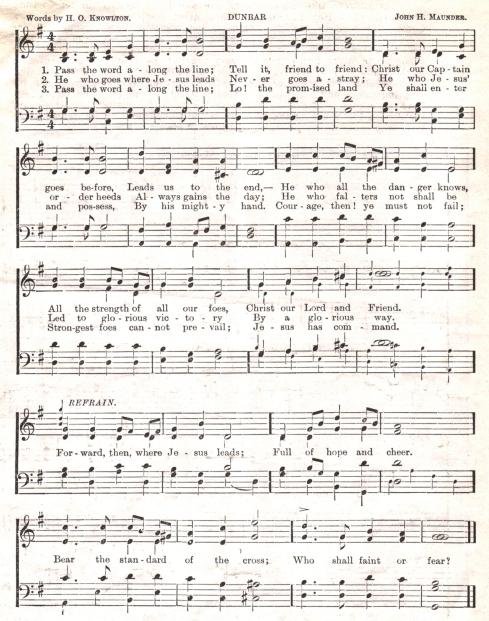
"Thou hast given a Banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth."



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#### Kive-Minute Address

This Address should be limited to the time allotted, and should simply explain that A Banner stands for a Cause, that it Leads the Way, that the Hosts who are Loyal to it Follow in this Way, that they Maintain and Defend its Principles no matter what the Cost to themselves. God's Banner is Love, and Love is the great Truth which all His people are to Demonstrate and Maintain, even as Jesus Led the Way by His life and death, proving the Love of the Father, God.



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(All standing at the close of the Chorus.)

Let us repeat together the Text with which this Section of our Programme begun, as our Declaration of Purpose for the work of our school.

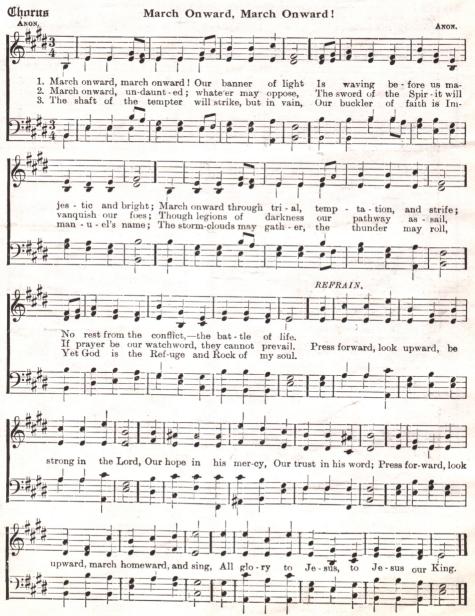
#### School:

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#### Hine-Minute Address

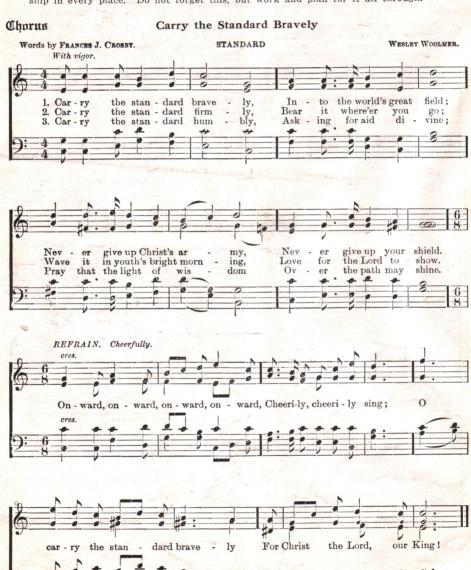
This Address, like the preceding one, should be strictly limited to time and should show How the Sunday School as an Institution can Make Knowledge Cod's Love, first, to its own members, and then, to the community. The Sunday School BANNER stands for the Truth; the end and aim of Sunday School Instruction is to make known the Truth; the great need of the whole world is the Truth; and the very heart of the Truth which is revealed in the Bible—our wonderful Text-book—is God's Love in Jesus Christ. The Sunday School should be the greatest Educational agency in the world for teaching the young both to Love God themselves and to make known His Love to others. Thus it is also a powerful Evangelistic and Missionary Institution for declaring the Love of God to all people. Is our school doing this? may well be the searching question of Rally Day.

CHEST



#### Roll Call of the School

Note.—This Exercise may be differently arranged in different schools. If the school is large and organized according to the Standard, with Elementary, Secondary, and Adult Divisions, the Secretary may call the Roll simply by these three Divisions, and the Divisional Superintendents make a brief statement as to the membership in each. In the great majority of our schools, however, this organization by Divisions has not been made, and the Roll will necessarily be called according to Classes. In this case each teacher should respond by at least giving the number of members on the class register and the number present. It may be a very interesting item, too, if the classes respond by repeating in concert the class motto. Organized classes may well do this. The Secretary should be able to give a brief statistical Summary of the school membership and close the Roll Call with an Appeal for Recruits. Rally Day is intended to be an Annual "Boom Day" for the Sunday school, and should result in a considerable addition to the school membership in every place. Do not forget this, but work and plan for it all through.



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#### The Offering

The Offering on Rally Day is set apart by the General Conference for the Treasury of the General Board of Sunday Schools. It is the only source of Revenue for the General Sunday-school Fund. The work of the General Board is outlined in a leaflet which has been sent to every Minister and Superintendent in the Methodist Church, and freely offered them for distribution among the friends of the Sunday school. A copy of it, if not already supplied you, may be obtained on request from the minister or superintendent, or any number will be cheerfully sent for distribution by the General Secretary, Rev. S. T. Bartlett, Wesley Buildings, Toronto. The information contained in this pamphlet is too lengthy to be printed here. It is hoped, however, that every friend of Methodist Sunday-school work will contribute generously in the offering for the support of the General Board. Offering envelopes have been supplied wherever desired; but whether in the envelope or on the plate, you are respectfully asked to make your contribution, assured that there is no part of the Church's work more deserving of your support or more needy at the present time than the Fund for which this appeal is now made.

Chorus (May well be sung by a selected chorus of young girls.)



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#### Recitation

#### Love Much

Love much. Earth has enough of bitter in it.

Cast sweets into its cup whene'er you can.

No heart so hard, but Love at last may win it;
Love is the grand primeval cause of man;
All hate is foreign to the first great plan.

Love much. Your heart will be led out to slaughter,
On altars built of envy and deceit.

Love on! Love on! 'tis bread upon the water;
It shall be cast in loaves yet at your feet,
Unleavened manna, most divinely sweet.

Love much. Your faith will be dethroned and shaken,
Your trust betrayed by many a fair, false lure;

Remount your faith, and let new trusts awaken;
Though clouds obscure them, yet the stars are pure;
Love is a vital force and must endure.

Love much. Men's souls contract with cold suspicion; Shine on them with warm Love, and they expand.

'Tis Love, not creeds, that from a low condition Leads mankind up to heights supreme and grand. Oh, that the world could see and understand!

Love much. There is no waste in freely giving;
More blessed is it, even, than to receive.
He who loves much, alone finds life worth living;
Love on, through doubts and darkness; and believe
There is no thing which Love may not achieve.

-Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

#### Chorus

#### Upward, Ever Upward to the Promised Land



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## Fine-Minute Address Our Country's Call to the Young

This Address, like the others, need not be more than five minutes long. It is intended to show that God's Love is more than a beautiful Truth recorded in a Book, more than a sweet Sentiment lodged in a Heart, more than our Hope for a Future Life. The Truth is to be written on the Character, the Sentiment is to inspire to noble Deeds, the Hope is to be realized in the Present Life. What every young girl or boy needs, our young Country needs, and the Sunday school must help to give it—the Love of God as the motive power for Service. The Call of Canada is for young people who are as willing to live for the Truth as our brave soldiers have been willing to die for it.



- 3 Teach us to bear the yoke in youth With steadfastness and careful truth,—
  That in our time thy grace may give The truth whereby the nations live.
- 4 Teach us to rule ourselves alway, Controlled and cleanly night and day,— That we may bring, if need arise, No maimed or worthless sacrifice.
- 5 Teach us to look in all our ends On thee for judge, and not our friends,— That we with thee may walk, uncowed By fear or favour of the crowd.
- 6 Teach us the strength that cannot seek, By deed or thought, to hurt the weak,— That, under thee, we may possess Man's strength to comfort man's distress.
- 7 Teach us delight in simple things, And mirth that has no bitter springs,— Forgiveness free, of evil done, And love to all men 'neath the sun.
- 8 Land of our birth, our faith, our pride, For whose dear sake our fathers died, O Motherland, we pledge to thee Head, heart, and hand through the years to be. —Rudyard Kipling.



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Let us stand and read responsively the Triumphant 24th Psalm.:

The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.

For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceiffully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is the King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is the King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory.

Prayer. (By the Minister) for King and Country, that the Right may triumph, the reign of Love be ushered in, the power of Hate be overthrown, and the Prince of Peace be crowned King of Kings over all the world.

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# The National Anthem



God save our gracious King, Long live our noble King, God save the King; Send him victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us; God save the King. Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign;
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the King.

Benediction and Dismissal