

Hymns of Praise

Sunday January 16, 2022

#290

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Un-resting, un-hasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Music: Welsh folk song from Caniadau y Cyssegr 1839

Tune: St. Denio

#250

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. **Refrain**

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die. **Refrain**

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance, and I still go on. **Refrain**

They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. **Refrain**

Words: Syndey Carter (1915-2004)

Music: 19th C. Shaker tune

Tune: Lord of the dance

#368 (vs.1,2,3,5,6)

Let Christian faith and hope dispel
the fears of guilt and woe;
the Lord Almighty is our friend,
and who can prove a foe?

The Saviour died but rose again
triumphant from the grave,
and pleads our cause at God's right hand,
omnipotent to save.

Who then can e'er divide us more
from Jesus' saving love,
or break the sacred chain that binds
the earth to heaven above?

Nor death, nor life, nor earth, nor hell
nor time's destroying sway
can e'er erase us from his heart,
or make his love decay.

Each future period that will bless
as it has blessed the past;
Christ loved us from the first of time;
Christ loves us to the last.

Words: anonymous; John Logan (1748-1788)

Music: Jeremiah Clarke (c.1674-1707)

Tune: St. Magnus

#830 – Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Genevan Psalter 1551; last line, Ravenscroft's Psalter 1621; Old 100th

#612 (vs.1,2,4,5,7)

Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Oh magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

So shall God's will on earth be done
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Words: G.K.A. Bell (1883-1958)

Music: Melchior Vulpius (c.1560-1615)

Tune: Vulpius