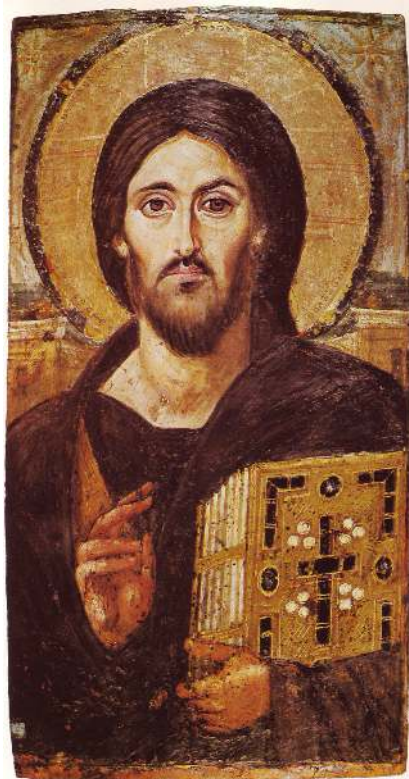


POSSIBLE READINGS AND HYMNS FOR THE FUNERAL SERVICE



*'I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die'.*

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Generally there are at least two readings with at least one being from the New Testament.

Following this list is a list of readings which are often chose, with texts printed in full.

OLD TESTAMENT

Readings marked + will need to be found in a translation of the Apocrypha.

Job 19:1, 23-27b
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Lamentations 3:17-26, 31-33
Isaiah 25:6-9
+Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-5, 9
+Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 44:1-15

I know that my Redeemer lives
For everything there is a season
The steadfast love of God never ceases
The Lord God will swallow up death for ever
The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God
Let us now sing the praises of the famous

PSALM

Psalm 27
Psalm 42
Psalm 118:14-21, 28-29
Psalm 130

The Lord is my light and my salvation
My soul thirsts for the living God
The Lord has become my salvation
Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 10:34-43	God raised Jesus from death
Romans 5:5-11	God shows his love for us
Romans 6:3-11	We believe that we shall also live with him
Romans 14:7-9	Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's
1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Christ the first fruits of the dead
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-44, 50-58	How are the dead raised?
2 Corinthians 1:3-7	We are comforted by God
2 Corinthians 4:7-15	He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us
2 Corinthians 4:16 to 5:10	We have a building from God
Philippians 3:8-11, 20-21	That I may know him and the power of his resurrection
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	The coming of the Lord
Revelation 7:9-17	God will wipe away every tear from their eyes
Revelation 21:1-7	Behold, I make all things new
Revelation 22:1-7	The Lord God will be their light

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12	Blessed are those who mourn
Matthew 11:25-30	Come to me and rest
Luke 23:33, 39-43	Today you will be with me in paradise
John 5:19-24	The Son gives life to whom he will
John 11:17-27	I am the resurrection and the life

and these stories of the Resurrection:

Matthew 28:1-10;
Mark 16:1-8;
Luke 24:1-12;
Luke 24:13-35 (especially 13-17a, 18-21, 24-27, 29b-35);
John 20:1-18 (especially 1-2, 6-9, 11-18);
John 20:19-23.

PSALMS

Psalm 23

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

or

The Lord is my shepherd
I need nothing more.
You give me rest in green meadows,
setting me near calm waters,
where you revive my spirit.

You guide me along sure paths,
you are true to your name.
Though I should walk
in death's dark valley,
I fear no evil with you by my side,
your shepherd's staff to comfort me.

You spread a table before me
as my foes look on.
You soothe my head with oil;
my cup is more than full.

Goodness and love will tend me
every day of my life.
I will dwell in the house of the Lord
as long as I live.

Psalm 90:1-6, 10, 12, 14-17
LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR REFUGE

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals'.
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.
You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.
Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands –
O prosper the work of our hands!

Psalm 121
I LIFT UP MY EYES TO THE HILLS

I lift up my eyes to the hills –
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Psalm 139: 1-14, 17-18
LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME OUT

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them – they are more than the sand;
I come to the end – I am still with you.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 46: 3-4 EVEN IN YOUR OLD AGE I AM GOD

Listen to me, O house of Jacob,
all the remnant of the house of Israel,
who have been borne by me from your birth,
carried from the womb;
even to your old age I am God,
even when you turn grey I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear;
I will carry and will save.

Isaiah 61: 1-3 A GARLAND INSTEAD OF ASHES

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
and has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion –
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord,
to display God's glory.

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 8: 18,28, 31b-35,37-39 NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD

I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are not worth comparing
with the glory about to be revealed to us.
We know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.
If God is for us, who is against us?
He who did not withhold his own Son,
but gave him up for all of us,
will he not with him also give us everything else?
Who will bring any charge against God's elect?
It is God who justifies.
Who is to condemn?
It is Christ Jesus, who died,
yes, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.
Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
No, in all these things
we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 3:14-19 THE FATHER FROM WHOM EVERY FAMILY IS NAMED

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory,
he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being
with power through his Spirit,
and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.
I pray that you may have the power to comprehend,
with all the saints,
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

1 Peter 1:3-9

A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth
into a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and into an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled and unfading,
kept in heaven for you,
who are being protected by the power of God through faith
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
In this you rejoice,
even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,
so that the genuineness of your faith –
being more precious than gold that,
though perishable, is tested by fire –
may be found to result in praise and glory and honour
when Jesus Christ is revealed.
Although you have not seen him,
you love him;
and even though you do not see him now,
you believe in him and rejoice with
an indescribable and glorious joy,
for you are receiving the outcome of your faith,
the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL

Mark 10: 13-16

THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE

This may be suitable for the funeral of a child.

People were bringing little children to Jesus
in order that he might touch them;
and the disciples spoke sternly to them.
But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant
and said to them,
'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.
Truly I tell you,
whoever does not receive the kingdom of God
as a little child will never enter it'.
And he took them up in his arms,
laid his hands on them,
and blessed them.

John 6:35-40

I WILL RAISE THEM UP ON THE LAST DAY

Jesus said to them,
'I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.
But I said to you that you have seen me
and yet do not believe.
Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away;
for I have come down from heaven,
not to do my own will,
but the will of him who sent me.

And this is the will of him who sent me,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
but raise it up on the last day.
This is indeed the will of my Father,
that all who see the Son and believe in him
may have eternal life;
and I will raise them up on the last day'.

John 10:14-16, 27-30
I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus said,
'I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father.
And I lay down my life for the sheep.
I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.
I must bring them also,
and they will listen to my voice.
So there will be one flock, one shepherd.
My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life,
and they will never perish.
No one will snatch them out of my hand.
What my Father has given me is greater than all else,
and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.
The Father and I are one'.

John 14:1-6, 18-19, 27
IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE ARE MANY DWELLING PLACES

Jesus said,
'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.
If it were not so,
would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
so that where I am, there you may be also.
And you know the way to the place where I am going'.
Thomas said to him,
'Lord, we do not know where you are going.
How can we know the way?'
Jesus said to him,
'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
I will not leave you orphaned;
I am coming to you.
In a little while the world will no longer see me,
but you will see me;
because I live, you also will live.
Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid'.

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HYMN TIS 143

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,
In all life now living, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
Then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.
4. All praise we would render: reveal to our sight
What hides you is only the splendour of light;
And so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
Through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

HYMN TIS 584

1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that your blood was shed for me,
And that you would my Saviour be,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind-
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yes, all I need, in you to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, you will receive,
Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am - your love unknown
Has broken every barrier down
Now to be yours, and yours alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

HYMN TIS 607

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
Where there is injury your pardon Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness let me bring your light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

HYMN TIS 699

A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another, as I have loved you.
By this will others know that you are my disciples
If you have love one for another;
By this will others know that you are my disciples
If you have love one for another.

TIS 650 THE SERVANT SONG

Brother sister let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey and companions on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping: when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

HYMN TIS 155

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, our burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away our sin:

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!

HYMN TIS 161 *Magnificat*

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are out to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4. Tell out my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

HYMN TIS 121

1. God himself is present, Let us now adore him
As with awe we come before him.
God is in our midst, now in our hearts keep silence,
Worshipping in deepest reverence.
Him we know, him we name, come and let us make him
Our renewed surrender.

2. O majestic Being, I would praise you duly
And my service render to you.
In the selfsame spirit as the holy angels,
Ever standing in your presence.
Grant me now so to strive evermore to please you,
Dearest God, in all things.

3. Let your glorious light, Lord, permeating all things,
Reach my face and eyes to touch them;
As the tender flowers open out their petals,
To the sun their hearts unfolding,
So may I calm in joy, hold your rays from heaven,
Power within me working.

4. Lord, make me your dwelling, Let my heart and spirit
Be for you an earthly temple:
Come, immediate Being, my whole life illumine,
So I'll always praise and love you,
So where'er I may be there may I perceive you
Ever bow before you.

HYMN TIS 361

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad:
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth up to the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light!
And listening to his accents may hear, so calm and plain,
His own 'All hail' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful and earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

HYMN TIS 588

1. In heavenly love abiding,
No change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here:
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid;
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?

2. Wherever he may guide me
No want shall turn me back,
My shepherd is beside me
And nothing can I lack:
His wisdom ever waking,
His sight is never dim,
He knows the way he's taking
And I will walk with him.

3. Green pastures are before me,

Which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me
Where dark the clouds have been:
My hope I cannot measure,
My path to life is free;
My Saviour has my treasure,
And he will walk with me.

HYMN TIS 595

1. O Jesus I have promised
To serve you to the end;
Lord, be for ever near me,
My master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
If you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If you will be my guide.

2. Still let me feel you near me:
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
And tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw me nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear you speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
Lord, speak to reassure me,
To chasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
The guardian of my soul.

4. Lord, let me see your footmarks
And in them plant my own;

That I may follow boldly
And in your strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my friend.

HYMN TIS 590

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there..

HYMN TIS 145

1. The king of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

2. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

3. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

HYMN TIS 586

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail and comfort flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

3. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

HYMN TIS 569

Guide me O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me by thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the living waters flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee.

HYMN TIS 217 [*Hyfrydol tune*]

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

HYMN [*Rockingham tune*]

1. O Christ you wept when grief was raw,
And felt for those who mourned their friend;
Come close to where we would not be
And hold us, numbed by this life's end.

2. The well-loved voice is silent now
And we have much we meant to say;
Collect our lost and wandering words
And keep them till the endless day.

3. We try to hold what is not here
And fear for what we do not know;
Oh, take our hands in yours, Good Lord,
And free us to let our friend go.

4. In all our loneliness and doubt
Through what we cannot realise,
Address us from your empty tomb
And tell us that life never dies.

HYMN TIS 658

1. I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night;

I will go Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3. I, The Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame;
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

HYMN TIS 276

1. There's a light upon the mountains, and the day is at the spring
When our eyes shall see the beauty and the glory of the King;
Weary was our heart with waiting, and the night-watch seemed so long

But his triumph day is breaking, and we hail it with a song.

2. There's a hush of expectation, and a quiet in the air,
And the breath of God is moving in the fervent breath of prayer:
For the suffering, dying Jesus is the Christ upon the throne,
And the travail of our spirit is the travail of his own.

3. He is breaking down the barriers, he is casting up the way,
He is calling for his angels to build up the gates of day:
But his angels here are human, not the shining hosts above;
For the drum -beats of his army are the heart -beats of our love.

4. Hark, we hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell-
The great triumph song of Jesus, of our King, Emmanuel:
Sion, go you forth to meet him; and my soul, be swift to bring
All your finest and your dearest for the triumph of our King!

HYMN TIS 242

1. 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.

2. 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:

3. 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 hang me high,
And they left me there on a cross to die:

4. 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:

5. 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:

HYMN TIS 745

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness.
And all these things
Shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia*

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and you shall find,
Knock and it shall
Be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

3. We shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds
From the mouth of the Lord. Allelu, alleluia.

HYMN TIS 342

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most;

I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

HYMN TIS 129

1. Amazing grace, [how sweet the sound]
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
So long as life endures.

HYMN TIS 361

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad:
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth up to the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light!
And listening to his accents may hear, so calm and plain,
His own 'All hail' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful and earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

HYMN TIS 458

1. The day you gave us, Lord is ended,
The darkness falls at your behest;
To you our morning hymns ascended,
Your praise shall sanctify our rest.

2. We thank you that your church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

3. Across each continent and island
As dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

4. The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our friends beneath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Your wondrous doings heard on high.

5. So be it Lord, your throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Your kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all your creatures own your sway.

HYMN TIS 156

1. Morning has broken like the first morning:
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them, springing fresh from the word.

2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew-fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung from completeness where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day.

HYMN TIS 10 Psalm 23

1. The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want,
he makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Ev'n for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,

and my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be

HYMN TIS 106 [i]

1. Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
Who ever was, is now, and shall be ever more.

HYMN TIS 134

1. Praise my soul the king of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, Hallelujah, Praise the everlasting king!
2. Praise him for his grace and favour to his people in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever, slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him, praise him, Hallelujah, Glorious in his faithfulness!
3. Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him, Hallelujah, widely as his mercy flows!
4. Frail as Summer's flower we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish God endures unchanging on.

Praise him, praise him, Hallelujah, praise the high eternal one!
5. Angels help us to adore him, you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:
Praise him, praise him, Hallelujah, praise with us the God of grace!

HYMN TIS 123

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change, he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can restore
the trust and hope that strengthened you before.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

