

Preface

Over recent years, while working with schools on the publication of tailor-made hymnbooks, we have become aware that there is a core of hymns which appear regularly in our books for Preparatory Schools. To make this selection available to smaller schools who may not be contemplating a bespoke book, we have published the Gresham Junior Hymnal.

The hymns we have chosen have appeared consistently in the books we have published for a very wide range of Prep Schools, large and small, over the past ten years. We have included standard hymns we feel should be learned by everyone; old favourites, most of them rousing; hymns for younger members of the school community, and the most popular Christmas carols.

Although we have not specified hymns for particular seasons of the Christian year, we hope that there is a reasonable choice for each major festival.

We feel strongly that there is no better way to start the school day than with lifting up the voice in communal praise, and we hope that this new hymnal will help to introduce children to a lifelong joy in singing.

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God save our gracious Queen,
 Long live our noble Queen,
 God save the Queen!
 Send her victorious,
 Happy and glorious,
 Long to reign over us;
 God save the Queen!

- 2 Thy choicest gifts in store
 On her be pleased to pour,
 Long may she reign;
 May she defend our laws,
 And ever give us cause
 To sing with heart and voice
 God save the Queen!

Anonymous

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 shall all men know that you are my disciples,
 If you have love one for another.
 By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,
 If you have love one for another.

Anonymous

3

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

- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3 I need thy Presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
- 4 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.

H. F. Lyte† (1793–1847)

All creatures of our God and King,
 Lift up your voice and with us sing
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou burning sun with golden beam,
 Thou silver moon with softer gleam.

*O praise him, O praise him,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

- 2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
 Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
 O praise him, alleluia!
 Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
 Ye lights of evening, find a voice.

Chorus

- 3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
 Make music for thy Lord to hear,
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou fire so masterful and bright,
 That givest man both warmth and light.

Chorus

- 4 Dear mother earth, who day by day
 Unfoldest blessings on our way,
 O praise him, alleluia!
 The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
 Let them his glory also show.

Chorus

- 5 And thou most kind and gentle death,
 Waiting to hush our latest breath,
 O praise him, alleluia!
 Thou ledest home the child of God,
 And Christ our Lord the way hath trod.

Chorus

W. H. Draper (1855–1933)

*All glory, laud, and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and Blessed One.

Chorus

- 2 The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.

Chorus

- 3 The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present.

Chorus

- 4 Thou didst accept their praises:
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

Chorus

*Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821)
Tr. J. M. Neale† (1818–66)*

All my hope on God is founded;
 He doth still my trust renew.
 Me through change and chance he guideth,
 Only good and only true.

God unknown,
 He alone

Calls my heart to be his own.

- 2 Pride of man and earthly glory,
 Sword and crown betray his trust;
 What with care and toil he buildeth,
 Tower and temple, fall to dust.
 But God's power,
 Hour by hour,
 Is my temple and my tower.
- 3 God's great goodness aye endureth,
 Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
 Splendour, light, and life attend him,
 Beauty springeth out of naught.
 Evermore,
 From his store
 New-born worlds rise and adore.
- 4 Daily doth the Almighty Giver
 Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
 His desire our soul delighteth,
 Pleasure leads us where we go.
 Love doth stand
 At his hand;
 Joy doth wait on his command.
- 5 Still from man to God eternal
 Sacrifice of praise be done,
 High above all praises praising
 For the gift of Christ his Son,
 Christ doth call
 One and all:
 Ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844–1930)
from Joachim Neander (1650–80)

7

All over the world the Spirit is moving,
All over the world as the prophets said it would be;
All over the world there's a mighty revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

2 All over the land the Spirit is moving,
All over the land as the prophets said it would be;
All over the land there's a mighty revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

3 All over the church the Spirit is moving,
All over the church as the prophets said it would be;
All over the church there's a mighty revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

4 All over us all the Spirit is moving,
All over us all the prophets said it would be;
All over us all there's a mighty revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

5 Deep down in my heart the Spirit is moving,
Deep down in my heart the prophets said it would be;
Deep down in my heart there's a mighty revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Roy Turner

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

- 2 The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his flock, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3 O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore.

William Kethe (d. 1594)
(*Verse 5 added c. 1861*)

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings;

Chorus

- 2 The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky;

Chorus

- 3 The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one;

Chorus

- 4 He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well;

Chorus

Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–95)

*Alleluia, alleluia,
Give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia,
Give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation.

Chorus

- 2 Spread the good news through all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen.

Chorus

- 3 We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live for ever.

Chorus

- 4 God has proclaimed the just reward,
New life for all! Alleluia!

Chorus

- 5 Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Chorus

Don Fishel (b. 1950)

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
 Alleluia! his the triumph,
 His the victory alone;
 Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
 Thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus out of every nation
 Hath redeemed us by his Blood.

- 2 Alleluia! not as orphans
 Are we left in sorrow now;
 Alleluia! he is near us,
 Faith believes, nor questions how:
 Though the cloud from sight received him,
 When the forty days were o'er,
 Shall our hearts forget his promise,
 'I am with you evermore'?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of angels,
 Thou on earth our food, our stay;
 Alleluia! here the sinful
 Flee to thee from day to day;
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
 Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
 Where the songs of all the sinless
 Sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,
 Thee the Lord of Lords we own;
 Alleluia! born of Mary,
 Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
 Thou within the veil hast entered,
 Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
 Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
 In the Eucharistic feast.

W. Chatterton Dix (1837–98)

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 hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4 When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

John Newton (1725–1807)

13

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

William Blake† (1757–1827)

14

At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of Glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

- 2 Mighty and mysterious
In the highest height,
God from everlasting,
Very Light of light.
In the Father's bosom,
With the Spirits blest,
Love, in love eternal,
Rest, in perfect rest.

- 3 Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came;
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious,
When from death he passed.
- 4 Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height;
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.
- 5 In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true;
Crown him as your captain
In temptation's hour,
Let his will enfold you
In its light and power.
- 6 Brothers, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With his Father's glory,
With his angel-train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817–77)

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
At thy cradle rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way,
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

5 In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There for ever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

W. Chatterton Dix (1837–98)

For those in need

- 7 Heavenly Father, we remember before you those whom it is easy for us to forget: the poor and the homeless; the old and the friendless; and all who have no-one to care for them. Bless those who work hard to help them; that they may bring them comfort and hope. Show us how we can follow Jesus' example by helping people in need. Amen.
- 8 Lord, when I am hungry give me someone to feed; when I am thirsty give water for their thirst. When I am sad someone to lift from sorrow. When burdens weigh upon me, lay upon my shoulders the burden of my fellows. Lord, when I stand greatly in need of tenderness, give me someone who yearns for love. May your will be my bread; your grace my strength; your love my resting place. Amen.

Living with others

- 9 Throughout today, O God, help us to say nothing that will hurt anybody, to do nothing that is unkind or harmful, to think only the best of other people, to repeat nothing that is best forgotten, to treat others as we would like to be treated. Amen.
- 10 O Lord Jesus Christ, take our hands and work with them; take our lips and speak through them; take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you and all mankind. Amen.
- 11 Lord, we pray for the wisdom to understand that we are one body and to realise that when we hurt a part of that body we hurt ourselves, but when we work for the good of each other the body is whole and strong. We pray that our school community grows in strength and unity. Amen.

Beginning and End of Term

- 12 Heavenly Father, may your blessing be upon all that we do this term. Grant us perseverance in our work; fairness in our play; tolerance and respect in our dealings with others. In all things help us to set high standards and follow good examples. Amen.

- 13 Accept our thanks, O Lord, for all that this term has meant to us; for the work that we have accomplished; for the pleasures we have enjoyed; for the friendships we have formed. We ask your blessing upon all those who are leaving us this term. May we all make the most of the holidays that lie ahead and do our best to put into practice the good that we have learnt here this term. Amen.
- 14 Lord, we commend to your loving care and guidance those who are leaving school this term. Be with them as they go forward into their new life. May their path lead to success and self-fulfilment. Amen.

General Prayers

- 15 Lord, thou knowest how busy we must be this day. If we forget thee, do not thou forget us. Amen.
*Sir Jacob Astley (1579–1652)
before the battle of Edgehill*
- 16 *The Prayer of St Ignatius Loyola*
Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward, save the joy of knowing that we do thy will. Amen.
Ignatius Loyola (1491–1556)
- 17 God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes and in my looking; God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking; God be at mine end and at my departing. Amen.
Pynson's Horae 1514
- 18 O God, bless our school, that, working together and playing together, we may learn to serve thee and to serve one another. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.
- 19 May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine on your face, may the rain fall softly on your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold us in the palm of his hand. Amen.
An Irish Blessing

At the close of day

20 Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all now and for evermore. Amen.

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