

# Gresham Junior Hymnal

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## 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*

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- 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)*







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