

Hymns for 24th May 2020 – Patronal Festival –

Ascension

Joyful, joyful, we adore you

TiS 152

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, God of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
singing bird and flowing fountain
call to praise you joyfully.
3. You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest.
You our Father, Christ our brother,
all are yours who live in love;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to your joy above.

Henry Van Dyke 1852-1933 *alt.*

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Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

TiS 580

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe:
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

3. Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791–1867) *alt.*

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Now thank we all our God

TiS 106(i)

1. Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mother's 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,
Lord, keep us in your 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.

Martin Rinkart 1586-1649

tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 *alt.*

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Praise to the Lord

TIS 111

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear;
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord,
who in all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting,
sustaining!
Have you not seen
all that is needed has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
as with his love he befriends us.
4. Praise to the Lord,
who when darkness of sin is abounding;
who, when the godless do triumph,
our best hopes confounding,
sheds forth his light,
scatters the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.
5. Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him.
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him.
Let the amen,
sound for his people again:
Gladly for ever adore him.

Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) and others

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