

Hymns for 14th June 2020 – Pentecost +2

There's a wideness in God's mercy TIS 136

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea,
and forgiveness in his justice
sealed for us on Calvary.
2. There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
3. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
4. But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.
5. If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the goodness of our Lord.

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On eagles wings TIS 48

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord:
"My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

CHORUS

*And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear,
under his wings your refuge
his faithfulness your shield.

CHORUS

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

CHORUS

4. For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

CHORUS

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God's Son came to bless us TIS 197

1. God's Son came to bless us,
from sin to release us,
as a servant lowly,
yet our God most holy,
bore the cross to save us,
hope and freedom gave us.
2. Still Christ comes within us,
still his voice would win us
from the sins that hurt us,
would to truth convert us;
from our folly spares us,
and his own declares us.
3. So, as you have known him,
be prepared to own him;
do not spurn him coldly,
but still trust him boldly;
for our Lord receives us,
heals us, and forgives us.
4. Christ, all grace possessing,
comes to us in blessing;
to his Supper leads us,
with himself he feeds us,
love and mercy showing,
peace on us bestowing.
5. Come then, O Lord Jesus,
from our bondage free us,
in your love enfold us,
in true faith uphold us.
Let us here confess you,
till in heaven we bless you.

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What a friend we have in Jesus TIS 590

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus is our only refuge:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy 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.

Joseph Medlicott Scriven 1819-86 *alt.*

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