

Hymns for 25th October 2020 – St. Simon & St. Jude

Where wide sky rolls down

TiS 188 Tune: Hanover

1. Where wide sky rolls down and touches red sand,
where sun turns to gold the grass of the land,
let spinifex, mulga and waterhole tell
their joy in the One who made everything well.
2. Where rain-forest calm meets reef, tide and storm,
where green things grow lush
and oceans are warm,
let every sea-creature and tropical bird
exult in the light of the life-giving Word.
3. Where red gum and creek cross hillside and plain,
where cool tree-ferns rise to welcome the rain,
let bushland, farm, mountain-top, all of their days
delight in the Spirit who formed them for praise.
4. Now, people of faith, come gather around
with songs to be shared, for blessings abound!
Australians, whatever your culture or race,
come, lift up your hearts to the Giver of grace.

Elizabeth J. Smith b1956

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Just as I am, without one plea

TiS 584 (i) Tune: Saffron Walden

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.

Charlotte Elliott 1789-1971 alt.

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What a friend we have in Jesus

TiS 590 *Tune: What a friend Songs of Fellowship 593*

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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Breathe on me, breath of God

TiS 407 *Tune: Trentham Songs of Fellowship 51*

1. Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love all that you love
and do what you would do.
2. Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, breath of God,
and all my life refine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Edwin Hatch 1835-89 *alt.*

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Great is thy faithfulness

TiS 154 *Tune: Faithfulness*

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changeth not, thy compassions they fail not:
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Chorus

*Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided:
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Chorus

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Chorus

Thomas Obediah Chisholm 1866-1960

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