

Hymns for 2nd May 2021 – Easter 5

God is Love let heaven adore Him.

TiS 153 Tune: (usually Abbott's Leigh).

Today TiS 217(i) Hyfrydol.

1. God is love, let heaven adore Him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before Him,
and exalt Him with one voice.
God, who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
and who breathes through all creation,
God is love, eternal Love.
2. God is love, and gently enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that self-same aching
deep within the heart of God.
3. God is love, and though with blindness
sin afflicts our human hearts,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holding, guiding, grace imparts.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees 1874-1939 *alt.*

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A New Commandment

TiS 699 Tune: New Commandment

(Sing Twice)

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 others know
that you are My disciples
if you have love one to another.

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The King of Love My Shepherd is.

TiS 145 Tune: Dominus Regit Me

1. The king of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.
2. Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-77),

based on Psalm 23

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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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