

Hymns for 4th July 2021 – Pentecost +6

Lord of All Hopefulness.

TiS 613. Tune: Slane

1. Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking
and give us we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord.
at the end of the day.

Jan Struther. 1901-53

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Jesus' Hands were Kind Hands.

TiS 236. Tune: Au Claire De La Lune.

1. Jesus' hands were kind hands,
doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness,
blessing children small,
washing tired feet,
and saving those who fall:
Jesus' hands were kind hands,
doing good to all.
2. Take my hands Lord Jesus,
let them work for you,
make them strong and gentle,
kind in all I do;
let me watch you, Jesus,
till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands,
quick to work for you.

Margaret Cropper 1886-1980

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise

TiS 143 Tune: St. Denio

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
your great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
but ruling in might;
your justice like mountains
high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.
3. You give life to all, Lord,
to both great and small,
in all life now living, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
then wither: but ever
unchanged you will be.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
your angels adore you,
all veiling their sight;
of all your rich graces
this grace, Lord, impart –
take the veil from our faces,
the veil from our heart.
5. All praise we would render:
reveal to our sight
what hides you is only
the splendour of light;
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
through Christ in the story,
your Christ to the heart.

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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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