

To God be the Glory

TiS 147 Tune: To God be the Glory.

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

CHORUS

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! great things he has done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God!
and every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

CHORUS

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

CHORUS

Frances Jane van Alstyne 1820-1915 alt.

(Alias Fanny Jane Crosby)

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Breathe on me, breath of God.

TiS 407 Tune: BCP 485 Trentham

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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Come as you are.

TiS 693 Tune: Come as you are.

1. 'Come as you are: that's how I want you.
Come as you are; feel quite at home,
close to my heart, loved and forgiven.
Come as you are: why stand alone?
2. 'No need to fear, love sets no limits;
no need to fear, love never ends;
don't run away shamed and disheartened,
rest in my love, trust me again.
3. 'I came to call sinners, not just the righteous;
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?
4. 'Come as you are; that's how I love you;
come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you;
all will be well, just come as you are.'

Deirdre Browne (1936-)

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Come down, O Love divine

TiS 398. Tune: Down Ampney.

1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
2. There let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity
my outer garment be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till we become the place
in which the Holy Spirit makes her dwelling.

Bianco de Siena (d.1434)

tr. Richard Littledale (1833-1890) alt.

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