

Glossary of Hymn Books:

AA – Alleluia Aotearoa
AOV - As One Voice Vol 2
GAP – Glory And Praise
HHFT – A Hundred Hymns For Today
HTC – Hymns For Today's Church
HSNW – Heaven Shall Not Wait
MHFT – More Hymns for Today
NHWS – New Hymns and Worship Songs
NJ – New Journey's
TIS – Together In Song
WOV – With One Voice

AN UPPER ROOM

1. An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there,
to celebrate their risen friend.
2. A lasting gift Jesus gave his own -
to share his bread, his loving cup,
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.
3. And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made complete -
sent out to serve, as he was sent.
4. No end there is: we depart in peace.
He loves beyond our uttermost;
in every room in our Father's house
he will be there, as Lord and host.

Frederick Pratt Green

Tune: O waly waly
HTC 82, NHWS 14, TIS 536, WOV 453, MHFT 101

FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS

1. For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us, Spirit, into freedom,
from despair your world release;
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas keeping us apart.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

F. Kaan/R. Lloyd

Tunes: Piccardy; Alleluia, dulce carmen
NHWS 64, HHFT 28

CALLED AS PARTNERS

1. Called as partners in Christ's service,
Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God's chosen end.

2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold.

3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
In a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens,
Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues, free and fair.

4. So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
Then surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace.

Jane Parker Huber

Tune: Blaenwern; Hyfrydol
HTC: 217, 170

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

1. Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the People of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended: O now be extended
The fruits of his service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for us.
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us
To work for his kingdom and further his plan.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God everliving,
the task of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as neighbours people of each race.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,
Give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

O. Westendorf.

Tune: The Ash Grove
TIS 531, MHFT 177, GAP 588

TELL MY PEOPLE I LOVE THEM

*Tell my people I love them;
tell my people that I care.
When they feel far away from me,
tell my people I am there.*

1. Tell my people I came and died
to give them liberty;
as they abide in me
they will be really free!
2. Tell my people where-e'er they go
to claim my risen power;
my peace and joy and love
is for them hour by hour.
3. Tell my people who grieve and mourn
that I allowed the night
of darkness to descend,
but I am still the Light.
4. Tell my people to share their wealth
and fight the sin of greed;
care for the refugee;
the hungry they're to feed.
5. Tell my people throughout the world
to strive for peace today,
show love for enemies,
be servants of the Way.

Leonard Barlotti & Guy Jansen

AA 132

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
4. Longing for shelter, people are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Bernadette Farrell

AOV 3, GAP 656

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

1. Community of Christ,
who make the cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life,
for God alone:
the God who wears your face
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.

2. Community of Christ,
look past the church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.

3. Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound:
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread,
and tears of anguish into joy.

4. When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its sun;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
for evermore.

S. Murray

Tune: Leoni
TIS 473, NJ 29

FOR EVERYONE BORN

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

3. For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hand of the child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

4. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

5. And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace.

Shirley Murray

Tune: Streets of Laredo
HTC 26 (ii)

HERE IN THIS PLACE

1. Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away:
see in this place our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you the Light of this day.

2. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth:
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew as salt for the earth.

3. Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame:
call to us now and we shall awaken,
we shall arise as you call our name.

4. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong:
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the strength to enter the song.

5. Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you:
nourish us well and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy, hearts that are true.

Marty Haugen

*Tune: Morning has Broken
HTC 265*

KNEELS AT THE FEET

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet:
master who acts as a slave to them.

*Yesu, Yesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*

2. Neighbours are wealthy and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near us and far away.

3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbours to us and you.

4. Loving puts us on our knees,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

Tom Colvin and people of Ghana

TIS 640; WOV 561

ALL THE HUNGRY

1. All the hungry, all the thirsty,
all who look for strength may come,
all the needy, all the lonely,
all who long to find a home.
Here's a door that's always open,
here a table spread for all,
here a welcome, here a family,
here your heart can heed God's word.

2. All the gifted, all the joyful.
All whose hope is strong, come too;
come with overflowing blessings,
come with treasures old and new.
Here's a task that needs those riches,

here good news is always heard,
here a living faith grows bolder,
here your voice can speak God's word.

3. All the gifts of all God's people,
all the struggles, all the pain,
all the Spirit-sent abundance,
all the grief and loss and gain –
brought together in one Body,
burdens lighten, joys increase,
and together we can ask for
Jesus' strength and Jesus' peace.

4. All God's people, praise your Maker,
praise the one who called you here.
All disciples praise your Teacher,
loving, leading, always near.
All you faithful, praise the Spirit,
lifting every heart to pray.
Praise the Holy One who gives us
grace along the traveler's way.

E J Smith

Tune: Ode to Joy
HTC 352

DEEP IN THE HUMAN HEART

1. Deep in the human heart
the fire of justice burns;
a vision of a world renewed
through radical concern.
As Christians we are called
to set the captives free,
to overthrow the evil powers
and end hypocrisy.

2. This is our task today:
to build a world of peace;
a world of justice, freedom, truth,
where kindness will increase;
a world from hunger freed,
a world where people share,
where every person is of worth
and no-one lives in fear.

3. Taking the step of faith,
we leave the past behind
and move into the future's world
with open heart and mind.
By grace we work with Christ,
as one community,
to bring new hope and fuller life
to all humanity.

B. Wallace; G. Elvey

Tune: Diademata
NJ 32; HTC 174

HANDS SHAPED LIKE A CRADLE

1. Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.

2. Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.

3. Put peace into each other's hands

like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.

4. As at communion, shape your hands
into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere,
united round the table.

5. Put Christ into each other's hands,
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.

Fred Kaan

Tune: St Columbia
HTC 404

HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER

1. Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.

2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all – not just for some,
to love them as we find them
or as they may become.

3. Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.

4. Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance
for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one.

Frederik Herman Kaan

Tune: Aurelia
TIS 648; HTC 477

HERE I AM LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:
Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?

*I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Daniel L. Schutte

NHWS 122, TIS 658, GAP 542

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know,
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you, and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind,
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you, and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free,
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you, and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you, and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you,
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you, and you in me.

GOD, FOR THE YEARS

1. God, for the years
your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided:
God of the years,
we bring our thanks today.

2. God, for the word,
the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts
and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us:
God of the word,
receive your people's praise.

3. God, for our land
in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure,
wealth and care:
for young and old,
for people of all nations,
God of our land,
be pleased to hear our prayer.

4. God, for our world,
where we disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without you:
God of the world,
we pray for hope again.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (adapted)

Tune: Strength and Stay
HTC 300

IF YOU CAN USE THE CHURCH

1. If you can use the church, O God,
to wake a sleeping world again,
transforming apathy to hope –
then use us; we are yours to send.

2. If you can use the church's voice
to tell the truth in spite of fear,
to cry for justice, plead for peace –
then have us speak, that all may hear.

3. If you can use the church to heal
the broken hearted and to be
a home for everyone who comes –
then make us that community.

4. All things are possible with you.
Our flawed and human church can be
Christ's body, by your grace, O God –
so help us do Christ's ministry.

Elizabeth J Smith

Tune: Bow Brickhill
HTC 146

GOD WHOSE POWER HAS CALLED TO BEING

1. God whose power has called to being
All that fills the earth below,
myriad stars beyond our seeing,
tiniest creature that we know.
Earth and air and fire and water
woven in the grand design
witness to the final meaning
of your love for human kind.

2. Human lives are made for sharing;
joined in trust and truth we grow,
speech or silence opening pathways
to the hearts we seek to know.
Welcome Love, by your renewal
worn out ways turn upside down;
weak is strong, success is failure
and the wise becomes the clown.

3. From your Self we take our nature,
Maker, Parent, Love divine.
Bound into your life we flourish, leaves
and branches of the vine.
Through the Christ we see the pattern,
life surrendered, life restored;
echoing through all creation
sounds the spirit's deep accord.

4. Love releases us for taking
one more risk than we might dare;
glory breaks through dark and danger,
shows the Lord transfigured there.
God who planted our affections,
help your gifts to grow more free
fan in us the fires of loving,
daring, dancing Trinity.

Jim Cotter

*Tune: Abbot's Leigh
HTC 494*