

Half an Hour of Hymns - July 19, 2020
The Fruit of the Spirit

#225 - A new commandment

“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 all know you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another;
by this shall all know you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.”

#410 - Joyful, joyful we adore you

Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you;
earth and heaven reflect your rays;
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, join to praise you joyfully.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest.
God Creator, Christ our Saviour,
all are yours who live in love.
Teach us how to love our neighbour; lift us to your joy above.

Morning stars, awake the chorus;
mortals, join with every part,
for what joy is set before us
as Christ's love joins heart to heart!
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

#740 - Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

#23 - I waited for the Lord my God

I waited for the Lord my God and patiently did bear;
at length to me God did incline, my voice and cry to hear.

God took me from a fearful pit and from the miry clay;
God set my feet upon a rock establishing a way.

A new song now is in my mouth our God to magnify,
and many now will see and fear and on the Lord rely.

How many are your wonders, Lord;
none can compare with them,
your gracious thoughts to us beyond
my power to proclaim.

#631 – Jesus' hands were kind hands

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.

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 hand, quick to work for you.

#663 - God, whose giving knows no ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
towards the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted,
gain through powers your Grace conferred.
Ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

#324 - Great is thy faithfulness

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

Refrain 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.

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

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

#399 - Spirit, Spirit of gentleness

*Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,
and over the aeons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land,
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still,
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes;
with bold new decisions your people arise.

#455 – Day by day

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, to love thee more dearly,
to follow thee more nearly, day by day.