

July 21, 2024 Hymns

450. God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

1 God the Spirit, guide and guardian,
wind-spiced flame and hovering dove,
breath of life and voice of prophets,
sign of blessing, power of love:
give to those who lead your people
fresh anointing of your grace;
send them forth as bold apostles
to your church in every place.

2 Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd,
word made flesh, love crucified,
teacher, healer, suffering servant,
friend of sinners, foe of pride:
in your tending may all pastors*
learn and live a shepherd's care;
grant them courage and compassion
shown through word and deed and prayer.

3 Great Creator, life-bestower,
truth beyond all thought's recall,
fount of wisdom, womb of mercy,
giving and forgiving all:
as you know our strength and weakness,
so may those the church exalts
oversee its life steadfastly
yet not overlook its faults.

4 Triune god, mysterious being,
undivided and diverse,
deeper than our minds can fathom,
greater than our creeds rehearse:
help us in our varied callings
your full image to proclaim,
that our ministries uniting
may give glory to your name.

581. Near to the Heart of God

1 There is a place of quiet rest
near to the heart of God,

a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

[Refrain:]

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before you
near to the heart of God.

2 There is a place of comfort sweet
near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

3 There is a place of full release
near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

272. The Church's One Foundation

1 The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought us,
and for our life he died.

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3 Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore,
till with the vision glorious

our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

5 We now on earth have union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.