

Wednesday hymns

Hymn. 178

Love is life's true crown and glory,
Love the splendor of the light,
Truly is God's counsel gentle,
Truly all His ways are bright;
Jesus knew the law of kindness,
Healing mind and heart of blindness;
And in heavenly wisdom taught
Holy works of love he wrought.

Love, the Golden Rule of living,
Showeth forth the perfect Mind;
Love, our debt to God who gives it,
All compassion is, and kind;
Charity the law fulfilleth,
Mid the nations rancor stilleth;
Loving hearts in friendship blend,
One in Him, our heavenly Friend.

Words: BASED ON THE DANISH OF NIKOLAJ F. S. GRUNDTVIG

Music: Ludvig M. Lindeman

Hymn. 541

O God, my Friend and Guardian,
In all my times of need
I yield me to Your guiding,
And follow where You lead.
No shadows of the darkness
Will dim the light You send,
And night becomes the morning
By Your divine command.

Forever Father-Mother,
Your children everywhere
Are cherished in Your loving,
Your kind, Your perfect care.
All-knowing and all-seeing,

All-powerful, divine—
I know Your ever-presence
Is healing humankind.

You sent Your Son as Savior
That joy and health increase;
Your justice and Your mercy
Will give the world its peace.
And when I humbly listen,
I know my Guide is wise;
The pathway may seem rugged,
But heaven is its prize.

Words: ADRIENNE M. TINDALL, ALT.
Music: Welsh melody; harm. David Evans

Hymn. 423

Give me, O Lord, an understanding heart,
That I may learn to know myself in Thee,
To spurn the wrong and choose the better part
And thus from sinful bondage be set free.

Give me, O Lord, a meek and contrite heart,
That I may learn to quell all selfish pride,
Bowing before Thee, see Thee as Thou art
And 'neath Thy sheltering presence safely hide.

Give me, O Lord, a gentle, loving heart,
That I may learn to be more tender, kind,
And with Thy healing touch, each wound and smart
With Christly bands of Love and Truth to bind.

Words: JAMES J. ROME
Music: Edward Dearle