

Hymns – March 28, 2024

Hymn #224 – An upper room did our Lord prepare

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 the uttermost;
in every room in our Father's house
he will be there as Lord and Host.

Hymn #225 – A new commandment

1. “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;
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if you have love one for another.”

2. “Je vous commande, me frères, mes soeurs:
Aimez-vous les uns les autres comme moi, j’ai aimé.
Aimez-vous les uns les autres comme moi, j’ai aimé.
Et tous verront que vous êtes mes disciples
si vous aimez les uns les autres, et tous verront
que vous êtes mes disciples.”

Hymn #226 – Great God, your love has called us here

1. Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love for love were made.

Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.

We come, with all our heart and mind,
your call to hear, your love to find.

2. We come with self-inflicted pains of
broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound

by inner chains,

by social forces swept along,

by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind.

3. Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.

We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.

4. Then take the towel,
and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.

Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

5. Great God, in Christ you set us free,
your life to live, your joy to share.

Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and to offer all that faith can do,
while love is making all things new.