

Hymns

Hymn #314 – God is love: come heaven, adoring

1. God is love: come heaven, adoring;
God is love: come earth, rejoice.
Come creation, voices soaring,
sing exulting with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation,
God is love, eternal love.

2. God is love, whose arms enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp are holding
every child of every race,
and when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
all the sorrow, all the aching
wings with pain the heart of God.

3. God is love, and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through all earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love: so love forever
o'er the universe must reign.

Hymn #717: We cannot own the sunlit sky

1. We cannot own the sunlit sky,
the moon, the wildflowers growing,
for we are part of all that is
within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share
the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life
in every earthly nation.

2. When bodies shiver in the night,
and, weary, wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears,
and war horns sound their warning,
God calls humanity to wake,
to join in common labour,
that all may have abundant life
in oneness with their neighbour.

3. God calls humanity to join
as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear,
life's goodness celebrating.
That new world beckons from afar,
invites our shared endeavour,
that all may have abundant life
and peace endure forever.

Lord's Prayer (From the Church in New Zealand):

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, pain-bearer, life giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through
the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the
peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created
beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom,
sustain our hope and Come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.

In time of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that

Is love

now and forever. Amen

Hymn #722 – Lord, whose love

1. Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

2. Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

3. As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

4. Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord in freedom
may your mercy know, and live.