

First Hymn

1. Hymn. 454

Brood o'er us with Thy shelt'ring wing,
'Neath which our spirits blend
Like brother birds, that soar and sing,
And on the same branch bend.
The arrow that doth wound the dove
Darts not from those who watch and love.

If thou the bending reed wouldst break
By thought or word unkind,
Pray that his spirit you partake,
Who loved and healed mankind:
Seek holy thoughts and heavenly strain,
That make men one in love remain.

Learn, too, that wisdom's rod is given
For faith to kiss, and know;
That greetings glorious from high heaven,
Whence joys supernal flow,
Come from that Love, divinely near,
Which chastens pride and earth-born fear,

Through God, who gave that word of might
Which swelled creation's lay:
"Let there be light, and there was light."
What chased the clouds away?
'Twas Love whose finger traced aloud
A bow of promise on the cloud.

Thou to whose power our hope we give,
Free us from human strife.
Fed by Thy love divine we live,
For Love alone is Life;
And life most sweet, as heart to heart
Speaks kindly when we meet and part.

Scriptural selection

1. II John 1:3–9

- 3 Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.
- 4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment

from the Father.

- 5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.
- 6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.
- 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.
- 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.
- 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

2. Prov. 16:17

- 17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

3. Deut. 5:32, 33

- 32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as the Lord your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.
- 33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

4. Acts 17:28 (to ;)

- 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; ...



Second and Third Hymn

2. Hymn. 444

Be still, my heart: you rest in Love divine;
God's gracious touch has silenced grief and pain.
Love's timeless Christ allows for no decline;
In changeless being shall your health remain.
Be still, my heart: your faithful only Friend
Secures your joyful voyage without end.

Be still, my heart: of present glories sing,
Instead of mourning for a troubled past.
Replace sad tunes with melodies that ring
Of God's rich mercy and of blessings vast.
Be still, my heart: the winds and waves recede
When to God's angel voices you give heed.

Be still, my heart: our God casts out all fears,
Assuring you that God and man are one;
And in that oneness here and now appears
Love's everlasting life, with death outdone.
Be still, my heart: no lies, no tears, no curse
Can mar the rhythm of God's universe.

3. Hymn. 135

I know no life divided,
O Lord of life, from Thee;

In Thee is life provided
For all mankind and me:
I know no death, O Father,
Because I live in Thee;
Thy life it is that frees us
From death eternally.

I fear no tribulation,
Since, whatsoe'er it be,
It makes no separation
Between my Lord and me:
Since Thou, my God and Father,
Dost claim me as Thine own,
I richly shall inherit
All good, from Thee alone.



Benediction

I Cor. 15:55, 57 thanks

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

57 ... thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.