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Dedicated
in gratitude
to all the composers
who have created melodies
for texts I have written
and thus spun the words
out into the universe
and into the human heart

*Of what good are we singers
what good we cuckoo-callers
if no fire spurts from our mouths
no brand from beneath our tongues
and no smoke after our words!*

(UNKNOWN INGRIAN BARD, C. 1858, TR. KEITH BOSLEY)



PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Because finely crafted hymn texts have a poetic integrity of their own, Susan Palo Cherwien's hymns appear in text form in the first section of this volume. To enable their use by congregations, the hymns are also presented with music, beginning on page 56.

In addition to several widely used tunes, a number of new tunes by several noted composers are included in this collection. Some of these were commissioned, along with the texts, for particular occasions; in other cases the author wrote a text with a particular tune in mind; in still other cases, where no suitable existing tune could be found, a composer was invited to contribute a new tune. These are not intended to be exclusive pairings, however. Composers are invited to let these hymn texts inspire other melodies and musical settings for assembly, soloist, or choir.



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HYMNS WITH MUSIC



BEFORE THE ANCIENT ONE, CHRIST STANDS

1 Be - fore the An - cient One, Christ stands, en -
 2 Who was, who is, and is to come as
 3 Now in the lat - ter days you call, O

robed in cloud and bright as snow, five wounds im -
 ser - vant lived in hu - man sphere; com - pas - sion
 Christ, and plead the prem - ise clear, that pow - er

print his side, feet, hands, and thorns, the gar - land
 was his di - a - dem; his glo - ry was the
 grasped is none at all, and serv - ing shows your

on his brow. Yet thrones and pow'rs fall to the knee and
 gen - tle tear; hu - mil - i - ty, his pur - ple garb; the
 Spir - it near. As na - tions clash and wis - dom wanes, as

BEYOND THE SINGING STARLIGHT

1 Be - yond the sing - ing
 2 Im - print - ed with God's
 3 Let God then be our

star - light, with - in the small - est sands, from
 lov - ing, the dance as God in - tends twines
 cen - ter; let love our steps en - hance; re -

fi - ry spark of be - ing, to heav - en's blue ex -
 one to one to new - ness in no - ble trim and
 joy with all the joy - ous, and serve as love ex -

COME, LET US SING THE HOLINESS OF GOD

1 Come, let us sing the ho - li - ness of God, who
 2 Come, let us sing the lov - ing heart of God, who
 3 Come, let us sing the wis - dom of our God, who
 4 Come, let us sing the faith - ful - ness of God, who

plant-ed all the worlds in time and space, who
 plant-ed in this world the ser - vant Christ, who
 plant-ed in each breath the Spir - it's call, who
 plant-ed in this place a hum - ble grove, whose

set in mo - tion wa - ter, wind, and sun, en -
 blessed the voice - less poor, the cast a - side, who
 waits the fruit of love, the ho - ly life, en -
 liv - ing wa - ter streams in - to our lives toward

EXALTED BE YOUR NAME

1 Ex - alt - ed be your name, O God of
 2 Be - neath the des - ert stars, a vis - ion
 3 Ex - alt - ed be your name, O God most
 4 To land of fig and vine, from des - ert
 5 In - to the land be - tween, to wild un -
 6 Ex - alt - ed be your name, O God of

all, pro - tect - or on the path of
 fair: to Sar - ah, Ab - ra - ham, a
 high, who hears sad Ha - gar's call, her
 flight, the peo - ple Is - ra - el move
 known, this peo - ple jour - neys now, but
 all, whose bless - ings man - i - fold rain

great and small; great God of won - ders,
 pro - mised heir, a bless - ing to all
 thirst - ing cry; who saves young Ish - ma -
 from the height and in your pres - ence
 not a - lone, for you are in our
 down on all; may we a bless - ing

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

1 For such a time as this, for
 2 In won - der plant - ed deep, in
 3 By thank - ful won - der fed, like
 4 Com - pas - sion green and bless our
 5 May all our lives bear fruit, not

times of drought and shal - low - ness, of wild and dust - y
 mar - vel at cre - a - tion's play, at star - lit night and
 oak trees reach - ing high and broad and root - ed fast in
 lives to ram - pant fruit - ful - ness, for cry - ing out at
 from our will, naught to us due, but all our fruit - ful -

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ISNESS
 6 8 8 7 7

IN THE MIDST OF EARTHLY LIFE

1 In the midst of earth - ly life fear and death be - set us;
 2 In the midst of death's dark vale, shade and still af - fright us;
 3 In the midst of deep de - spair, bane and bat - tle taunt us;

who at - tends and hears our cry, who does not for - get us?
 who will light us through the pale, com - fort us and guide us?
 is there not a ref - uge, where ter - ror can - not haunt us?

You on - ly, God, you on - ly. In you our fore - bears put their trust,
 You on - ly, God, you on - ly. To you our fore - bears cried in need;
 In you, O Christ, you on - ly, with glo - ry from God's lov - ing face,

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 Music: Latin, 13th cent., adapt. Johann Walter, 1496–1570
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MITTEN WIR IM LEBEN SIND
 PM

O BEAUTY EXCEEDING THE STARS

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

System 1:

Vocal line: 1 O beau - ty ex - ceed - ing the stars, O
 2 O first of the acts of our God, O
 3 O sweet - er than hon - ey's de - light, O
 4 O in - sight more pre - cious than gold, O

System 2:

Vocal line: ra - diant, un - fad - ing ap - pear - ance:
 glo - rious and grace - ful cre - a - tion:
 im - age of good - ness most sub - tle:
 pleas - ant and man - i - fold pow - er:

System 3:

Vocal line: Fair Wis - dom, you step in our path and
 Pure Wis - dom, you sing from the gate and
 Sweet Wis - dom, you min - gle your wine and
 Good Wis - dom, you en - ter the heart and

WHEN OUT OF DARKNESS GOD SPOKE LIGHT

1 When out of dark - ness God spoke light,
 2 O grand and bless - ed mys - ter - y:
 3 Though guilt as - sails and fear con - founds,
 4 Since God is ho - ly, let us rise

the ho - ly sparks the night im - bued;
 the ho - ly Christ these cross - ings trod
 the Spir - it stokes the sparks and pleads,
 in - to the like - ness of God's heart;

with O what won - der, what de - light cre - a - tion
 the faint to feed, the chained to free, to live the
 with pas - sion and en - heart - 'ning sounds pro - vok - ing
 since God is lov - ing, let the Christ to us a

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GOODWIN
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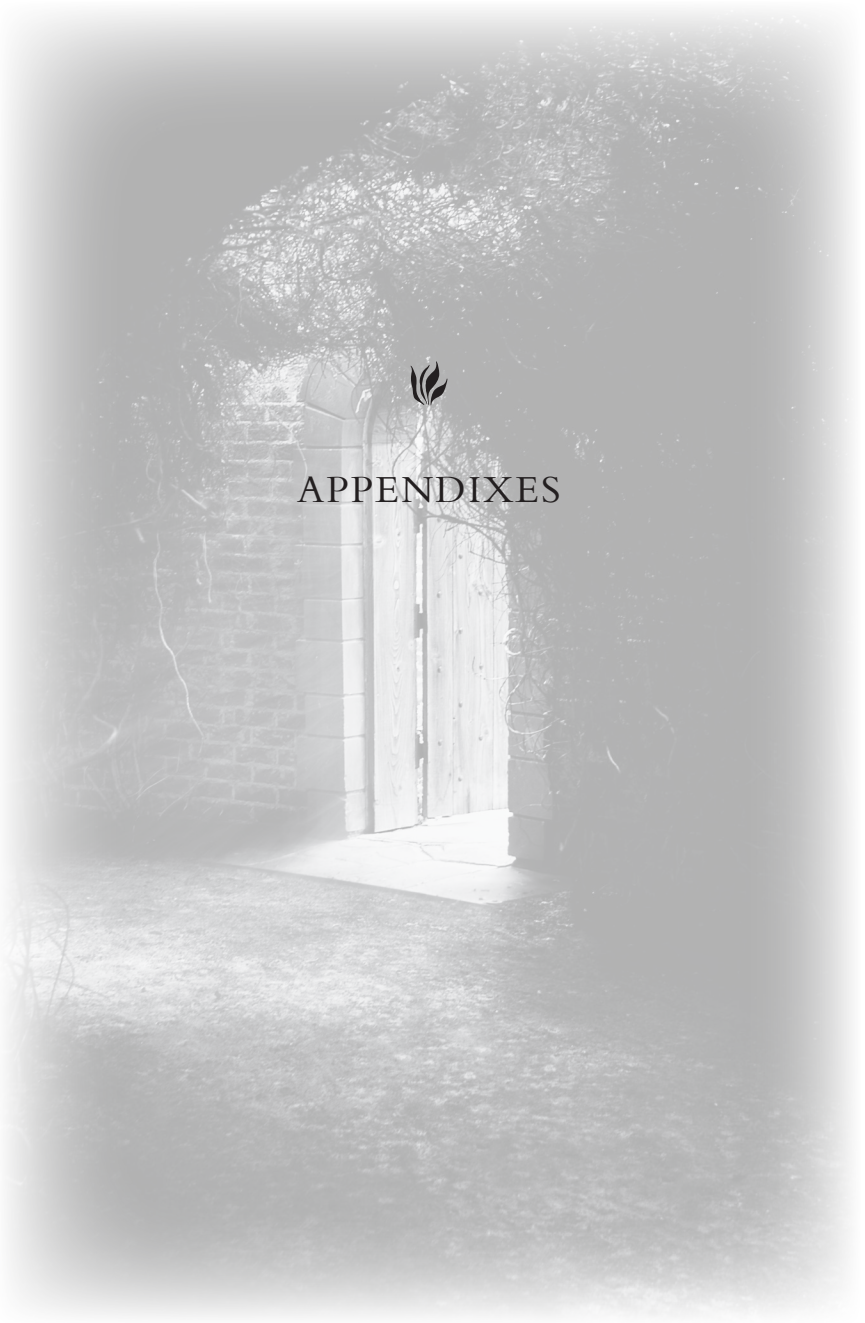
YOU FILL ALL CREATION

1 You fill all cre - a - tion, O Source and Sum - ma - tion, de -
 2 O In - fi - nite Cen - ter, our o - pen hearts en - ter, take

scend - ed, as - cend - ed, you fill all the earth.
 from us all false - ness, un - ho - ly, un - wise;

You, Christ, are the meas - ure of life's tru - est treas - ure; your
 then bathed in God's boun - ty and bound to your bod - y, your

grace is our be - ing; your pres - ence, our worth.
 peo - ple may flour - ish and grow in - to Christ.



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Out from your throne, O God

Annunciation

Signs and wonders lead the dancing

Baptism

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O God, with hope I enter in

Baptism of Christ

Out from your throne, O God

Church Anniversary

By grace God calls us into life

Come, let us sing the holiness of God

Come, new heaven, new earth descending

Most High, O Holy God

Revealed in Christ, the word of God

Church Dedication

Most High, O Holy God

Community

Beloved and most loving Source

By grace God calls us into life

Exalted be your name

Field of stars awash in splendor

Revealed in Christ, the word of God

You fill all creation

Christ the King

Before the Ancient One, Christ stands

Come, beloved of the Maker

Come, new heaven, new earth descending

Image of the unseen God

Discipleship

Beloved and most loving Source

By grace God calls us into life

Christ of the sending

New things, O God, you now declare

Once grace and love did come to dwell

Signs and wonders lead the dancing

You fill all creation

Easter

Behold, unveiled the vesper skies (evening)

Signs and wonders lead the dancing

Up from the earth in bright array

Entrance to Worship

Behold, unveiled the vesper skies (evening)

Beloved and most loving Source

In peace, in peace, through Christ the Door

Most High, O Holy God

O God, with hope I enter in (Lent)

Epiphany

Come, beloved of the Maker

Field of stars awash in splendor

From the dwelling place of light

Eucharist

Behold, unveiled the vesper skies (evening)

Come, new heaven, new earth descending

In peace, in peace, through Christ the Door

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Behold, unveiled the vesper skies

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Image of the unseen God

Grace

By grace God calls us into life

Once Grace and Love did come to dwell

Healing

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Await the hand of God

Holy Innocents

Into a time of darkness

Hope

Await the hand of God

O keep me as the apple of your eye

Justice

Before the Ancient One, Christ stands

By grace God calls us into life

For such a time as this

Revealed in Christ, the word of God

Learning

Creator of life's turning

O Fire of Love, Creator of all splendor

Lent

Exalted be your name

Led by the Spirit (Year C)

O God, with hope I enter in

Life in Christ

Beloved and most loving Source

By grace God calls us into life

New things, O God, you now declare

O Fire of Love, Creator of all splendor

O God our Rock, foundation of all days

Revealed in Christ, the word of God

When out of darkness God spoke light

Ministry

Christ of the sending

New things, O God, you now declare

You fill all creation

Name of Jesus

Before the Ancient One, Christ stands

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For such a time as this

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O God, with hope I enter in

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Before the Ancient One, Christ stands

Once Grace and Love did come to dwell

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By grace God calls us into life

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O keep me as the apple of your eye

O God, our rock, foundation of all days

O God, with hope I enter in

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Creator of life's turning

O Fire of Love, Creator of all splendor

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