

♪ Hymn lyrics: ♪♪ for September 27, 2020 - Hymns supporting Philippians 2:1-13♪

♪ Hymn 1

A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING

[Introduction]

1 A hymn of glory let us sing,
new hymns throughout the world shall ring;
By a new way none ever trod
Christ shares once more the throne of God.

2 You are a present joy, O Christ,
triumphant love once sacrificed,
And great the light in you we see
to guide us to eternity.

3 O risen Christ, ascended now,
to your blessed name all knees shall bow;
You are, while endless ages run,
in Triune Godhead ever One.

*Words by The Venerable Bede (673-735) **
Translation by Elizabeth R. Charles and Benjamin Webb, 1858
Music: "The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415
** This hymn, penned by Bede in the 7th Century, is among the
first Christian hymns written in England*

*[Performer note: I use different harmonization for each verse
in this recording; the stylistic interpretation and harmonies of
the third verse were written by organist E. Power Biggs in
1947.]*

♪ Hymn 2

JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE

1 Jesus - the very thought to me
with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far your face to see,
and in your presence rest.

2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than your blessed name,
Savior of human-kind.

3 O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
How kind you are to those apart,
how good to those who seek!

*Words: Anonymous, possibly 12th Century; Translation by Edward
Caswell, 1849
Music by John B. Dykes, 1866 "In memory of (St.) Agnes,
martyred in 304 C.E."*

Music (this version) by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1879

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♪ Hymn 3

JESUS, LORD, WE LOOK TO THEE

1 Jesus, Lord, we look to thee,
let us in thy name agree:
show thyself the Prince of peace;
bid all strife forever cease.

2 Make us of one heart and mind,
courteous, pitiful, and kind,
lowly, meek in thought and word,
altogether like our Lord.

3 Let us for each other care,
each the other's burden bear;
to thy church the pattern give,
show how true believers live.

4 Free from anger and from
pride,
let us thus in God abide;
all the depths of love express,
all the heights of holiness.

*Words by Charles Wesley, 1749
Music by Johannes Thommen, 1735*