

SPIRIT, COME, DISPEL OUR SADNESS

Hymn No. 253

1. Spirit, come, dispel our sadness; pierce the clouds of nature's night; come, O Source of joy and gladness, breathe your life and spread your light. From the height that knows no measure, as a gracious shower descend, bringing down the richest treasure we can wish, or God can send.

2. Let your fire heal our dissensions, let your flame refine our goals, let your peace resolve our tensions, send your dove to soothe our souls. Let your wind flow fresh within us, sweeping clean all hate and strife from our hearts; O come and win us for a more abundant life.

3. Author of the new creation, come, anoint us with your power. Make our hearts your habitation; with your grace our spirits shower. Hear, O hear our supplication, blessed Spirit, God of peace! Rest upon this congregation with the fullness of your grace.

SPIRIT

Hymn No. 249

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free, Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep, and over the eons you called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you gifted your people with a law and a land, when they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still, and down in the city you called once again when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes, from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Hymn No. 259

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

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SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Hymn No. 261

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

I COME WITH JOY

Hymn No. 420

1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

4. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known alive among us here, alive among us here.

5. Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

NOW THE SILENCE

Hymn No. 415

Now the silence Now the peace Now the empty hands
uplifted Now the kneeling Now the plea Now the Father's
arms in welcome Now the hearing Now the power
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the body Now the blood Now the joyful celebration
Now the wedding Now the songs
Now the heart forgiven leaping Now the Spirit's visitation
Now the Son's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing Now Now Now

LORD OF THE DANCE

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I
danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came
down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the
Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not
dance and they would not follow me. I danced for the
fishermen, for James and John. They came with me and the
dance went on. Refrain

I danced for the Sabbath and I cured the lame. The holy
people said it was a shame. They whipped and they
stripped and they hung me high, and they left me there on
a cross to die. Refrain

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It's hard to
dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go
on. Refrain

They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that will
never, never die. I'll live in you if you live in me, I am the
Lord of the Dance said he. Refrain