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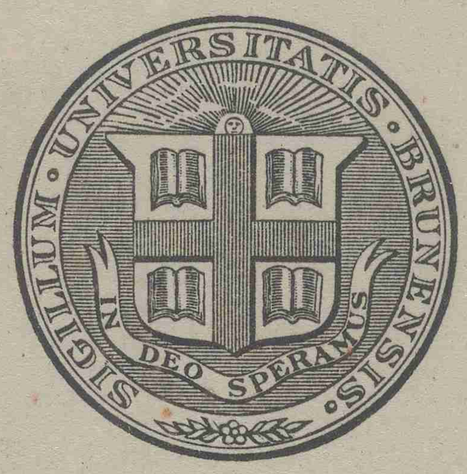
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FOR

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SEVEN SONNETS ON SCENES FROM THE GOSPELS

I.

The Annunciation

The wondrous tidings to declare, comes down
    The angel, not to Herod's palace gate,
    Nor where the Sanhedrim in solemn state
Assembles, but to Nazareth, a town
Of Galilee, a place of low renown
    And ill-esteemed—yet dwells that Virgin there
    Who shall henceforth the name of Blessed bear,
And wear of motherhood earth's brightest crown.

"Hail, Mary, who with God dost favour find!"
    The angel's greeting falls upon her ears;
And as, unfolding to her wondering mind,
    The promise comes, so fraught with hopes and fears,
The Maid, her will with God's in full accord,
Responds, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord."

II.

The Nativity

A Roman Cæsar's edict brings the twain,
The Holy Virgin and her guardian spouse,
To Bethlehem. No palace waits, to house
The gentle maiden as her hour of pain
Draws near. A sheltering roof they seek in vain,
And in a stable born, 'mid lowly beasts,
Unknown alike to courtiers and to priests,
The heavenly King begins His earthly reign.

And yet, not all unheralded His birth,
For angel voices, filling all the sky,
Proclaim in joyful chorus, "Peace on earth
To men, and glory be to God on high!"
And humble shepherds their oblation bring
Of love and worship to the new-born King.

III.

The Epiphany

The wise men now from eastern lands afar
    Approach, and rendering homage to the King,
    Present to Him the mystic gifts they bring.
The gold, the myrrh, the incense, symbols are
Of crown, of cross, of Godhead. Yon bright star
    Which led them hither shall forevermore
    Guide men into His fold, whose open door
Nor race nor tongue to any soul shall bar.

He Who receives the gifts in Bethlehem,
    Our King, our Sacrifice, our God, shall lead
All nations to His new Jerusalem,
    That holy city where shall be no need
Of sun to shine by day or moon by night,
For God shall be its everlasting light.

IV.

The Entry into Jerusalem

"Hosanna!" Shouts of triumph rend the sky
As, palms in hands, a sea of waving green,
In welcome to the lowly Nazarene
The crowd goes forth. The little band draws nigh,
"Hosanna in the highest!" swells the cry,
And o'er the road from Bethany, where late
He raisèd Lazarus, to Zion's gate
Rides on her King—to suffer and to die.

O fickle multitude! O faithless crowd!
Whose shouts exultant, ere this week have run
Its course, shall turn to maledictions loud
When Pilate asks, "What evil hath He done?"
And ye, who have today "Hosanna" cried,
Shall make reply, "Let Him be crucified!"

V.

The Crucifixion

The mock at justice in the judgment-hall
    Is ended, and the governor who found
    In Him no fault at all, has sent Him, crowned
With thorns, to Calvary without the wall
To die. Upon the Cross He hangs, for all
    Our sins to make atonement, and to win
    Mankind to God from depths of guilt wherein
The human race was plunged by Adam's fall.

'Tis noon, yet darkness as of midnight lies
    Across the land; the Saviour of the world
Upon the Cross for our redemption dies.
    The hosts of hell against that Cross are hurled,
To fall back, vanquished; for the sign of shame
Henceforth spells Victory in Jesus' Name.

VI.

The Resurrection

The third day dawns. As now the morning light,
Empurpling all the east, dispels the gloom,
The faithful women, coming to the tomb,
Are stricken dumb with wonder and affright
To find beside the door an angel bright,
Who bids them, "Seek ye not among the dead
The Living. He is risen, as He hath said.
Come, see the place where lay the Lord of might."

The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!
Let Alleluias loud His triumph tell.
Mankind is now from Satan's bondage freed,
For Christ has conquered sin, and death, and hell,
That we, with Him, may likewise in the strife
Prevail, and pass through death to endless life.

VII.

The Ascension

That His Apostles may the Kingdom know
More perfectly in all its fulness, stays
The risen Redeemer with them forty days
To teach, the Great Commission to bestow,
To bless. Then forth to Olivet they go,
Where, while they gaze in wonder, He ascends
To Heaven; and thus the Word Incarnate ends
His life as Man with man on earth below.

That life is ended? Nay, 'tis but begun;
For He shall ever with His Church remain
In Sacramental Presence true, while run
The centuries, until He comes to reign
In glory, owned by all their God and Lord,
By all forever worshipped and adored.

THIRTY HYMNS FOR SUNDRY FESTIVALS AND OCCASIONS

The First Sunday in Advent

1.

Oh, let us now the works
Of darkness cast away,
Put on the armour of the light,
And walk as in the day;
Fulfil His law of love,
Who brings salvation near,
Who soon shall in His majesty
And glorious might appear.

2.

He comes! let us go forth
To meet our Lord, and sing,
"Hosanna to the Son of God,
Our Saviour and our King.
The temples of our hearts,
O Jesu, enter in,
Make them Thine own abiding-place,
And drive out all our sin."

The Second Sunday in Advent

1.

Who will the Holy Scriptures read
With simple, earnest mind,
Sure hope and comfort, peace and joy,
Shall in those pages find;
For by that Sacred Word we learn
How Christ from Heaven came,
That all men might the Father know
And glorify His Name.

2.

Lo, He shall come again with power
And glory from on high;
His saints, amid distress and fears,
Perceive redemption nigh.
They wait in hope His Advent, when
He shall all things restore,
When all shall worship Him, Whose word
Stands fast forevermore.

The Third Sunday in Advent

1.

The Saviour comes again; His way
His ministers prepare;
The stewards of His mysteries
Must faithful witness bear;
As judged of God and not of man,
In love the truth must speak,
Thus turning men from thoughts of earth
His righteousness to seek.

2.

Each child of God may help to spread
The blessings of His reign,
Proclaim His Gospel to the poor,
Allay distress and pain;
May lead some wandering soul to Him
Whose Advent all await,
As His forerunner came of old
To make His pathway straight.

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

1.

Rejoice, for Jesus comes
Upon the earth to reign,
Who was for us in Bethlehem born,
For us on Calvary slain.
Rejoice, rejoice in Him
Whose Advent is at hand,
Who gives His own that peace of God
Which none may understand.

2.

He comes, that greater One
Of Whom the Baptist spake,
Whom now, as then, the world knows not,
Nor can His grace partake;
But they, baptized in Him,
Who serve Him, and adore,
Shall see and know Him, and shall reign
With Him forevermore.

A Christmas Carol

1.

Come we, Christian children,
Joyful carols sing,
Gladly hail the birthday
Of our heavenly King!
He Who from all ages
Does in glory dwell,
Comes to be "God with us,"
Our Emmanuel.
Raise the joyful carol!
Hail the Christmas morn!
Now the promised Saviour,
Jesus Christ, is born.

2.

Leaving all the splendour
Of His Father's throne,
Jesus comes to save us,
Make us all His own.

Cradled in a manger
At His humble birth,
Angel hosts acclaim Him
Lord of Heaven and earth.
Raise the joyful carol! *etc.*

3.

To the shepherds, watching
O'er their flocks by night,
Comes the wondrous message
Borne by angels bright:
"In the town of David
See Messiah lie;
Peace on earth, and glory
Unto God on high!"
Raise the joyful carol! *etc.*

4.

With His Virgin Mother
In that lowly place,
Lo! the Word Incarnate,
Full of truth and grace!
As in faith the shepherds
Worshipped and adored,
So may we forever
Own Him God and Lord.
Raise the joyful carol! *etc.*

5.

He, our King and Master,
Is our Pattern, too.
We must try to follow
His example true;
In the path of duty
Faithfully to tread,
Journeying ever heavenward,
Whither He has led.
Raise the joyful carol! *etc.*

6.

As we strive to follow
In the steps He trod,
He will help us onward,
Upward unto God.
He, Who as a Baby
Came to Bethlehem,
Will make us the jewels
Of His diadem.
Raise the joyful carol!
Hail the Christmas morn!
Now the promised Saviour,
Jesus Christ, is born.

The Christmas Communion

1.

Oh, tell the wondrous story
Of Christ our heavenly King,
Who came to earth in lowly birth
Salvation's gift to bring;
Who left His throne of glory
And royal diadem,
Who for us lay, this blessed day,
A Babe in Bethlehem.

2.

Angelic hosts, rejoicing,
Sang praises to His Name
When from above in gracious love
The Word Incarnate came.
His laud and honour voicing,
His Sacrifice we plead
Who comes anew in Presence true
Each day, our souls to feed.

3.

We worship and adore Him
Who was of Mary born,
With us to dwell, Emmanuel,
That first great Christmas morn.
We bend the knee before Him
Who, from His Altar-throne,
To faithful hearts Himself imparts
And in His Feast is known.

The Epiphany

1.

Jesu, Lord, to Whom a star
Led the Gentiles from afar,
Lead us out of sin's dark night
Unto Thee, O Light of Light.

2.

Thou to Whom its guiding ray
Brought the wise men on their way,
On our souls with light divine
Deign, O Morning Star, to shine.

3.

Gold they gave Thee, Lord, to own
Thee the heir of David's throne;
Now throughout creation rings
Praise to Thee, O King of kings.

4.

Frankincense they gave Thee, Lord,
Owning Thee true God adored;
Now to Thee above the skies
Prayers and praises ever rise.

5.

Myrrh they gave Thee, Lord, to show
Life and death of pain and woe;
Now Thou sittest throned on high,
Swift to hear Thy children's cry.

6.

Saviour, as we offer Thee
Thanks for Thine Epiphany,
Make us daily grow in grace
Till unveiled we see Thy face.

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

(Reprinted from THE LIVING CHURCH)

1.

Thy healing touch, O Lord,
Did make the leper whole;
So touch our hearts and lives, and cleanse
From sin each burdened soul.

2.

Thy word to life and power
Did palsied limbs restore;
So give us strength and grace each day
To serve Thee more and more.

3.

For by Thy Precious Blood
Thy promise is to free
Their hearts from sin, their souls from guilt
Who come in faith to Thee.

4.

Lord, give us faith to claim
Thy mercy, and believe
Thy word, which bids us go our way
The blessing to receive.

5.

That, when from east and west
Thy saints are gathered in,
We may sit in Thy kingdom, free
From sorrow, pain, and sin.

6.

O Saviour, we await
That great Epiphany;
Bring us, our Lord and God, with joy
Thy face unveiled to see.

7.

Jesu, Incarnate Word,
The everlasting Son,
Thee, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Spirit, One.

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Reprinted from THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE)

1.

Sing today the glorious tidings,
Of the wondrous message tell,
Brought unto a lowly maiden
By the angel Gabriel:
God of God, the Son Eternal,
Comes as Man with man to dwell.

2.

He, before all worlds begotten,
Deigns our mortal flesh to wear,
Comes to take our human nature,
Live our life of toil and care;
Comes to be the "Man of Sorrows,"
All our pains and griefs to share.

3.

Jesu, as Thine Incarnation
By an angel we have known,
Grant us, by Thy Cross and Passion,
So to live to Thee alone
That, in Resurrection-glory,
We at last may share Thy throne.

The Annunciation—II

(Reprinted from THE LIVING CHURCH)

1.

The Father, of his tender love
To lost and erring man below,
Sends from His throne in Heaven above
The Son, to live our life of woe.

2.

Lo, now shall be fulfilled the sign
Which God to Ahaz did foretell:
A virgin pure, of David's line,
Shall bear a Son, Emmanuel.

3.

The Incarnation to proclaim,
The angel Gabriel appears
To Mary, lowly maid, whose name
Is blest henceforth through endless years.

4.

"Hail, highly favoured one!" he cries,
"For thou shalt bear the Incarnate Word;"
While she, in humble faith, replies,
"Behold the handmaid of the Lord."

5.

If we such trust in God display,
Such readiness of heart and mind
His will in all things to obey,
We too with Him shall favour find.

Easter Day

1.

The Lord is risen! rejoice today
And Alleluia sing;
Let every heart and voice unite
To hail our Victor King.

2.

The Lord is risen! Who stood alone
In Pilate's judgment-hall
'Neath scourging, mocking, thorns, and blows;
For us He bore them all.

3.

The Lord is risen! Who on the Cross
For our redemption bled,
And from His side the cleansing flood
Of blood and water shed.

4.

The Lord is risen! Who for our sins
The full atonement made;
Who gave His life that we might live,
And in the grave was laid.

5.

The Lord is risen! our Paschal Lamb,
The Victim and the Priest,
Who gives to us His Flesh and Blood,
The Eucharistic Feast.

6.

The Lord is risen! this Easter morn,
To greet our Victor King,
Let all before His Altar meet,
And Alleluia sing.

Ascension Day

(Reprinted from THE LIVING CHURCH)

1.

Let joyful Alleluias tell the story,
The mighty triumph of the risen Lord;
The heavenly gates receive the King of glory,
He reigns on high, by angel hosts adored.

2.

The Word Incarnate, cradled in a manger,
Who lived on earth the perfect life of love,
To seek the lost, the outcast, and the stranger,
Now sits again upon His throne above.

3.

The Lamb of God, Who, on the Cross suspended,
Died that from sin and death we might be freed,
Our great High Priest, is now to Heaven ascended,
That Sacrifice within the veil to plead.

4.

The Saviour, Who, o'er death and hell victorious,
Rose from the grave, now sits at God's right hand,
There for His saints prepares a mansion glorious,
Where round the throne they shall forever stand.

Whitsunday

1.

Today from Heaven descending,
The Holy Spirit came,
On the Apostles lighting
In tongues of living flame.

2.

A sudden sound, resembling
A rushing mighty wind,
Was heard, and lo! the Spirit
Filled every heart and mind.

3.

Endowing them with wisdom,
With boldness, and with zeal,
The Comforter the promise
Of Jesus came to seal.

4.

The infant Church, thus gifted
With counsel and with might,
Went forth to lead the nations
From darkness into light.

5.

So, by the Spirit's guidance,
The Church o'er all the world
The Cross of Christ hath planted,
His ensign hath unfurled.

6.

And on her faithful children
Of every clime and race
The Spirit still bestoweth
His sev'nfold gifts of grace.

7.

The Father, blest Creator,
The Son, Redeemer, Lord,
The Spirit, Sanctifier,
Be evermore adored.

Trinity Sunday

(Reprinted from THE LIVING CHURCH)

1.

Eternal Father, throned on high,
Who dost our every need supply,
To Thee we raise our thankful cry:
Alleluia.

2.

Eternal Son, our Saviour King,
Who didst to man redemption bring,
To Thee in joyful praise we sing:
Alleluia.

3.

Eternal Spirit, Who from wrong
Dost purge our hearts, and make us strong,
To Thee we tune our grateful song:
Alleluia.

4.

Eternal Trinity, to Thee,
The Godhead One, the Persons Three,
Still our adoring strain shall be:
Alleluia.

St. James's Day

1.

Lord, for him who at Thy call
Followed Thee, forsaking all,
Him whom Thou didst choose to be
One of Thine own favoured three,
Unto Thee, this festal day,
We our grateful homage pay.

2.

Lord, for him who on the height
Saw Thy glory shining bright,
Him who in Gethsemane,
Sleeping, yet was near to Thee,
Unto Thee, in thankful praise,
Hearts and voices now we raise.

3.

Lord, for him by Herod slain,
Drinking thus Thy cup of pain,

First among the Twelve to be
Crowned with martyrdom for Thee,
Unto Thee, O Saviour King,
Hymns of praise today we sing.

4.

Lord, for grace Thy call to heed,
Thee to serve in word and deed,
Grace to see, with vision clear,
Thee, in presence ever near,
Unto Thee, O Light of Light,
We in fervent prayer unite.

5.

Lord, for grace to trust Thee still,
Following Thy blessed will,
Grace to pass through death's dark shade
At Thy bidding, unafraid,
Unto Thee, O God adored,
Our petitions are outpoured.

The Transfiguration of Christ

1.

Oh, the beauty and the splendour
Now revealed to mortal sight,
As the Saviour stands transfigured
On the lonely mountain-height!
Vision of celestial glory
Witnessed by the chosen three,
Who, with Him in holy converse,
Moses and Elijah see.

2.

Mirrored in the law and prophets,
Dimly glowed redemption's light,
While in hope the nations waited
Through the long and dreary night.
Law and prophets now fulfilling,
See the Light of Light Divine,
Sun of Righteousness, henceforward
Over all the world to shine.

3.

From the cloud the Voice bears witness,
"This is My beloved Son."
Veiled 'neath sacramental symbols,
Jesus tells us we are one—
One with Him and with each other;
Now the sons of God are we,
And, in radiance all-transcendent,
We at last like Him shall be.

The Transfiguration—II

(Reprinted from THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE)

1.

In raiment glistering white,
The Lord to mortal gaze
Upon the lonely height
His glory now displays,
And manifests that radiance fair
Which we one day shall likewise wear.

2.

What wonder, fear, and awe
The three beholders thrill,
As He, Who came the law
And prophets to fulfil,
To Moses and Elias shows
The mystery of His Passion's throes.

3.

Oh, it is good to be
Upon this holy hill,
His majesty to see
Revealed, but better still
To work His will, to walk His way,
And thus grow more like Him each day.

A Michaelmas Carol

(Reprinted from THE LIVING CHURCH)

1.

The Angel host in Heaven
    Their God and King adore;
"Lord, Holy, Holy, Holy,"
    They cry forevermore.
The Angels from His presence
    By God's appointment go
To succour and defend them
    Who serve Him here below.

2.

The Incarnation message
    An Angel brought to earth;
The Angels to the shepherds
    Proclaimed Messiah's birth;

The Saviour in the garden,
And in the desert drear,
Was visited by Angels
To comfort and to cheer.

3.

The Master's Resurrection
Was by the Marys known
From Angels, who, descending,
Had rolled away the stone;
And at the Lord's Ascension
The Angels came to say,
"In like celestial glory
Shall He return one day."

4.

The Holy Guardian Angels
Be our protectors still,
To save us from all peril,
To keep our souls from ill;

Against the powers of darkness
Good Angels aid our strife,
And help us in our struggle
To live the perfect life.

5.

When earthly toils are ended,
And Jesus calls to rest,
May Angels bear our spirits
To Paradise the blest;
That we at last forever
May join the Angel host
In praises to the Father,
The Son, and Holy Ghost.

An Eucharistic Hymn

1.

By eyes of sense, on earth below was seen
The Word Incarnate, the Eternal Son
In form of Man, the humble Nazarene,
Who over sin and death the triumph won.

2.

By eyes of faith, upon His Altar-throne
We see Him under form of Bread and Wine;
Our Lord in very Presence here we own,
And kneel before the mystery divine.

3.

The One Oblation He now pleads above,
Himself at once the Victim and the Priest,
While with His Flesh and Blood His tender love
Here feeds us in the Eucharistic Feast.

A Baptismal Hymn

1.

From Him Whose love bestowed of old
On little ones His blessing,
We claim once more that love untold,
To Him our prayer addressing
That He this little soul today
Will make His own forever,
So joined to Him that nothing may
That bond of union sever.

2.

The priest upon the little head
The cleansing water poureth,
But God himself His grace doth shed
And life divine restoreth;
The priest doth trace upon the brow
The sign of our salvation,
But Christ it is Who worketh now
The true regeneration.

3.

Now dead to sin, and born anew
Of water and the Spirit,
The child of God, a member true
Of Christ, doth Heaven inherit.
May God to this His soldier give
All grace and power supernal,
To serve Him well on earth, and live
With Him in bliss eternal.

A Confirmation Hymn

1.

Holy Ghost, from Heaven descending,
Rest on these Thy children now;
Them with peace and joy unending,
Love and grace divine, endow.
Holy Spirit, come with might,
Strengthen them for valiant fight.

2.

Come, Thy sev'nfold gifts assuring,
Wisdom, understanding clear,
Counsel, knowledge, strength enduring,
Godliness, and holy fear.
Holy Spirit, come today
With them evermore to stay.

A Marriage Hymn

1.

Father, Whose Being is love without end,
Saviour, Whose glory at Cana was shown,
Spirit divine, our Protector and Friend,
Let our petitions ascend to Thy throne.

2.

Trinity One, Undivided for aye,
Gracious and merciful, deign now to pour
Thy grace and blessing upon them, we pray,
Whom Thou in one dost unite evermore.

3.

Lead them in holiness, keep them in peace,
Strengthen their faith, and make perfect their love;
Then, when earth's joys and earth's sorrows shall cease,
Bring them to dwell in Thy kingdom above.

A Funeral Hymn

1.

The life of conflict now is done,
The wearied body rests at last;
The life immortal is begun,
The soul to Paradise has passed.
O Jesu, in Thy presence blest,
Grant *him* eternal light and rest.

2.

No more shall grief or pain oppress,
No more temptation fierce assail
The soul, secure from all distress
In Him Whose mercy cannot fail.
O Jesu, in Thy presence blest,
Grant *him* eternal light and rest.

3.

No more 'neath earthly toil and care
The burdened spirit falls and faints,

For God His servant calls to share
The rest remaining to His saints.
O Jesu, in Thy presence blest,
Grant *him* eternal light and rest.

4.

The body unto dust returns
Until the resurrection-hour;
The soul, with Christ abiding, learns
Yet more and more His love and power.
O Jesu, in Thy presence blest,
Grant *him* eternal light and rest.

5.

In patient hope and perfect trust
The souls at rest that day await
When, rising glorious from the dust,
Their bodies too shall pass the gate,
And all His saints, through Jesus' love,
Shall stand complete in Heaven above.

A Missionary Hymn

1.

"O go ye out into all the world,
My parting commandment fulfil
To make disciples of all mankind,
And I will be with you still."
Our Lord has given this charge to us,
To carry His Name far and wide
To souls, yet lying in darksome night,
For whom the Saviour has died.

2.

Awake, awake, for the fields are white,
The harvest is ready to reap;
Too long, alas, have we slumbered on,
'Tis time to rise from our sleep,
To go forth boldly in Jesus' Name
To conquer the world for our King,
That nations, which have not known His love,
His praise and glory may sing.

3.

Our task to scatter the seed of truth,
The Master will give the increase;
Then let us do with our might our part
To spread the kingdom of peace,
Of peace on earth and good-will to men,
The reign of the Crucified Son,
To Whose allegiance the hearts of all
Mankind at last shall be won.

Anniversary Hymn

Written for the fifth anniversary (1905) of the Rev. E. A. Bazett-Jones as Rector of The Church of The Advent, Nashville, and authorized for use in the Parish by the Bishop of Tennessee

1.

O Father, bless Thy servant,
And grant him length of days,
Who stands before Thy Altar
To offer prayer and praise;
Who brings to us Thy gracious word
Of pardon for our sin,
And strives for Thee, our God and Lord,
The souls of men to win.

2.

O Saviour, let Thy blessing
Upon Thy Priest descend;
We pray Thee, keep him blameless
And faithful to the end.

As in Thy Name he offers up
The Sacrifice divine,
Oh, may that holy Bread and Cup
Seal us forever Thine.

3.

O Holy Spirit, teach him
To guide Thy flock aright
Still onward to the region
Of everlasting light.
Pour Thou upon him from above
Thy sev'nfold gifts of grace,
And make him lead us by Thy love
To see the Father's face.

4.

O God Triune, be with him
In all his work for Thee;
Direct him, guard him, keep him
From sin and sorrow free;
Until with all the angel throng
Both Priest and People come
To join, and sing the heavenly song
In our eternal home.

The Holy Cross

(Invention of the Cross, May 3d; Exaltation of the Cross, September 14th)

1.

Jesu, Who for our salvation
Deigned upon the Cross to die,
Lead us on, beneath the banner
Of Thy Cross, to realms on high.

2.

(On May 3d)

Of Thy Cross, O Lord, the Finding,
We today commemorate;
Sacred sign in which we triumph
Over Satan's baleful hate.

(On September 14th)

Of Thy Cross the Exaltation,
Lord, today we celebrate;
Sacred sign in which we triumph
Over Satan's baleful hate.

3.

Saviour, let Thy Cross before us
Ever point the heavenward way,
Guiding onward, like a beacon
Shining unto perfect day.

4.

In Thy Cross alone we glory,
Our redemption's holy sign;
Following Thee, our crosses bearing,
Jesu, keep us ever Thine.

The Holy Name

(Feast of "The Name of JESUS," August 7th)

1.

Today His holy Name
We laud and magnify,
Who left His throne on high
And to us sinners came
To show us all the Father's love
And bring us to His home above.

2.

God, by the angel, gave
This Name, before His birth,
To Him Who came to earth
To ransom and to save
His people from their sins, and give
His life, that all in Him might live.

3.

Celestial hosts acclaim
Him, throned in glory, now,
While every knee shall bow
At His most sacred Name,
Which, whispered in temptation's hour,
Delivers us from Satan's power.

4.

Jesu, Incarnate Word,
Who didst our souls redeem,
By Thy dear Name supreme
Our hearts and wills be stirred
To love and serve Thee more and more,
Till with the angels we adore.

Minor Saints' Days

1.

Jesu, King of Saints, direct us,
As we tread the heavenward way,
After Thy dear saint's example
Whose renown we sing today.

2.

(Of a Martyr)

As Thy faithful martyr's honour
Our exultant hymns proclaim,
Grant us ever, living, dying,
Lord, to glorify Thy Name.

(Of a Bishop)

Grant, as he, Thy faithful bishop,
Nobly in Thy vineyard wrought,
We may ever hold and practise
All that holy faith he taught.

(Of a Virgin)

Virgin pure, her life she offered
Unto Thee, O Virgin-born;
Grant us, each in his vocation,
Thee to serve, the world to scorn.

3.

Living in Thy love, *he* bravely
Strove, and won the earthly fight;
Dying in Thy faith, *he* gainèd
Rest and everlasting light.

4.

Teach us, then, Thy saints to follow,
Saviour, in Thy faith and love,
Till we too, with them made perfect,
Gather round Thy throne above.

5.

In Thy faith and love united,
Saints on earth and saints at rest
Glorify Thee, with the Father
And the Spirit, ever blest.

The Helping Hills

1.

"I lift mine eyes up to the hills,
Whence comes my help," the Psalmist cried.
Thence too may we, amid life's ills,
Sure aid and comfort find supplied.

2.

The Son of Man upon an hill
Was set, the Blessings to declare,
And speak the words which furnish still
Our perfect guide to work and prayer.

3.

The Son of God on Hermon's hill
Revealed His glory shining bright,
To show how they that do His will
Shall be arrayed in heavenly light.

4.

The Saviour hung on Calvary's hill,
The perfect Sacrifice, from sin
To save mankind, and to fulfil
The Father's plan our souls to win.

5.

The Lord ascended, from the hill
Of Olivet, to Heaven again,
To sit at God's right hand until
He comes once more on earth to reign.

6.

Oh, praise the Maker of the hills,
Who, when for help His people plead,
With peace and joy the spirit fills,
And sends relief for every need.

A Birthday Litany

(Reprinted from THE LIVING CHURCH)

PART I.

1.

Maker of this mortal frame,
Kindler of the vital flame,
Blessed ever be Thy Name;
Hearken, Holy Father.

2.

By Thy Being infinite,
By Thine endless power and might,
Dwelling in eternal light;
Hearken, Holy Father.

3.

Thou Who givest length of days,
Grant me, walking in Thy ways,
Ever to show forth Thy praise;
Hearken, Holy Father.

PART II.

4.

Blest Redeemer, Saviour dear,
Day by day and year by year
To Thy presence draw me near;
Hearken, Holy Jesu.

5.

By Thy pure and holy birth,
By Thy perfect life on earth,
Showing to mankind its worth;
Hearken, Holy Jesu.

6.

As I grow in years apace,
Grant me still to grow in grace,
Till I come to see Thy face;
Hearken, Holy Jesu.

PART III.

7.

Comforter forever blest,
Holy Ghost, vouchsafe to rest
In my heart, a constant Guest;
Hearken, Holy Spirit.

8.

By Thy coming as a dove,
By Thy burning flames of love
Seen descending from above;
Hearken, Holy Spirit.

9.

With Thine unction from on high
Soul and body sanctify,
All Thy sev'nfold gifts supply;
Hearken, Holy Spirit.

PART IV.

10.

One in Three, and Three in One,
Keep me, till my task is done,
Till my earthly race is run;
Hearken, Holy Trinity.

11.

Make me live to Thee alone,
Till I stand before Thy throne,
There to know as I am known;
Hearken, Holy Trinity.

Author's Note as to Tunes.

As several of the hymns in this volume were composed with a view to their use with particular tunes (notably the Ascension, Eucharistic, and Missionary hymns), the author ventures to indicate not only these, but also the tunes of his own preference for all the hymns not in the three ordinary metres.

The names of the tunes are taken from the Church Hymnal edited by the Rev. Dr. Hutchins.

Christmas Carol	6. 5. 6. 5. D. Ref.	St. Theresa : *Sullivan*
Christmas Communion	7. 6. 8. 6. D	Alford : *Dykes*
Epiphany	7. 7. 7. 7	Innocents : *Thibaut*
Annunciation I	8. 7. 8. 7. 8. 7	Oriel : *Ancient*
Ascension Day	11. 10. 11. 10	Ancient of Days : *Jeffery*
Whitsunday	7. 6. 7. 6	St. Alphege : *Gauntlett*
Trinity Sunday	8. 8. 8. 4	Redcliff : *Hopkins*
St. James's Day	7. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7	Dix : *Kocher*
Transfiguration I	8. 7. 8. 7. D.	St. Asaph : *Bambridge*
Transfiguration II	6. 6. 6. 6. 8. 8.	St. Godric : *Dykes*
Michaelmas Carol	7. 6. 7. 6. D	Aurelia : *Wesley*
Eucharistic	10. 10. 10. 10	Langran : *Langran*
Baptismal	8. 7. 8. 7. D. *Iamb*	Golden Sheaves : *Sullivan*
Confirmation	8. 7. 8. 7. 7. 7	Paran : *Neander*
Marriage	10. 10. 10. 10. *Dact*	Trisagion : *Smart*
Funeral	8. 8. 8. 8. 8. 8	Melita : *Dykes*
Missionary	P. M.	Carol[1] : *Willis*
Anniversary	7. 6. 7. 6. 8. 6. 8. 6.	Pæan[2] : *Weber*
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Holy Name	6. 6. 6. 6. 8. 8	Pittsburgh : *Russell*
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