

# ‘Whoever is not against us is for us.’

## Call to Worship:

Frederick A. Styles *Worship For An Easter People* ‘Volume 3’ (Ontario: enThusia Enterprises 1981) p. I-16.2



## WOV469 Awake, My Soul And With The Sun

1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
your daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay your morning sacrifice.
2. Glory to you that safely kept  
and have refreshed me while I slept;  
grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake  
I may of endless light partake.
3. Lord, I my vows to you renew;  
disperse my sins as morning dew;  
guard my first springs of thought and will,  
and with yourself my spirit fill.
4. Direct, control, suggest, this day  
all I design or do or say,  
that all my powers, with all their might,  
in your sole glory may unite.
5. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise God, all creatures here below,

praise God above, you heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken 1637-1711 TiS 557 words

## **Prayer of Praise and Adoration**

Give thanks to your God, whose love endures forever.

**You sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky,  
give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Sunrise and sunset, night and day, give to our God your thanks and praise.

**All mountains and valleys, grassland and scree, glacier, avalanche, mist and  
snow, give to our God your thanks and praise.**

You kauri and pine, rata and kowhai, mosses and ferns, give to our God your  
thanks and praise.

**Dolphins and kawahai, sea-lion and crab, coral and anemone, pipi and  
shrimp: give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Sheep and cattle, moths and dogs, kiwi and sparrow and tui and hawk, give to  
our God your thanks and praise.

**You Maori and Pakeha, women and men, all who inhabit the long white  
cloud: give to our God your thanks and praise.**

All saints and martyrs of the South Pacific, give to our God your thanks and  
praise.

**All prophets and priests, all cleaners and clerks, professors, shop-workers  
personal assistants, and teachers, job-seekers and invalids, drivers and  
doctors: give to our God your thanks and praise.**

All sweepers and diplomats, writers and artists, grocers, carpenters students and  
stock-agents, sea-farers, farmers, bakers and mystics: give to our God your  
thanks and praise.

**All children and infants, all people who play: give to our God your thanks  
and praise.**

The Church of the Province of New Zealand *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, (Auckland: William Collins  
Publishers Ltd. 1989) pp.63,64.

## **Lament**

Sometimes, God of life, we do things that make it hard for the best of life to live among us.

We crush it with our lack of hope,  
we fail to affirm it when we see it begin to grow in its fragility, we  
destroy it with exploitation and injustice,  
we can't imagine it coming from some people  
or we fail to give it support  
because our own life is low and we resent it in others.

**Forgive us when we make it hard for life to live, O God.**

Dorothy McRae-McMahon *Prayers for Life's Particular Moments* (Thornbury: Desbooks, 2001), pp.19,20.

## **Words of Assurance**

God, in Christ Jesus, is the life that rises  
from the depths of all our failure, pain and grief.

This life is never defeated!

**Thanks be to God!**

Dorothy McRae-McMahon *Prayers for Life's Particular Moments* (Thornbury: Desbooks, 2001), pp.19,20.

We conclude our opening prayers using the words we believe Jesus taught his disciples.

**Our Father in heaven,**

**Hallowed be your name,**

**Your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory, are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Passing the peace**

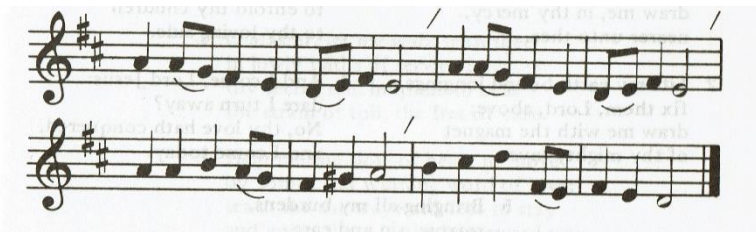
The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you**

### **The First Lesson: Esther 7:1-6,9-10,9:20-22**

In this is the Word of God  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **The Gospel Lesson: Mark 9: 38-50**

This is the gospel of Christ.  
**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**



### **WOV 520 Take my life and let it be**

1. Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

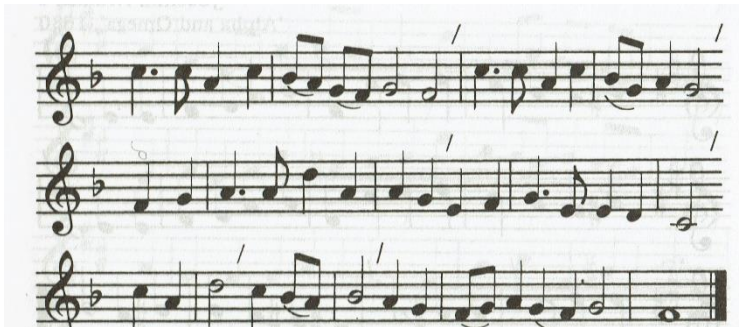
4. Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love: my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

*Frances Ridley Havergal 1836—79 German melody (c 1740) printed in John Wesley's 'Foundery Collection' 1742*

## **Sermon**



### **WOV465 (ii) All my hope on God is founded**

(Tune Michael)

1. All my hope on God is founded;  
all my trust he will renew,  
through all change and chance  
he guides me,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,

he alone,  
calls my heart to be his own.

2. Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray our trust;  
all we build with care and labour,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.
3. God's great goodness lasts for ever,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought;  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.
4. Daily the almighty giver  
will his bounteous gifts bestow;  
in his will our souls find pleasure,  
leading us where'er we go.  
Love will stand  
at his hand,  
joy shall wait for his command.
5. Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Hear Christ call  
one and all:  
those who follow shall not fall.

*Joachim Neander 1650—80 tr Robert Seymour Bridges 1844*

## **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

# The Offering and Dedication

## Notices



## WOV672 Where the road runs

**Tune:** Columbus

- 1 Where the road runs out and the signposts end,  
where we come to the edge of today,  
be the God of Abraham for us,  
send us out upon our way.

*Lord, you were our beginning,  
the faith that gave us birth.  
We look to you, our ending,  
our hope for heaven and earth.*

- 2 When the coast is left and we journey on  
to the rim of the sky and the sea,  
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,  
lead us on to eternity.

- 3 When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,  
when tomorrow's storm draws near,  
be the spirit bird hovering overhead  
who will take away our fear.

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# Commissioning and benediction with sung amen

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