

The Hymns Sessions: Vol. 1 LYRICS

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1. Christos Anesti

Lyrics:

Transliteration of Greek:

Christós anésti ek nekrón,
thanáto thánaton patísas,
ké tís en tís mnímasi,
zoín charisámenos!

Translated in English:

Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling down death by death,
And upon those in the tombs
Bestowing life!

Original Arrangement by Jimmy Needham

2. The Gospel

Lyrics:

The Gospel, the Gospel
Fragrance in words
The sea of my soul
Is calmed when it's heard
Peace to the broken
The captives set free
May the Gospel of Jesus
Wash over me

The Gospel, the Gospel
My freedom explained
No more shall these garments
I'm wearing be stained
The old man is missing
The new man is free
May the Gospel of Jesus
Wash over me

Chorus:

Oh bless the Lord
Oh bless the Lord
Though my sin was black as night
Oh bless His name
I'm not the same
Your Gospel washed me white

The Gospel, the Gospel
She's good and she's true
She cost quite a fortune
To make all things new
So breathe in with faith
And out with his peace
May the Gospel of Jesus
Wash over me

Chorus

Word and Music by: Jimmy Needham

3. Rock of Ages

Lyrics:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee
Let the water and the blood
From Thy wounded side which flowed
Be for sin a double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
These for sin could not atone
Thou must save, and Thou alone
Thou must save, and Thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to Thy cross I cling
Naked, come to Thee for dress
Helpless, look to Thee for grace
Foul, I to the fountain fly
Wash me, Savior, or I die
Wash me, Savior, or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath
When my eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See Thee on Thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee
Let me hide myself in Thee

*Original arrangement by Jimmy Needham
Chorus written by Jimmy Needham*

4. Come Thou Fount

Lyrics:

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

O that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothèd then in blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace

Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Take my ransomed soul away
Send thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

Original arrangement by Jimmy Needham

5. Great is Thy Faithfulness (feat. Kevin Jones)

Lyrics:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Chorus:

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Great is Thy Faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

(Chorus)

Original arrangement by Jimmy Needham

6. How Great Thou Art

(feat. Trip Lee)

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art (2X)

Post chorus:

I'm blown away out how great You are, how great You are (2X)

There's no one greater in the Universe
In all Creation, I promise they could a search
Still they would never find another one of your kind
Who holds it all together, who tells the sun to shine
I been around the world, they say that love is blind
But I love you cause I've seen you, a hundred times
I'm so amazed this world that you made it's
Amazing, you know the stars on a first name basis
Yeah I've tasted and seen, cause your greatness
Grazed this dude, on his face you're gracious
How you create this world in a week
From the clouds in the sky to the pearls in the deep
I look into the air and your glory shines
So when I walk outside it's story time
You're telling me about your greatness and power
That's why I came to praise you this hour
Then sings my soul

(Chorus)

When I think about your greatness and might
So bright that we gotta hide our face from the light
I'm even more amazed you gave us the Christ
Considering you made outer space and the like
And I ain't never heard of love like yours
Betrayed by the slaves that He came to secure
I think about the strain and the pain He endured
Got me with my knees and my face to floor
There's no one greater in the Universe
I'd never heard of a God who took on human hurts
Hung up on the cross, paid for my debt
Blood spilled for my guilt all my pain and regret

(Chorus)

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
To take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art"

(Chorus)

*Verses 1 and 2 written by: Trip Lee
Original arrangement by Jimmy Needham*

7. Holy, Holy, Holy

(feat. Shane & Shane)

Lyrics:

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Original arrangement by Jimmy Needham

8. Joyful, Joyful

Lyrics:

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Our hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flowery meadow, flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Chorus:

You make me joyful
You make me joyful
Our hearts are so full, so full

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us Sunward
In the triumph song of life

Chorus

*Original arrangement by Jimmy Needham
Chorus written by Jimmy Needham*

9. It Is Well

Lyrics:

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

Chorus:

It is well, (it is well)
With my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Chorus)

Oh Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

(Chorus)

Original arrangement by Jimmy Needham

10. It Is Finished

It is finished, It is finished
Tetelesti
The beauty of the double meaning phrase
He ceased from His labor and so have I
Now resting only in His grace

It is finished, it is finished
Tetelesti
The Son of Man succeeding where I failed
The wrath of God now satisfied
In Jesus, my Emmanuel

Chorus:

It is done, He's alive
And He is able to bring us life
In three days, He will rise
Tetelesti

It is finished, it is finished
Tetelesti
My hope found in the Savior's words alone
He willingly laid down His life
And gloriously He rolled away the stone

It is finished it is finished
Tetelesti
No longer need I labor for His love
For Christ fulfilling the law of God
Was deemed by God to be enough

(Chorus)

It is finished, It is finished
Tetelesti
The wedding bells of freedom now ring
Your sons and daughters will testify
Now to you, Jesus, we will sing
We will sing

On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Words and Music by: Jimmy Needham and Kevin Jones