

***Sunday 8th September 2024 Trinity 15
(Hymns A & M) St Martin's, Hereford***

810. Thou, whose almighty word

**1 Thou, whose almighty word, chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**2 Thou, who didst come to bring, on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.**

**3 Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

**4 Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.**

John Marriott (1780-1825)

522. We cannot measure how you heal

**1 We cannot measure how You heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.**

**2 The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.**

**3 So some have come who need Your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make Your broken people whole.**

John L. Bell (b. 1949)

604. Brother, sister, let me serve you

**1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.**

**5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

Richard A. M. Gillard (b. 1953)

795. 'The kingdom is upon you!'

**'The kingdom is upon you!'
the voice of Jesus cries,
fulfilling with its message
the wisdom of the wise;
it lightens with fresh insight
the striving human mind,
creating new dimensions
of faith for all to find.**

**2 'God's kingdom is upon you!'
the message sounds today,
it summons every pilgrim
to take the questing way,
with eyes intent on Jesus,
our leader and our friend,
who trod faith's road before us,
and trod it to the end.**

**3The kingdom is upon us!
stirred by the Spirit's breath,
we glory in its freedom
from emptiness and death;
we celebrate its purpose,
its mission and its goal,
alive with the conviction
that Christ can make us whole**

Robert Willis (b. 1947)