

Hymns – 23rd February

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- 1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.
- * 2 O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.
- 3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.
- 4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.
- 5 O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:

O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

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- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my
heart,
be all else but naught to me,
save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the
day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy
presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my
true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with
thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy
true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I
with thee one.
- 3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword
for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be
thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou
my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward,
great Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty
praise:
be thou mine inheritance now
and always;
be thou and thou only the first in
my heart;

O Sovereign of heaven, my
treasure thou art.

- 5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's
bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is
won;
great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*
- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
- 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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- 1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives
sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal
name.*
- 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
- 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-
treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross
defeated,
sinners justified:
- 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
- 5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song: