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The following hymns have been recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields in their homes, and edited together.

The kingdom of God is justice and joy

1   The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
     for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
     God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
     and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

2   The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
     the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
     the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
     and hope is awakened instead of despair.

3   The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
     believe the good news, repent and rejoice.
     His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
     our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

4   God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
     in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
     the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
     and all things cry glory to God all in all.

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O God you search me and you know me

1   O God, you search me and you know me.
     All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
     When I walk or lie down you are before me:
     ever the maker and keeper of my days.

2   You know my resting and my rising.
     You discern my purpose from afar.
     And with love everlasting you besiege me:
     in ev'ry moment of life and death, you are.

3   Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
     you have known its meaning through and through.
     You are with me, beyond my understanding:
     God of my present, my past and future, too.

4   Although your Spirit is upon me,
     still I search for shelter from your light.
     There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
     even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

5   For you created me and shaped me,
     gave me life within my mother's womb.
     For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
     safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Bernadette Farrell (b.1957) from Psalm 139
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