

## Book 6 - Songs and Canticles

### The Lord's Prayer (888888)

This should be sung to Coxe' Old 112<sup>th</sup> which in some books is called Vater Unser.

1. Our Father who in heaven art, ~ thy name be hallowed in each heart:  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done ~ in earth as is in heav'n thy throne.  
Give us this day our daily bread ~ that souls and bodies may be fed.
2. Forgive our trespasses, as we ~ forgive them when we trespassed be.  
To no temptation lead our will, ~ but us deliver from all ill.  
For thine the kingdom, and the power ~ and glory be for evermore.

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### Morning

#### Bishop Ken's Morning Hymn (LM)

The tune to this is the one by Barthelemon, subject of Hardy's poem. Bishop Ken wrote at least 11 verses, but these are the usual ones sung. They have been altered slightly over the centuries.

1. Awake, my soul and with the sun ~ thy daily stage of duty run:  
Shake off dull sloth and early rise ~ to pay thy morning sacrifice.
2. Redeem thy misspent time that's past, ~ and live this day as if thy last:  
Improve thy talents with due care; ~ for the great day thyself prepare.
3. Let all thy converse be sincere, ~ thy conscience as the noonday, clear:  
Think how all seeing God thy ways ~ and all thy secrets thoughts surveys.
4. Wake, and lift up thyself my heart, ~ and with the angels bear thy part.  
Who all night long unwearied sing ~ high glory to th'eternal king.
5. *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, ~ praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host, ~ praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

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**The Venite - Psalm 95 (DBT) (8787D)**

This is written to go to the tune, Sullivan's Golden Sheaves

1. Come let us sing unto the Lord, ~ the rock of our salvation,
2. Gather before him to applaud ~ with psalms of jubilation,
3. The God above all gods who's king ~ who rules o'er all creation.  
Our thanks to him we gladly bring ~ assembled as his nation
  
4. He holds the corners of the earth. ~ Its peaks and depths he fashions.
5. The very sea he brought to birth, ~ and laid the land's foundations.
6. So come, fall down, before Him kneel, ~ worship our Lord and Maker
7. We are his holy commonweal, ~ the sheep upon his acre.
  
8. If this day you hear him speak ~ in heart be not resisting,  
For Moses struck the rock in pique, ~ provoked by their persisting.
9. Your forbears put me to the test, ~ required I prove my fitness  
To lead them, being unimpressed ~ with all that they'd been witness.
  
10. For forty years was I distressed ~ with that whole generation.  
In their hearts had they transgressed, ~ ignored my exhortation  
To~obey my Word, hold to my path, ~ on me their hope to centre.
11. Accordingly I swore in wrath ~ my rest they should not enter.  
  
In righteousness he brings to birth, ~ his hour of visitation.  
In triumph he shall judge the earth. ~ So hear His proclamation  
And glory to the Father raise, ~ to Son and Holy Spirit,  
Alpha and Omega we praise, ~ may we His life inherit

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**The Venite (SHa) CM**

This is an alternative version in CM. There is no tune particularly associated with this psalm, although Playford suggests St David's which is not in modern books.

- 1 O come let us lift up our voice, ~ sing gladly to the Lord;  
In him our rock of health rejoice, ~ rejoice with one accord:
  
- 2 Yea, let us come before his face, ~ give him our thanks and praise;

In singing psalms to laud his grace ~ let us be glad always.

- 3 For why? the Lord he is no doubt ~ a great and mighty God!  
A King above all gods throughout, ~ the whole wide world abroad.
- 4 The secrets of the earth so deep, ~ the corners of the land:  
The hills and peaks so high and steep ~ he holds all in his hand:
- 5 The sea and waters too are his, ~ for he them both has wrought:  
The earth and all that therein is ~ his hand hath made of nought.
- 6 Come, let us bow and praise the Lord, ~ before him let us fall:  
And kneel to him with one accord, ~ for he has made us all.
- 7 For why? he is the Lord our God, ~ for us does he provide:  
We are his flock, he does us feed, ~ his sheep, and he our guide.
- 8 To-day if you his voice should hear, ~ then harden not your heart:  
As you with grudging many a year ~ provoked him in desert;
- 9 When your forefathers tempted me, ~ my power seeking to prove:  
Though they my mighty works did see, ~ still me they tried to move.
- 10 Twice twenty years they did me grieve, ~ and that caused me to say:  
They err in heart, will not believe; ~ they have not known my way.
- 11 At that I swore - at that my wrath ~ was kindled in my breast:  
- That they should never tread the path ~ that enters in my rest.

*All Glory to the Father, Son, ~ and Spirit, One and Three.  
As was, and is, and shall be so ~ through all eternity.*

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### **The Te Deum (TBa) (CM)**

There is no specific tune for this. DCM might work well, though if the whole is sung, there is an odd number of verses.

- 1 Oh God, we praise you and confess ~ that you, the only Lord  
And everlasting Father are, ~ by all the earth adored.

- 2 To you all angels cry aloud: ~ to you the powers on high,  
Both cherubim and seraphim ~ continually do cry.
- 3 Oh, holy, holy, holy Lord ~ whom heavenly hosts obey:  
The world is with the glory filled ~ of your majestic ray.
- 4 Th'apostles glorious company, ~ and prophets crowned with light,  
With all the Martyrs noble host, ~ your constant praise recite.
- 5 The holy church throughout the world, ~ confesses you to be:  
Eternal Father, infinite, ~ boundless in majesty.
- 6 Honourable true and only Son, ~ and Holy Spirit, spring  
Of never ceasing joy: Oh Christ, ~ of glory you are king.
- 7 The Father's everlasting Son, ~ you from on high did come  
To save mankind and did not then ~ disdain the Virgin's womb.
- 8 And having overcome the sting ~ of death, you opened wide:  
The gates of heaven to all, who firm ~ in your belief abide.

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- 9 Crowned with the Father's glory, you ~ at God's right hand now sit.  
Whence you will come to be our judge, ~ to sentence or acquit.
- 10 Oh therefore save your servants, Lord ~ whose souls so dearly cost;  
Nor let the purchase of your blood, ~ your precious blood, be lost.
- 11 We magnify you day by day; ~ and worship constantly:  
Vouchsafe to keep us, Lord, this day ~ from sin and danger free.
- 12 Have mercy, mercy, on us Lord, ~ to us your grace extend;  
According as for mercy, we ~ on you alone depend.
- 13 It is in you I've placed my trust, ~ and ever shall do so:  
Preserve me then from ruin here, ~ and from eternal woe.

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**Benedicite (DBT)            7777 77**

The tune England's Lane – 'for the beauty of the earth' fits. CW allocates vv 1, 6 and 7 to Sunday morning.

1.     Come all his works; bless the Lord, ~ angels, heaven and its horde.  
      Bless him waters raised on high, ~ sun and moon, stars in the sky  
          Bless the Lord and sing his praise. ~ Exalt him, ever, always.
  
2.     Bless the Lord, all rain and dew, ~ wind that blows the whole world through.  
      Bless him fire and heat untold, ~ biting blast and bitter cold.  
          Bless the Lord and sing his praise. ~ Exalt him, ever, always.
  
3.     Bless the Lord you sleet and snow, ~ frost, cold, drifts and icy blow.  
      Bless him day, and bless him night, ~ inky darkness and the light.  
          Bless the Lord and sing his praise. ~ Exalt him, ever, always.
  
4.     Bless the Lord, light'nings and cloud, ~ earth and mountains, hills so proud.  
      Bless him plants, all things that grow ~ in the ground, this land below.  
          Bless the Lord and sing his praise. ~ Exalt him, ever, always.
  
5.     Bless the Lord, you springs and seas, ~ rivers flowing where you please.  
      Bless him, whales and all that swim ~ all you birds and beasts of limb.  
          Bless the Lord and sing his praise. ~ Exalt him, ever, always.
  
6.     Bless the Lord all human kind ~ and you creatures that they mind.  
      Bless him servants of the Lord ~ priests and people him applaud.  
          Bless the Lord and sing his praise. ~ Exalt him, ever, always.
  
7.     Bless the Lord all you upright ~ in your spirit, soul and sight.  
      Bless him all of humble heart, ~ faithful, holy in each part.  
          Bless the Lord and sing his praise. ~ Exalt him, ever, always.
  
8.     Bless the Father and the Son ~ and the Spirit, three in One.  
      Bless him now and as of yore ~ and shall be for ever more.  
          Bless the Lord and sing his praise. ~ Exalt him, ever, always.

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**Benedictus (TBa)            (CM)**

Any CM or DCM tune will fit . A possible is Wiltshire. Vox Dilecti DCM which switches between minor and

major works well.

1. Now blest be Israel's Lord and God ~ whose mercy at our need  
Has visited his people's grief ~ and them from bondage freed.
2. And raised in faithful David's house ~ salvation which of old,
3. E'er since the world itself began, ~ his prophets have foretold.
  
- 4/5 To save us from our spiteful foes, ~ and keep his oath in mind,
6. Which he to Abra'am heretofore ~ and to our fathers signed.
7. That we from fear and danger freed, ~ his temple may frequent;
8. And all our days as in his sight, ~ in holy life be spent.
  
9. And you, O child shall then be called ~ God's prophet to declare  
His message and before his face ~ his passage to prepare:
- 10-12 To give them light, who now in shades ~ of night and death abide;  
And in the way that leads to peace ~ our footsteps safely guide.

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### **The Jubilate (SH) LM**

There is only one tune suitable for this.

1. All people that on earth do dwell, ~ sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, ~ come ye before him and rejoice.
2. The Lord ye know is God indeed; ~ without our aid he did us make:  
We are his flock, he doth us feed, ~ and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. Oh enter then his gates with praise; ~ approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise laud and bless his name always; ~ for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? The Lord our God is good; ~ his mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood, ~ and shall from age to age endure.
5. To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, ~ the God whom earth and heav'n adore,  
Be glory as it was of old, is now, ~ and so shall be for evermore.

### **The Jubilate (DBT) CM**

This is another version in CM so that one can sing it to one of the many lively fuguing tunes that are available in this metre.

1. Be joyful in the Lord all earth; ~ with gladness serve his Name:  
Enter his presence with a song; ~ your praise his face acclaim.
2. Know that the Lord our God is God. ~ He made us. We are his.  
We are his people and the sheep ~ that graze upon his leas.
3. Enter his gates with grateful thanks; ~ with praise explore his courts  
Give thanks to him and bless his name, ~ be glad with his cohorts.
4. The Lord is good; his steadfast love ~ is now and for always:  
His faithfulness stands firm and lasts ~ through everlasting days.

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### **Easter Anthem (DBT) (CM OR DCM)**

The usual tune for this is Ellacombe. 'the day of Resurrection'. Kingsfold ;I heard the voice of Jesus say' also works but not as well. In the Book of Common Prayer, this is an anthem for Easter Day alone, but in CW to open Morning Prayer throughout the Easter season.

- 1 For us is Christ our Passover ~ now sacrificed and slain;  
So let us keep the festival ~ in thankfulness again.
2. Not with old yeast corrupt and sour ~ that's wicked and uncouth;  
But with unleavened bread of pure ~ sincerity and truth.
- 3 For Christ has burst forth from the tomb ~ and risen dies no more;  
No more has death dominion ~ o'er him by flesh or law.
- 4 In dying once he trod down death ~ and once to sin he died;  
In living now he lives to God ~ eternity astride.
- 5 So see yourselves as dead to sin ~ alive to God to keep;  
In Christ the Lord raised from the dead ~ first fruits of them that sleep.
- 6 For as by man to man came death ~ and each in Adam dies;  
So resurrection comes by Man ~ who all from death unties.

## **Evening**

### **Bishop Ken's Evening Hymn (LM)**

Although there are many other hymns for the evening, this is the hymn that our forefathers meant by the phrase, 'the Evening Hymn'. The tune of course is Tallis's Canon.

- 1 Glory to thee, my God this night ~ for all the blessings of the light:  
Keep me, Oh keep me, King of kings ~ beneath thine own almighty wings
- 2 Forgive me, Lord for thy dear Son, ~ the ill that I this day have done:  
That with the world, myself and thee, ~ I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 3 Teach me to live that I may dread ~ the grave as little as my bed;  
Teach me to die, that so I may ~ rise glorious on the awful day.
- 4 So may my soul on thee repose, ~ and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,  
Sleep that shall me more vigorous make ~ to serve my God when I awake.
- 5 When in the night I sleepless lie, ~ my soul with heavenly thoughts supply:  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, ~ no powers of darkness me molest.
- 6 *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, ~ praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host, ~ praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

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**Phos Hilaron (YH)      667, 667**

This is a metrical version written by Robert Bridges (1844-1930) and published in the Yattendon Hymnal in 1899. The tune is Bourgeois's Nunc Dimittis. As far as I know, no metrical psalter in English includes a version of the Nunc Dimittis itself to this tune. The Phos Hilaron dates from the C3 or earlier. It is alleged to be the most ancient hymn still surviving.

1. O gladsome Light, O grace ~ of God the Father's face,  
th' eternal splendour wearing;  
celestial, holy, blest, ~ our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
joyful in thine appearing.
2. Now, ere day fadeth quite, ~ we see the evening light,  
our wonted hymn outpouring;  
Father of might unknown, ~ thee, his incarnate Son,  
and Holy Spirit adoring.
3. To thee of right belongs ~ all praise of holy songs,  
O Son of God, Life-giver;

Thee, therefore, O Most High, ~ the world does glorify,  
and shall exalt for ever.

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**Magnificat (TBa) CM**

1. My soul and spirit, filled with joy, ~ my God and Saviour praise,  
Whose goodness did from poor estate ~ his humble handmaid raise.
2. Me blessed of God, the God of power ~ all ages shall confess;  
Whose name is holy and whose love ~ his saints shall ever bless.
3. The proud and all their vain designs ~ he quickly did confound;  
He cast the mighty from their seat, ~ the meek and humble crowned.
4. The hungry with good things he filled, ~ the rich with hunger pined.;;  
He sent his servant Israel help, ~ and called his love to mind.
5. Which to our fathers heretofore ~ by oath he did ensure,  
To Abra'am and his chosen seed ~ for ever to endure.

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**Nunc Dimittis (DBT) 6565**

This is to the tune Eudoxia, 'Now the day is over'.

1. Lord now let your servant ~ leave, depart in peace.  
As has been your promise, ~ Master, grant release.
2. For with my own eyes, I ~ see your salvation,  
Long planned but revealed here ~ to ev'ry nation.
3. A light for the Gentiles ~ darkness to dispel,  
And the glory of your ~ people Israel.

*To the Father, Son and ~ Spirit glory be.  
As was, is and shall be ~ for eternity.*

## Nunc Dimittis (TBa) CM

This goes well to the tune, Martyrdom

- 1 Lord let your servant now depart ~ into your promised rest,  
Since my expecting eyes have been ~ with your salvation blest.
- 2 Which till this time your favoured saints ~ and prophets only knew:  
Long since prepared but now set forth ~ in all your peoples' view.
- 3 A light to show the heathen world ~ the way to saving grace;  
But O, the light and glory both ~ of Israel's chosen race.

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## Lighten our Darkness (DBT) 88 88 88

This is a metrical prayer based on the evening collect or prayer. It fits Sweet Sacrament, which repeats the last line. Other tunes include South Cerney and Old 117th.

Lighten our darkness, Lord we pray ~ and in your mercy, this we say;  
From peril and all danger keep ~ our souls while in the love we sleep  
Of Father, Jesus Christ, your son, ~ and Holy Spirit, three in one.

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## Holy Communion

### Gloria (TBa) DCM

Partially derived from T&B, but very much altered. A possible tune is Ladywell, an alternative tune for All hail the power of Jesus' name.

1. All glory give to God on high; ~ peace to his people here.  
On earth, we bless, we worship you, ~ glorify and revere  
O Lord, great God and heav'nly King, ~ Father, ancient of days,  
We worship you and give you thanks ~ for glory give you praise.
2. Only begotten Son of God ~ before all time began.  
Lord Jesus Christ! God. Lamb of God; ~ the Father's only Son.  
Have mercy, you who take the sins ~ of humankind away.  
Have mercy, Saviour of the world ~ and hear us when we pray.

3. Oh, you who sit at God's right hand ~ upon the Father's throne,  
Have mercy on us, you, Lord, Christ, ~ alone the holy one.  
You with the Holy Spirit dwell ~ whom heav'n and earth adore,  
In glory of the Father, God ~ most high for evermore.

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### **Philip Doddridge's Communion Hymn    LM**

This is included because some modern hymn books omit it, and should not do so. The tune is Rockingham which is one of the tunes for 'When I survey'.

1. My God, and is thy table spread, ~ and doth thy cup with love o'erflow?  
Thither be all thy children led, ~ and let them thy sweetness know.
2. Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes, ~ rich banquet of his Flesh and Blood!  
Thrice happy whoso here partakes ~ that sacred stream, that heavenly food.
3. Why are its bounties all in vain ~ before unwilling hearts displayed?  
Was not for them the Victim slain? ~ Are they forbid the children's bread?
4. O let thy table honoured be, ~ and furnished well with joyful guests;  
and may each soul salvation see ~ that here its sacred pledges tastes.

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### **Hymn for before Communion (DBT)    (11,11,11,11)**

Verse 4 derives from part of priest's confession in Orthodox liturgy.  
The verse form is 11, 11, 11, 11, but as with most lines above 9, has a caesura, between 5 and 6.  
Unfortunately there's no tune yet for this.

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| 1 | Your love and mercy ~<br>Scouring the hedgerows, ~<br>To sit at table, ~<br>As once Lazarus ~ | compel us to come in.<br>inviting us within,<br>with saints and cherubim<br>reclined with Abraham.                  |
| 2 | To us who wonder ~<br>In fear and trembling ~<br>Our hands were dirty, ~<br>Unfit to gather ~ | you draw aside the veil.<br>we tiptoe to the rail.<br>our hearts were unprepared<br>the crumbs the dogs had spared. |

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| 3 | Christ our salvation, ~<br>Your body broken, ~<br>Master most holy, ~<br>Dwell in our hearts now ~ | with us you share your bread,<br>the wine the blood you shed.<br>our sinful lives renew.<br>that we may dwell in you. |
| 4 | Let me not betray ~<br>Nor be like Judas ~<br>From depths of weakness, ~<br>When in your kingdom ~ | you to your enemy,<br>consigned to infamy.<br>this cry our prayer shall be.<br>you come, remember me.                 |
| 5 | We are unworthy ~<br>Our house to enter, ~<br>Yet to your question ~<br>Only say the word ~        | that you, our Lord request<br>beneath our roof to rest.<br>we can nought else but yield.<br>and we shall be healed.   |

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**Sanctus (DBT) 888888**

These are in the same metre as Coxe's Lord's Prayer, to go with the the same tune as a Communion setting.

Holy, holy, most holy Lord.  
In power and might, God be adored.  
With glory, heav'n and earth ally.  
Glory to you, Oh Lord most high.  
Blest he who comes in the Lord's name.  
On high, Hosanna him acclaim.

**Agnus Dei - Lamb of God (DBT) 888888**

Oh Lamb of God who takes away  
The world's sins, this we doubly pray.  
Have mercy on us here today.  
Have mercy on us for always.  
Oh Lamb of God, take and release  
The world's sins and grant us your peace.

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**After-Communion Hymn (DBT) (CM)**

A large number of well known tunes fit this hymn but it is suggested that the tune selected is joyful. Nativity 'Come let us join our cheerful songs' goes well. One which repeats the last line of each verse like Old Fosters or Northrop would be particularly suitable. If one is looking for a guitar sort of tune, it goes well to "Heaven is in my heart", using the same chorus.

1. Father we lift our grateful hands; ~ far off we were and then  
You sent your Son to seek us out ~ and bring us home again.
2. Dying and living he declared ~ to us your grace and love.  
He stretched His arms to open wide ~ the gates of Heaven above.
3. May we who share the broken bread ~ put off all sin and strife,  
And we who drink the wine he shed ~ share in his risen life.
4. Help we, who've grasped your Spirit's torch, ~ pass on that clasp of light,  
And keep alive the flame of hope ~ you've set before our sight.
- 5\* Let what our lips have said and sung, ~ our hearts and souls believe  
And what we carry in our frame ~ our neighbours now receive.
6. So we and all your kin may know ~ the freedom you've secured:  
And the whole earth may praise your name ~ through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Other Canticles

### Phillippian Hymn (DBT) (SM)

CW allocates this for Evening Prayer in Passiontide, and for the Evening Vigils before special days. In the ASB this was an additional evening canticle, suggested as suitable particularly for Thursdays., as it also is in CCP. This could be sung to a double metre short metre tune, or a single metre tune such as Franconia, "Blest are the pure in heart".

- 1 Though with the form of God ~ to it he did not cling,
- 2 Emptied Himself in guise of man ~ as servant suffering,
- 3 And found in human form ~ his glory laid aside;  
Obediently he bowed his neck ~ and on a cross he died.
- 4 So God has raised him up ~ bestowed on him a name.

What is that name above all names? ~ Christ Jesus is the same.

5 To it each knee and tongue ~ in heaven earth or hell  
6 Shall bow and vouch him as their Lord ~ the Father's glory spell.

7\* Consider not your own ~ but others' needs accord  
And have this mind among yourselves ~ the mind of Christ the Lord.

*To God, the Father, Son, ~ and Spirit, glory be.  
As was and is and shall be so ~ to all eternity.*

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### **Jesus Saviour of the Lord - Friday hymn (DBT) 7777D**

Tune - Parry's Aberystwyth

- 1 Jesus, Saviour of the World, ~ in your mercy, pray hear us.  
By your cross and life laid down, ~ free, preserve and Lord bear us.  
As disciples on the sea, ~ so from peril, Lord save us.  
Cut us from the clasping chain ~ of the sin that enslaves us.
2. Show yourself our champion. ~ Rescue and deliver us.  
So that we may worship you, ~ hear our cry and treasure us.  
Master share our house and heart. ~ From the day of wrath win us.  
With your glory make us one, ~ and, your kingdom form in us.

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### **New Jerusalem (IW) CM**

CW allocates this for Tuesday evenings. It has a spectacular fuguing tune from the Sacred Harp tradition, which is quite difficult to sing. As it repeats at length, it is not unusual just to sing the first two, or the first two and last verses. It could also be sung to any CM tune. Those that object to the use of 'men' in verse 4, could change the wording to 'us' and 'We'.

1. Lo! what a glorious sight appears ~ to our believing eyes!  
The earth and sea are passed away, ~ and the old rolling skies.
2. From the third heav'n, where God resides, ~ that holy, happy place,  
The new Jerusalem comes down, ~ adorned with shining grace.

3. Attending angels shout for joy, ~ and the bright armies sing -  
"Mortals, behold the sacred seat ~ of your descending King.
- 4 "The God of glory down to men ~ removes his blest abode;  
Men, the dear objects of His grace, ~ and he the loving God.
- 5 "His own soft hand shall wipe the tears ~ from every weeping eye,  
And pains, and groans, and griefs, and fears, ~ and death itself, shall die."
- 6 How long, dear Saviour! O how long ~ shall this bright hour delay?
7. Fly swifter round, ye wheels of time, ~ and bring the welcome day.

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### **While shepherds watched (TB)      CM**

This well known Christmas hymn is a paraphrase of Lk 2:8-14 from the New Version. It is particularly suitable for carol singing and for a midnight service. There are something like 100 tunes recorded for it. Winchester Old, allocated by the compilers of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern who saw themselves as at war with the traditions of the church bands, is probably the dullest. Good tunes include Lyngham 'O for a thousand tongues', Cranbrook – the words of Ilkley Moor were original a joke version of a familiar carol tune - Sweet Christmas Bells and Old Fosters.

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, ~ all seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down, ~ and glory shone around.
2. "Fear not," said he, (for mighty dread ~ had seized their troubled minds),  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring ~ to you and all mankind".
3. "To you in David's town this day ~ is born of David's line  
The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, ~ and this shall be the sign".
4. "The heav'nly Babe you there shall find ~ to human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, ~ and in a manger laid".
5. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith ~ appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, who thus ~ addressed their joyful song;
6. "All glory be to God on high ~ and to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from Heav'n to men ~ begin, and never cease".

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## **Song of the Messiah (Rev J Morrison-a) CM**

Rev J Morrison 1746-98 wrote a number of the Scottish paraphrases, but this is the version more familiar in England as altered from the beginning of Hymns Ancient and Modern and then updated slightly to fit modern grammar. CW provides these verses as a Canticle for the 12 days of Christmas. The usual tune is Dundee.

1. The people that in darkness sat ~ a glorious light have seen;  
The Light has shined on those who long ~ in shades of death have been.
2. To hail you, Sun of Righteousness, ~ the gathering nations come,  
Their joy as when the reapers bear ~ their harvest treasures home.
3. For you their burden now remove; ~ you break the tyrant's rod,  
As in the day when Midian fell ~ before the sword of God.
4. For unto us a Child is born, ~ to us a Son is given;  
And on his shoulder ever rests ~ all power in earth and heaven.
5. His name shall be the Prince of Peace ~ the everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, the Counsellor, ~ the God by all adored.
6. His righteous government and power ~ shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based, ~ his reign shall have no end.
7. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, ~ and make us yours alone,  
Who with the Father ever are ~ and Holy Spirit One.

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## **The Passion (Is 63: 1-3a, 7-9) (DBT) CM**

CW provides this for mornings in the Passion season.

1. Who is this that from Edom comes ~ from Bozrah, robes stained red?  
Who is this clad so splendidly ~ striding in power and dread?
2. "It is I shouting righteousness ~ I am mighty to save."  
"And why are your clothes red like one ~ who treads the winepress brave?"
3. "The winepress I have trod alone. ~ No one stood there with me.

I trampled them in anger and ~ in wrath trod grapes with glee".

4. "My year of redemption had come ~ with vengeance in my heart.  
No one would help me, give support ~ my own arm worked my part."
5. I will recount the steadfast love ~ the Lord to us has shown.  
All he's achieved in his mercy ~ the goodness he has done.
6. For God said these are my people ~ who'll not be false to me.  
So he their Saviour has become ~ in their distress to be.
7. No angel rescued them but he ~ by his mercy and love.  
Himself redeemed them by his hand ~ stretched out from heav'n above.

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### **The humble suit of a sinner (SH & TB a) CM**

This is by John Marckant. It appears, in different forms in the appendices to both SH and TB. As to what were his exact original words is unclear. An abbreviated version is also in many hymn books. Although there is no corresponding canticle, it is particularly suitable for penitence or Lent. In recent centuries it has usually been sung to St Mary, but Playford recommends Martyrs. The grammar has been modernised slightly.

1. O Lord, turn not your face from me, ~ who lies, woeful, prostrate,  
Lamenting for my sinful life ~ before your mercy-gate.
2. A gate which opens wide to those ~ that do lament their sin;  
Shut not that gate against me, Lord, ~ but let me enter in.
3. And call me not to strict account ~ how I have sojourned here;  
For then my guilty conscience knows ~ how vile I shall appear.
4. I hardly need confess my life ~ for truly you can tell,  
What I have been, and what I am; ~ you know them both full well.
5. The circumstances of my crimes ~ their number and their kind,  
You know them all, and more, much more, ~ than I can call to mind.
6. And so with tears I come to you ~ to beg of you, my God,  
For pardon, like a child that dreads ~ an angry parent's rod.

7. So I come to your mercy gate, ~ where mercy does abound,  
Desiring mercy for my sin ~ to heal my deadly wound.
8. O Lord, I do not need repeat ~ the comfort I would have.  
For you know, Lord, before I ask ~ the blessing that I crave.
9. Mercy, good Lord, mercy I ask; ~ this is the total sum;  
For mercy, Lord is all my suit. ~ O let your mercy come.

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