



Dear Friends,

Since we bought our new Hymnals, “Glory to God,” more than a dozen have been taken from our sanctuary. I want to put on the front of each hymnal “Thou shalt not steal!” We can buy more for \$20 each with free shipping if anyone has the urge to own one without stealing.

But this season it occurs to me what a gold mine our hymnals are. They teach us our theology; they teach us the glory of God, the stories of Jesus, and the hope for heaven. In a season like Lent, let me take you through some hymns and tell the story the days that lead to Easter.

LENT: “Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.”

“I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.
Do not be afraid I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home. I love you and you are mine.”

PALM SUNDAY:

“All glory laud and honor, to thee Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went,
Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.”

MAUNDY THURSDAY

“An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen friend.”

GOOD FRIDAY

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? O! Sometimes it causes me
to tremble; tremble; tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

EASTER

Jesus Christ is risen today; Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross; Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad! The Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God! From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory!

Please, take this journey with me.

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