

Please see the pages below for all the hymns for this Wednesday:

First Hymn:

Hymn 587 - There Is a Presence

Words: Kathryn Paulson Grounds, alt.

Music: Peter Johnson

There is a presence walks with us
On every pathless way,
A light outshining midday sun
However dark the day.

We reach our hand—and feel God near;
We cry—and She replies.
We open eyes that sense had dimmed;
We stretch our wings and rise

Above the mist, above the dark
Above the threats of fear,
Upheld by Love that never fails
And is forever near.

We cannot stray beyond Love's care,
For Love does fill all space;
And where we go the path is marked
By angels of Love's grace.

Second Hymn:

Hymn 485 – God of Creation and Lord of My Soul

Words: Fenella Bennets

Music: Irish melody

God of creation and Lord of my soul,
Be to me ever my One and my All.
Your presence surrounds me by day and by night;
While waking or sleeping, I live in Your light.

You are my wisdom, and You are my wealth,
You are my substance, my joy, and my health,
My Father and Mother, my haven of peace,
My comfort, my healer, my place of release.

You and You only are first in my heart;
Ours is a union that never will part.
And held in Your love, without doubt, without fear,
I know now within me that heaven is here.

Third Hymn:

Hymn 442 – Be Thou My Vision

Words: Irish, ca. 8th c.; tr. Mary E. Byrne; versed Eleanor H. Hull, alt.

Music: Irish melody, Joyce's *Old Irish Folk Music and Songs*, 1909; harm. Jack Schrader

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.