



HYMN OF THE MONTH – April 2018

JESUS NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

This article was written by Lindsay Terry for St.Augustine.com *Lifestyle: Story behind the song*

This song went from a family “washhouse” in Palmerston North, New Zealand to millions of people around the world. The songwriter, Naida Hearn, never dreamed she would have such an influence on the singing of Christians in many other nations.

In 1931, Hearn was born to Bill and Elsie O’Hara, in Palmerston North, New Zealand. As a young child, she attended a Methodist Sunday school where she began to learn the things of the Bible. During her personal Bible study, she became interested in the different Biblical names given to Jesus and their meanings. She even made a list of those names.

One day in the early 1970s, as she made her way to the family washhouse to do the laundry, she carried with her the paper on which she had written the names given to Jesus. She placed the paper on the window seal in order that she might see it as she worked.

She told me, “While I was doing the family washing, the Lord gave me the first line of a song. I began singing, ‘Jesus, name above all names.’ I continued and sang the whole song just as you hear it today. I just opened my mouth and all of the words came out, the melody and everything. I just sang it.”

“I left the washhouse and went down into the sitting room and worked the song out on music paper. I then said, ‘Lord, is that OK? Is it all right like that? Yes, it was all right. I then went back to the washing. It was just that simple. It was a straight-out lead from the Holy Spirit, absolutely. I can’t say I thought about this or I thought about that; I just started on ‘Jesus, name above all names,’ and it carried on all by itself.”

In her song, Hearn included several of the names of Jesus given in the Bible - names such as Savior, Lord, Emmanuel, Redeemer and Living Word. She called Him “beautiful Savior,” “glorious Lord,” “God is with us,” and “blessed Redeemer.”

Soon thereafter, the song was presented in her church, New Life Church in Palmerton North. People from other parts of her country took the song to their churches. Missionaries began to carry it overseas where it quickly became a favorite. She said, “The spirit impressed on me that it was to be sung as a love song. It’s all about him. You should sing it softly, slowly and reverently. This is what he wanted.”

Hearn told me her story in 1999. In April, 2001, I interviewed another songwriter from New Zealand. When I asked if he knew Hearn, he told me, much to my surprise, that she had passed away just one week earlier.

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name.”

Philippians 2:9

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New Worship Schedule

****Starts Sunday, April 8, 2018****

Mission Statement: to proclaim Christ's love to all people through Worship, Study, Fellowship, and Service.

8:30 am Worship in our Outdoor Sanctuary

9:30 am Sunday School for all ages

10:45 am Worship in our Sanctuary

5:00 pm Worship in the Fellowship Hall

*Food is always welcome though during the 5:00 pm service

*The April 29th 5:00 pm Worship Service will be at Ha Ha Tonka State Park

Sunday, April 8, 2018

4:00 pm Stewardship Class led by Cliff Sloan
Continuing for multiple weeks

4:00 pm Discipleship Class (for those interested in baptism) led by Pastor Brown
Continuing for four weeks (we will skip April 29 when worship is at Ha Ha Tonka State Park)

5:00 pm Worship in the Fellowship Hall (casual, all ages, interactive) Invite your neighbors and friends. There will be a light meal provided

6:00 pm Intergenerational Baseball Game in the gym (all ages welcome)

Dear Church,

You, my church family, have blessed me as I grieve the earthly loss of my brother, Mark! THANK YOU for your thoughts, your prayers, your cards, for standing beside me at his service, and the provision of food for visiting family! It has been overwhelmingly special!

Sincerely, Nancy Sasseen

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I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and phone calls following my knee surgery. I am better every day and appreciate the care and concern.

Thanks so much!
Kathy Howard



**Walking Group
to start on April 2nd!**

Our church will be open from 8:00 am to 9:00 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for indoor (or outdoor) walking. Please come and join the fellowship! Contact Cindy Bates or Pastor Brown if you have questions.