

HYMNS FOR TODAY: AM

Reading: Acts 15 v 1 – 35

Title: Truth and Unity Defended

Your mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,

The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Your free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Has won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Your mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Your goodness I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

The door of Your mercy stands open all day
To the poor and the needy who knock by the way
No sinner shall ever be empty sent back,
Who comes seeking mercy for Jesus' sake

Your mercy in Jesus exempts me from hell;
Its glories I'll sing and its wonders I'll tell;
'Twas Jesus my Friend when He hung on the tree
Who opened the channel of mercy for me.

Without Your sweet mercy I could not live here;
My sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Your free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Great Father of mercies, Your goodness I own.
And the covenant love of Your crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Your hand, O God, has guided

Your flock from age to age;
Your faithfulness is written,
On history's every page;
They knew Your perfect goodness,
Whose deeds we now record;
And both to this bear witness,
"One Church, one Faith, one Lord."

Your heralds brought the gospel,
To greatest, as to least;
They summoned us to hasten
And share the great King's feast;
And this was all their teaching,
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming,
"One Church, one Faith, one Lord."

Through many days of darkness,
Through many scenes of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely,
To guard the nation's life,
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded,
"One Church, one Faith, one Lord."

And we; shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict
And throw away the crown?
Not so! in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored:
We will maintain, unflinching,
"One Church, one Faith, one Lord."

Your mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave Your work undone;
With Your right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then, by earth and heaven,
Your Name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem,
"One Church, one Faith, one Lord."

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**Reading: 2 Chronicles 36 v 5 - 21
& Jeremiah 29 v 15 - 20**

Title: The Fall of Judah

Hymn written in 1615 based on Psalm 119 v 33 – 37

Teach me, O Lord, the perfect way,

Of Thy precepts divine,
And to observe it to the end
I shall my heart incline.

Give understanding unto me,
So keep Thy law shall I;
Yea, ev'n with my whole heart I shall
Observe it carefully.

In Thy law's path make me to go;
For I delight therein;
My heart unto Thy testimonies,
And not to greed incline.

Turn Thou away my sight and eyes
From viewing vanity;
And in Thy good and holy way
Be pleased to quicken me.

Facing a task unfinished.

That drives us to our knees,
A need that, undiminished,
Rebukes our slothful ease,
We who rejoice to know You
Renew before your throne
The solemn pledge we owe You
To go and make You known.

Where other lords beside You
Hold their unhindered sway,
Where forces that defied You
Defy You still today,
With none to heed their crying
For life and love and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night.

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We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose;
Ours is the same commission,
The same glad message ours;
Fired by the same ambition,
To You we yield our powers.

O Father, who sustained them,
O Spirit, who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us,
From lethargy awake!
Forth on Your errands send us
To labour for Your sake.

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