

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 189
Text: Munster Gesangbuch; trans. by Joseph August Seiss
Music: Schlesische Volkslieder; arr. by Richard Storrs Willis
Tune: ST. ELIZABETH, Meter: 568.558

Hymn of Promise

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 707
Text: Natalie Sleeth, 1986
Music: Natalie Sleeth, 1986
Tune: PROMISE, Meter: 87.87 D

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.
Amen.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 095
Text: Thomas Ken
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois
Tune: OLD 100TH, Meter: LM

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Where Charity and Love Prevail

1. Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear
true charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength
now love Christ in return.
3. Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
be Christ the glory that we seek,
be ours his holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined,
we are in him made one.

6. Love can exclude no race or creed,
if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all
whose Maker is the same.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 549
Text: 9th cent. Latin; trans. by Omer Westendorf
Music: Alexander R. Reinagle; harm. from Hymns Ancient and Modern
Tune: ST. PETER, Meter: CM

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
3. Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.

4. Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 381
Text: Attr. to Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847
Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868
Tune: BRADBURY, Meter: 87.87 D