

Hymn Booklet for the Festival of St Paul



Father God

Father God we come to praise you for you are our source of life.
Every moment of our living we depend upon your grace.
Times of sorrow, times of gladness, times when trouble overwhelms
We can safely trust and know your presence in our time of need.

Jesus, Saviour, teach us always how to give ourselves to you
Trusting in the great abundance of your love and faithfulness.
May we always want to offer love and kindness in your name
Choosing to forgive each other as we seek to follow you.

Spirit, healer, comfort giver, living in our hearts to day
Be for us a well of wisdom as we struggle for a way
To be always a reflection of the one who showed us love,
Filling us with thanks and gladness for the gifts of life and joy

*Lyrics by Ros White
Tune: Ode to Joy*

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour he is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister his grace
No work too hard for him
In faith receive from him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

David Evans

God called Paul from hate to loving

1. God called Paul from hate to loving,
showed him Christ alive again,
helped him see the cross as wisdom,
life as Christ, and death as gain.
May our church, with Paul's devotion,
look to Jesus as our Lord;
look to Jesus as our Lord.

2. God gave Paul the Holy Spirit,
bringing faith and hope and love,
grace to see the gifts of others,
joy in prayer, and strength to serve.
May we, too, be Spirit-gifted,
strong and gentle, holy, wise;
strong and gentle, holy, wise.

3. God used Paul to teach the churches
what their common life should be,
one in Christ, both Jew and Gentile,
male and female, slave and free.
May we share Paul's generous vision,
welcome all in Jesus' name;
welcome all in Jesus' name.

4. God brought Paul from law to freedom,
taught how faith alone could save,
sent him preaching to the nations
in the power the Spirit gave.
May our church, with Paul's own passion,
tell the saving love of God;
tell the saving love of God.

5. Now may we, like Paul, live boldly,
go wherever God may send,
witness in and out of season,
run our race until the end.
May we find our peace in Jesus,
see our Saviour face to face;
see our Saviour face to face.

Light on the path, a lamp about our way

Light on the path, a lamp about our way,
wisdom to lead us through the longest day,
guiding our steps as once the Saviour trod:
here in the Scriptures is the word of God.

Here may we find what Jesus did and said,
see him in glory, risen from the dead;
claim for ourselves his cross and empty grave,
sharing his life with those he came to save.

Truth for the seeker as the seed is sown,
bread for the hungry, strength beyond our own;
sword of the Spirit, bidding sin depart:
here is the word of life to warm the heart.

Here are the treasures of the realms above:
promise of mercy, never-failing love,
life more abundant by the Spirit given,
Christ our companion on the road to heaven.

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